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Jesus Christ

The First Connection

Leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ

BLUE SPRINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"



November 1 is **All Saints Day** and on the weekend of November 1 and 2 we will honor the memories of those members of our congregation who have entered the "Church Triumphant" during the past twelve months. Let us remember and keep in prayer the families and friends of:

STAN SIMMONS

BETTY LYON

MARGUERITE GOODWIN

JIMMIE MILLER

JEANANNE CURRENT

WES SAVAGE

VIRGINIA BARRY

VIRGINIA SMITH

RALPH WILKINSON

IMOGENE HARRIS

ERLENE LOWE

CHARLIE BAKER

CHARLENE SEYDLITZ

JACK YEAGLE

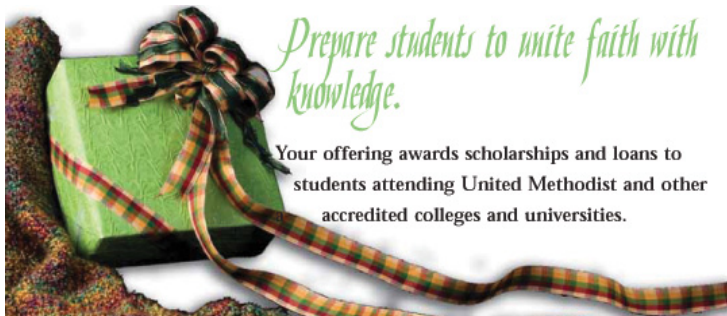
COMMUNION OFFERING FOR UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Every year, we hear: "Tuition costs are increasing." For many United Methodist students, the continuous increase places an enormous financial burden that many cannot assume. However, through the United Methodist Student Day offering, we can prepare students to unite faith with knowledge.

Each year, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards scholarships and loans to students attending United Methodist and other accredited colleges and universities through the United Methodist Student Day offering. In addition, a portion of the United Methodist Student Day offering is returned to annual conferences for merit scholarship awards to students of their choosing.

For many students, this financial assistance is critical to attaining higher education. Each year the number of applicants continues to rise – furthering the need for more financial assistance. Imagine being able to provide assistance for everyone. That is the goal of United Methodist Student Day.

Invest in the future of our church through the United Methodist Student Day offering. We can help students unite faith with knowledge.



Rev. Steve Campbell

Dear Friends,

This weekend, in all four of our worship gatherings we will be observing All Saints' Day. It is a celebration deeply rooted in our Christian tradition. Early in our history, the church set aside certain days to honor and remember individuals who had lived exemplary Christian lives. As time passed, this practice raised several issues. One was very practical. With only 365 days in a year, would there be enough days to pay tribute to all of our ancestors in the faith that are worthy of such remembrance? Also, the church was built on the blood of martyrs, and no one knows the names of all those who gave their lives. So, All Saints' Day became a way to honor all of those who had lived and died in the faith.

All Saints' Day is the most appropriate day of the year for us to remember and honor those who have gone before us. One way of doing that has been through the Bell Trees for which many of you purchased a bell in memory of a loved one. Those bells will be displayed this weekend. They are a beautiful addition to the sanctuary and a meaningful way of honoring your loved one.

At this weekend's services, we will also be honoring the memory of all the members of First United Methodist who have died in the past year. The names will be read, a candle lighted, and the bell tolled for each one. It is a meaningful service of remembrance.



It is important for us to share this worship service each year for several reasons. First, these persons were important to us. We were blessed by their lives, and we are blessed by their memory. It is important, too, because we would not be who we are if not for them. They have laid the foundation upon which we build. They have instructed and guided us. They are the "cloud of witnesses" Paul wrote about.

Give thanks for all of those who have touched your life with love. Give thanks in worship this weekend.

Sincerely,
Steve Campbell

Stewardship News

This fall, our stewardship effort for the 2009 General Fund and for the 2009-2011 "Expanding Ministries" capital campaign are being combined. You will receive a mailing during the first week of November with information relating to both the 2009 General Fund and "Expanding Ministries." It will also contain two commitment cards, one for the General Fund and one for the three year "Expanding Ministries" capital campaign.



Together, we raise and spend money in three areas. One is the ministry and programs of First UMC. These are the programs and events aimed at connecting us to Christ and to each other. Another major area is our financial commitment directed to mission and ministry beyond our own congregation. Through these programs we connect to the needs of the world. Lastly, but also very important, are the costs related to our church building. These expenditures include both the operations of our present building and the project to build the Family Life Center.

On each of the weekends from November 15-30 we will take a few moments to highlight one of those areas. The aim is to share information about what we do, why we do it, and what it costs! These brief presentations will also focus on the impact First United Methodist has on persons' lives.

In addition to what is shared during these worship gatherings, there will be two opportunities to look at the details of the General Fund spending plan. One will be Sunday afternoon, November 23, at 2:00pm. The other will be Tuesday evening, December 2, at 7:00pm. You may come to either of these if you choose; the agenda and information will be the same at each meeting. These gatherings will provide the opportunity to learn more about the General Fund expenditures.

The "Expanding Ministries" team will also be announcing meeting times where the focus will be on the building project and the capital campaign.

On the weekend of December 6-7, you are invited to bring your completed commitment cards to any of the worship services where we will dedicate them to the Lord. Remember, there will be two cards: one is for the 2009 General Fund and one is for the 2009-2011 "Expanding Ministries" campaign.

HEALTH CONCERNS

Annabell Chubick	Herb Allen
John Braden	Emily Hatfield
Sheri Adams	Penny Armstrong
Doris Rhodes	Jack Horn
Linda Osborne	Bernie Dietrich
Wilma Drigalla	Larry McMullin
Bob Orndorff	Grace Wright
Lucille Welden	
Marjorie and Gerald Arrowsmith	
Dana Showers, Marcia Lesan's sister	
Joyce Brammer, Debbie Danner's mother	
Gene Taylor, Jim Taylor's father	
Roy Schaaf, Ryan Schaaf's uncle	
Shirley Shilt, Bob Orndorff's sister	
Betty Kaufman, Mike Kaufman's mother	
Bill Marshall, Jim Dietrich's brother-in-law	
Elizabeth Cook, Marti Dietrich's mother	
Tom Moore, Kenny Moore's brother	
Grover James, Jr., Gary Baker's brother-in-law	
Jo Anne and Max Gumm, Cindy Laster's mother and stepfather	
Jennifer Osborne, Jim and Linda Osborne's daughter-in-law	
Sophie Maggard, Joyce Maggard's granddaughter	

OTHER CONCERNS

Family Life Center building project

JOYS

Cindy Laster- improved health

Congratulations to Andrew Clark and Jennifer Locke who were married here at FUMC Saturday, October 25. Andrew is the son of Roy Clark.

Congratulations to Brad Williams and Jessica Rockwell who were married Saturday, October 25, in St Louis. Brad is the son of Randy and Penny Williams.

SYMPATHY

to Shayla Thomas on the death of her grandmother in August.

to Pastor Karen and Jim Taylor and family on the death of Karen's cousin, Phyllis Briggs, on October 19.

to Dorothy Yeagle and family on the death of her husband, Sidney (Jack) Yeagle, on October 26.

**The Walk to Emmaus**

I felt as though I had reached a spiritual plateau. Life had gotten too busy, and God was getting lost somewhere in the back of my brain, behind a million work, church, and family obligations. I knew that I needed a chance for retreat and renewal. As I learned more about the three-day Walk to Emmaus retreat, I realized that it wasn't just that I wanted to go, but God was calling me to participate. Everything fell into place as I made arrangements to attend. Over my 72-hour Walk, I experienced God's love and grace as never before. I was able to clear my mind, to reconnect with God at a deeper level, and renew my spirit for whatever God has in store for me. I am no longer on my plateau, but joyfully continuing on my journey as a Christian disciple. The path may be rough at times, but I know that Jesus walks beside me every step of the way.

If you are interested in experiencing this for yourself, the next Walk to Emmaus retreat will be held in April 2009. It is a weekend I will never forget, and I encourage anyone who is interested in deepening their relationship with God to pray about this opportunity. Please contact Pastor Karen, Pastor Steve, or myself if you would like more information.

Stephanie Marker



A similar type of experience is available through Cursillo. For information about upcoming dates or questions about

Cursillo contact the church office or speak with Gary Baker.

TRUSTEES FALL WORKDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at 8:30am. Plenty for everyone. Please join us.

BRIDGES

Building Relationships In Doing God's Everyday Service

The next meeting of BRIDGES will be Wednesday, November 5, in the FUMC Narthex at 12:00 noon.

MENU: Sliced turkey breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, rolls and pumpkin pie with a dollop of whipped cream. The cost is \$8 per person. It is important to pay by the deadline of November 2. This prevents the mass confusion of paying at the door or having people "not show." Also, we have to pay for all reservations made.

SPEAKER: Jim D. Feagins, a private archaeological consultant who also serves as part of the adjunct archaeological staff for the St. Joseph Museum, and as Senior Archaeologist for EAE.

Please RSVP by calling Joyce Maggard at 229-1300, or Dee Meek at 373-2580 and payment to one of them by November 2.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...

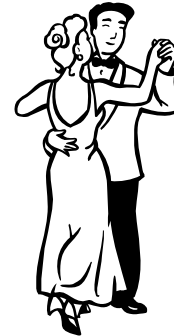
Do you know that hospitals no longer notify your church or pastor when you are hospitalized? You, or a family member, will need to call the church to share that information! Also, when visitors go to the hospitals, it is necessary, due to HIPPA rules, to know the name under which you are registered! Without this accurate information, they cannot tell us a room number! Thank you for your help!

Saturday, November 1, 8:00am in room 112. Join us for breakfast and fellowship and then stay to help out with the Trustees Fall Cleanup Day.

Ms. Linda Neal, the United Methodist Foundation representative for the Kansas City area, will present information that might be helpful in bolstering our local church scholarship program utilizing the resources of the foundation.



THE INDEPENDENTS BLACK & WHITE AFFAIR



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1,
8:00PM - MIDNIGHT**

**MUSIC PROVIDED BY
DJ CARL**

**LOCATION:
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
301 SW WOODS CHAPEL ROAD
BLUE SPRINGS, MO**

**\$10 ADMISSION
AT THE DOOR
SNACKS AND DRINKS
(NON-ALCOHOLIC)
WILL BE PROVIDED**

**WE WILL HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHER AVAILABLE
FOR BLACK & WHITE
PICTURES FOR A REASONABLE CHARGE**

**DRESS: CASUAL TO DRESSY
YOU DECIDE; JUST MAKE IT
BLACK & WHITE**

Van Ministry

First United Methodist is very fortunate to have a wheelchair-accessible van. The gift of this vehicle enables us to transport members with mobility concerns to church on Sunday and to doctor visits. Drivers are needed for this ministry. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, contact the church office. No special license is needed, only a brief orientation about the ramp and securing wheelchairs in the van.

Also, if you are in need of transportation, please contact the church office during office hours at 229-8108.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY

Join Rev. Jack Belton as he leads this small group in studying Harold Kushner's book, "The Lord is my Shepherd." This book brings practical spirituality, inspiration, and encouragement gleaned from what may be the best-loved chapter in the Bible: the twenty-third Psalm. Join this group beginning Wednesday, November 5, at 10:00am, meeting at the Belton home. For directions or information on the class, please contact Rev. Jack Belton at 847-1044.

United Methodist Women unit meeting will be Friday, November 7, at 10:00am in room 112. Special offering for World Thanks. Lunch will be after the meeting and a \$2 donation is requested.

ADVENT NEWS YOU CAN USE

Rev. Karen will be hosting an Advent Study on Wednesday evening, at 6:30. Topic to be decided shortly.

REZOUND, Kansas City's Premiere Handbell Ensemble, will be in concert at First UMC on Saturday, December 13, at 3:00pm in the sanctuary. A free will be gathered.

Our **Music Ministry** will host a Festival of Music on Sunday, December 14, 4:30–6:30 in the sanctuary. Food will be available for a donation to benefit our Expanding Ministries campaign.



HEARTS AND HANDS NOVEMBER PROJECT

Reverend Brooks at Grand Avenue Temple has told us there is a real need for reading glasses to distribute to some of their Sojourners (homeless). We hope you can help us with our collection of these during the month of November. We welcome those gently used ones you might have at home already or new ones. Please place your items in the Hearts and Hands barrel in the narthex coat closet.

MISSION AND OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY

We don't have to travel far to help families who remain under the poverty level. Della Lamb Community Services has been in Kansas City since it was founded as a Methodist mission in 1897. For the last 111 years, the community of Methodists all over Missouri have supported this nonprofit agency that seeks to help individuals in the welfare-to-work transitional process.

Recently, FUMC sent Della Lamb a contribution from our membership to show our support for their wide array of services designed to foster self sufficiency. These services include:

- Adult literacy or basic education leading to:
GED, English as a Second Language, and/or U.S. Citizenship.
- Early childhood education
- Breakfast and lunch
- Licensed childcare and Preschool
- First Elementary Charter School in MO for grades K-6 including transportation and meals
- Emergency services for food, utility bills, rent and transportation
- Youth athletic opportunities and outdoor camps

Della Lamb provides many more services than can be listed in this small space, but the good news is that only 8 cents out of each dollar given is used for administration. Their longtime presence in the community has succeeded in part due to a great volunteer force. If you or your group would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Kay Blaine (skblaine@sbcglobal.net) or Pastor Karen.

SIMON EVENING OF GIVING AT INDEPENDENCE CENTER

Here is your chance to do some great shopping, and help others in the process! **The Independents** will be selling tickets for the Simon Evening of Giving at Independence Center again this year. The date of the event is Sunday, November 23, from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Tickets will be available for purchase in the narthex on Sunday mornings, October 26 and November 2 and 9. Tickets are \$10 each, with \$3 going to support the Simon Youth Foundation, an organization which fosters educational and career development in youth. The remaining \$7 goes to our singles ministry outreach to help with the scholarship fund and other mission activities.

YOUTH EVENTS

You must be signed up for all activities ahead of time. This is to ensure we have enough transportation. Friends are always welcome, but everyone must have a consent form on file or filled out to participate.

Sunday Night Youth!

- 5:00-5:30pm Dinner (11/2 Chinese, 11/9 Chili, 11/16 Spaghetti)
- 5:30-5:50pm Break into groups for fellowship
- 5:50-6:50pm Lessons and discussion
- 6:50pm Joys and concerns, offering, and benediction all together
- 7:00-7:30pm Games and recreation

Wednesday Night Planning for Senior High

Grades 9-12 help plan and lead Sunday night youth group. Join us from 6:30-7:30pm in the downstairs youth room. There is something for everyone.



**CALLING ALL
YOUTH**

FUMC Youth now has a group on Facebook.

If you want to be connected via Facebook regarding youth activities, events, photos, etc., please join the group called **FUMC YOUTH GROUP**.

Come to the WELL—Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study—6:30pm in room 016

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, Rake-N-Run

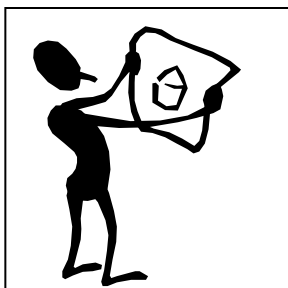
1:00-5:00pm with chili supper from 5:00-6:00pm

November 23, Flour Tag

During regular evening youth activities

November 19, Arts-N-Crafts Night

6:30pm in room 014



The Stats:

(10/25-26/2008)

Giving

General Fund.....\$13,586
(needed)\$16,695
2008 Budget\$868,115

Building Fund.....\$4,240
(needed to reach goal).....\$11,551

Designated Gifts\$1,387

General Fund given for year
.....\$595,598
% of Budget Received68.6

Building Fund Campaign '06-'08
3-year Goal\$1,320,000
% of Goal Received72.3
% of Campaign Completed....94.2

Attendance

Worship.....452
Sunday School
Children46
Youth14
Adults.....99
Totals.....159
Youth Events68

Date	Time	Place
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Sunday, November 2

Disaster Relief Ministry Committee Mtg.	Noon	103
Troop 332 Eagle Scout Court of Honor	2:00pm	Sanctuary
Accepted Rehearsal	4:00	Sanctuary
Youth Sunday Evening Activities	5:00	Narthex

Monday, November 3

Vesper Voices Rehearsal	7:00	150
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Tuesday, November 4**ELECTION DAY****Wednesday, November 5**

Bible Study at Rev. Jack Belton's	10:00am	Belton's Home
BRIDGES Monthly Luncheon Meeting	Noon	Narthex

No Children's Chime Choir Tonight**Thursday, November 6**

Financial Peace University Class	6:30pm	103
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Friday, November 7

United Methodist Women Meeting	10:00am	112
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Saturday, November 8

Worship Service	5:30	Sanctuary
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Sunday, November 9

Independents Advisory Board Meeting	Noon	112
Youth Rake-n-Run	1:00pm	Narthex
Witness Chorale Rehearsal	6:30	150

Monday, November 10

Administrative Board Meeting	7:00	103
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Tuesday, November 11

Stephen Ministry Peer Group Meeting	7:00pm	Office
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Wednesday, November 12

Bible Study at Rev. Jack Belton's	10:00am	Belton's Home
Power Praise Kids Rehearsal	6:30	115

Thursday, November 13

Altar Guild Meeting	2:00pm	Office
Financial Peace University	6:30	103
Building Committee Meeting	7:00	Office

Friday, November 14

Confirmation Retreat	5:00pm	Youth Rooms
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Saturday, November 15

Confirmation Retreat	All Day	Youth Rooms
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary

November 2008

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**SUNDAY**

8:00, 9:15, 10:45am	Worship Services	Sanctuary
12:00 noon	Men of Praise	150
1:00pm	Psalm 150	150
3:00	Crossover Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00	Youth Dinner	Narthex
5:30	Youth Activities	Education

MONDAY

7:00pm	Antithesis Young Adults	011
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 332	112
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 332	102

TUESDAY

8:00am	Morning Prayer Group	100
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WEDNESDAY

8:00am	Pastors Lectionary Group	103
5:15pm	Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	Narthex
5:30	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	154
6:30	Youth Planning Session	014-016
6:30	Confirmation Class	013-015
6:30	Serving From the Heart	011
6:30	Study of Genesis	112
6:30	Children's Bible Study and Craft	106
6:30	Children's Chime Choir (1st & 3rd)	Sanctuary
6:30	Power Praise Kids (2nd & 4th)	115
6:30	Spirit Ringers Rehearsal	154
7:00	Creative Crafts/Prayer Shawls	103
7:15	Children's Bible Study and Craft	106
7:30	Rhapsody Ringers Rehearsal	154
7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	150

THURSDAY

9:30am	Back Fence Bible Study	100
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FRIDAY

9:30am	Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	154
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SATURDAY

5:30pm	Worship	Sanctuary
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Ministers

All members who have pledged to uphold First UMC with their prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness.



Pastors

Rev. Steve Campbell
Rev. Karen Taylor

Worship

Saturday, 5:30pm
Sunday, 8:00, 9:15, and 10:45am

Office Hours

8:00am—4:30pm Monday-Friday

Church Office: (816) 229-8108

Church fax: (816) 229-6705

E-mail: office@firstumcbs.org

Learning Ladder Preschool
(816) 229-9949

Church Website - www.firstumcbs.org

Blog—<http://fumcnews.blogspot.com>

October 29, 2008

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W.O.W. Missouri Methodist Youth Conference

January 24-25
Springfield Expo
Center

This has become an annual event we LOVE!!! **All 8-12th grade Youth** are invited to attend this weekend of fun, bands, entertainment, spiritual speakers and a great time together. We will leave in the morning on Saturday, January 24, and return by evening on the 25th. We will spend the night in the University Inn across the street from the Springfield Expo Center. The total cost of this fun weekend is \$75. This includes the conference, overnight accommodations, transportation, t-shirt and lots of fun! **Deposit of \$25 due by October 31.** **Balance of \$50 due by November 30.** (This is only for youth in 8-12th grade. We will need male and female sponsors to accompany us.)



Ephesians 3:20

Embracing a new and expanded ministry is exciting and energizing. I feel both as I finish a day of visiting with Pastor Steve. It is a great blessing to be a part of this great work. We are continuing these visits as well as planning for gatherings to invite you to engage in support of the ongoing ministry (the general fund) as well as the expanding ministry project. The Sunday's after the first Sunday in November will be a time to see and hear of the vision for First UMC into 2009 and beyond. There is a line in the movie, "Peaceful Warrior," when Joy says to Dan that he is in an important moment and asks, "Are you paying attention?" So, are you? God is doing more than we can ask or IMagINe! Grace and Peace, Phil (314.488.8884)

On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00am local daylight time, which becomes 1:00am local standard time

