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to God  
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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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### 2009

## BRIDGES

Building Relationships In Doing God's Everyday Service

BRIDGES goal is to be INTERGENERATIONAL WITH PERSONS OF ALL AGES WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CHURCH AND THE SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER

**BRIDGES—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**Lakewood Country Club At 6:00pm**

(punch will be served)

**\$13 per person is all inclusive**

**Menu: Sliced Roast Beef au jus with Horseradish Sauce**

**Mashed Potatoes    Green Beans**

**Dinner Rolls**

**Dessert, Tea, and Coffee**

Please **RSVP** by calling **Bill Barnes** at 224-0224 or **Dee Meek** at 373-2580 and **payment to one of them or Joyce Maggard** by **December 6**



Give a gift this Christmas season that keeps on giving. Help Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity in their quest to build 40 homes in 5 years in Eastern Jackson County.

## Going Nutty! Nuts for Sale

Pecans, almonds, English walnuts, mixed nuts, yogurt/milk/dark/sugar-free snacks, etc. Selling for Christmas baking and gifts on December 5-6 and December 12-13. Orders also taken. Contact Brenda Yanney at 224-4649 or Dianna Tucker at 252-4751. Sponsored by The Independents Single Adult Ministry. Proceeds will assist with the Independents pledge to the building fund.

To participate, select a paper ornament from our "Tool Tree" located in the narthex. Remove the ornament from the tree and purchase the item or gift card listed. Place your purchase under the tree by December 24. Habitat tool trailers have been stolen or broken into twice in the past 3 months. These trailers have been locked and fenced at their office, but still they have lost several \$\$\$ worth of tools. Let's help replace and improve the tool inventory. Let's make this the best Habitat Tool Drive ever.

## Rev. Steve Campbell

Dear Friends,

Where will you be on December 13 at 4:30? I asked the question in worship gatherings this past week and clearly, many of you already know the answer! December 13 is the date for our Christmas Music Festival. Every musical group in the church is invited to participate. At 4:30 we will begin and for about two hours there will be nonstop Christmas music from our wonderful musicians and vocalists! Reed Alberg will be putting the program in order. Be sure he knows your plans to participate. This will be one of the best events in the entire season. We are so blessed by our music program!

Last year we did not know how many to expect. Nancy and I planned chili for 200. We ran out way too soon. The Taylors made a lot of delicious soup. There wasn't a cup left over. So, we have changed the plan a little. Thanks to Jack and Marty Marker, along with Nancy and me, we will be doubling the chili from last year. We will both use the same recipe so it will be just like last time. The Taylors will be recruiting some help and make more soup too. So, come hungry. Will you bring a dessert to share? The Mizpah Sunday School Class is coordinating desserts. The Blue Card will help them have an idea how



many to expect. We will serve in the narthex so it will be easy to move in and out of the sanctuary. There will be some extra seating in room 103.

Again this year there are no tickets for the event and no set price for the food. There will be baskets out for your voluntary offering. Everything we receive will go to the church and support our ministries and programs. Your generous gift will make a real difference at this time of year.

I do hope you will invite family and friends. This is a fine opportunity to introduce someone to First Church. The music will be outstanding, the fellowship warm, and the food will be good! It is the right recipe for a great afternoon!

Please remember these instructions! Dress casually. Bring a dessert. Come as early as 4:00. Bring a friend. Then, in any order you choose: Listen to the music, Eat something, Greet friends. Repeat as necessary! There is really only one answer for the question I asked! Be here at First Church!

Grace and Peace to You,  
Steve

### FUMC Christmas Music Festival

4:30-6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Soup, chili, and desserts are available from 4:00pm in the narthex

Your donations for food and desserts will be accepted and will be used for various FUMC ministries.

### Community Services League - Blue Springs Christmas Store 2009

Location to take Gifts:  
Blue Springs Assembly  
2501 NE Duncan Rd  
Blue Springs  
Questions: Call 229-0033

Times to Deliver Gifts:  
8:00am - 4:30pm  
Monday to Friday  
November 30 to December 16

Visit the church website for a list of suggested donations [www.firstumcbs.org/csl2009.pdf](http://www.firstumcbs.org/csl2009.pdf)

**HEALTH CONCERNS**

Kris Allen	Lucinda Armstrong
Alice Atkinson	Mark Batulis
Bernie Dietrich	Brenda Kniffen
Dovie Lanos	Barbara Moore
Jan Moran	Shari Sullivan
Bob Turner	Lucille Welden

Jim and Jenny Floyd  
 Betty Nichol, Sharon McMullin's sister  
 BW Fowler, Cliff Fowler's father  
 CJ Reach, Chip and Larinda Reach's son  
 Doug Jones, Becky Leath's son  
 Ida Self, Janice Patillo's cousin  
 Jess Hicks, Cyndi Sloan's uncle  
 Jo Hunt, Jan Harris' mother  
 Karen Clark, Ray Harris' mother  
 Kyle Mast, Mike Mast's nephew  
 Mike Petty, Joan Petty's son  
 Ronald Lewis, Cyndi Sloan's uncle  
 Sylvia Brown, Heather Mangan's grandmother  
 Vernon Yanney, Brenda Yanney's father  
 Wilma Martens, Sharon McMullin's mother

**Thank You**

I want to thank everyone at our First Church family for their cards, their prayers, and their kind expressions of concern and encouragement during my recent illness and hospitalization. I am much better now and well on the way to complete recovery. Prayer changes things! God bless you all.

Ron Stowell

**OTHER CONCERNS**

Matt Thompson, son of Bryon and Debbie Stacy, will deploy to Balad Air Base in Northern Iraq on Christmas Eve

**SYMPATHY**

to Dave and Karen Caskey and family on the death of his brother, Joseph Caskey, on November 16  
 to Don and Bonnie Jorgenson on the death of Don's sister, Elaine Jorgenson, on November 18  
 to Brenda Yanney on the death of her aunt  
 to Lynn Rooney and Shanna Rooney on the death of their mother/grandmother, Aleene Lake, on November 24

**JOYS**

Congratulations to Jaime Swank and Matt Guthrie who were married here on November 21. Matt's parents are Larry and Linda Guthrie.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Are you in a stage of life that you don't want to talk about faith anymore? Are you ready to share your faith by serving others as a Stephen Minister? The Holy Spirit has given each of us a gift or gifts. What gifts were you given that you might share with others by your service? We are blessed to have this ministry in our congregation. Come be a part of this group serving God and others. Think about it. Pray about it. Call Rev. Karen, 229-8108, Janice Patillo, 224-4185, or Jo Perrin, 228-7703, for more information.

**2010 Youth Mission Trips  
Announced!**

**High School Trip:** June 20-27. We will travel to the Reelfoot Rural Ministries in Ridgely, in Western Tennessee. According to the road map Ridgely is across the Mississippi River from Hayti, MO (down in the boot heel).

**Mid-high Trip:** July 11-15. We will travel to Hannibal, MO, and work with the Douglass Community Center. No fees have been determined yet. Jack will be starting meetings after the holidays.

**Mark your calendars for these fun summer events!**

**2010 College-Age and Young  
Adult Mission Trip.**

If you are 18 years old and/or graduated from high school, you can be part of a young adult and college-age mission trip this summer.

We are working on plans for a trip to West Virginia in July 2010. Adults are needed too! If you are interested—come learn more at the meeting on December 20 at 1:00pm.

**Longest Night Service**

Amidst the greetings of Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays are those who feel anything but merry or happy. It may be their first Christmas without a loved one, or they are facing a grim diagnosis. Maybe they have lost their job and wonder how they will pay the bill, or the darkness of this time of year causes them to feel blue.

On Sunday, December 20, at 6:00pm we will hold our Longest Night service. This is a quiet service of music and remembering. It is a time to recognize the pain that many feel and to find hope in the true meaning of Christmas. We invite you to be a part of this special service and encourage you to invite others who would benefit from this time of worship.



**LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 5.**

Have you ever thought about leading a mission team or helping as an assistant leader? The Missouri Conference of the UMC will hold a VIM (Volunteers in Mission) Leadership Training Workshop, Saturday, December 5, in Columbia, MO. For more details contact Jack Marker, 229-9510.

**Pickleball**

You will feel like a winner and a champion playing this exciting paddle game called Pickleball. Now you and your friends can join thousands of other people playing this net court game. This mini-tennis game is played by 2 or 4 people on a badminton-sized court using wood paddle racquets and a plastic, poly baseball with holes. Pickleball is a combination of Ping-Pong, tennis, and badminton and has been enjoyed for over 20 years by people of all ages. **Join us to play every Thursday at 7:00pm.**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

UMW Christmas luncheon and program will be held on Friday, December 4, at 10:30am in the sanctuary. The program will be "Las Posadas," which is a Mexican celebration welcoming the Christ child. The cost will be \$10 and includes lunch. Preregistration is requested. All ladies are welcome. Please sign up with your Circle Chairperson or contact Donna Moore (224-3179).

**Moms First**

We are looking forward to the next gathering of our Moms Group. We will meet on Sunday, December 6, at noon in room 117. Childcare is available by contacting the church office by Wednesday, December 2.

Please RSVP to [Office@firstumcbs.org](mailto:Office@firstumcbs.org) or call the office at 229-8108, so we can adequately plan for lunch. There is no charge for lunch for this gathering. Moms of children birth through High School are invited.

The program will be "Try It Before You Buy It." Have you ever wondered if those "miracle products" from infomercials are really worth the money? Testimonials will be given on some of the hottest "As Seen on TV" items. Bring your own "As Seen on TV" item and tell us all about it...

We look forward to seeing you.

**EATING AT RIB CRIB = MONEY FOR CHURCH**

During the entire month of December, eating at Rib Crib will bring our church some money...and we are in charge of exactly how much.

The Explorers Sunday school class is sponsoring this fund-raiser, which is open to all—church members and others. It is very simple to participate. Eat at Rib Crib during December as often as you wish. Each time ask for a copy of your receipt and turn it in to church. At the end of the month, Rib Crib will write a check to us for 10% of the net sales of all receipts collected. You may turn in your receipts at any time during the month—put them in the box on the information table, drop them off at the office, or give them to Jane Rosendahl.

Rib Crib is located at 19801 East Valleyview Parkway in Independence; phone number is 795-5144 and their hours are 11:00am—10:00pm. Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

**Breakfast with Santa**



Saturday, December 12, 8:00-10:00am.

Breakfast provided at no cost but donations are accepted. \$1 for a picture with Santa.

Sponsored by our United Methodist Men.

**Save the Date**

Back by popular demand—a women's game night. The event will be held **Friday, January 22**, in room 117, 6:30pm until 9:30pm.

**Spring Women's Retreat: April 30-May 1** at Wilderness Retreat Center in Lawson, MO.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAGUE

Each year, the Community Services League sponsors the Blue Springs Spirit of Caring Concert in order to spread a generous dose of holiday cheer and to help those in need in our community. This year's concert will be held on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00pm at the Barbara Landes Performing Arts Center at Blue Springs South High School. Concertgoers should prepare to be entertained and embraced by the melodious sounds of bands, choirs and ensembles of students throughout the Blue Springs schools as well as other members of our community. Concert admission is \$4; tickets will be sold at the door.



### ADVENT SCHEDULE—2009

#### Advent Study: *Simply Wait*—2 group studies to chose from (See Below)

This Advent join us in a time of "Holy Anticipation" with the resource *Simply Wait*. In this book Pam Hawkins invites us to be still this Advent, as we reflect on Anticipation, Hope, Patience, and Obedience.

The book will be available for all to use. For those who are interested, there will be three group sessions to discuss the reading at 6:30 Wednesday evenings beginning December 2 in room 117.

Books will be available at the information table for \$12.

#### December 6

Community Services League **Spirit of Sharing Concert** will feature musical talents from our congregation.

#### December 12

Breakfast with Santa 8:00-10:00am

Breakfast provided at no cost but donations are accepted. \$1 for a picture with Santa  
Men of Praise are singing at Powell Gardens for the Luminaria Walk 5:00-7:30pm

#### December 13

**FUMC Christmas Music Festival 4:30-6:30pm, Sanctuary.** Soup and chili begins at 4:00pm

#### December 19

The Chancel Choir will present their Christmas Cantata *A New Birth, A New Beginning*, celebrating God's promise fulfilled at the 5:30pm service

#### December 20

The Chancel Choir will present their Christmas Cantata *A New Birth, A New Beginning*, celebrating God's promise fulfilled at the 10:45am service

Service of the Longest Night 6:00pm, Sanctuary

#### December 24

Christmas Eve Services 4:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00pm Holy Communion at 9:00 and 11:00pm services

## SIMPLY WAIT

Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent by Pamela Hawkins

The subtitle is quite appealing, isn't it? Restoring calm in the midst of Advent.

Reality, though, can intrude. Instead of fostering stillness during the holidays, you're apt to cram it in (eye on the clock) or collapse into a form of it between shopping battles at the mall. Many of us spend Advent out of breath from details of a Christmas that hasn't yet taken place!

You know you need to focus on the spiritual aspects of Advent to internalize the experience of the season. Good intentions sometimes only intensify your stress — especially when the must-have toy is sold out everywhere and when even a quick grocery trip involves rush hour-like traffic snarls.

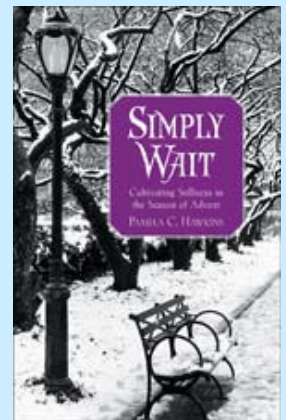
Instead of doing more and moving faster, find a way to reflect more, worry less, and connect authentically the season with the grace-filled wisdom of *Simply Wait*.

Use the resource on your own as a meditation forr advent or join a small discussion group.

#### Group Study Opportunities

Beginning Wednesday, December 2, Rev. Jack will lead the Advent study based on the book *Simply Wait* at 9:30am at the Belton home, 605 NW Silverstone Cir, Grain Valley.

Also, Wednesday, December 2, Pastor Steve and Pastor Karen will facilitate a small group discussion at 6:30pm in room 117. Both groups will meet for three Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16.



# 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!

- 5:30-5:45pm Dinner
- 5:45-6:15pm Team meetings
- 6:15-7:00pm Mid-high and Senior high groups meet
- 7:00-7:30pm Games and fellowship

**FUMC Youth 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

## SNOW ANGELS

Calling all snow angels! It's time to sign up for our 2009 snow angel team. All you need is a shovel and time during a snow day to help scoop for people who can't! Sign up and we will e-mail or call when the snow starts to accumulate! Adult drivers/sponsors needed!

## W.O.W.

United Methodist Youth Conference  
Springfield, MO

January 23-24 — Grades 9-12

**\$45 non-refundable due December 9**

\$45 remaining due January 23

Fee covers 3 meals, t-shirt, conference, concert, transportation, hotel for one night and a GREAT time! This year's conference features:

- Comedians- "The Skit Guys"
- Entertainment- "Group 1 Crew"
- Sand Artist- Joe Castillo
- Worship Band- "Sidewalk Prophets"

**Must sign up and pay \$45 by December 9 to go!**



## November 28/29, 2009

### Giving

General Fund .....	\$8,999
(needed) .....	\$16,535
Giving to date .....	\$711,172
Budget to date .....	\$793,632
2009 Budget.....	\$859,783
% of budget Received .....	82.7

### Building Fund

Building Fund .....	\$7,468
(needed) .....	\$6,812
3-year Goal .....	\$1,062,703
% of Goal Received .....	30.0
% of Campaign Complete .....	30.8
Designated Giving.....	\$2,210

### Worship Attendance

Worship .....	545
Sunday School	
Children .....	60
Youth .....	15
Adults.....	79
<b>Totals</b> .....	154

No Sunday Evening Youth Activities

## TUBING AT SNOW CREEK!!!

**Wednesday, December 30, 2:00-8:00pm**

Join us for a little Christmas break fun! We will head up to Weston, MO, to go tubing at Snow Creek. Plan to leave church at 2:00pm and return to church by 8:00pm. The cost is \$26 for 2 hours of tubing and extra money for eating at the food bar afterward!

We need adult drivers/sponsors. You don't have to tube, but it is tons of fun if you want to!

E-mail Linda Kaufman at [dogonwheels@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dogonwheels@sbcglobal.net)

to sign up! BRING YOUR FRIENDS! Everyone needs a permission slip/information sheet on file to attend.

## Youth Adopt Local Family for Christmas — Shop and Wrap — Sunday, December 13, 2:00—4:00pm

FUMC Youth have adopted a Blue Springs family for Christmas. This family consists of a Grandpa and Grandma, father and 4 kids between the ages of 2-5 years old. The family included this message with their need/wish list- "We need lots of prayer for our own home and a start of a new life for all of us."

The easiest way and a fun way to do this is to shop as a group and then wrap the gifts. We will plan to meet at church by 2:00pm and then head to Walmart to shop. We will return to wrap and be done in time for you to join your family for the FUMC Christmas Music Festival and soup supper! Youth and Adults are NEEDED to help with this big project. Money is also needed. We will collect money December 6 at youth and you can also bring money on December 13. Please consider helping this family have a nice Christmas and also keep them in your prayers. Checks can be made to FUMC and tagged for adoptive family. This is our service project for December.

Date	Time	Place
<b>Sunday, December 6</b>		
Children's Chime Choir	10:45am	154
Moms First	Noon	117
CSL "Spirit of Caring" Concert	2:00pm	Off Site
Youth Dinner	5:30	117
Youth Evening Activities	5:45	016
<b>Monday, December 7</b>		
Susannah Circle Meeting	1:30pm	103
Rebuilding Relationships Meeting	6:30	011
Staff/Parish Relations Committee	7:00	103
Vesper Voices Rehearsal	7:00	150
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	8:00	150
<b>Tuesday, December 8</b>		
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
Stephen Ministers Peer Group	7:00	Office
<b>Wednesday, December 9</b>		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
<b>Simply Wait—Advent Study</b>		
<i>with Rev. Jack Belton</i>		
Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	9:30	Belton Home
Glory Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	5:15pm	117
Spirit Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	5:30	154
<b>Simply Wait—Advent Study</b>		
<i>Rev. Steve and Rev. Karen</i>		
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	6:30	117
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00	103
Rhapsody Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	7:30	150
<b>Thursday, December 10</b>		
Altar Guild Meeting	2:00pm	Office
Open Gym	7:00	MPR
BRIDGES Christmas Party	7:00	Off Site
<b>Friday, December 11</b>		
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
<b>Saturday, December 12</b>		
Breakfast With Santa	8:00am	Narthex
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, December 13</b>		
Puppets	10:45am	102
Independents Advisory Board Meeting	Noon	112
<b>FUMC Music Festival</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Monday, December 14</b>		
Council On Ministries Meeting	7:00pm	103
<b>Tuesday, December 15</b>		
Methodist Men's Lunch	Noon	112
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
<b>Job Club Meeting</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 16</b>		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
<b>Simply Wait—Advent Study</b>		
<i>with Rev. Jack Belton</i>		
Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	9:30	Belton Home
	5:15pm	117
<b>Come to the Well</b>		
<b>Simply Wait—Advent Study</b>	6:30	117
<b>Thursday, December 17</b>		
Open Gym	7:00pm	MPR
<b>Friday, December 18</b>		
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
<b>Saturday, December 19</b>		
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary

## December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY		
Noon	Men Of Praise Choir Rehearsal	150
1:00pm	Psalm 150 Jazz Band Rehearsal	150
3:00	Crossover Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30	Youth Dinner	117
5:45	Youth Team Meetings	015/016
6:15	Youth Breakout Meetings	015/016
7:00	Youth Games and Fellowship	MPR
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
8:00am	Morning Prayer Group	100
7:00pm	Single Adult Volleyball	MPR
WEDNESDAY		
8:00am	Pastors Lectionary Group	103
5:15pm	Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	117
5:30	Glory Ringers	154
6:30	Spirit Ringers	154
6:30	Advent Study— <i>Simply Wait</i>	117
7:00	Creative Crafts - Prayer Shawls	103
7:30	Rhapsody Ringers	154
7:30	Chancel Choir	150
THURSDAY		
9:30am	Back Fence Bible Study	100



The **Widows Support Group** will meet for lunch on Wednesday, December 16, at 11:30 at Blue Springs Country Club. Please call Carol Sartain at 229-9753 or Joyce Maggard at 229-1300.

### Ministers

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



**December 2, 2009**

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### 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](mailto:office@firstumcbs.org)

Learning Ladder Preschool  
(816) 229-9949

Church Website - [www.firstumcbs.org](http://www.firstumcbs.org)

Blog—<http://fumcnews.blogspot.com>



### It's Time to *Get Out of B.E.D.*

Please join the FUMC Job Club for a special presentation by local author and speaker, Marty Stanley, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 15. Her presentation entitled *Get Out of B.E.D.* (Blame, Excuses, and Denial) can help you change your outlook and alter your outcomes.

This is the perfect time of year to take accountability for your thoughts, words and actions. Marty will help you look at proven strategies to make life a little easier – not only for you, but for everyone around you. If you want to raise the bar in your personal and professional life, *Get Out of B.E.D.* is for you.

In this lively, interactive program, Marty guides you through the thought process that helps you identify what holds you back from the success you know is possible both at work and at home. You will walk away inspired and motivated to take positive and sustainable action with the people in your life, and break through the barriers to success.

Please join us for this special presentation in room 103 at 7:00pm, Tuesday, December 15. For additional information, contact Randy Williams, 229-9584.



### Won't You Donate an Item (or Two) for FUMC's Fabulous February Auction?

In February, our church is planning a BIG fund-raising auction in the Family Life Center, with live and silent auction action, to raise funds for the Costa Rica Reverse Mission Trip you've been hearing so much about. The task force is already at work and has made great progress on getting exciting donations from local businesses, including some much sought-after autographed sports memorabilia.

But we know you may have some items gathering dust in a closet or you may have connections to an area business that might be willing to help us out. If you'd like to help, let us know:

- Do you have a brand-new item of some value you would like to donate?
- Have any gift cards or gift certificates sitting around that you probably won't use?
- Do you have any collectibles you would be willing to part with?
- Does your employer have a product or service he or she would be willing to donate?
- Would you like to take a territory in or around Blue Springs and ask businesses for donations?

Please contact Jack Marker, 229-9510, or Ken Landes, 229-5712, to volunteer or to share your ideas or donations.