



MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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Our Mission --

The Mission of the Macon United Methodist Church is to share the love of Christ.

Worship Services

We offer three worship opportunities on Sunday. Each service has its own special character.

Early

at 8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary...is a simplified informal worship service for those who like to gather early on Sunday morning.

Contemporary

at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room....is a contemporary service where praise songs are led by the Uplifters praise band and singers. Multimedia supports the entire service. Children's Church is available for children ages 4 through fourth grade during the sermon.

Traditional

at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary...is a full traditional service using hymns and liturgy. This is a more formal service which includes a traditional choir and the pipe organ for music.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Cornerstone Adult Sunday School Class

10:50 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages

19th Annual United Methodist Men's Group

BARBECUE DINNER

~BBQ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Brisket~

- *Potato Salad*
- *Cole Slaw*
- *Baked Beans*
- *Drinks*
- *Strawberry Shortcake*

Sunday, August 16th 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**in the Multi-Purpose Building
of the Macon United
Methodist Church**

FREE WILL OFFERING!

Lord, please grant me patience ... and hurry up!

Pastor's Column

In a recent Barna Survey on 9 key belief statements tested, attenders of large churches (3000) were more likely than those engaged in a small or mid-sized congregation (300) to give an orthodox Biblical response – e.g., the Bible is totally accurate in all the principles it teaches, Satan is not merely symbolic but exists, Jesus led a sinless life, God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe, etc. On seven of the eight behavioral measures, attenders of large churches were substantially more likely than those of small churches to be active. (These included behaviors such as attending church in the past week, reading the Bible in the past week, volunteering at their church in the past week, etc.) Interesting isn't it that we tend to think a Biblical view is more likely to be lost in larger congregations than smaller ones. Interesting that many feel larger churches lose their sense of call to Jesus Christ, when it appears size isn't the cause. Maybe there should be a study on "why" smaller churches lack in the key areas of this survey. At the very least it should mean that you and I look seriously are our commitment to Christ. Pastor Julius

In God's Grace,
Pastor Julius



Foster Children's Back To School Party

The Foster Children's Back To School Party will be held Sunday, August 16th 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the South Long Branch State Park shelter house. Our Youth are again invited to help with this event. Please have the purchased items to the church office by Friday, August 14th by noon. If you would like to help in any other way (for example, cash donations, food, assisting at the party), please call Dawn for more information. Thanks in advance for your generous support! In God's name, awesome things are done!

Youth (Grades 6-12) Needed.....

....to help with games at the Back to School Party for Foster Children, August 16th, at Long Branch Lake. Meet at the church at 3:15 p.m. to carpool to the lake.

Commodities Distribution

Commodities Distribution will be held Tuesday, August 18th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are very much needed!

Ad Council Meeting

Ad Council will meet Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

August 30th Promotion Sunday

Sunday School teachers will be recognized and those children & youth promoted to the next classroom will receive certificates. Also, that Sunday we want everyone who attended Camp Jo-Ota this summer to wear their 2009 Camp T-shirts to church.

August 30th Acolyte Pizza Party and Training

Our annual pizza party for our acolytes will be at 12:00 on Sunday, August 30th. After pizza and soda, Pastor Julius will conduct acolyte training for three new acolytes and anyone else who wishes to stay for the 20-30 minute session.

Youth Sunday Blow Out August 30th

We're planning a great time of worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with youth leading the service. Since there will be music, skits and God's Word shared, we will all come together in the Multi Purpose Room at 9:30 AM. There will be no 8:15 or 10:45 Service. Everyone is encouraged to come out in support of our church's youth. Hear them, Watch them, Learn of their faith, Be encouraged and be encouraging towards them. It's going to be a Great Time you won't want to miss.

Sermons Available on Line

Copies of sermons can be received by calling the church office or view on line at www.maconumc.org/documents and go to Sermon Manuscripts.

Missions

Any mission work that is done by our church family needs to be reported to Dawn so that she can send the information to the conference office. Please contact her at 385-2156 or send this information to maconumc@cvalley.net.

Sunday School Movie

Please join the 10:50 am Adult SS class for a viewing of the Christian movie "God's Outlaw" Sunday, August 23rd and 30th. This is the true story of William Tyndale who translated the Bible into English and paid for it with his life. This film is a moving encouragement for modern people of faith.

The Younger Generation and the Churches That Reach Them

The following are summary conclusions from a study of young people not active in church and practices likely to help churches reach emerging generations.

1. Young adults are trying to connect and will make a lasting connection wherever they can find belonging. Churches that are effective at reaching and developing young adults place a high value on community and are using small groups to build that community.
2. Young adults want to be a part of something bigger than themselves and are looking to be a part of an organization where they can make a difference through acts of service. More than ever before, young adults are thinking locally and globally about how they can make a lasting impact. Churches that are reaching young adults are successful in providing opportunities for service.
3. More than looking for a good performance, young adults desire to connect with the experience of worship. They embrace the future and the past at the same time. Young adults want to be challenged by the message, and they want to participate in a worship experience.
4. Young adults are looking to move behind the trite and into more depth—and we found this among the churched and unchurched young adults.
5. Many churches are waking up to the need to embrace technology as an effective tool in reaching the unchurched.
6. Young adults need cross-generational relationships. Churches that are linking young adults with older, mature adults are challenging young adults to move on to maturity through friendship, wisdom, and support.
7. Young adults are looking for and connecting to churches where they see leaders that are authentic, transparent, and on a learning journey. They want to be challenged in their music, their world view and be shown what a biblical view is.
8. Remember that children and youth deal with change in their own ways.
9. Young people are desperately seeking something real, something authentic—and they don't mind if it is messy. They want to be shown what Christian values are and how they apply to their lives. One hundred percent of churches reaching young adults hold authenticity (being the same on the street as in the church) as one of their highest values.

Team is an often desired but infrequently lived value. Churches that lead by teams—and invite young adults to be a part of those teams—engage all kinds of people in more effective mission and ministry.

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Irene DeSpain

Dick DeWitt (*Betty DeWitt's father, cancer*)

Nick Dunn (*servicing in Iraq*)

Connie Foster (*in Samaritan Hospital*)

Mattie Alexa Jones (*friend of Jessica Ketsenburg, premature newborn weighing 1 lb.*)

Jim Marshall (*Tiffany Webster's father, more testing & starting chemo*)

The Family of Scott Phillips

Haleigh Ridgeway (*Mike Leonard's newborn niece, is undergoing treatment for stage 4 cancer*)

Rayburn Snell (*Megan Pollard's father, cancer*)

Debbie Wiggans (*undergoing cancer treatments*)

The 2nd Annual Church Family Bike Ride

Saturday, September 26th with an optional night of camping Friday, September 25th.

Location: Katy Trail, New Franklin, MO
Campground: Katy Roundhouse Campground
www.katyroundhouse.com

Option 1: Leave UMC parking lot 2pm on Friday w/ bikes and camping gear. Friday night we will plan on having hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled vegetables and marshmallow-banana boats as a group.

Option 2: Leave UMC parking lot at 8am Saturday and meet the rest of us at the trail.

Please contact Matt K. for a camping reservation or with questions. kffmn@yahoo.com or 660-651-9970. Biking is a great exercise in God's creation and this trip is open to all ages.



Macon UMC Staff: Julius Ketsenburg, Pastor; Dawn Masten, Administrative Assistant; Rhonda Linsley, Director of Children's Ministries; TBD, Director of Youth Ministries; Beth Dixon, Organist; Michelle Brinkman, Nursery Attendant; Annie Faught Israel & Loni Truitt, Toddler Room Assistants.

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