



# 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**

## **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Worship Events!**

# Youth Sunday



Come and worship this Sunday as the Macon United Methodist Youth lead the 9:30 service. The youth have been hard at work to bring you a quality, sincere, Jesus-centered service. You won't want to miss this opportunity to worship with our youth.

## **Unity Service**

9:30 a.m.

Multi-Purpose Room  
for a Youth Worship Service  
*There will be Sunday School*  
*at 10:50 a.m.*



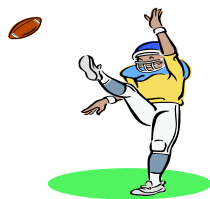
## **Sunday School Promotions & Teacher Recognition**

During the Unity Service  
*See Insert for Details!*

## **PROMOTIONS**

## **ACOLYTE PARTY**

The annual acolyte pizza party and training will take place this Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at noon. The training will begin immediately following the SS hour and will last 15-20 minutes. We will then enjoy a pizza lunch in the Assembly Room with our fellow acolytes, our families and Pastor Julius and Carolyn. New acolytes joining our team are Cheynne and Paige Morrison and Allison Simons. We now have 15 acolytes serving in our 10:50 traditional service.



## **FOOD 'N FELLOWSHIP FALL SEASON KICK-OFF**

Bar-b-que Cook-Off  
September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Grill your favorite at the church or at your leisure at home.  
Garden Bounty carry-in side dishes.  
Dessert furnished!

## Pastor's Column

### A BBQ Challenge To All!

I would like to put forth a challenge to any who would accept it. Ready, Let's make the BBQ Cook-Off a HUGE event! I plan to get my grill smoking, and I challenge any takers to do the same. I know we have some pretty fair cooks out there, and at least one Master cook, whose name shall not be subject to print. I'm thinking this could be a GREAT time of fun and fellowship. You know the Bible says a lot about the early Christians, coming together for Study, Breaking of Bread and fellowship. The indication is that God was pleased because He added to their number DAILY those who were being saved. This tells me their level of fellowship was far greater than what we experience when we come together today. Theirs were a time of sharing from the heart, trusting that everyone there would love and support them and not fire up the rumor mill, so as to have something to talk about. On this note guys and gals, let's fire up the ole BBQ, put on your favorite food to see who the top chief is for 2009! Let's also be reminded that as much as we need cooks to take the challenge, we need tasters to make a determination. So let's everyone come out and have some fun, food and FELLOWSHIP!

In God's Grace, Pastor Julius



## Children & Youth Program Team Meeting

The Children & Youth Program Team will meet Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

## Choir Practice to Resume!

Choir will practice every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. starting September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Following breakfast there will be a short devotional.

## Loch Haven Service

Loch Haven Nursing Home Service will be held Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

## Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to observe the Labor Day holiday.

## Commodities Distribution

Commodities Distribution will be held Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are very much needed!

## Ad Council Meeting

Ad Council will meet Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

## Sharing Team

The Sharing Team will meet Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

## Serving Saturday

The next Serving Saturday is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to participate!

## The Church of the Resurrection

Leadership Institute will be hosting a Leadership Institute October 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, for 2009. The theme is "Leading with Conviction and Creativity." Workshops include; Adult Discipleship, Children's Ministry, Church Structure/Strategic Planning, Communications, Congregational Care, Guest Services, Media & Worship, Operations, Student Ministries, and Worship Arts. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday with the first session at 8:30 a.m., with a lunch available for purchase. Cost is \$34 per person for the "Pre-institute held October 8<sup>th</sup>, \$45 after Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Cost for the Leadership Institute is \$139. And \$175 after September 4<sup>th</sup>. Lodging is made on your own. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the church office for more information.

## Daily Devotionals

Pastor Julius has been writing daily devotionals. They are short, easy to understand, very thought provoking and meaningful. If you would like to receive these by email, let Julius know at: [julius@maconumc.org](mailto:julius@maconumc.org) and he will add your name to the list.

## Festival of Sharing

This year for Festival of Sharing, we will be putting together "Readin' & Writin' Packs", to be distributed throughout Missouri. The supplies for 1 kit include:

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| 6 new pencils with erasers                         | 2" pink eraser         |
| 2 ink pens (medium point)                          | 1 box of 24 crayons    |
| 1 zippered pencil holder                           | 12" ruler              |
| 1 pair of child-sized metal scissors               | 6 folders with pockets |
| 2 spiral or tape bound notebooks (total 140 pages) |                        |

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You can give a complete kit, or you can give cash and we'll purchase a kit. You may also purchase supplies to build kits as described below. These slips are also available at the church. The deadline for returning these items to the church is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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| (4) 10 pack of ink pens               | (10) 12 inch rulers                   |
| (5) 2 packs of erasers                | (5) 10 pack of pencils                |
| (10) boxes of crayons                 | (4) zippered pencil holders           |
| (20) pocket folders                   | (5) pair of child-size metal scissors |
| (10) spiral notebooks [70 pages each] |                                       |

Thank you for your support to the church and the Festival of Sharing. Our goal for Macon UMC is 100 "Readin' & Writin' Kits. With your help we can make this goal. Carolyn Ketsenburg

## Sermons Available on Line

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



In our  
thoughts  
& prayers

**Marti Bender** (*Carolyn Ketsenburg's stepmother, health issues*)

**Michael Bentz** (*friend of Dawn Masten, health issues*)

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

**Nick Dunn** (*Hugh & Peg Dunn's grandson, serving in Iraq*)

**Jim Marshall** (*Tiffany Webster's father, cancer & undergoing chemo*)

**Trever Peyton** (*in hospitality with bone infection*)

**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*)

"A man who had no interest in spiritual matters related casually to the Christian who lived next door – they talked over the back fence, borrowed lawn mowers, stuff like that. Then the non-Christian's wife was stricken with cancer, and she died three months later. Here's part of a letter he wrote afterward:

I was in total despair. I went through the funeral preparations and the service like I was in a trance. After the service I went to the path along the river and walked all night. But I didn't walk alone. My neighbor – afraid for me, I guess – stayed with me all night. He didn't speak; he didn't even walk beside me. He just followed me. When the sun finally came up over the river, he came over and said, "Let's go get some breakfast."

I go to church now. My neighbor's church. A faith that can produce the kind of caring and love my neighbor showed me is something I want to find out more about. I want to love and be loved like that for the rest of my life." – Terry Muck, in the March 29 entry of Men of Integrity March/April 2009 (used with permission)

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <p><b>1</b> Sheldon Linsley</p> <p><b>2</b> Rodney Comstock and Kelley &amp; Gloria Rogers Anniv.</p> <p><b>3</b> Jennifer Ludwig and Brian Nelson</p> <p><b>4</b> Jennifer Barr and Richard Wilson</p> <p><b>7</b> Ann Shannon</p> <p><b>8</b> Kim Figg</p> <p><b>9</b> Scott &amp; Jo Schnell Anniv. Doug &amp; Tammy Wallace Anniv.</p> <p><b>11</b> Nancy Coleman</p> <p><b>13</b> Helen Moehle and Amanda Wiggans</p> <p><b>14</b> Richard Miller, Thomas Riddles and Jordon Simons</p> <p><b>15</b> Matt Kauffman and Robert Long</p> <p><b>16</b> Debbie Baker, Marietha Leonard and Carl Wood</p> | <p><b>17</b> Becky Figg, Rodney &amp; Deanna Comstock Anniv. and Wayne &amp; Sharon Hackman Anniv.</p> <p><b>20</b> Mike &amp; Marietha Leonard Anniv. and Justin &amp; Megan Pollard Anniv.</p> <p><b>21</b> Roy &amp; Mary Ahlbom Anniv.</p> <p><b>22</b> Shirley Rufener</p> <p><b>23</b> Ann Johnson</p> <p><b>25</b> Christina Truitt and Eric &amp; Peggy Chalgren Anniv.</p> <p><b>26</b> Michael Sutton and David &amp; Judy Headley Anniv.</p> <p><b>27</b> John Meisner</p> <p><b>29</b> Morris Kindle</p> <p><b>30</b> Donna Spencer</p> |
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# Kidstuff

By Rhonda Linsley

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Fall Quarter will begin Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to have Sunday School in the Toddler Room at the 10:50 SS hour for children ages 2-3 years old. Upon turning two years old, children move from the nursery to the toddler room. We will be using material from Gospel Light, called Baby Beginnings for children ages 18-36 months. The class will be led by new staff member, Annie Faught. We have three classrooms in the education wing of our building. They are Ages 4 & 5, Grades K – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our 4-year-olds move from the Toddler Room to the 4 & 5-year's classroom upon turning four. Being as this is ongoing throughout the year for these two age groups, we will rely on the parents to let us know when their children turn 2 and 4, and are ready to move up. At that time, a certificate of promotion into the Toddler Room or Preschool Room can be done.

We have middle school Sunday school for youth in Grades 6-8 and high school for Grades 9-12. Both of these are in the upstairs area of the multi-purpose building, soon to be referred to as the Youth Center.

### 2009 - 2010 MACON UMC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

[Those in bold were promoted to that classroom]

<u>Toddler Room (Ages 2 &amp; 3)</u>	<u>Preschool (Ages 4 &amp; 5)</u>	<u>Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</u>	
Jacob Bettes	Amiya Brown	<b>Dakota Bettes</b>	Allison Johnston
Morgyn Brinkman	Lauren Burdin	<b>Luke Bramer</b>	Melody Morrison
Lindsay Burdin	Gracelyn Johnston	<b>Sofia Burks</b>	Jacob Nelson
Joe Burks	Isaac Kauffman	<b>Audree Butner</b>	Rayce Truitt
Stella Burks	Cooper Lucas	<b>Gracee Butner</b>	
Daniel Kauffman	Chase Marshall	<b>Levi Butner</b>	
Carter Lucas	Gunner Mohn	<b>Will Butner</b>	
Haley Ludwig	Elise Nelson	<b>Zach Fink</b>	
Ian Marshall	Allison Pollard	<b>Kaden Truitt</b>	
Taryn Mohn	Ethan Prewitt	Emily Butner	
Tyler Robertson	Jaden Schmidt	Katelyn Hawkins	
<u>Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>	
<b>Emily Bettes</b>	<b>Bailey Baker</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Baker</b>	Jaina Linsley
<b>Josh Fink</b>	<b>Cheyne Morrison</b>	<b>Seth Butner</b>	Rheann Linsley
<b>Evie Nelson</b>	<b>Tanner Riddles</b>	<b>Schuyler Donelson</b>	Lance Olson
<b>Kattie Peyton</b>	Madison Baker	<b>Tel Dye</b>	Thomas Riddles
Haylie Bettes	Eric Blanton	<b>Emily Rehard</b>	Cody Stuart
Allyson Bramer	Morgan Brower	<b>Valerie Schmidt</b>	Kari Truitt
Paige Hawkins	Anna Donelson	<b>Jeremy Webster</b>	
Skyler Huntsman	Sheldon Linsley	Jessica Bruno	
Megan Johnston	McKenna Nelson	Caleb Butner	
Paige Morrison	Travis Riddles	Cody Donelson	
Garett Olson	Clint Shannon	Nic Hamilton	
Trever Peyton	Jordon Simons	Cara Lee	
Allison Simons			

### Current Sunday School Teachers:

Annie Faught - Toddler Room, Robin Riddles - Preschool, Sandy Sunderland - Grades K- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Helpers: Judy Headley, Susan Leathers), Rhonda & Jeff Linsley, Chris Nelson - Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, Julie & Scott Burdin - Middle School, Karen & Jon Butner - High School.

## NEW TODDLER ROOM ATTENDANT

Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member. Annie Faught has been hired as a full-time Toddler Room Attendant. Be sure to pop your head into the Toddler Room from time to time and say hello! She will be working every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon.

## 2009 CAMP JO-OTA YOUTH RALLY

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual youth rally at Camp Jo-Ota will soon be upon us. It is from noon to noon, September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. This is for youth in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. We have 21 youth and adults signed up from our church to attend this rally. There are approximately 100 people registered thus far. This rally provides an opportunity to worship God, hear motivational speakers, fellowship with other youth and adults from around the state, and raise money for the new dining hall at Camp Jo-Ota. There is an opportunity for more than just the youth to get involved with this rally. **We are asking members of our congregation to please help us provide food for this event. Baked goods, such as bars or cookies are needed as dessert for the Saturday evening meal.** There is a place in the attendance binders to indicate your willingness to help. Please bring the bars to the church by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and our church will take them with us. God's blessing to all in helping us fulfill the dream of a new dining hall at Camp Jo-Ota. Please contact Rhonda Linsley at the church office with any questions.

## K-5 Alive

Our Wednesday after-school program for Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will begin October 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The program will be held every Wednesday that school is in session. Registration forms are available in the church office and also on the back table in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please forward those to the church office prior to the start of the program. It is our hope to once again be able to use Macon R-1 transportation. We are awaiting verification of that.

This year we will use Kids Veggie Tales Worship, from Thomas Nelson Publications. The theme for the first 13 weeks will be "Getting to Know God." Following that, we will move to Unit 2, which is entitled, "Wild Bible Adventures." If you have any questions or would like to help or assist in any fashion with this program, please call the church office and visit with Rhonda Linsley.

## Foster Children Back To School Party a Success!



## Pastor's Schedule

Since becoming Pastor here at Macon UMC, I've been trying to get a system going. What follows is my best attempt for the congregation to know where I am.

Monday – 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Office, & 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Office, 6:30 p.m. Study @ Church.

Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon Office, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Visiting – Evenings ?

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon Office, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Office – Evenings Appointments/Meetings

Thursday – 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon Office, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. out in the community

Fridays – Day Off

Saturday – Available my appointment

Sunday – 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon Church – Afternoon appointments / visits / etc

Of course like any pastor's schedule this is subject to change for a variety of reasons, that are beyond my control. In most cases Dawn will know where I am and how to contact me. Feel free to drop by the office.



## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church Family Bike Ride

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church Family Bike Ride will be held Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with an optional night of camping Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Katy Trail in New Franklin, MO. Contact Matt Kauffman for more information.

## NOTES OF SHARING

Dear Macon UMC & Friends,

I have received notes, cards, and telephone calls from many of you following my open heart surgery on July 7<sup>th</sup>. These gestures of love and caring have made the difference in my progress in recovery and even though it seems inadequate, I THANK YOU SO MUCH!

**Richard Combs**

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 Faight & Loni Truitt, Toddler Room Assistants.

*Return Service Requested*

