



# 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**

## **Youth Mission Week**

The Children & Youth Team is having a local Youth Mission Week July 19-25. The week will begin on July 19<sup>th</sup> at our church with a youth hang-out from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. Stan and Carla Grant will provide food for the kids that evening. The following are activities that will take place during the week.

**Monday:** Meet at church from 10:00 AM – noon for outside & inside clean up.

**Tuesday:** Meet at Long Branch Lake from 3:00 – 5:00 PM for swimming and devotional.

**Wednesday:** Youth will be providing a Wednesday evening meal and trivia (Sloppy Joes, Chips, Baked Beans, Fruit Salad and Brownies). Proceeds to go to Camp Jo-Ota new dining hall.

**Thursday:** Meet at the Catholic Church at 10:30 AM for "Feeding the Kids in the Park."

**Friday:** Meet at church at 10 AM for "Adopt a Spot" kick off. We will be cleaning both sides of the road on DD, one mile west of Kellogg and one mile east of Kellogg.

**Saturday:** Community Youth Dance from 8 – 10 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. \$2.00 Charge – Proceeds to go to Camp Jo-Ota's new dining hall. Invite ALL your friends.

Youth, you won't want to miss out on the fun. A hand-out of all the details will be passed out on Sunday morning and available at the church office.

## **Are you ready to sink your teeth into some BIG fun?**



That's just what we'll do at Crocodile Dock VBS, where fearless kids shine God's light! Crocodile Dock is filled with incredible Bible-learning that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible Songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Crocodile Dock activities that help

faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!!

Our kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project for our local food pantry. Each day, we will be collecting particular items that are regularly needed at the food pantry. Our Bible story the first day is from Exodus 3:1—4:17 where Moses is up on the mountain and God speaks to him in a burning bush. So our food pantry item for Day 1 will be spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce, which resembles a burning bush. The daily collection items will be listed in this Sunday's bulletin and will also be posted in the multi-purpose room if you would like to join our children in collecting items for Macon's Food Pantry.

So mark these dates on your calendar: July 26-31. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 8:30. Please call the church office at 385-2156 to register your children, grandchildren or neighbors for this life-changing adventure!



## *Pastor's Column*

Carolyn and I would like to thank each of you who have helped make us feel welcome here at Macon UMC. We've had some GREAT food and have enjoyed visiting with some of you over your meal. We have been Blessed. Thank you for every act of kindness! We trust God has brought us here to continue to build up His Church, through Macon UMC.

Our first Sunday went well (at least from my perspective) as no rocks, tomatoes or other objects were thrown at me, even as I struggled a little to get the time schedule down. We've already enjoyed getting to know you, your interests, dreams and vision for God's Church here. We look forward to doing ministry with you. A great challenge for any church is the blending of their gifts, talents and abilities with grace.

Paul tells us in Romans 12:4-5: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same functions, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." Again Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:9a: "We are God's servants, working together."

Hopefully we all can understand that two can accomplish more than one when they work together and compliment one another.

Thank you for working with us thus far, and for your continued cooperation in the future as we share in God's calling upon our lives through Macon UMC.

In God's Grace,  
Pastor Julius

## **Sunday Evening Youth Group**

Rona Nelson will be leading Youth Group discussion for the next few weeks. She will be reading and discussing a book about missionaries. During the reading, the youth will be creating a 51"x55" mural of Planet Earth.

## **Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

## **Wednesday Evening Meal**

A Wednesday Evening Meal will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Menu for evening will be sloppy joes, chips, baked beans, fruit salad and brownies.

## **Sharing Team Meeting**

The Sharing Team will meet Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

## **Wedding Bells**

Sarah Maddox and Jonathan Vieker invite her church family to attend their wedding on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The wedding will be held in the church sanctuary with a dinner/dance reception at the Macon Co. Expo Center on Hwy. 63 south.

## **Your help is needed!**

At various times the doors of the Church Building are found unlocked. Recently this has been in the morning, when the staff has arrived, we've discovered a door unlocked and lights on. All doors are checked before the staff leaves, usually at 5:00 PM. Please help us keep a secure building, by locking up when you unlock a door. Thank you!

## **NOTES OF SHARING**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Festival held on Sunday June 14, 2009 was a huge success because of the generous and caring individuals of this church. The Family Fun Fest Committee greatly appreciates and extends many thanks to all who donated food, auction items, talent, and time to help. Through God, over 115 volunteers helped the day of the event! There were many community members outside of our church family who came, participated, and enjoyed. A sincere thanks to each of you for your support. The unofficial tally looks like around \$4000 was made to support missions.

So far, this year's mission projects have included further improvements to the garden paths at Loch Haven nursing home, continued facility improvements at Camp Jo-Ota, appreciation bags for EMS and National Guard units, tornado clean up relief in the Kirksville area, cookies for Ronald McDonald House, Back to School and Christmas celebrations for area foster children, clothing/book/game drive for the residents living at the Infirmary in Falmouth, Jamaica, and more. As many of you know, a mission team is currently in Cedar Rapids, IA assisting with flood relief.

Previous efforts include two medical/dental missions to Jamaica, hurricane Katrina relief work in Biloxi, Mississippi, flower and vegetable gardens at senior housing and nursing home facilities in Macon, wheelchair ramps for Macon residents, completion of a handicap accessible garden at Loch Haven nursing home, Camp Jo Ota projects, Bible translation project, Renick, MO tornado siren project, and blanket projects for cancer/dialysis patients. The list goes on! Our church continues to work through God in missions, and we pray that all who feel the calling to join in upcoming mission projects won't hesitate. Thanks for being involved!

Carolyn and I would like to thank everyone who has tried to make us feel welcomed as we have moved into the Macon area. We've had much food brought in and been able to share the table with some. We've been invited to share at your table, which has been good also. It has been GREAT to meet you and learn of your faith walk with God. We look forward to a shared ministry as we grow, learn and get closer in relationship with each other and with Our Lord.

I would love to mention names, but to do so would mean I'd leave someone out. For this reason we say thank you to each of you. Thank you for your patience in wearing name tags as we struggle to put your name and face together. We pray God's Blessing upon this church as we serve the Risen Christ.

**Julius & Carolyn Ketsenburg**

### **THANK YOU MACON UMC!**

I would like to say thank you to each of you who take the time to visit with each other in the home. As I get around a little, I hear about your ministry of caring for one another. Those in the Nursing Homes, as well as those shut-in or nearly shut-in; really appreciate and enjoy the time you make for them.

In the Gospels we find that Jesus always had time to "visit" with someone. He did this for one primary purpose; to bring that person closer to God, so that they might experience His Love, Mercy, Compassion, Forgiveness and call to be in relationship with Him. It must be the same for you and mw, as God brings people into our lives. Again I thank you for doing ministry, in the name of Jesus.

**Pastor Julius**

### **Dear Church Family & Scholarship Committee,**

Thanks so much for the scholarship support I've received for the past 3 years. I'm now a graduate from MU! I plan to continue on to physicians assistant school. I really appreciate the financial support as well as the prayers my church family has provided.

**Sincerely, Julie Brown**

On behalf of the patients at Samaritan Dialysis Center we would like to say, "Thank You!" The thoughtfulness and generosity the Macon United Methodist Church has shown us will not be forgotten! The blankets are beautiful and we enjoy them everyday. Thanks again for your kindness.

**Samaritan Dialysis Patients & Staff**



**In our  
thoughts  
& prayers**

**Wilma Burton** (*PSP*)

**Irene DeSpain** (*problems with pacemaker*)

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

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

**Connie Foster**

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

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

**Scott & Jo Schnell** (*Lewy Body Disease "LBD"*)

**Tyler Schuster** (*friend of Dawn Masten, tumor on his leg*)

**Debbie Wiggans** (*friend of Sandy Gabriel, cancer*)

## **Kidstuff**

**By Rhonda Linsley**

### **The Funny Side of Parenting**

Little Billy, age 4, was always taking off his shoes. The last two evenings of VBS Mom had to hunt for the shoes before they could leave. She was fed up with it. Mom told Billy in no uncertain terms what would happen if he took his shoes off at church the next evening.

As they were getting ready to leave, Billy was eager to report that he didn't take his shoes off. Mom was pleased. Then she saw the crafts all laid out by the students that night. There were fourteen plaster plaques of children's feet with the saying under them "I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word." Psalm 119:101. But then Mom came to Billy's plaque. It had two hands instead.

#### **Deuteronomy 4:16**

**Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**

**(New King James Version)**

**[This young man, indeed, respects the Ten Commandments.]**

# CHURCH CAMPS

## Pioneer Camp

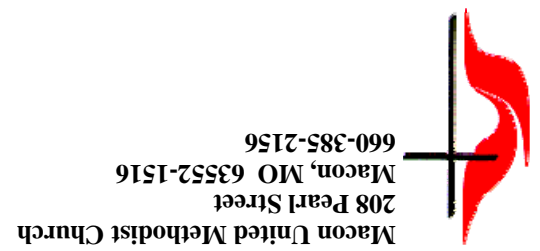


# Faith Extreme Treasure Hunt Camp June 29-July 2



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; Stephanie Israel & Loni Truitt, Toddler Room Assistants.

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