



MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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July 3, 2009 Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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

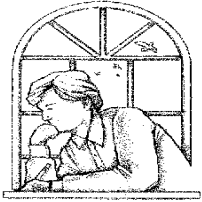
10:50 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages

Welcome To Julius & Carolyn Ketsenburg

Julius and Carolyn Ketsenburg's first worship services will be July 5th. Let's give them a warm Macon UMC welcome!

Ten Commandments for Welcoming a New Pastor

- I. You shall not compare the new Pastor and the old Pastor, for the Lord thy God has made each person unique and wishes you to appreciate each original creation.
- II. You shall not expect everything to stay the same when the new Pastor arrives. Nor shall you resist change, nor assume that change is bad. Instead trust that the Lord your God isn't finished with your church yet and is bringing change for your good and the good of your mission.
- III. You shall not make graven images of old grudges, nor shall you keep stale disappointments in the temple of your heart. You shall forgive and move on in the grace of the Lord thy God, for how can you ask God for mercy unless you give mercy from your heart?
- IV. You shall not commit gossip, nor shall you fearfully complain, nor listen to those who do, but instead you shall encourage all to adjust their attitudes and lighten up. All things work for good for those who are called according to God's purpose.
- V. You shall not commit nostalgia or say that the old days were better, for in so doing you may make your judgment come true, but they won't be better. Be assured that the Lord your God is not falling asleep at the wheel, but will be with you and surprise you with abundant blessings, more than can be contained or counted.
- VI. You shall not divide nor create "us-them" groups, you shall unify with your brothers and sisters even when they annoy or confuse you, are you not one Body in Christ.
- VII. You shall not come to the new pastor with your demands, pressure, complaints, bad reports, manipulations, threats, agendas, unsolicited advice, or snide comments. Say, "Welcome! How can I help you? We love you! We're praying for you and your family. Welcome to our community!"
- VIII. You shall increase your support, and not withhold your tithe, but invest your money and your heart in the future of the community of faith and mission.
- IX. You shall not come to your former pastor with anything but praise for the new pastor, bring your concerns to God in humble prayer, and if you must, you may also share concerns with the duly appointed leaders of the church.
- X. Most importantly, you shall trust God, and stay connected to God, and draw strength from God, staying deeply rooted in the message of God's grace. For God is good, and will never leave you nor forsake you. You can count on that for sure!



In our thoughts & prayers

Wilma Burton (*PSP*)

Charles Chaney (*severe allergic reaction*)

Irene DeSpain (*in Samaritan Hospital*)

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

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

Connie Foster (*in Samaritan Hospital*)

Peggy Griffis (*cancer*)

Drake Lewis (*recovering from an eye injury*)

Lois Stueve (*friend of Wanda Grimm, recovering from a stroke*)

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held July 5th at 7:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Following breakfast there will be a short devotional.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 6th to observe the 4th of July holiday.

Ad Council Meeting

Ad Council will meet Wednesday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

2009 School of Lay Ministries

This year the focus is, "Lay Speakers Lead Congregations to a Heart for the Unchurched" based on the book by Adam Hamilton, *Leading Beyond the Walls: Developing Congregations with a Heart for the Unchurched*. July 17-19, at Central Methodist University Campus for the School of Lay Ministry. This includes forums with highly successful non-denominational pastors and lay leaders as well as fruitful United Methodists. Learn how to plan and lead congregations to become an outward focused church. We welcome Lay Speakers, Lay Leaders, and pastors for this important training session.

Youth Mission Week

July 19-25 is youth mission week. The youth will meet once a day at different times to share the love of Christ through mission work and service. We will begin the week with a youth hang-out night on Sunday night from 4:30 - 8:30 and end the week with a community youth dance on Saturday night from 8:00 - 10:00. This week is a chance for the youth to put their faith in motion. We are looking for adult volunteers to help. Please contact the church office at 385-2156.



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By Rhonda Linsley

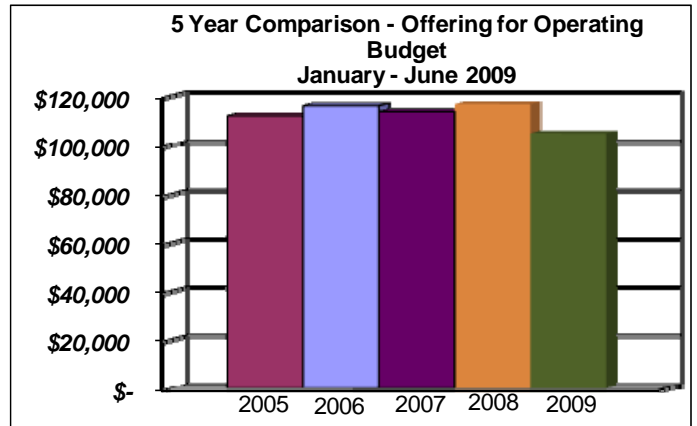
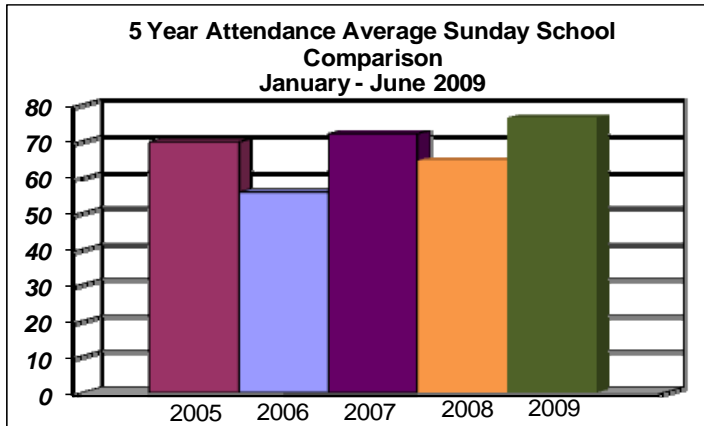
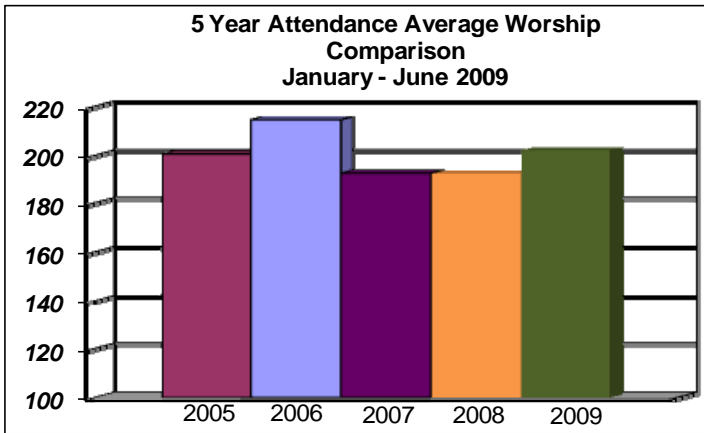
ACOLYTE HONOREES

Sunday, July 5th, we will be honoring acolytes, McKenna Nelson and Madison Baker by presenting them with a new acolyte cross. McKenna has served 35 Sundays and Madison has served 33 Sundays acolyting in the 10:50 service. They have both filled up their present wooden cross lanyard. They will be receiving a new metal cross to wear with their acolyte robes. Both McKenna and Madison started acolyting when they were in 4th grade. They will be 8th graders this next school year. If you see these two young ladies, please be sure to congratulate them on their years of service as acolytes for Macon UMC.

VBS Meeting

There will be a VBS meeting at 6:30 p.m. on July 16th. Rhonda will send out postcards to all those who have volunteered to help with this year's VBS. Anyone else who wishes to attend is welcome. Meanwhile, registration forms are available at the church office, on the VBS table in the Multi-Purpose Room, and also online at www.maconumc.org. Please feel free to pick up blank registration forms and pass them out to your friends, neighbors and grandchildren. This year we are dividing the children up into multi-age groups, rather than groups by age. This will give us four rotating groups of more equal size than last year. This year we will be putting the preschoolers into the full rotation, rather than having them in a separate area. We will need numerous crew leaders for crowd control as these larger groups rotate among the four different stations. The stations will be Bible Bayou (Bible Story), Crawfish Crafts, Gator Games and Snack Shack. The opening is called Swamp Stomp and will pump us up with exciting music and drama in the Multi-Purpose Room. The closing will also be in the Multi-Purpose Room, but we will tone things down at the end with an exciting Dockside Drive-In that will leave everyone wanting to come back to find out what happens to Chatter and his friends the next day. Please mark your calendars for July 27-31 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and plan to join us for an exciting Bayou Adventure as we look for God Sightings in our daily lives!

Stewardship Report



Teddy Bear Extreme Camp



Senior High Spirit Camp




“Food 4 Kids” Program

During the school year, students at the Macon Public Schools have the opportunity to get a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school each day. Lunch is also served during the summer school program. What about the time between the ending of summer school and the beginning of the new school term? This year Macon is participating in a program called “Food 4 Kids”. Food 4 Kids is one of three “Caring for Kids” programs supported by the Central Missouri Food Bank. Central Missouri Food Bank supplies that food and local volunteers prepare and serve the sack lunches beginning July 6th. Each day, a lunch is provided for any child in the community who wishes to come to the serving site and get their free lunch. Anyone who comes will be served; no one is turned away. Five local churches are working together to bring this program to our community. Each church has taken one week day to prepare and serve the lunches. Thursday is the day people from the Macon United Methodist Church meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Catholic Church basement kitchen to prepare the lunches and take them to Jackson Street Park and Rubey Street Park. Lunches are served at each park from about 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Carla Grant is the contact person from our church who has been coordinating and soliciting volunteers to help with preparing the lunches and serving them at the parks. Each Thursday, about eight adult volunteers are needed. If you would like to be involved in this program, you may contact Carla Grant at (660) 699-2288.

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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