



MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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September 25, 2009 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

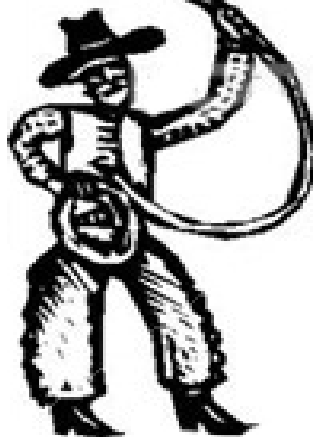
9:30 a.m. Cornerstone Adult Sunday School Class

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

The Macon United Methodist Church extends to you a warm country welcome for

Western Roundup

Western Round Up Sunday
October 18 beginning at 10:20 a.m.



We're **Worshipping** western style. Rounding up our family, friends and neighbors to **Fellowship** and **Worship** together. Everyone is invited to this **Special Sunday**. Please join **us** and bring **your** family, friends and neighbors.

Howdy partners! Has your cowboy hat been collectin' dust? Well, dust it off and get ready for Western Roundup Sunday. Mark your calendars and round up your family and friends for a day of fun with your MUMC family. On this special Sunday we will:

- **Fellowship** begins at 10:20 a.m. with coffee, biscuits and jelly.
- A western theme **Worship Service** featuring special music and more will begin at 10:50 a.m. (Multipurpose Building).
- Stay for **Lunch** - Chili with all the Fixins' immediately following worship - Help us judge the "*Best Chili in Town*".

So pull on your blue jeans and boots and be prepared for a unique service with special surprises and great music. We're asking everyone to bring as many family and friends as you can round up to worship a great God.

The cowpoke or cowgirl who brings the most visitors will win a basket containing all the ingredients for a chili lunch. And speaking of chili, our annual chili cook-off following worship will fit right in with our western theme. We're asking the congregation to bring chili, corn bread, desserts and other fixins' for a great lunch, and there will be gifts for all our guests.

So round 'em up and bring 'em in. Let's make this a day to share the blessings of our church family with others, and help bring them to a relationship with Christ.

Pastor's Column

Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God!

These were John Wesley's so called "Three simple rules". In a little booklet I discovered I was re-acquainted with Wesley's rules. Re-reading them, caused me to question IF I'm following these basic principles for a journey with God. I suppose it's even fair to question; "Are these rules Christians should live by"? We could probe our lives deeper by asking, "Am I measuring up to the calling as a child of the living God"? or, "Is there a better way to practice my faith"?

As I re-think Wesley's Rules, it seems to me that not one of the three rules can be set into place or practice, separated from God's love. Neither can we actually live out our Christianity, without God's love, present in power and presence on a daily basis. An excerpt from the book "The Shack" reads; "All Love and Relationship is possible for you only because it already exists within Me, within God myself. Love is not the limitation; I am love."

As United Methodist Christians I believe we are called to develop a relationship with God, through Jesus Christ made possible by Grace. Because of this ongoing relationship, we then become able to apply Wesley's three rules, Do no harm, Do Good, Stay in love with God!

Pastor Julius

Several Opportunities for Study available to you.

Mondays at 7: 00 p.m. beginning September 28th "Rendezvous – a Study of Philippians" - *leader Carolyn Ketsenburg*

Tuesdays at Noon beginning September 29th "Rendezvous – a Study of Philippians" - *leader Carolyn Ketsenburg*

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 29th "Treasures of the Transformed Life" - *leader Pastor Julius (may move to Sunday only)*

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 30th "50 Ways to Save the Earth" - *leader Marti Luzader*

Sundays at 6:30 p.m. beginning October 4th "Treasures of the Transformed Life" - *leader Pastor Julius*

Sharing Team

The Sharing Team will meet Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd - 5th Grade Sunday School room to prepare FRAN Sunday residential mailings.

Children & Youth Program Team Meeting

The Children & Youth Program Team will meet Wednesday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

Clarence UMM Fried Chicken Dinner

The Clarence United Methodist Men will be having a Fried Chicken dinner Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Clarence United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Free will donation. Everyone is invited! Proceeds to go towards next year's children & youth church camp.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 4th 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, October 4th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

Commodities Distribution

Commodities Distribution will be held Tuesday, October 20th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are very much needed!

Ad Council Meeting

Ad Council will meet Wednesday, October 7th (instead of October 21st) at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

Mini Festival of Sharing

The District Mini Festival of Sharing will be held Saturday, October 10th in the Multi-Purpose room.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet Sunday, October 11th at 12:30 p.m. in the Library.

Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Serving Team Meeting

The Serving Team will meet Monday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Sunday School classroom.

Sharing Team

The Sharing Team will meet Wednesday October 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

Lucille Gottman celebrated her 90th Birthday

Lucille Gottman recently celebrated her 90th birthday. She is the daughter of Raymond Wharton and Edith White Wharton and was wife of Robert Gottman for 56 years until his death in 1995. She was born September 5, 1919. She is a resident at Macon Health Care Center and would appreciate calls or visits from her friends at Macon UMC.

Mission Trip!

The Serving Team is providing another opportunity to help restore homes devastated by the 2008 floods in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A team will be leaving Macon the evening of October 29th and travelling to our host church. We plan to work Friday and Saturday then return home after worship Sunday morning November 1st. Workers of all skill levels are needed and both adults and mature youth are encouraged to participate. If you feel God calling you to serve in Iowa, please contact Julie Burdin as soon as possible.

Church Directory

We're planning for a Macon UMC Pictorial Directory. It's been several years since the last one was done, so it's time to get a fresh look for the Macon UMC. The Ad Council agrees the Pictorial Directory is a most valuable tool for the church. Not only does it help all of us put names and faces together, but it also serves as a listing of addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. It is our hope and prayer that everyone will participate. Those who have their pictures taken will receive one FREE Directory and one FREE 8x10 portrait. If you choose not to purchase additional pictures, you will be responsible for the \$5.00 sitting/handling fee. Portrait packages will be provided at a church-package discount. Directories will cost \$20 if you choose not to have your picture taken. Please help to make this project a success. Dates for your picture to be taken at the church are: November 9-11, from noon to 8:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room. There will be sign-up sheets after worship services for you to select a time to schedule your photo shoot. You may contact Keithly Studio at 385-2403 to have an outdoor photo shoot at their acreage, anytime from now through November 30. Be sure to tell them you are there for the Macon UMC Pictorial Directory. All pictures must be taken by November 30, 2009.



September 9th BBQ Cook Off Congratulations!!!!

Jeff Linsley, Winner

Shirley Mangelsen, Runner Up

The next Wednesday Food n' Fellowship will be
Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the
Multi-Purpose room.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Julie Brown, Susan Leathers and Madison Muncy | 17 Anna Schmidt |
| 3 Dick & Joan Schlanker Anniv. | 18 Allie Koch and Doug Wallace |
| 4 Theresa Linsley | 19 Anna Lou Walker |
| 5 Marlene Mendenhall | 20 Logan Baker and Ben Mendenhall |
| 6 Seth Butner, Rose Ann Johnson and
Sam & Brooke Schmidt Anniv. | 21 Sharon Carney, Mike Leonard, Mark Truitt
and Matt & Gayla Mattingly Anniv. |
| 8 Roy Ahlbom | 22 Dixie Clapper, Ian Marshall, Charles McBeth
and Nathan Wilson |
| 9 Ernie Esry, Martha Jane Moehle, Richard Schmidt
and Amanda Truitt | 23 Kallie Baker |
| 11 Duane Snyder | 24 Daniel Kauffman and Jeremiah Truitt |
| 12 Diann Brown and Deanna Comstock | 26 Sara Bramer and Tammy Wallace |
| 14 Jeff Linsley and Dick & Bettye Rector Anniv. | 27 Michael Lucas and George & Janice Peyton Anniv. |
| 15 Betty Blomberg | 28 Eric & Robin Riddles Anniv. and
Carl & Clarimae Wood Anniv. |
| 16 Brooke Schmidt and
Spencer & Betty Dwiggin Anniv. | 30 Dakota Bettes and Janice Peyton |

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

JoVaughn Kelly and Family (*the death of
JoVaughn's father*)

Paula Mallett (*friend of Julie Burdin,
cancer*)

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

Haleigh Ridgeway (*Mike Leonard's infant
niece, stage 1 cancer*)

Scott & Jo Schnell (*Lewy Body Disease*)

Gary Schoonover (*possible stroke*)

Debbie Wiggans (*cancer*)

Kidstuff

By Rhonda Linsley

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR K-5 ALIVE!!

K-5 Alive will start Wednesday October 7th from 3-5 p.m. The program will be held every Wednesday that school is in session for children ages Kindergarten – 5th Grade. Registration forms are available in the church office and also on the back table in the Multi-Purpose Room. Forms need to be submitted prior to starting the program. The transportation department at Macon R-1 will allow us up to 15 children on the first bell bus to be dropped off at the church.

This year's program will be 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.

Sunday School Fourth Quarter Attendance Awards

Awards will be presented during the 9:30 service this Sunday to those students who did not miss more than two Sundays during the months of June, July and August.

For the preschool children, ages 4 & 5, the award is a goody bag and the book "God Lights our Way".

The Kindergarten through High School will receive a goody bag, a "God Lights Our Way Activity Book, an Extreme Love Corded Bracelet, and a Books of the Bible Bookmark.

<u>High School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>3rd - 5th Grade</u>	<u>Age 6 – 2nd Grade</u>	<u>Ages 4 - 5</u>
Cara Lee	Kaitlyn Baker	Trever Peyton	Evie Nelson	Kaden Truitt
Jaina Linsley	Madison Baker		Jacob Nelson	
Rheann Linsley	Sheldon Linsley		Kattie Peyton	
			Rayce Truitt	

Our adult classes had two people in the 9:30 Class that missed less than two Sundays, and there were four people in our 10:50 Class that missed less than two Sundays.

If you would like to strengthen your walk with Christ, please join us for Sunday school either at 9:30 or 10:50 a.m. each Sunday in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

We also have some small groups available during the week. That information is available in our weekly bulletins and our monthly newsletters.

Promotion / Youth Sunday Highlights

The children and youth came together on August 30 for a wonderful Promotion and Youth Sunday service. Here you will see the children singing about how Jesus is in their hearts in the song "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" and also about how God lifts us up when we get down in the fast-moving VBS song entitled, "Get Down."



MUMY Connection

By Karen Butner



Youth Sunday

The Children and Youth did a wonderful job leading worship on August 30th! In addition to leading the song service, the youth presented the skit "Set Me Free." The skit demonstrated some of the trials and temptations that our youth face, such as drugs, alcohol, and anger, but that true freedom can only be found in Christ. ... Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Youth Rally 2009

We took a group of 22 youth and adults to the 2nd Annual Youth Rally at Camp Jo Ota on September 12th and 13th. What comes to mind is "WOW!" What an awesome weekend of worship and time with Christ! The Spirit Band, "Finding Bethel" and "Walking Dust" led us in an uplifting time of praise and worship. Shannon Meister challenged the youth on Saturday evening to grow in their love for Christ and to love others like Christ loves us. Our MUMC youth performed the skit "Set Me Free" from Youth Sunday and several youth were moved by the message. Campfire was a time of reflection, youth shared their temptations, praises, and asked for prayers to continue to be on fire for God. Amy Griffin of Springfield MO spoke on Sunday morning and challenged the youth not to



cave into the peer pressure to be one of the "cool" kids. She shared her testimony and personal struggles, really connecting with the youth. The weekend was a blessing not only to the youth, but to the leaders as well. How fortunate we are to have Camp Jo Ota such a short distance away! If you haven't seen the progress on the new dining hall, I encourage you to drive out and take a look. The Youth Rally raised \$12,000 to go towards the Dining Hall Project. What a praise! A big "Thank You" goes out to all who supported the Youth Rally and to the ladies who supplied desserts for our Saturday evening meal. They were so greatly appreciated.

Fundraisers for the new Youth Center

We have a couple of upcoming fundraisers planned for the month of October with the proceeds going toward our new Youth Center. On October 3rd, we will begin to sell flower bulbs for your fall planting. You may place your orders with the youth between October 3rd and October 24th and the bulbs should be ready to deliver during the first week of November.

October 18th is FRAN Sunday at MUMC. Our youth will be auctioning off their services to do yard work, housework, cleaningwell, just about anything! Bidding will begin after the dinner, so stick around, win some youth service.

Upcoming youth events:

October 17 Harlem Swish

October 21 Tour 180

November 7 Trivia Night

See Karen for more information on Upcoming Events or call 385-2896.

Blessings, *Karen Butner*, Director of Youth Ministries

Oktoberfest 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Sunday, October 4th

Ages 8 - 15

**For more information and to register
by October 1st,
please contact Dawn at 385-2156.**

Church Wide Rummage Sale

A Church Wide Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, November 21st from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose building. We will be accepting donated items from November 15th - 20th, which can be left at the church.

NOTES OF SHARING

Scott so appreciated your notes, prayers and thoughtfulness during his illness. The love of a small town community helps sustain us in our time of loss.
Carol Phillips & Family

Dear Dawn and the rest of my friends at Macon UMC,

Thank you so much for including me on your prayer list. I am humbled by the concern and care that has been shown to me since my diagnosis with cancer in December 2007. I asked God to cure me, and that I would endure pain and be patient. I didn't realize how long this would go on and although I have asked to re-negotiate my "deal", (allow me to complain) it has been to no avail. I suppose I'll have to be patient for some time to come.

I had my bladder and prostate (plus a few other miscellaneous parts) removed on April 6, of 2009. They created a new bladder from 2 1/2 feet of my small intestine. Unfortunately, my fascia broke and my new bladder ruptured and was repaired with pig skin. (Ham will never be the same).

After a coma and 79 days in the hospital and nursing home, I am now home. My abdomen looks like a Picasso (I'll let you visualize this for a moment) and I'm wearing hosiery that would make George Washington proud (I really need those black shoes with the very large buckles) and I'm down 65 lbs. with a "reverse hour glass figure" (got that pictured?)

Whatever you may have pictured now, picture this, a smile on my face because at least for now I beat cancer.

Thank you again and Lord's Peace, Michael D. Bentz

Macon UMC Staff: Julius Ketsenburg, Pastor; Dawn Masten, Administrative Assistant; Rhonda Linsley, Director of Children's Ministries; Karen Butner, Director of Youth Ministries; Beth Dixon, Organist; Kari Truitt, Nursery Attendant; Annie Faught, Toddler Room Attendant.

Return Service Requested

