



MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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June 4, 2010 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.

Sunday School

**9:30 a.m. Cornerstone
Adult Sunday School Class
10:50 a.m. Sunday School
for all Ages**

FOOD N' FELLOWSHIP

June Birthday Meal

Wednesday, June 9th at 5:30 p.m.
in the Multi-purpose Room
Hosted by Fellowship Team

Menu:
"Salad Supper"
Ham and Chicken salad will be provided.
Everyone is asked to please bring a salad to share for a big variety

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

Sunday, June 13 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Macon United Methodist Church

Food - Served 11:00 to 4:00 p.m.	
Live Music All Day (Local Area Talent)	
Kid's Games	
Bake Sale	Register To Win \$50 Gift Cards from C&R & Prenger Foods!
Silent Auction	
Church Booth (Free Items)	
Baby Fun - Starts at 1:30 p.m.	
Little Mr. & Miss June Bug (2 & 3 yrs.)	
Little Mr. & Miss June Bride & Groom (4 & 5 yrs.)	
Baby Show (0 - 23 mos.)	

Don't Forget Vacation Bible School

July 26th - 30th
All Kids Welcome
(Preschool through 5th grade)



Great Family Fun!
**Come for Lunch,
Stay for the Day.**

Pastor's Column

Summer Slump?

Lyle Schaller, the church-growth guru, suggests that one strategy for revitalizing a church is to cancel the "summer slump." I wish it were that easy. Reality is that every church I know has a "slump," time. It's just the way it is. It's not a personal thing, neither does it reflect on any facet of the church, or even the staff. It's just the way it is. Schools are out, vacations are planned, there are family reunions, and that makes for people being away on Sunday morning. Hopefully, as you are "out and about" you will find a place to worship. But hey, if summer is a time when the church has more visitors than any other time. Well that is IF Mr. Schaller is correct. Rather than dish out 50 reasons why you should be in your church each Sunday, I'd rather call you to look for those that might be visiting Macon UMC. Let's all be on the watch for a new face, and then let's take the first step to introduce ourselves and learn a little about them. Let's make them feel like they belong here. I never make it a practice to single anyone out by asking all visitors to stand, during a service. (Personally I hate when that's done to me.) But then when someone says, "I'm glad that my new friend Julius is here today," during the sharing of joys, well that's a pretty good feeling. So I invite you to join me and let's really be a welcoming congregation. Should you miss a Sunday because you're visiting, have a good time and return safe and sound, that we may worship our Great God together.

Pastor Julius

Annual Conference will be held June 3rd - 7th!

Please pray that the matters the Missouri Conference deals with and makes decisions on, will be according to God's plan for the Missouri United Methodist Church. Rev. Nadine Thurman will be preaching at all services. Please give her your attendance and attention.

Men's Breakfast

The United Methodist Men will be meeting Sunday, June 6th at 7:15 a.m. in the multi-purpose building for breakfast.

Graduation Celebration!

Please join us in celebration of Caleb Butner's graduation next Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone is invited to attend!!

Dawn's Vacation!

I will be taking my vacation June 7th - June 11th. I will be traveling with Rose and her South Shelby 8th Grade Class on an American History trip to Gettysburg, PA and Washington, DC. Please pray that we have a safe trip!

Serving Team

The Serving Team will meet Monday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

Gift of Presence

The "Gift of Presence" Loss study will meet Monday, June 7th & June 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Sharing Team

The Sharing Team will meet Wednesday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

Commodities Distribution

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

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 | Connie Roebuck | 18 | Sharon Hackman |
| 2 | Cheyne Morrison | 19 | Kaitlyn Baker, Lavon Faught,
Allison Johnston, Willard Mangelsen,
Harry Moehle and Hubert Moehle |
| 3 | Patty Dunn, Paige Morrison
and Sandra DeLarm | 20 | Joe Burks, Stella Burks
and John Gaines |
| 4 | Schuyler Donelson, Alex VanDelft,
Reggie & Debbie Baker Anniv. And
David & Rose Ann Johnson Anniv. | 21 | Tiffany Webster and
Arnie & Karen Shearer Anniv. |
| 5 | Justin & Jennifer Ludwig Anniv. and
Bob & Marilyn Schoonover Anniv. | 22 | Tel Dye and
Hubert & Helen Moehle Anniv. |
| 6 | Alan & Donna Spencer Anniv. | 24 | Madison Baker,
Dan & Sara Bramer Anniv. and
David & Dawn Masten Anniv. |
| 9 | Allison Pollard and Kerri Trumper | 25 | Gayla Mattingly, Ruth Meisner,
Nathan See and
Walt & Suzy Thompson Anniv. |
| 10 | Mary Margaret Ralston and
Scott & Julie Burdin Anniv. | 27 | Rebekah Donelson, Michael Tipton
and Joe & Merlyn Amidei Anniv. |
| 11 | Hugh & Peg Dunn Anniv. | 28 | Grant Gabriel |
| 12 | Greg & Jenny Gabriel Anniv. | 30 | Abigail Rehard and
George & Dorothy Morgan Anniv. |
| 14 | Chris Nelson and
Scott & Kathy Nelson Anniv. | | |
| 15 | Morgyn Brinkman and Greg Gabriel | | |
| 16 | Michael Vanderham and
Nick & Leslie Muncy Anniv. | | |
| 17 | Geneva Eymann | | |

Ad Council

Ad Council will meet Wednesday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

UNITY SERVICE

June 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Mark your calendar and be sure to be present.
No Sunday School or Children's Church.

Family Fun Fest Bake Sale

Family Fun Festival will soon be here. We need lots of donated goodies for the bake sale. Items that sell the best are homemade breads, pies, and cookies, but all homemade goodies are needed. Please bring your baked goods to the Multi-Purpose Room at the church when you come for worship on Sunday, June 13th. Hope to see you there. Thank you for your continued support of the Macon UMC and the mission team. Betty Vancil

Family Fun Fest Reminder!

For anyone planning to donate an item/basket for the Family Fun Fest Silent Auction, please contact Dawn at the church (385-2156) or Diann Brown (385-3986). Please have your items to the church by June 11th with your name and approximate value (to help us determine an appropriate starting bid) attached. Thanks!

Sharing Team Fundraiser

The Sharing Team is currently hosting two catalogue fundraisers. They are with Pampered Chef and Tupperware. They will also have booths at the Family Fun Fest and are donating to the silent auction. If you are interested, please contact JoVaughn Kelly at 395-3929 or 591-5022.

“God’s Little Garden” at Loch Haven Needs Your Help!

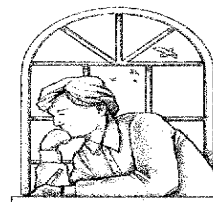
One of the Serving Team's community service projects is planting and taking care of flowers in the garden area outside the special care unit at Loch Haven Nursing Home. Since this is an on-going project from Spring until Fall, people are needed for watering, weeding, and removing dead blossoms. This plant care can be done anytime of the day, any day of the week, 15 - 30 minutes of time is all that's needed. If your kids or grandkids are bored, with “nothing to do,” bring them to Loch Haven to pull a few weeds and/or water the plants. If you visit someone at Loch Haven, spend an extra 15 minutes in the special care garden cutting off dead blossoms. If you live near Loch Haven, stop by on your way home from work and water the plants. If you would like to help the Serving Team with this project, please contact Kathy Vivian at 385-7494 or let Dawn know. Thank you, Kathy Vivian

School of Lay Ministry (SOLM), July 23-25, Central Methodist Univ.

The SOLM this year features Tom Albin, Dean of the Upper Room, a great opportunity for our laity and for our congregations. The course is entitled, "Transforming Congregations through Spiritual Formation in the Wesleyan Tradition." It is the intention of the course to provide the tools to implement or supplement small group ministries in our congregations.

I would recommend that first, you encourage your lay speakers and lay leaders to attend and prior to the course to meet with your lay speakers to set expectations, then again after they return to meet and find out if the products lived up to their billing. If so, you may want to plan to work with your lay speakers and lay leadership to implement or supplement your small group ministries in the fall or spring.

We know from our heritage that small groups foster spiritual formation and connection to mission, but we search for means to effectively implement them. This may be a great opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Matson, Director of Lay Speaking Ministries, rmatson573@aol.com or 573-529-1210.



In our
thoughts
& prayers

Mildred Chaney (*Julia Chaney's mother, breast cancer*)

Ella Mae Craig (*friend of Jessie Shackelford, stroke*)

Dick DeWitt (*cancer, chemo treatments*)

Gorden Haefner (*Rhonda Linsley's father, surgery*)

Jane Lane (*fell and broke hip*)

David Marino (*friend of Scott Nelson*)

Ginger Mattingly (*recovering from brain surgery*)

Martha McDowell (*cancer*)

Military separated from their families

Hubert Moehle (*cancer treatments*)

Jeff Rich (*liver transplant*)

Jo Schnell (*LBD*), Scott Schnell (*caregiver*)

Tim Seward (*friend of Katie Sue Bruno*)

Duane Snyder (*recovering from surgery*)

Debbie Wiggins (*praise cancer in remission*)

Don Wilgus (*cancer*)

M.U.M.Y. CONNECTION

By Karen Butner



2010 Glenn and Gladys Evans Endowment Scholarships

The Macon United Methodist Church is privileged to offer a scholarship bequeathed from Glenn and Gladys Evans. The Glenn and Gladys Evans Endowment Scholarship is for students attending trade school, technical school, associate or bachelor degree programs and those attending a United Methodist seminary school.

Any student who has graduated from high school or received an equivalent diploma such as the GED, and who is a member of the Macon United Methodist Church, is eligible for this scholarship. Each candidate is considered by the Scholarship Team on an individual basis. The student must be an active participant of the Macon UMC, such as active attendance in worship, Sunday School and Youth Group. Good citizenship and character are also vital.

Our 2010 Glenn and Gladys Evans Endowment Scholarships have been awarded to Kari Truitt, Sarah Tucker and Caleb Butner. Congratulations!!!

Upcoming June Events:

Friday, June 11: Crossover Christian Music Festival in Camdenton, MO

Sunday, June 13: Family Fun Festival 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Youth will be helping with games. Please see Julie Burdin or Karen Butner to sign up!!

Youth will also be assisting with clean up.

Sunday, June 20: Father's Day - No Youth Group so youth may spend the day with their fathers.

Sunday, June 27: Youth Group at Long Branch Lake 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

We will have a cook out, devotion, swimming and boating at the lake.

Please see Karen to sign up so we can plan enough food!

Wednesday, June 30 - COLLEGE AGE COOKOUT at the Butner's house!

Time: 6:30 p.m.

What to bring: Bible

Where: 27168 Kellogg Ave. Call 346-8571 if you need directions

NOTES OF SHARING

Dear Macon UMC Men,

Thank you for the breakfast, the book and the words of wisdom. It's nice to know my church family is praying for me as I go on to college.

Caleb Butner

I would like to thank the Macon United Methodist Men for the awesome breakfast, the book "Start Here" and especially all the good advice. I also want to thank my church family for all the prayers & good wishes. The Bible & Scholarship are just added bonuses. I will put all to good use.

In Christ's Love, Kari Truitt

Kidstuff

By Rhonda Linsley

Canopies Needed for Family Fun Festival

If you own a canopy that could be used for the Family Fun Festival on June 13th, please call Rhonda at (660) 651-1613 or drop your canopy off at the church office. These are needed to provide shade from the sun. We will again use cement blocks that will be tied to the legs to hold them secure. Please write your name on your canopy and the canopy bag with masking tape or marker, and Rhonda will be sure you get it back asap.

Elementary Sunday School – Current Status

Rhonda is giving glory to God for several who have agreed to teach Sunday School for our three elementary classrooms. However, we are still in need of MORE teachers. As of right now, we have preschool taken care of for the summer and following school year. We have a 2-member team stepping up to the plate in the K-2nd Grade classroom for June, July and August. We are still looking for others to fill in for the Sept-Oct-Nov, Dec-Jan-Feb and Mar-April-May quarters in that classroom. We have two husband and wife teams lined up to teach for two quarters in Grades 3rd-5th Grade (June-July-Aug and Sept-Oct-Nov). We need more people to consider teaching a quarter in our middle and upper elementary classrooms.

With a church the size of ours, we should not expect the same teachers to teach for an entire year. Please pray that more people will seek God's will and use His guidance to step forth and get involved in our children & youth ministries. Please consider what you may have to offer in leading our children in their walk with God.

Sunday School Attendance Awards

Third quarter attendance awards will be given out Sunday, June 13th during the 9:30 Unity service for the months of March, April and May. To qualify for an attendance award, students cannot miss more than two Sundays in a three-month quarter. We have 27 students receiving awards, with four of these students having perfect attendance for the quarter. The honorees are as follows:

High School: Caleb Butner, Jaina Linsley, Rheeann Linsley, CeCe Rucker

Middle School: Sheldon Linsley, McKenna Nelson, Clint Shannon

3rd – 5th Grade: Allyson Bramer, Josh Fink, Kattie Peyton, Trevor Peyton

K – 2nd Grade: Dakota Bettes, Audree Butner, Emilee Butner, Gracee Butner, Levi Butner, Will Butner, Zach Fink, Jacob Nelson, Kaden Truitt, Rayce Truitt, Tryston Wilhite

Ages 4-5: Jacob Bettes, Isaac Kauffman, Elise Nelson

Toddler Room: Zachary Faught

Nursery: Kari Truitt

Want to go back in time? Become part of Bible history?



Join us for a week of exciting Bible learning at the Jerusalem Marketplace VBS during the week of July 26-30, from 6-8:30 p.m. This fun, hands-on, Bible-times village is going to be AWESOME!

Each day your family can become part of history as they see, hear, touch and even taste what it was like to live in Bible times! You'll explore authentic marketplace shops, become students in synagogue school, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about life when Jesus walked the earth. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate.

Families will join together to form small tribal families—one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Jerusalem Marketplace is great fun for children ages preschool through 5th grade. The teenagers and adults also will enjoy the experience of Jerusalem. It will be like taking a family vacation...without leaving town. Please plan on joining us.

We will need volunteers in the following areas: Opening and Closing Gathering Leader, Drama Team, Tribe Leaders and helpers, Shopkeepers who will lead us in crafts, Village Playground Leader, Synagogue School Rabbi, Snack coordinator/organizer, Nursery care supervisor, Photographer(s), and Decorating Committee.

Attendance and Offering Summary

Weekly Average for May	2009	2010	Year To Date Average	2009	2010
Worship Attendance	<u>191.80</u>	<u>202.60</u>	Worship Attendance	<u>205.36</u>	<u>208.59</u>
Sunday School	<u>70.75</u>	<u>68.50</u>	Sunday School	<u>80</u>	<u>64.9</u>
Offering	<u>\$3,874.67</u>	<u>\$5,349.22</u>	Offering	<u>\$4,095.63</u>	<u>\$5,377.20</u>



May's Birthday Food n' Fellowship was held May 12th. The meal was a success thanks to Matt & Jamie Kauffman. Those pictured celebrated their birthdays in May.



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.

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