



# MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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October 1, 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**

## **Renewal with John Riley**

**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Service at 6:00 p.m.**

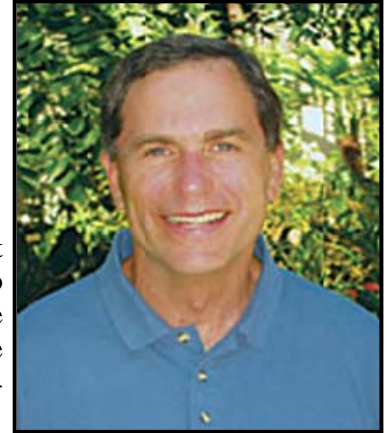
**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Unity Service**

**at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Service at 6:00 p.m.**

**COME JOIN US AND BE BLESSED**

As a Christian motivational speaker and humorist John reaches thousands each year to enable them to keep God in focus. His teachings have spanned the globe, encompassing 22 countries and totaling more than 10,500 messages over the course of nearly 4 decades.



*Carry in-lunch follows...The church will furnish the meat for a carry-in meal following Sunday School. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish and enjoy a time of good food and good fellowship.*

*We planning on a large crowd at this event and would appreciate your participation (if you could let Judy Headley or Janice Peyton know what you plan to bring), it would help us fill in the "gaps"). Janice Peyton*

*Following the October 31<sup>st</sup> evening Renewal Service, the Children & Youth Team will be hosting a Bible Costume Contest & Bible Stories with Treats. Everyone is invited to attend!! Karen Butner*

## ***Macon United Methodist Church Annual***

# **Rummage Sale**

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

## **7 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

You may start dropping off your items beginning Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> until Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> by 1:00 p.m. If you are available to help sort/set up, please contact Kathy Vivian 385-7494, Diann Brown 385-3986 or Ginger Mattingly 385-5637. There will be opportunities to help during the weekdays, or evenings Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also need helpers the day of the sale, especially "muscle" help with the clean up. Thanks!

## *Pastor's Column*

### **Essentials of Christian Leadership**

When we think of leadership there's many things that come to mind. It may be, however, when we return to the basics of Christian leadership, there are only three essentials. Many focus on a single aspect of leadership; while others attempt to apply many skills. While this can be a good thing, it seems to me that three things emerge as being distinctive for the Christian who wants to be a God-honoring leader. From where I sit, leadership success is the result of a leader's **commitment**, his/her personal **character**, and the extent to which the leader has real **compassion** for those around him/her. **Commitment:** Those who framed our U.S. Constitution were committed to bringing forth a more perfect union. That goal was held in their vision and they gave themselves to it with a burning passion. Then there is Martin Luther, who felt so strongly about the state of the church in 1517 that he risked all to post his 95 Thesis on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. **Next there is character** which I define as who you are when everyone's looking AND when no one's looking. One's character actually tells the story of who they are. Stephen Covey wrote of this principle in *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* when he said, "The real key to your influence with me is your example, your actual conduct. Your example flows naturally out of your character." Perhaps we've all heard the expression: "What you do speaks so loud, I can't hear what you say." **Compassion:** Peter Scholtes writes in *The Leader's Handbook*, "Where relationships are formed and sustained, leadership occurs." Jesus demonstrated this time and again in his work with his disciples. It was all about relationship—encouraging, sharing, loving, teaching, and when necessary, rebuking. But even the latter was acceptable because the disciples knew that Jesus cared greatly about them. His rebuke was for their growth and development. As we establish our leadership for 2011 through Charge Conference, it is my prayer that we each will take seriously the call of God, to a specific ministry of His Church through Macon UMC, for the cause of Christ among us.

*Pastor Julius*

## **Men's Breakfast**

The United Methodist Men will be meeting Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 a.m. in the multi-purpose building for breakfast.

## **SPRC Meeting**

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will meet Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the 10:50 worship service in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

## **Gift of Presence**

The "Gift of Presence" Loss study will meet Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

## **Serving Team Meeting**

The Serving Team will meet Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center.

## **Children & Youth Meeting**

The Children & Youth Team will meet Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

## **Clarence Methodist Men's Whole Hog BBQ Dinner**

The Clarence United Methodist Men will have a Whole Hog BBQ with Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls & Dessert, and Drinks on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Clarence United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Come at 5:00 p.m. and join in on our new Contemporary Worship Service in the church sanctuary. Flame Ministries praise band will lead our service. Proceeds to benefit the Children & Youth Camp Fees.

## **Mini-Festival of Sharing**

The Mini-Festival of Sharing will be held October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Multi-Purpose Room from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

## **October Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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|--|---|
| 1 Julie Brown, Susan Leathers and Madison Muncy                    | 17 Anna Schmidt and John & Kim Strange Anniv.                                 |
| 3 Dick & Joan Schlanker Anniv.                                     | 18 Allie Koch, Doug Wallace and James Webster                                 |
| 4 Theresa Linsley  | 19 Anna Lou Walker  |
| 5 Marlene Mendenhall   | 20 Logan Baker, Ben Mendenhall and Sarah Moore                                |
| 6 Seth Butner, Rose Ann Johnson and Sam & Brooke Schmidt Anniv.    | 21 Sharon Carney, Mike Leonard, Mark Truitt and Matt & Gayla Mattingly Anniv. |
| 7 Ronda Olson  | 22 Dixie Clapper, Ian Marshall and Charles McBeth                             |
| 8 Roy Ahlbom   | 23 Kallie Baker   |
| 9 Ernest Esry, Richard Schmidt and Amanda Truitt                   | 24 Daniel Kauffman and Jeremiah Truitt  |
| 10 Leah Davis  | 25 Anthony & Michelle Ferguson Anniv.   |
| 11 Duane Snyder  | 26 Sara Bramer and Tammy Wallace  |
| 12 Diann Brown and Deanna Comstock                                 | 27 John Meisner and George & Janice Peyton Anniv.                             |
| 14 Jeff Linsley and Dick & Bettye Rector Anniv.                    | 28 Eric & Robin Riddles Anniv. and Carl & Clarimae Wood Anniv.                |
| 15 Betty Blomberg  | 30 Dakota Bettes and Janice Peyton  |
| 16 Brooke Schmidt, John Strange and Spencer & Betty Dwiggin Anniv. | 31 Scotty Janes   |

**OCT. 13...Wed. Evening Meal (5:30) Hosted by the Fellowship team.**

**\* Spaghetti, Bread sticks, Salad & Vanilla/chocolate Crème dessert.**



**BIBLICAL CHARACTER**  
**COSTUME CONTEST FOLLOWS...**  
**Categories—Children, Youth & Adult –**  
**Come join the fun & prizes! Janice Peyton**

## Sharing Team

The Sharing Team will meet Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room. The Sharing Team will be doing labels for our mass mailing with a meeting to follow. Anyone is welcome to help with labeling.

## MISSION TRIP

Pastor Julius will be on a mission trip to Oklahoma October 10-15, with several others from Macon UMC and community. We'll be doing work with and for the Cherokee Nation as we share the love of Jesus Christ. Larry DeSpain will be covering for me during this time. Feel free to call him at the Clarence parsonage 660-699-3743. Also, Chris Nelson will be filling the pulpit on Sunday. Please be present and give Chris your full attention. Also, pray for this mission trip, that we will accomplish what needs to be accomplished and be able to share the Love of Jesus Christ.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Heads up, everyone – it's Charge Conference time at Macon UMC. Our date is October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. This is a GREAT time to show the strength of the local church to the new D.S. Additionally, Dale will be meeting with the SPRC members at 12:30. The actual Charge Conference usually only last about 20 minutes. A short time of information sharing by the D.S. will follow. So the entire conference should be under 1 hour. Please mark the date and time now and make plans to be here. It is always easier to get information first hand, than through the interpretation of someone else. Please remember those persons taking office will come on board Nov. 1, 2010. This allows those new to the teams/boards to get on board so as to know what's going on, rather than being initiated by fire. Chairpersons are asked to co-chair till January 1. At that time all will assume full responsibility for their area of ministry. **See you October 17!**

## Volunteers Needed for Macon Oats Committee

Macon County Oats needs volunteers for their support Volunteer Support Committee. Anyone interested is invited to attend the Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held in the Fellowship Center at 10:00 a.m.

## Commodities Distribution

Commodities Distribution will be held Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers needed!

## Ad Council

Ad Council will meet Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

## Bible Basics Sunday School Class

The Bible Basics Sunday School Class meets in the Library at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday morning. This is a study in the scriptures to relate the basic Bible truths, while nurtures us to grow spiritually in relation to our present knowledge and experience. All are welcome as we grow together. Nadine Thurman

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Pearl Andrews

The Family of Donna Brassner  
*(friend of JoVaughn Kelly)*

The Family of Grant Hunter  
Brassner *(10 month old grandson  
of Donna Brassner)*

Nancy Brennan

The Family of Harold Leon Brown  
*(friend of Kathy Vivian)*

Wayne Clarke *(friend of Bobbi Lucas,  
extensive injuries from a fall)*

College Students going off to school  
and beginning classes

Military separated from their families  
Law Enforcement

The Family of Ernest Hendricks  
*(Dawn Masten's neighbor)*

Baby Lee *(Betty DeWitt's nephew, 1  
month old with infection)*

Rose Ann Masten *(Dawn's mother-in-  
law, recovering from hip  
replacement surgery)*

Those in Prison

Lisa Roacha *(friend of Marilyn  
Schoonover)*

Kelley Rogers

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

Tim Seward *(Josh Seward's brother,  
health issues & depression)*

Hubie Slagle *(friend of Wanda Grimm,  
complications from cystic fibrosis)*

The Family of Dorothy Tainter

Richard Walker *(friend of Sue Wynne,  
terminal cancer)*

Cody Watson

Mary Webb *(sister-in-law of Kathy  
Vivian, health issues)*

The Family of Bram Williams *(friend  
of Roscoe Rucker)*

Gloria Winkler *(friend of Becky Lang,  
in Samaritan Hospital)*



## Nicaragua Homes

The Bologna/Hot Dog Nicaragua Fundraiser raised \$650 towards the construction of 2 homes for families in need. Approximately 27 people had a great time of fellowship on a beautiful day. These homes are not given free but rather the qualifying family repays the loan. The house that becomes a home is 20x20 feet. Can you imagine a family of even four living in that size home? Many homes in the United States have family rooms larger than this. Thank you to everyone who have contributed to the very worthwhile mission.

## Dawn Attended a Two Day Workshop!

Dawn Masten, Administrative Assistant, attended a two day workshop called "Creative Worship/Design Matters" by Midnight Oil Productions September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> in Columbia, MO. The first day I learned how worship can be an unforgettable experience. They taught us how to enhance a worship service with taste, touch, hearing and most importantly sight. People remember more when they see visuals of a sermon and the rest of the senses enhance the experience. We live in a pop cultural world now and we need to up our worship a notch. We need to make sure not only do they hear the Word but experience it as well.

The second day I learned the digital side of an enhanced worship service. I learned about graphics and how to do an impressive powerpoint background that would tie in to the message that day. I also learned how to use video clips and how important they are.

It's my hope that we, as a church, can use what I have learned and apply it to our worship service experience and see how we can also have an awesome worship.

***Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone.  
~G.B. Stern***

## Camp Jo-Ota Dedication Ceremony

Camp Jo-Ota staff and Dining Hall Planning Board are excited about the completion of the new Dining Hall at Camp Jo-Ota. We are very thankful for the generous support we have received since starting this effort 2 years ago. We are proud of this beautiful facility. It will help provide many opportunities for us to meet our mission; **“To help congregations lead people to actively follow Jesus Christ.”**

Now comes the time that we have been looking forward to with great anticipation. We would like to welcome you on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 A.M. to Camp Jo-Ota for our official Dedication Ceremony with lunch to follow. We are pleased to have as our guest, Bishop Robert Schnase.

## Kidstuff

By Rhonda Linsley

### **K-5 Alive Starting October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Rhonda Linsley and Karen Butner are anxiously preparing for our “K-5 Alive” Wednesday after-school program here at Macon UMC for the 2010-2011 school year. The program for Kindergartens through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will start on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and run through April 27, 2011.

All participants **MUST** be registered prior to starting in our program. A registration form, Policy & Procedures and permission slip are available at the church office. If you have friends or neighbors who may also be interested in our program, forms may be picked up at the church office from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Macon R-1 School’s transportation department is not able to accommodate us this year as in the past, so parents will need to make arrangements for their own transportation. Rhonda Linsley will be available only for those students who do not have a possible way to the church. Only one trip to the school for 1<sup>st</sup> bell students at 2:55 p.m. will be made. If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> bell student” and are unable to find transportation to the church, please contact Rhonda Linsley to see what can be arranged.

The program will run from **3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** Please do not drop your children off and leave without going inside to see that we have sufficient supervision. Please enter through the red door into the Fellowship Center on the west side of the building. If school is canceled due to inclement weather or if school is let out early for any other reason, there will be no K-5 Alive. Also, please remember, if your child will not be attending K-5 Alive on a particular Wednesday, you are responsible for contacting the school and Rhonda Linsley (651-1613) of your child’s absence.

Pick-up time is from 5:00 to 5:15 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SS Room. It’s the corner classroom in the education wing hallway. You again will enter the building through the red door on the west side of the building. Please be courteous and on time as volunteers for K-5 Alive have families and other commitments to tend to. If you plan on attending a Wednesday evening meal at the church, your child must still be retrieved from K-5 Alive staff by 5:15 p.m. Children will not be allowed to wait for their parents/guardian in the gym.

We will be using VeggieTales Kids’ Worship curriculum “Wild Bible Adventures.” The Bible lessons cover the lives of Joseph and Paul. The engaging lessons will lead the children on wild Bible adventures from Joseph being sold by his own brothers to Paul’s terrifying shipwreck. Each lesson delves deeply into the truths of Scripture for serious learning that’s seriously fun! Participants will enjoy puppet skits and video clips, interactive Bible stories, Bible verses and prayer and a closing challenge where the children will be asked “What did you learn today that will change the way you live this week?”

If anyone has an interest in helping with this ministry program, please contact Rhonda at the church office.

### **Sunday School Quarterly Attendance Awards**

Fourth quarter attendance awards for the summer months were presented to 24 students on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly awards were presented to those students who did not miss more than two Sundays in Sunday School during the months of June, July & August. Parents, please be reminded that if you are traveling and attending church and SS in another church, please let Rhonda know by bringing her a church bulletin or emailing her when that occurs and she will indicate that in our computer system.

The award this quarter was a glow-in-the-dark tumbler with the phrase “Light the Night with Jesus” on it and filled with sweet goodies. It also had this verse printed on it, “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of Light. Ephesians 5:8.” Those with perfect attendance also received a certificate of recognition for attending every Sunday during the quarter.

# Safe Sanctuaries Certification

The congregation of the Macon United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment of all persons, (children, youth and volunteers) who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. Our approved Safe Sanctuaries Policy is posted in each of our Sunday School Classrooms and on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Center, as well as on our website at [www.maconumc.org](http://www.maconumc.org). Anyone working with our children and youth are asked to either attend a Safe Sanctuaries Certification training class or take the training on-line at [www.moumethodist.org](http://www.moumethodist.org). The certification fee is now \$25 per person for online certification. **Please mark your calendars for November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 - noon.** Dawn Masten and Rhonda Linsley will be providing a training session in the Cornerstone Conference Room. Any youth who help in our Toddler Room or Nursery programs are required to take the training upon turning 15 years old. Anyone working with children or youth are required to have this training also. The whole point of the Safe Sanctuaries policy is to be pro-active as we become aware of warning signs.

Our policy addresses numerous issues to provide a safe place of protection to all in our church building. This is a reminder to everyone that any church-sponsored activity involving children or youth meeting at the church must ensure that there are two adults present and that children 0-18 years old should be supervised. Let's do all that we can to be the "safe-house" God wants us to be. Let's be sure we are open and inviting to everyone.

***Psalm 61:3 (The Message)** "You've always given me breathing room, a place to get away from it all. A lifetime pass to your safe-house, an open invitation as your guest. You've always taken me seriously, God, made me welcome among those who know and love you."*

## NOTES OF SHARING

**Dear Church Family,**

I want to thank the Macon United Methodist Church for the educational scholarship awarded to me. I am happy to announce that I will graduate October 30, 2010 with an associate degree in culinary arts from Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Sincerely, Ryan Mathes**

Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recovery from surgery. A church family is such a blessing, sharing their encouragement and concerns.

**Nadine Thurman**

**Dear Macon UMC,**

Thank you so much for letting our ministry use your facility this past weekend for our New Student Retreat. Your church is so generous to let us come. We really appreciate the opportunity to get to know the new faces in the Flame Ministries and your church is such a great area to do such a thing. Thanks again!

**Heather Wikowsky, Flame Ministries**

**Dear Friends,**

You are the ones who are constantly sending out words of love and support to so many throughout our community. I just want you to know that you are appreciated! As one who has been on the receiving end of your ministry, I thank you. You do make a big difference.

**Much love, Sheila Olson**

Thanks for sharing your church with us. We sure enjoyed using your great kitchen in July and August to prepare the Food 4 Kids' lunches and store all of our "stuff." Your generosity allowed us to help those in need.

**Food 4 Kids Volunteers**

***I was hungry, and you gave me eat;...Matthew 25:35***

Thank you for the cookie donations for our New District Superintendent Celebration. It was a huge success!

**JoVaughn Kelly**

# M.U.M.Y. CONNECTION

By Karen Butner



2010 Camp Jo Ota Youth Rally

2010  
Camp  
Jo-Ota  
Youth  
Rally



"TEAM EXTREME" from Kansas City, MO

We had a group of 24 youth & adults attend the Youth Rally on September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. "Spirit Camp Band," "Metamorphosis Camp Band" & "Never Blue Avenue" led us in praise & worship. The "Team Extreme" from Kansas City was the main speakers. They gave a challenging message from creation through the resurrection using feats of strength as object lessons. We were challenged to be bold & mighty warriors for Christ, living our entire lives for Christ- not just our Sunday mornings. Camp fire is a time for everyone to share their feelings & experiences with the group. What a joy to hear our youth share their testimonies!

## The Tour 180 in Marceline, MO

We took a group of 12 youth & adults to Marceline on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for The Tour 180. Worship was led by Christian bands "Made Avail" "Sixteen Cities" & "Remedy Drive." The bands shared a part of their personal testimonies during worship & it was very uplifting to see young adults committed to sharing the gospel through music to youth. Speaker Mike Smith shared his story of coming to Christ during the terminal illness of his father. He challenged us to step outside our comfort zones & reach out to the lost. The event was FREE & we were blessed to have it in such a close location to Macon!



Mike Smith & "Remedy Drive"

Whitney Skirvin, Rose Masten, Megan Butner,  
Cheyenne Morrison, Bailey Lake, Paige Morrison

## Loch Haven Service Project

We will meet at Loch Haven Nursing Home at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to prepare the flower garden for fall. Youth may be picked up at 6:00 p.m.

## Youth Group

WHO: 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students or upper age limit of 19 by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year

WHAT: Worship lead by the Youth Praise Band, Bible study/devotion, Games, Snack

WHEN: Sunday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 4:20 p.m., so no early drop offs please!)

WHERE: Macon UMC Youth Center & Multi Purpose Room

New this year - attendance awards will be given to students not missing more than 2 Youth Group nights in a quarter. They will be recognized at the same time Sunday School attendance awards are given.

## UPCOMING M.U.M.Y. EVENT: FALL FLING!!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

LOTS OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP..... INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!

# Attendance and Offering Summary

| Weekly Average for August | 2009              | 2010              | Year To Date Average | 2009              | 2010              |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Attendance        | <u>195.00</u>     | <u>188.50</u>     | Worship Attendance   | <u>202.56</u>     | <u>201.08</u>     |
| Sunday School             | <u>62.25</u>      | <u>61.25</u>      | Sunday School        | <u>65.60</u>      | <u>56.70</u>      |
| Offering                  | <u>\$5,095.38</u> | <u>\$5,704.89</u> | Offering             | <u>\$4,267.46</u> | <u>\$5,332.72</u> |

Macon UMC Staff: Julius Ketsenburg, Pastor; 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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