



# MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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September 30, 2011 Monthly Newsletter

**Our Mission --**  
*The Mission of the Macon United Methodist Church is to share the love of Christ.*

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*We offer two worship opportunities on Sunday. Each service has its own special character.*

**Traditional**  
at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary...is a full traditional service using hymns and liturgy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages

**Contemporary**  
at 10:45 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room....is a contemporary service where praise songs are led by the Up lifters praise band and singers. Multimedia supports the entire service. Children's Church is available for children ages 4 through third grade during the sermon.

*Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is a Unity Service at 9:30 a.m.*



## United Methodist Men's **Ham & Bean and Soup Dinner**

Serving

- ♦ Ham & Beans
- ♦ Soup
- ♦ Sandwiches
- ♦ Dessert
- ♦ Drinks

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**in the Multi-Purpose Room**

*Proceeds go for community and church projects.*



## Macon United Methodist Church Annual **Fall Rummage Sale**

**Friday, November 11**

**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 12**

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

Questions or to sign up, call Ginger Mattingly 385-5637 email [ginger.bones@gmail.com](mailto:ginger.bones@gmail.com), Diann Brown 385-3986 [rascal1@cvalley.net](mailto:rascal1@cvalley.net), Kathy Vivian 385-7494. Proceeds to support Missions.

## *Pastor's Column*

### **Inventory/Evaluation**

Every pastor in the United Methodist Church has a yearly time of evaluation. For many if not most there are multiple evaluations each year. It's part of the process of the District and Conference to help all UMC pastors stay focused on ministry and prelude future problems. While I always dread the process, I have resigned myself that it does have value. Then too perhaps there is value in each of us doing an evaluation of our spiritual lives. Let's think together what this might look like.

At my annual evaluations, there are a variety of questions, I'm to write answers and be prepared to defend. So some questions pertaining to one's spiritual life might be:

- ◆ Am I allowing Jesus or my personal desires to shape my motives?
- ◆ Is this desire in me a passion that will enlarge God's Kingdom, or my cool idea?
- ◆ Are my motives shaped as I study God's Word, or does God's Word conflict with what I think?
- ◆ Am I doing what I do because I love Jesus, or because I want to rule my life?
- ◆ Do I do what I do to get attention from others or for affirmation from my Father in Heaven?

**Ephesians 5:15-16** (The Message) "Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It's a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ."

*Pastor Julius*

### **Men's Breakfast**

The United Methodist Men will be meeting this coming Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 a.m. in the multi-purpose building for breakfast.

### **Gift of Presence**

The "Gift of Presence" Support Group will meet Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

### **C&Y Team Meeting**

The Children & Youth Team will meet Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

### **Serving Team Meeting**

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

### **Mini-Festival of Sharing**

The Mini-Festival of Sharing will be held Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Macon UMC is the drop off point for the Mark Twain District. Thank you for your support to the church and the Festival of Sharing. Our goal for Macon UMC is 20 of each kit. With your help we can make this goal.

### **Praise Dance**

Praise Dancers will be starting soon! Praise Dance practice will be held on Mondays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will be working on a praise dance for Christmas. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Megan Pollard 385-1499 or 676-5445.

## **October Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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| 1 Julie Brown, Susan Leathers and Madison Muncy                    | 17 Anna VanDelft and John & Kim Strange Anniv.                                   |
| 3 Richard & Joan Schlanker Anniv.                                  | 18 Allie Koch and Doug Wallace   |
| 4 Theresa Linsley  | 19 Anna Lou Walker   |
| 5 Ryan Crooks and 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 Matthew & Gayla Mattingly Anniv. |
| 7 Ronda Olson  | 22 Dixie Clapper   |
| 8 Roy Ahlbom   | 23 Kallie Baker and Ann Blodgett   |
| 9 Ernest Esry, Richard Schmidt and Amanda Truitt                   | 24 Daniel Kauffman and Jeremiah Truitt   |
| 11 Duane Snyder  | 25 Anthony & Michelle Ferguson Anniv.  |
| 12 Diann Brown and Deanna Comstock                                 | 26 Sara Bramer and Tammy Wallace   |
| 14 Jeffrey Linsley and Dick & Bettye Rector Anniv.                 | 27 John Meisner and George & Janice Peyton Anniv.                                |
| 15 Betty Blomberg  | 28 Carl & Clarimae Wood Anniv.   |
| 16 Brooke Schmidt, John Strange and Spencer & Betty Dwigins Anniv. | 30 Dakota Bettes and Janice Peyton   |
|  | 31 Scotty Janes  |

## Charge Conference

October 9<sup>th</sup> Macon UMC will host Charge Conference “cluster” style. Atlanta, Bethlehem, LaPlata, Mt. Zion and Macon UMC, will all come to the Macon UMC, Multi-purpose room on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to do the business of the annual Charge Conference. During this time all officers will be appointed into office, budgets and salaries will be set and largely the mission of the church will be cast for the coming year. It is a most important time in the church and every person holding an office is expected, even obligated to be present. Additionally, every member could learn the working of the UMC by being present. The “cluster conference” will be held under the authority of the District Superintendent Dale Stone. This year Dale has requested each church share; “how it carried out the mission of Christ in the previous year.” There will be a time of refreshments and sharing in a comfortable setting.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. and plan to attend.

## Cookie Donations Needed

Cookie donations are needed for the October 9<sup>th</sup> Cluster Charge Conference. If you would like to donate cookies contact JoVaughn Kelly at 395-3929 or sign on the Sunday morning attendance sheet. Please indicate how many dozen you will be donating.

## Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for a staff training workshop in Columbia.

## Sharing Team Meeting

The Sharing Team will meet Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference Room.

## Commodities Distribution

Commodities Distribution will be held Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers needed!

## Ad Council Meeting

Ad Council will meet Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conf. Room.

## Unity Service

There will be a Unity Service on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School.

## Sunday Worship Service

Coming to your Church on November 6 Sunday Evening Worship!!! Starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, there will be a very informal time of Worship. Music will be provided by the Sunday Evening Praise Team. Mark your calendar, tell a neighbor or friend and be sure to tell someone who has trouble getting here on Sunday morning.

## Chairs

Would you serve the church by helping set up chairs? We're building a list of people to set up chairs for Sunday Worship. If you would serve as a “back up” when Shane Truitt cannot do this, please put a check in the Sunday morning attendance sheet. Thank You!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Bruce (*friend of Duane Snyder, illness*)

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Carl Donahue (*friend of Bill Clapper, back surgery*)

Kathy Epperson (*Diann Brown's aunt, cancer*)

Jen Haverfield

Dorothy Kruel

Lisa Gentleman-Hogg (*Megan Pollard's aunt, cancer*)

Mike Griffis (*God's Peace*)

George Lair (*Nomad working at Camp Jo-Ota, fell and broke his hip*)

T.G. Maddox (*God's Peace*)

Jo Schnell (*LBD*)

Eddie Shomaker (*Brenda Cole's ex-husband, stage 4 lung cancer*)

Lee Walker (*friend of Bill Clapper, serious neck surgery*)

Angie Weber (*friend of Megan Pollard, cancer*)

Lanie Watkins (*friend of Mike Leonard, 2 yr. old with brain & spine cancer*)

Jennifer Wilson (*stage 4 appendix cancer*)

Helen Wiedeman (*friend of Sue Wynne, surgery*)

Velma Vivian (*Kathy Vivian's mother-in-law, health issues*)

## **Dawn Masten Attends Missouri State PAUMCS Annual Conference**

The Missouri State Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries met for their Annual Conference on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> at Camp Jo-Ota. The weekend began with Barbara Stone, Mark Twain District Superintendent's wife and a consultant with the United Methodist Global Ministries, speaking on "Making the Connection to Mission" where we learned what missions there are in the world and how important mission work is. Next, Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak, a United Methodist Pastor at Park United Methodist Church in Hannibal, talked about "People, People, People...Managing the Highs and Lows of Those Daily Office Encounters". She spoke of how to handle people when they become confrontational. We ended the evening by going through the challenge course which made us think about ourselves and how we are to spread the word of God. Even though we are not spring chickens anymore, we were still able to physically go through the challenge course with a few laughs. Saturday morning we began our day with a devotional given by Pastor Delbert Earlywine of the Clarence United Methodist Church. After our devotion, we gathered to hear Mandy Wiedeman, Director of Adult Ministries and Discipleship at the First Methodist Church in Kirksville. She spoke on "Stay At Your Best To Give Your Best" when demands on your time, love and patience are high, the quality of your internal and external responses will be a direct result of how well you have nurtured yourself. To be able to consistently achieve productivity and positivity, you need to take in a steady diet of those things that nourish your body, mind and spirit. She discussed the number of ways to maintain that balance and elevate your level of self-care. Saturday afternoon a representative from Strategoes International spoke about "Personal Awareness & Safety" which told of the dangers working in a church office and how to handle those dangerous situations. Strategoes International provides church security training and extensive consulting throughout the world. We had one on one combat training Saturday evening. Sunday morning we ended with fellowship and a worship service at the Clarence United Methodist Church.

## **New Location for District Office**

Dear friends, as we are now fully settled in our new location, we ask that you share this important news with your congregations. Occasionally, we have congregation members drop in for a visit and we want to be sure that they know where to find us now. The new address is: 210 N. Elson Suite C (lower level), Kirksville, MO. With grace and peace, Barbara J. Buck, Administrative Assistant, Mark Twain District of The MO Conference

## **NOTES OF SHARING**

**To the Macon United Methodist Church,** I just wanted to let you know how truly grateful I am for receiving such a generous scholarship from the church. Thank you for supporting my higher education and thinking about my future. It means a lot to me.  
**Many Thanks, Abby Rehard**

Thank you so much for the concerns, prayers and cards during the death of my Great-Grandma Dorothy Holman and the sudden death of my Uncle Scott. The community has been very supportive and kind. Thank you for the angels that were given to me. I will always cherish them.  
**Rose Masten and Family**

**Serving Team,** I wanted to thank you for the goodie bag. The cookies were delicious, and the bookmark will come in handy! I pray daily that the Lord strengthens me with the wisdom to be a good role-model, and voice for him. Thank you for thinking of us and for the kinds words you shared.  
**Marcie Johnson, Macon R-1 School**

**Dear Ladies (Serving Team) of the church,** Thank you so much for the teacher treat bags! What an awesome idea, and so very much appreciated!! Also, thanks to the children who helped with the crafts. I've placed my magnet in a spot that I will see it everyday and be reminded of Prov. 2:6. What a great start to the school year, and what a blessing you all have been to our school district!  
**Thanks again, Susan Bond, Macon R-1 School**

**To our Christian friends,** We want to thank everyone for all the prayers during Will's heart surgery. The surgery went very well and our check up last week showed a clean ECG. Surgery fixed it!!! Will was very strong and with his prayer rock taped in his hand, he knew that God had great things in store for him. His faith, your prayers and knowledgeable Doctors helped everything turn out great.  
**The Truitts: Will, Savannah, Suzanne and Bill**

**Thank You,** We are both very grateful for the Gladys Evans Scholarship that we received from the Macon United Methodist Church. It has helped us tremendously with books and college expenses. We thank you for this generous gift and very much appreciate your help with our education here at Truman State University.

**Jessica Bruno & Jaina Linsley**

## Fall Rummage Sale

Our Annual Fall Rummage Sale will be held Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. - Noon. Please mark your calendars and start cleaning your closets. Fall and winter items please. Save summer items for the Spring sale.

## Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day was held Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Jo-Ota.



JOHN RILEY / FAMILY FUN DAY

## Promotion/Youth Sunday

Promotion/Youth Sunday was August 21<sup>st</sup>.



# Kid stuff

By Rhonda Linsley

## **K-5 ALIVE TO START OCTOBER 5**

Our Wednesday After-School Program will begin in just a few days! It will run from October 5 through April 25, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. This program is for children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Registration Forms and Policies & Procedures are available in the church office. They must submit a registration form prior to starting.

Rhonda is working through the curriculum called "Fitness Camp." This curriculum is from Kidz Blitz Ministries and will focus on healthy habits and attitudes for kids regarding their bodies, food and exercise. Kids will learn to be aware of how they spend their free time and what they are putting into their bodies. They will be given challenges to help focus on healthy habits. They will also learn simple, healthy exercises and stretches they can do daily. Each week we will have fun with physical fitness training, games, healthy snack and a Bible study relating to a healthy lifestyle. **Please be sure to note any food allergies or health issues on your registration forms and have your child dress appropriately for fitness and game activities. Tennis shoes are required.**

We will focus on the following five scriptures during this program:

- ◆ Whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- ◆ Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)
- ◆ When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- ◆ Be very careful then how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
- ◆ Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

One of our mission projects throughout the school year will be having the children bring in plastic bags and visiting the Food Pantry once a month to help them double up the bags and flatten them for easy carry out of groceries. The children will be encouraged to continually bring in plastic bags. There is a laundry basket for the bags in Rhonda's office.

## **NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND A PARENTING SEMINAR IN OUR AREA!**

Here is information about a parenting seminar that is well worth consideration. For more information about the National Center for Biblical Parenting, go to [www.biblicalparenting.org](http://www.biblicalparenting.org).

***Cooperation, Consequences, and Keeping Your Sanity***

Presented by Rick Martin

**Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Cornerstone Church of Marion, 414 S Breckenridge, Palmyra, MO 63461**

The cost is \$30 per adult. Sign up online at [biblicalparenting.org](http://biblicalparenting.org) or call (573) 769-0183 or email [churchoffice@marktwain.net](mailto:churchoffice@marktwain.net).

You will learn practical ways to move from a behavior modification approach to a heart-based approach to parenting. It's amazing how children change the way they live when parents adjust the way they work with them. This seminar is provided by the National Center for Biblical Parenting and is a practical, biblical approach to parenting. You'll be so grateful you attended because you'll be able to use the material right away.

## **CRAFT SUPPLIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

I found a cute pillow craft idea for K-5 Alive this year that calls for two 20" inch circles of fleece material. If you have any fleece material that isn't being used, please bring it into the office for Rhonda. We welcome any craft supplies whenever you are cleaning out closets and drawers! Thanks in advance!

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS PROGRAM**

Our annual Advent program where we decorate the sanctuary with greenery and decorations, hang ornaments on the Christmas trees, hear about the Beauty of the Christmas Season, and hear the Christmas story has been set for December 4. If you have children or youth who would like to be involved with this, please mark your calendars. Practices will be held on Sunday, November 20, during Children's Church and Wednesday, November 30, during K-5 Alive. We will be using High School students for the readings.

# M.U.M.Y. CONNECTION

By Karen Butner



## 2011 Camp Jo Ota Youth Rally

We had a group of 12 youth and adults attend the 2011 Camp Jo Ota Youth Rally. We are blessed to have the camp so close to home! Worship was lead by the Spirit Camp Band and The Fallen from St. Louis. Both bands did a wonderful job involving the youth in praise & worship.

The Extreme Team from Kansas City, MO spoke on Saturday using feats of strength to minister and share their powerful testimonies of what God has done in their lives. One of the men was from the Kingdom of Tonga, near Hawaii. He shared the story of how his Kingdom heard the gospel for the first time. A group of missionaries came to the kingdom and were killed by his people, but others returned knowing they could possibly be killed, also. When the king heard the gospel, he believed and now the Kingdom is Christian in faith. The missionaries who shared the gospel with the Kingdom of Tonga were Methodists, so he was very excited to share with our group his testimony of how a mission team changed the life of his people.

Two other speakers also shared with the youth and challenged them to make good choices and seek God's will in their lives. We also had a time at camp fire to hear testimony from youth and adults. It's an uplifting time to hear stories of how God is moving and alive in our lives.



## Highway Clean Up Service Project

We had a group of 13 participate in the Highway Clean Up project. After cleaning, we returned to the church to enjoy some fellowship time with pizza.

**Youth Group will meet 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. for the month of October**

**YOUTH GROUP TIME CHANGE  
BEGINNING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6: 4:45 TO 5:45 PM**

## Attendance and Offering Summary

Weekly Average for Sept.	2010	2011	Year To Date Average	2010	2011
Worship Attendance	<u>188</u>	<u>194</u>	Worship Attendance	<u>201</u>	<u>193</u>
Sunday School	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	Sunday School	<u>56</u>	<u>73</u>
Offering	<u>\$5,704.89</u>	<u>\$5,481.68</u>	Offering	<u>\$5,332.72</u>	<u>\$5,426.24</u>



### Welcome New Members

We welcome Shirley and Brenda Herndon, into the membership of Macon UMC. Both joined September 4, 2011 and are a welcome addition.

### Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of canned meat, soups, detergents, paper products, and canned fruit.

## Clarence UMC Annual Lord's Hour Dinner & Auction

The Clarence United Methodist Church's Annual Lord's Hour Dinner & Auction will be held Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 7:00 p.m. The home cooked menu for the evening will be: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, dessert and drink. Everyone is invited!

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; Annie Faught, Toddler Room Attendant.

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