



# The Journal

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## DAN'S DOODLES

“Did not our HEART BURN WITHIN US while he talked with us on the road, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32). The disciples on the road to Emmaus had a “heartwarming” experience with the person of Jesus Christ. And some 1700 years later a man named John Wesley claimed that he also had his heart “strangely warmed” by a personal encounter with Jesus. And as a result the Methodist Church was born!

I love the United Methodist Church! And one of my greatest joys in ministry is teaching the Confirmation class each year. This year I am inviting not only our 6th graders, but I am inviting anyone—6th grade or older, INCLUDING ADULTS OF ALL AGES—interested in learning more about the evangelical Christian faith in general and the United Methodist Church in particular—to join us! My hope and my prayer is that there will be those who will just want to “brush up” on their knowledge of Methodism, or there will be those who are interested in joining the Charleston United Methodist Church and will utilize this as a “new members” class.

The class will begin on Sunday, January 11 and will run through the final Sunday in March, for a total of 12 weeks, and will take place during the Sunday school hour. My expectation is that you will commit to as many of those 12 weeks as possible. Topics include: the Body of Christ, the Bible, the Person of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Plan of Salvation, Christian Discipleship, the Sacraments, Christ-like Character, and our distinctive United Methodist Church beliefs. Can we do all that in 12 weeks? Well, we will scratch the surface and trust that God will plant within our heart that which He wants us to learn and retain! Sound like a plan??? Please feel free to direct any questions you may have in this regard to me.

I would like to ask you to pre-register for this class during the month of November so that I will know how much material to order. Please register your intent to attend the class either with me or with Sally in the church office before Dec. 1. I am excited about what God wants to do in us and through us as we gather to learn more of Him!!! God bless you!

Pastor Dan

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## NOVEMBER GREETERS

*November 2- Martha Ann Keener & Annette Robertson*

*November 9 - Dorothy Reed & Phyllis Halliday*

*November 16 - Linda Ault & Bettina Moxley*

*November 23 - Carletta Samons & Brenda Bone*

*November 30 - Benj. B. Moore & Ronald Dodson*

## COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wednesday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

### **ALL-CHURCH FALL COFFEE**

The Family Life Committee will host an All-Church Fall Coffee on Sunday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the family life center. Everyone is invited to come & share the good food & fellowship.

### **HARVEST CELEBRATION**

The Education Committee is hosting an all-church “**Harvest Celebration**” on Sunday, November 2, 4:00—6:00 p.m. on the church grounds. In case of rain we will meet in the Family Life Center. Everyone come and bring your lawn chairs or blankets, your own sticks to roast wieners & marshmallows, your smiles & your willingness to have fun.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY TO BEGIN!!!**

On Sunday, November 2nd we are extending a special invitation to our middle school students to join the church family for our Harvest Celebration here at the church! (The Education Committee will be getting out the detailed information on this family event during the coming weeks). The Harvest Celebration will serve as the “kick off” event for our middle school youth Sunday evening programming. Yes, that’s right—we will be meeting every Sunday evening at the church in November (except the 30th) for a light supper, a time of recreation or music, and a brief program on the Bible presented by Pastor Dan. The parents of our middle school students have agreed to help support this weekly ministry and Pastor Dan is EXCITED to be a part of our middle school students lives in this way!

We hope this ministry will “catch on” and we can extend it through December and on into the New Year! We hope to plan some time for service projects and fellowship activities as well as we go along. Pastor Dan would like to thank the parents for their support because without it, this ministry would not be possible. You “guys” are great!

Please be in prayer for this ministry, and please be in prayer as we continue our search for a part-time youth pastor to help fulfill this special need in the life of our church family. THIS IS A GREAT TIME

**The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, November 5,  
at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS’ RECOGNITION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**THANK YOU**

Dear Pastor Dan,

On behalf of the Southeast District I thank you and the Charleston congregation for sharing the gift of radical hospitality as we gathered for our Intentional Faith Development experience. It was a good time for learning, worship and fellowship.

In Christ,  
David

Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Martha Jane Baker

Prayer Shawl Ministry of the United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl that you all made and sent. Your work and kindness are greatly appreciated. We know you spent a great deal of time doing this. It is really appreciated.

Thanks,  
Linda & James Warren

To each of you who have put a stitch in this prayer shawl I'm wearing. I want to thank you and let you know it stops the trembling I've been feeling inside.

God Bless all of you,  
Marjorie Presson

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 14 during the morning worship service. Practices will be held during the Sunday School hour throughout November and on December 7 during the Sunday School hour. After the Worship service on December 14 we will sing Christmas Carols in the Sanctuary, followed by an all-church potluck dinner hosted by the Family Life Committee.

**BLANKETS FOR SENIORS**

The church will be collecting blankets for the "Angel Program for Seniors." Please bring a blanket, for this program, to the church by November 10. We will then take them to Caring Community for distribution.

**CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008**

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Minds, Open Doors*

*MAKING  
DISCIPLES*

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A DIFFERENCE*

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Katherine Nelson
- 2 - Helen Lee
- 4 - Annabella Benvenuto, Denale Hess, Drew French & Meredith Adkisson
- 6 - Jacob Keener, Russell Banta & Marshall Story
- 7 - Mollie DeLay & Jim Moreton
- 8 - Linda Moxley Raines
- 10 - Wayne Corse & Faye Elliott
- 11 - Emily Ryan
- 12 - Stephen Austin
- 13 - Margaret Goodin & Eleanor Moreton
- 14 - Monica Goodin
- 15 - Ann Morgan, Evin Burke & Bill Brown
- 16 - Booth Dugan, Jeffrey Keener, Rebel Dugan & Toni Graham
- 19 - Scott Wiley
- 22 - Johnny Moxley
- 23 - Annette Robertson
- 24 - Clyda Goodin, Don Moxley, Heather Barrett Shelton & Jazmyn Scott
- 25 - Heather Liebhart
- 26 - Jonathan Barrett
- 27 - Max Michael, Jr.
- 28 - Virginia Burke
- 30 - Donna Stack & Margaret McDowell

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

The Charleston Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The speaker will be Pastor Dan. Everyone is welcome.

