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TRANSITIONS

I hope and pray that the next five and one-half years do not go by as rapidly as these last 65 months! I can still remember (considering my age, that is not bad) Ross and me driving the first U-Haul from St. Louis. A group of Charlestonians met us at the parsonage and the unloading was completed very quickly. I was a little anxious about being back as pastor of a local church after 25+ years in Campus Ministry, and not being a native born southerner or a golfer might have been a complication. But Susan was a southerner so I guess you took pity on us, gave us a warm welcome and then about six weeks of North Dakota weather to make me feel right at home. It didn't take me long to know that it would usually be easy to love United Methodists in Charleston..

Three months later a second U-Haul again met by an eager crew of furniture movers (this was the heavy stuff) and we were full time residents. What a blessing you have been to us!

Now the movers have taken our stuff forty miles north and we are becoming accustomed to the commute as we transition to a one employee family. I know that when I sit down with nothing to do but wax nostalgic about the good times in life I will remember these years at Charleston.

That said, I hope to spend a lot more time looking forward and serving Christ and the world than looking backward. This last study on "Three Simple Rules" has been a wonderful reminder of the basics of Christianity: 1) Do no harm, 2) Do Good, and 3) Stay in love with God; has been such a reminder of the ideals of the Methodist way, the Wesleyan way, Jesus' way of living. So simple, yet so much depth. Impossible to live out perfectly, but surrounded by a community of companions, we are given the grace to move on toward perfection in Christ's love.

This is my hope and prayer for you and for me: That we will know God's sanctifying grace that amazingly draws us toward being perfect in God's love. And that this will lead us into being the hands and feet of Jesus wherever we find ourselves.

God bless you.

Roger

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JUNE GREETERS

*June 1- Glenn & Rebecca Nix
Mac & Anita McInnis*

*June 8 - Marty & Pat Williams
Bobby Hearnese*

*June 15 - John & Pam Barrett
Taylor & Julie Burke*

*June 22 - Tripp Logan
Jane Jackson*

*June 29 - Ronald Dodson
Dicky Hanor*

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Manor on Tuesday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

FROM: Pastor Dan H. Faust

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3).

Greetings! My name is Dan H. Faust and I am planning on being the newly appointed pastor for the Charleston United Methodist Church at Annual Conference in June. I have had the joy of meeting with your Staff-Parish Relations Committee and getting to know Roger and Susan. What a treat! My wife’s name is Sandy and we are very excited about moving into your community on Tuesday, June 24th to begin our time of ministry with you there.

During our visit to the Charleston UM Church I was so impressed with the church building facility itself. It is obvious to me that the members of the church do indeed love the church, and you have certainly made it both beautiful and functional. I look forward to working in that environment. Your appreciation for the 175 year history of the church is so evident. To think that I might have the opportunity to simply add a chapter to that impressive history is humbling to me!

I gave my heart to Christ as a freshman in college at Oklahoma State University after reading the verse printed above. To think that one could “know Christ” in a way that actually made a difference in the way one lived from day to day has changed my life! I taught school for 4 years and then entered seminary in Kansas City in 1976, where I “fell in love” with the writings/teachings of John Wesley. I have served United Methodist Churches for the past 32 years and absolutely love the rural area!

I hope to meet you in worship and individually over the summer months and am anxious to become involved in your lives and in your community. And I would like to add a word of thanks to the Trustees of the church for all their work at the parsonage in preparation for our arrival. You have provided a wonderful home in which to live and we are very grateful for that.

So, again, thank you for the opportunity to be in ministry in SE Missouri !
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

MEN’S BREAKFAST: SAT. JUNE 28

We usually have our **Men’s Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast** on the 2nd Saturday of the month. In June it will be at **7am, Saturday, June 28**. It was suggested we change the date this month so that we can have the opportunity to get acquainted with Pastor Dan and welcome him before his first Sunday in Charleston.

My notes say that Don Moxley will lead the prayer time and Charlie Brink, Dicky Hanor, Mac McInnis, and Don Moxley (coordinator) will provide the breakfast. Come and join in the meal and fellowship.

SPECIAL EVENTS, SPECIAL PEOPLE

During the month of May we have received four new members into Charleston United Methodist Church. Our Confirmation Class, Camille Brewer, Gretta Goodin and Emily McClain; and Donnie McDowell joined the church on Pentecost, May 11. Jazmyn Scott and Carly Stallings were baptized on May 18. And we also celebrated the accomplishments of our graduating seniors; Lindsay Burke, Allison DeField, Teddy Hunter, Paul Pulliam, and Brittany Stack. What a wonderful season of celebrations! God bless each of you. (RNJ)

OPEN HOUSE AT THE JESPERSEN'S NEW HOME, JUNE 1

All are invited to an open house at 4019 Connor Dr. in Cape Girardeau on Sunday, June 1, 2008, 2:30-5:30pm. We won't be all settled in but we want you to see where we will be living and enjoy the home with us for a while. The best way to get there from here is to take I-55 to exit 99, turn right onto Kingshighway; pass the Veterans Home, the Cemetery and the park and turn right on Boulder Crest, another right on Prospect, another right on Scenic, turn left on East View Ridge Dr. and it curves into Connor Dr. The signage is good and you will find it easily. Susan and I hope you will come and be our guests! (RNJ)

PASTORAL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Wondering about the pastoral schedule for June. I will be away at Annual Conference with Susan and Bill Hunter, June 5-9. Then Susan and I will be in St. Louis for our granddaughter, Samantha's, Bat Mitzvah on June 13-14. My last Sunday here will be June 15 but I will be available for pastoral care through June 19. Pastor Dan will arrive on June 24. If pastoral care is needed between June 20-24, call the church office and a pastor will be contacted. (RNJ)

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING GENEROSITY

There have been so many opportunities to be generous and you are stepping up to the plate with eagerness on every occasion. You surpassed the UMYF goal for **Nothing But Nets**, have given to the **MO Tornado fund**, have purchased two **PET** for us to take to Annual Conference and gave several flood buckets and personal hygiene kits. You are supporting our own kids as they go to camp (11 are signed up this year at about \$300 per week) through **Camp Shares**, and there are opportunities to support the relief programs for the **earthquake in China** and the **cyclone in Myanmar** (Burma). Your generosity is one way of doing good, staying in love with God and witness to the world that God is an AWESOME God. (RNJ)

GO TELL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

The GO TELL evangelistic crusade held its kick-off rally here on May 19. Keep your eyes and ears open for ways that you would like to share in this ministry. If you would like to be on a Crusade Committee you can call Rev. Michael Brewer or Mary Kathryn Branum. (RNJ)

JUNE 15 CELEBRATION

On Sunday June 15 we will celebrate the ministry Roger and Susan Jespersen have had with us over the past 5 ½ years and Roger's retirement after 42 years of pastoral ministry. This will be one great day of celebration.

We will begin with worship at 9am. Be sure to come early and wear your nametags because we will have some guests from out of town that day.

Continuing, there will be Sunday School at 10am immediately after the worship service.

At about 11:15am we will have a potluck lunch served by the Family Life Committee in the Family Life Center.

We will round out the day with a reception from 1:30-3:30pm in the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome to all of the events. Plan to spend sometime on June 15 celebrating with us.

Susan and Roger's new home is at 4019 Connor Dr., Cape Girardeau.

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Scripture (from the lectionary) and Sermon Titles for June 2008
(Titles subject to change daily)

(Worship at 9am; Sunday School 10am)

Sunday, June 1, Service of Holy Communion

"I Am Not Ashamed of This Foundation"

Genesis 6, 7, 8; Psalm 46, Romans 1:16-17, Mt. 7:21-29

Sunday, June 8, **"SINGSPIRATION"** Anna Ferrell

Keep the MO Annual Conference in your prayers.

Psalm 33:1-12, Genesis 12:1-9, Romans 4:13-25, Mt. 9:9-26

Sunday, June 15, Retirement Celebration, Lunch about 11:15am

"The Last Sermon"

Psalm 116:1-19, Genesis 18:1-15, Romans 5:1-8, Mt. 9:35-10:8

Sunday, June 22, **Bill Hunter, and Annual Conference Report**

Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-17, Romans 6:1b-11, Mt. 10:24-39

Sunday, June 29, **Meet Rev. Dan Faust and Sandy**

Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Mt. 10:40-42

Attention 2008 High School Graduates who are college bound!!!

Come by the church office and pick up an application for our Lucille Byrd Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will be divided evenly between all who fill out and return the application to the church office by June 30.

HELP!

With the new accounting system, it would be very helpful if you would use your envelopes. If you have misplaced your envelopes, please use a pew envelope and be sure to put your name on it. Thank you!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

As part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, we have started making fleece baby blankets. If you would like to make one, it will require 2 yards of contrasting fleece (1 of each). If you need directions check in the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date has been set for Vacation Bible School, Sunday, July 6 through Thursday, July 10, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Crew leaders & teenage helpers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office, 683-6188.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Fred DeField & Robin Seabaugh
- 4 - Lachele Brink & Lee-Stroud Goodin
- 6 - Kara Hillhouse & Paul Moore
- 7 - Ricky Slaughter
- 8 - David Westerhold
- 9 - A.H. Marshall & Alen Pemberton
- 10 - Reagan Austin
- 11 - Dorothy DeField, Joel Boren, Sally Winchester & Sayler Ault
- 12 - Camille Brewer
- 13 - Angie Starr, Brink Naile, Tyson DeLay & June Land
- 14 - Pat Fleurdelys & Virginia Goodin
- 15 - Sam Burke
- 16 - Court Story
- 17 - Carly Stallings & Jeannie Anderson
- 18 - Matthew Jackson
- 19 - Jan Hankinson
- 20 - Jim Ponder & Robert Frazier
- 21 - Katie Whitehead
- 22 - Connie Keener & James Byrd
- 23 - Marty Williams
- 24 - Adele Atteberry, Elizabeth S. Lyon, Jessie Brown & Thomas Weiss, II
- 25 - Meagan Fletcher & Tristan Goodin
- 26 - Ali Fox & Rebecca Nix
- 27 - Virginia Claire Alexander
- 28 - Jimmy Thurmond
- 29 - Abatha Corse Boyle
- 30 - Jr. Malugen & Scott Brink

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, June 4 11:00 a.m. at Phyllis Halliday's house (2908 Washington Ave., Cairo, IL) for their General Meeting & Luncheon. Roger Jespersen will lead the program.

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

NURSERY:

- June 1 - Chelsea Stallings
- June 8 -
- June 15 -
- June 22 - Chelsea Stallings
- June 29 - Natalie Brewer

COMMUNION SERVERS: (June 1)

Pam Barrett, Jeanne Starr & Annette Robertson

HEAD USHER: Ronald Dodson

CAMP SHARES

The youth are selling Camp Shares again this year for \$10 each. You can put your gift in the offering or bring your donation to the church office any time during office hours. The money will help our youth go to Summer Church Camps & other Conference & District activities. It's not too late to register for Summer Church Camp. Call the church office if you are interested.