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TIDBITS

What do I say in May. If busyness were a virtue in itself, we would all be very virtuous this month. I was recounting the Sunday activities scheduled for May and found: Ascension Sunday, Pentecost, Confirmation, Mother's Day, Baptism, Graduation, Heritage Sunday, Memorial Day and the first Sunday of our new Summer Schedule. All of this in just four (4) Sunday's. Will I have any time to preach at all?

This is an important month. The Confirmands and Graduates are nearing the end of their scheduled classes and my hope and prayer for them is that they have learned to be life-long learners; persons who know that faith and life are a journey with God from birth well past retirement and, I believe, past that gate we call death. Where are you on that journey? I hope that you are not standing pat but are looking for opportunities that will stretch your mind, your faith and your soul. I recommend the book study this month. I understand that readers here are already being moved by it. Three simple rules that John Wesley advocated for the people called Methodists way back in the 18th century may speak directly to us in the 21st century.

For the last half of May I will be the commuter and Susan will be able to drive to work in about 7 minutes. Our plans are to move into our new house and begin making it our home on May 9. The parsonage will not be empty as the trustees have plans to do some work there in preparation for Pastor Dan and Sandy to move in.

It was truly a pleasure to meet the Fausts. They have served churches in Western MO, for these last 30 years and I have served in the East all that time and we had never served on a board or committee together. Showing them the parsonage and church and driving through Charleston at this time of year was a joy. They are excited to be coming to this church and community.

So have a blessed May and please remember that our Sunday schedule is changing on May 25.

God Bless You.

Roger

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MAY GREETERS

(8:30) Worship

May 4- Martha Ann Keener

May 11 - Dorothy Reed

May 18- Annette Robertson

May 25 - Carletta Samons

(10:45) Worship

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May 11 - Phyllis Halliday

May 18 - Bettina Moxley

May 25 - Benj. B. Moore

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Manor on Tuesday, May 6, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

REV. DAN AND SANDY FAUST INTRODUCED TO P/PRC

Our District Superintendent, David Norbury, introduced Rev. Dan Faust and his wife, Sandy, to the Pastor Parish Relations Committee on Monday, April 21. Pastor Faust has served St. Peter United Methodist Church in Blue Springs, MO, for the past four years. His first Sunday in Charleston is scheduled to be June 29, 2008. We will introduce the Faust's more fully in the June *Journal*.

GO TELL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

The Charleston Ministerial Alliance has scheduled an evangelistic crusade for September 28-October 1, 2008. The Go Tell Crusade with evangelist Rick Gage has been in contact with the CMA to provide the leadership. Rick Gage was in Charleston in April to speak with pastors and community members about the crusade and what would be expected of participating churches. Several members of our Administrative Council attended the informational meetings.

A specially called meeting of the Administrative Council was held on Tuesday, April 22, for the purpose of deciding how we would participate in the crusade. The Council voted not to be a sponsoring church but to support the crusade with the use of our facilities and prayers and to invite our membership to be involved in working on committees and supporting it with gifts as God calls each of us to support it.

It may be that some will say that we are against this evangelistic crusade. That would not be accurate. What the Administrative Council decided was that they would not commit the congregation to the organization and involvement expected of participating (sponsoring) congregations.

If you have questions about this decision, feel free to ask. (RNJ)

MEN'S BREAKFASTS MAY 10

Men of the church you are invited to come and bring friends to our SECOND Men's Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, May 10, at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Charlie Brink & Bob Jackson will provide the breakfast. We will finish no later than 8:00 a.m.

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.

The United Methodist Women will sponsor a Memorial/Honor Candle Burning Sunday, May 25 during the worship service at 9:00 a.m. Anyone may share in the burning of a candle in memory or honor of a loved one by donating to this Mission Project. Any amount will be gratefully accepted. Please come by the church office & give your donation & the name of who it is in memory or honor of. We need this information by Wednesday, May 18.

CONFIRMATION

Members of our Confirmation Class this year are Gretta Goodin, Emily McClain & Camille Brewer. Sunday, May 11 at the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service they will confess their faith in Jesus Christ and claim for themselves the name of United Methodist Christians. Also, please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center, that morning, for a reception in their honor.

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Rev. Jespersen and my Church family,

Thank you so much for the care packages you send. It is always nice to see that you are thinking of me while I'm off at school. Sometimes I get homesick in between going to class, doing homework, reading textbooks, and trying to cram everything before a test and the care packages make me slow down and realize that I have a wonderful Church family back home thinking of me and wishing me the best. It really helps during the times when I'm rushing to get something done. Thank you again and I hope you all have a wonderful spring.

Sincerely,
Tommy Starr

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thanks so very much for sending me a prayer shawl—it is very comforting. Please continue to remember me in your prayer as I fight this battle.

Love,
Marilyn (Brown)

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the mid-semester care package. It was a wonderful pick-me-up during this long semester. Also, thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my grandmother's passing. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Jennifer Miller

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Didn't the youth do a great job in leading the worship and reporting on their experiences at WOW and EXPLOSION? Thanks to Monica Goodin for her leadership and to Bill Hunter for doing some new things with the audio and video.

The offering for Nothing But Nets went over the goal of \$500 but you can still participate by writing a check or marking an envelope "Nothing But Nets" and putting it in the offering. The May Outreach Offering on Communion Sunday will also go for Nothing But Nets. We will report a final total in the bulletin. Thanks for your generous support of the youth.

Emily thanked you for your support of the Camp Shares Fund which helps pay the way for children and youth to go to United Methodist Camps and Conference and District activities. You can support youth with a donation and mark it Camp Shares.

UMC-YOUTH LOCK-IN

The Confirmation Class of 2008 is planning a lock-in for Middle-school age kids Saturday, May 17, 2008, beginning at 8:00 p.m. and pickup at 6:00 - 6:30 a.m. May 18th. Helpers and food are needed. If you are interested please call the church office.

Also, needed are "**TESTIMONIALS**". Any church member who has a spiritual story or something to share about their relationship with God or Christ and would be interested in sharing with the youth at the lock-in please contact the church office, Dana McClain or Monica Goodin.

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Scripture (from the lectionary) and Sermon Titles for May (Titles subject to change daily) (Worship at 8:30 & 10:45pm; Sunday School

Sunday, May 4, We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion
“No One Is An Island”
Psalm 66:8-20, Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 11, **PENTECOST DAY (Wear Red)**
Confirmation Sunday & Mother’s Day
“Where Did I Come from and Where Am I Going”
Psalm 104:24-35, Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 7:37-39

Sunday, May 18, We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism
“It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian”
Genesis 1:1-2:4, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Mt. 28:16-20

**Summer Worship and Sunday School Schedule
begins May 25**

Worship at 9am and Sunday School at 10am.

Sunday, May 25, **We will dedicate our memorials for the past year and remember those who have passed away from our congregation.**
“How Would You Like to be Remembered”
Isaiah 49:8-16, Psalm 131, I Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 6:24-34

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We have five seniors graduating from high school this year. They are Ted Hunter, Paul Pulliam, Lindsay Burke, Brittany Stack & Allison DeField. The Education Committee will host a Brunch for the Seniors on Sunday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. They will also be honored during the 10:45 a.m. worship service that day. Come and celebrate with the seniors and their families.

GIVE A PET

An offering designed to give hundreds of people the gift of mobility will be received at Annual Conference. Every church in the conference no matter how large or small is being encouraged to give the gift of mobility to at least one person by raising \$250 which is the cost for volunteers in Aurora and Columbia to make a PET and ship it to the recipient. PET stands for Personal Energy Transportation. It is like a tricycle with hand petals giving mobility to people with strong arms and weak legs. Join in this offering by noting on your check or envelope “PET”

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Nina Frazier & Chase Tinsley
- 5 - Carol McDowell & Teresa Gemeinhardt
- 6 - Flipper Naile
- 8 - Deloras Brown & Dorothy Reed
- 9 - Bettina Moxley & Clay Bethune
- 11 - Dana Latham, Drew Kemp & Melinda Miller
- 12 - C.P. Fenton, James Moore Thurmond III & Lilly Malugen
- 13 - Buffy Thurston
- 15 - Walter Vines
- 16 - Tommee Ann Story
- 17 - Brenda Bone
- 19 - Caroline Austin
- 20 - Ginger Logan, Stephen Burke & Cary Story
- 21 - Britt Story
- 23 - Holly Parker
- 26 - Carla Hunter
- 27 - Dorothy Anne Brink
- 28 - Mary Vines

FOOD PANTRY

The Charleston Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry serves about 120 family units a month. We were blessed through the winter by all of the organizational food drives and the contributions and food donations from the various churches. When we finished distributing food on April 24 we were down to the least food that I can remember. So I invite you to remember the Food Pantry on Sundays and bring a few canned foods with you. (RNJ)

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. Ten may go to camp this summer.

It's not too late to register for Summer Church Camp. Call the church office if you are interested.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 25 we will dedicate our Memorials for the past year and remember those from our congregation who have passed away . They are as follows: Maureen Sutherland, Jane Goodin, Daisy Hutcheson, Glennon Dugan, Dorothy Moxley, Emma Shew, Virginia Crenshaw & Ray Hillhouse.

SCHEDULE FOR MAY

NURSERY:

- May 4 - Jettie Kate Brink
- May 11 - Samantha Stack
- May 18 - Chelsea Stallings
- May 25 - Natalie Brewer

ACOLYTES:

- (8:30)** May 4 - Anthony Klunk
- May 11 - Anthony Klunk
- May 18 - James Naile

- (10:45)** May 4 - Edward McClain
- May 11—Court Story
- May 18 - Will Ferrell

- (9:00)** May 25 - Jazmyn Scott & Caitlyn Tinsley

COMMUNION SERVERS: (May 4)

- (8:30) Rebecca & Glenn Nix & Joyce Gilmore
- (10:45) Sally & Max Michael & Susan Jespersen

HEAD USER: Benj. B. Moore