



The Journal

SEPTEMBER, 2008

DAN'S DOODLES

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

(Matthew 9:35,36)

I am sure you are aware by now, but I wanted to take a minute to inform you of the “Tri-State Go Tell Crusade” which will be held at the football stadium at the Charleston High School on the evenings of September 28 through October 1. The evangelist for the event is Mr. Rick Gage, who some 20 years ago walked away from a promising career coaching football and surrendered his life to full-time evangelistic ministry. The Lord has blessed this ministry over the years with fruitful results for the sake of Christ.

Since this has been an unusual year for Charleston United Methodist Church with the burning of the mortgage on the church building, some significant “repair and replace” improvements to our facilities, and a pastoral change, the leadership of the church thought it would be unwise to be an official financial sponsor of this crusade. This is a decision that I support. But, having said that, I do want to greatly encourage our church family to participate in the crusade in 4 specific ways:

Please be in prayer daily during the month of September for persons to give their hearts to Christ and/or renew their faith in Christ

Please feel free to individually support the crusade financially as you feel led to do so

Please consider taking the counselor training to help instruct persons who will be making decisions for Christ throughout the week

Please plan to be in attendance as you are able to show Your support for the crusade

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to rally together as Christians in this community and offer a “united front” in sharing the gospel of Christ with others!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Pastor Dan

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

*September 7– Martha Ann Keener &
Annette Robertson*

*September 14 - Dorothy Reed &
Phyllis Halliday*

*September 21 - Linda Ault &
Bettina Moxley*

*September 28 - Carletta Samons,
Brenda Bone & Benj. B. Moore*

**Mr. & Mrs. Gregory John Luehmann
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter**

Melinda Sue

To

Kevin Wayne Fitzgerald

**On Saturday,
the twentieth of September
at six o'clock in the evening**

**United Methodist Church
1700 East Marshall
Charleston, Missouri**

**Reception
immediately following the ceremony
Mississippi County Historical Society
North Main Street
Charleston, Missouri**

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Dan will be leading a Bible Study this fall on Tuesday mornings and Sunday evenings. We will be looking at the person of Jesus from the gospel of Luke. The Tuesday morning study will be at the church and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Sunday evening study will be at the parsonage and will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are planning on the Sunday evening study, would you let the office know this week! Thanks. We will have plenty of room at the church, so you need not pre-register for that study. The Sunday study will begin on September 7 and the Tuesday study on September 9.

Please remember that each study is designed for 4 weeks at a time, so you are welcome to come in September, October or November, or all 3 if you want!!! The study will conclude the week of Thanksgiving. Each month we will be looking at different passages from Luke in relation to the person of Jesus.

“FALL COFFEES”

Pastor Dan hopes each family will be able to participate in one of the “coffees” that are being organized by our worship committee for September and October. As you receive your invitation, he hopes you will plan to come and share your thoughts on these questions:

What do you see as the greatest strength of the Charleston United Methodist Church?

Would you be excited about inviting another to be a part of our church family?
Why or why not?

If you could dream one (or more) things for the future of our church family, what would it be?

If you could change one thing at Charleston UMC, what would it be?

What do you see as the #1 priority – immediate need for our church family?

We may not get to all of these, but focus on the one question that appeals to you and come prepared to share your thoughts with us. **YOUR OPINION MATTERS TO PASTOR DAN!**

CONFIRMATION TRAINING

Pastor Dan would like to offer Confirmation Training, for 6th graders, beginning on Sunday, January 11 during the Sunday School hour. The class will run for 12 weeks through March 29. The Confirmation reception Sunday will be determined by a consensus from the parents of the confirmands.

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, September 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Sue Simmons & Steve Hodges will present the program on Education. Also, please bring either toilet paper, paper towels or facial tissue to the meeting. They will be used to make kits for the Festival of Sharing.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for the prayer shawl. Each time I look at it I am reminded of my wonderful Church family. I truly appreciate the cards, thoughts, and especially the prayers you all have given me.

Love to all of you,
Claudia Arington

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will be very helpful as I start college this fall. I appreciate the love and kindness I have received from you throughout the years. I look forward to seeing all of you whenever I come home. Thanks again for your generosity.

Love,
Lindsay Burke

Dear Charleston UMC,

I received the Charleston United Methodist Scholarship to Central Methodist University; thanks for supporting my college education. I am really looking forward to going to college in the fall. My name is Amanda Amos. I am from Guilford, MO. I went to South Nodaway High School. There were 17 in my graduating class. I have a twin sister who is also attending Central Methodist University and three younger brothers. They are 14, 6 & 4. I really enjoy art and a lot of things that have to do with art. I am looking forward to going to college there because of the size, and the wonderful teaching programs.

I am going to study Early Childhood Education and Special Education. I will also be in Marching Band and Concert Band. I really enjoy helping people and I would love to be a successful teacher and help students get started with their education. It would be great to get the chance to meet with you on campus some time. I would really appreciate that. Thanks again and I am looking forward to my education at Central Methodist University.

Sincerely,
Amanda Amos

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for awarding me a scholarship. It will be so helpful since there is so much stuff one needs in college—notebooks, school books, pencils are all important. I will miss you all and can't wait to tell of my classes and adventures.

Thanks again,
Brittany Stack

Dear Charleston UMC,

I am very fortunate to have received the Clara D. Newnam Hall of Sponsors Scholarship at Central Methodist University. I can not express to you how much I appreciate the opportunity this has created for me.

I was raised in West Plains, MO. I attended Dora High School, which has an enrollment of about 300 students, pre-K through 12. Most of the graduates of Dora High school do not have the means to attend college. Through your generosity, you have given me the opportunity to attend college. I played varsity basketball all four years of high school. My mom and sister just moved to Osage Beach, MO. My mom is a science teacher at Lebanon High School. My sister is a sophomore at Camdenton High School. My dad just moved to Nian-gua, MO. He is an art teacher at Conway High School.

I will be playing junior varsity basketball at Central Methodist. I have also received an athletic scholarship. If you ever come to one of our games, look me up. At this time, I am planning on majoring in music performance. I love to sing and play the guitar. Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Jacob Letterman

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*Open Hearts, Open
Minds, Open Doors*

**MAKING
DISCIPLES**

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**MAKING
A DIFFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jack Moxley
- 3 - Jim Thurmond
- 4 - Ed Marshall
- 5 - Jettie Kate Brink
- 6 - Emmett Burke & Janet DeField
- 8 - Lee Fraley
- 9 - Ed Smith, Deb Williams, Edward McClain & Andrea Story
- 10 - Shawn McClain
- 11 - Linda Ault & Emily Ryan
- 12 - Catie Dovin & Jane Ellen Brink
- 13 - Corey Adkisson
- 14 - Jeff Shelby, Jim French & Randy Brown
- 15 - Boyd French, Elana White, Jacqueline Willoughby, Lynda Wiley,
Natalie Benvenuto & Sally Burke
- 16 - Herb Marshall & Trent Hurley
- 17 - Andy French, Hazel Culp, Janie Young, John Keener & Richard Logan
- 18 - Laura Jones
- 19 - Bonnie Story & Warren Hearnes, II
- 20 - Nathan Ault
- 21 - Ann McCuiston, Charles Brink, Emily McDowell & Leslie McDowell
- 23 - Lee Ann Cullison, Robert Michael & Scott French
- 24 - Barbara Moxley
- 25 - Ryan Moxley & William McNeary
- 26 - John Barrett & John Goodin
- 27 - Ronnie Michael
- 28 - Bill McNeary
- 29 - Ben Hillhouse & Tina Halford

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

A special called meeting of the Administrative Council was held on August 6. Members attending approved a recommendation presented by Bill Brown, Trustees Chariman. The Trustees' recommendation was for cleaning, filling cracks and sealing the parking lot, with work to be done by Asa Asphalt Co. The work has begun on the project and will be completed in a few weeks.

The Administrative Council will have their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

14TH ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH BARBEQUE

Our 14th Annual All-Church Barbeque will be held on Friday, October 17, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults & \$4.00 for children. This fundraiser has been helpful toward meeting our church's financial needs. Please make every effort to help when asked. Stephen & Carol Jane Burke & Lee Ann Cullison will serve as chairpersons this year.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING FOR 2008

Each year we gather kits and money to take to the Festival of Sharing which is an interfaith effort of churches in Missouri. Past years have proven that we want to be generous participants in this program.

This year the Southeast/Bootheel ingathering will be Saturday, October 11 at the United Methodist Church in Dexter, MO starting at 8:00 a.m. We will want our kits and money to be taken there. They will then be taken to the Statewide Festival of Sharing October 18, 2008 in Sedalia, MO. From Sedalia kits and supplies will be distributed to people in need both in Missouri and around the world.

Kits we are going to concentrate on are "Personal Hygiene Kits, Student Dental Kits & Paper Products Kits". Bring kits or items to the church office by October 7.

Personal Hygiene Kit

- 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6oz. or more
 - 1 toothbrush in original, unopened pkg.
 - 1 bottle skin lotion
 - 1 deodorant
 - 2 disposable razors
 - 1 bath-size bar of soap
 - 1 bottle shampoo (full size)
 - 1 washcloth
 - 1 hand towel
 - 1 comb or brush
- Tighten lids and place all items in a large zip lock bag (2 gal. size works best).

Student Dental Kit

- 4 - 6 soft toothbrushes (include 2 child size)
 - *unopened pkgs. Only; extra brushes are for family members
 - 1 dental floss - any size
 - 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more
- Place items inside a 1 gal. zip lock bag.

Paper Products Kit

- 6 double rolls of toilet tissue
 - 3 rolls of good quality paper towels
 - 2 large rectangular boxes of facial tissue
- Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag.