



# The Journal

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## DAN'S DOODLES

“And when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark and Jesus had not come to them. Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. So when they had rowed about three or four miles they saw Jesus...and they were afraid. But He said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” (John 6:16-20).

Well, “where were you when the big wind hit!” Wow, what an introduction for us to SE Missouri! Sandy and I were already at the church building that Sunday morning, so we were not aware at the time of the extensive tree damage in the area. Someone later said to me, “you know, Dan, the lights were out at the church, but we still had the power!” What a wonderful sentiment! When you are in the presence of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit is always with us! And you know, it seems like the worship that day was really special!

It is reassuring to me to know, as the disciples discovered that day on the sea, that whatever form the “storm” of life takes, we can always know the presence of Jesus with us! In the midst of the storm, the disciples could not see clearly, and thus they did not recognize Jesus; that caused them to be afraid. But once He spoke to them and they recognized His voice, they knew that His presence with them would make a difference in the midst of their storm!

We can have that same assurance! In the midst of whatever storm you are going through right now, please know that Jesus is with you in it! May His voice and His presence through the Holy Spirit reassure you of His love for you in all things. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!! I'll see you in worship this month as we celebrate Jesus together!!!

Pastor Dan

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## OCTOBER GREETERS

*October 5- Annette Robertson*

*October 12 - Marty Williams &  
Bobby Hearnese*

*October 19 - Taylor & Julie Burke*

*October 26 - Tripp Logan &  
Jane Jackson*

## COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wednesday, October 8, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

### **14TH ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH BARBEQUE**

Our 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Also, for the barbeque, we are asking each family to bring a homemade dessert to the Family Life Center by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 17.

### **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.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' RECOGNITION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Children's Christmas Program has been moved from December 7 to 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.

### **AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**

An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) has been given to the church in memory of Dorothy Moxley, by the family. It is located on the wall outside the church office. Don't be afraid to use it, if needed, because the AED walks you through the procedure step by step.

The church would like to thank the family for such a nice gift. Also, a big thank you to Kevin White for mounting it on the wall for us.

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

**THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me to Church Camp. I loved it. The first day we took a hike around the lake. My favorite part was the lake. I just wanted to say thank you for everything.

Your Friend,  
Courtney Jones

Dear United Methodist Church Family,

I had a fantastic time at church camp. It was definitely one of the highlights of my summer. My favorite part was meeting new friends.

P.S. Sorry it took so long for me to write.

Love,  
Layton Jones

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me to church camp this summer. I enjoyed it so much and will definitely want to go again next summer. Thanks again for the awesome experience.

Sincerely,  
Emily McClain

Dear Church Family,

It was my very first time going to church camp and I had an awesome time. I met lots of new people and did lots of neat things. My favorite thing was when we went and had a campfire. There we ate snacks and sang songs. Thank you so much for sending me to Blue Mountain Camp.

Love,  
Isabella Goodin

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for sending me to church camp. I had so much fun meeting new friends, swimming, playing games and increasing my faith in God. My favorite part was Star Fire. Every night we would go up to the top of the hill and sing songs, pray, and have a small sermon. We got back to our cabins at around 11:00p.m. every night except for the last night. The last night we were there until 2:00a.m. and we had communion in the woods which was just amazing. This trip increased my faith in God and taught me so much. I can't wait for next year. Thank you again!

Gretta Goodin

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for sending me to church camp! I had an amazing time. I made so many new friends, and learned so much. I really want to go back next year, and I think that more kids should go from our church. We played tons of games, went on hikes, and stayed up late. It was awesome. Thanks again!

Scarlett Goodin.

**CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

On Sunday, October 12 we will celebrate Children's Sabbath. During the morning worship service that day we will present Bibles to our new 3rd graders (Catie Austin, Will Ferrell, Maren Slaten & Caitlyn Tinsley) & have a Blessing of the Children.

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*Open Hearts, Open  
Minds, Open Doors*

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Vonna Hunter
- 2 - Dorothy McDowell
- 4 - Holt Dugan, Tom Starr & Abby Malugen
- 5 - Brittany Stack, Ruthe Blackwell & Wesley French
- 6 - Nancy Thurmond & Peggy McNeary
- 7 - Myrtle Austin & Lisa Brewer
- 8 - Charlotte McNeary
- 10 - Debbie Corse
- 11 - Scarlett Goodin
- 14 - Drake McNeary & Ed Hankinson
- 15 - Graham Whitehead & Martha Ann Keener
- 17 - Mac McInnis
- 18 - Terry Hequembourg & Lena Lisbony
- 19 - Anna Marie French, Benj. B. Moore & Lynn Hanor Ferrell
- 20 - Jennifer Keener & Kiley Brown
- 22 - Alicia Combs & Cheryl Counts
- 24 - Mary Jane Whitehead
- 26 - Corinne Huls
- 27 - Brenda French, Dana McClain, Elliott Williams & Sally Michael
- 28 - Louise Callahan & Susan Jespersen
- 29 - David Brewer

**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 TO BE A PART OF THE CHARLESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!!!**

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**The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, October 1,  
9:30 a.m., at Becky Story’s house.**

## **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.