



# The Journal

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## DAN'S DOODLES

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” (Luke 19: 10).

Okay, let me begin with a question for us today. “Who is the most important person in the life of the Charleston United Methodist Church?” How would you answer?

Recently my younger daughter (age 26) was telling us about the local church she is now attending in Nashville. She told us that she thought they had gone “a little over the top” as per their worship in terms of its theatrical nature, but she really liked her small group. So we quizzed her a little bit about that. She told us that at first the nature of the group shocked her a bit because the majority of the folks there (all younger people) had a pretty negative image of the Church. They viewed the Church as being either too self-absorbed or too legalistic. And the ensuing conversation tended to revolve around the opinions of those in the group rather than any clear teaching from the Bible on the topic being studied. This bothered her, (which I guess I don't have to tell you made her old dad feel pretty good)!

But then she made a rather remarkable statement. “Later, though,” she said, “I started to wonder—well, just who is the church for?” And that statement led us to think and talk about the purpose of the local church. And we concluded that the local church needs to be a place where ANYONE can walk in and feel welcomed. Sure, the purpose of worship is to honor Jesus Christ and we can't compromise on that; but we can do that in a way that sees people who walk in the doors of the church as Jesus would—namely, as persons of worth who are seeking (consciously or unconsciously) a spiritual reality that could make a difference in their lives.

Jesus “came to seek and to save what was lost”. And so as persons seek the reality of the presence of God, the truth is that God is seeking them! To be “lost” simply means that we have not yet found the way to the purpose for which we were created. The mission of the Church is to help people find their way! And so one answer to the opening question for today is to say that the most important person in the life of the Church is the one who is not here yet!!! Look around you and see if there might be someone in your neighborhood or amongst your acquaintances that you might invite to be in worship with you this summer! Worship is one of the most meaningful ways in which we can show God we love Him and we are grateful for His love for us! God bless you!

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## JULY GREETERS

*July 5 - Annette Robertson &  
Martha Ann Keener*

*July 12 - Dorothy Reed &  
Suzanne Boren*

*July 19 - Linda Ault &  
Bettina Moxley*

*July 26 - Carletta Samons &  
Brenda Bone*

## COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

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

### **OUR NEW PART-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Kelly Howard, Music Director for Hearnese Elementary School, has been hired as Part-time Youth Director for the Charleston United Methodist Church. She took over her responsibilities June 1 and will be working with Junior High and Senior High Youth during the summer months and through the rest of the year. She will be devoting 10 hours a week to her job as Youth Director.

Kelly was born and grew up in Wright City, MO and attended college at SEMO State University where she earned her Bachelor in Music Education and graduated in 2007. Her first year of teaching was in Silex, MO where she taught music for Kindergarten through 12th grade. She then moved to Charleston and assumed her job as Music Director for the Elementary School.

We know Kelly through her work directing the Elementary Choir Group which meets before school 2 days a week. She also started an Enrichment Program in 2008 after school teaching the children to play instruments and also helps with the High School music program. During the hours of the school day she is teaching music, instruments and an appreciation for music to the elementary school children.

She also offers instruction with private lessons after school on the piano, guitar and drums. Kelly is the oldest of 3 girls and her parents now reside at Lake of the Ozarks with her youngest sister. The other sister is married with a child and they too live at Lake of the Ozarks. Kelly makes her home on Hunter Street.

### **CAMP SHARES**

The youth are selling Camp Shares again this year for \$10 each. You can put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday morning or bring it to the church office any time during office hours. The money will help our youth go to Summer Church Camp.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

The Prayer Chain is being updated. If you would like to be added to the list or want to be taken off, please call the church office & let us know.

### **CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We invite all children preschool thru 5th grade to attend Sunday School this summer. You will find God's love there as you listen, sing and pray in His Name. You will also find "Miss" Dorothy Anne waiting for you in our music room with a big WELCOME. After our worship time together for about 20 minutes, a different teacher each week will be waiting for children of all ages to join her in some special project or story. Please come join us.

**THANK YOU!!!**

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry & Church,

Our sincere thanks for the lovely Prayer Shawl. Max appreciated it so much. It was a comfort to know we were thought of and in your prayers.

May God Bless,  
Max & Connie Michael

Dear Ladies of the Methodist Church,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful dinner you prepared for us. Our family enjoyed being together and your meal made the day a little easier for us all. We appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.

The Trousdale family & The Theodore Linebaugh family

Dear Church Family Members,

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, calls and concern during my recent illness. Also, the Prayer Shawl provided by our local ladies, is not only beautiful, but something very special. I am feeling great, and won't see the doctor again for several months.

Lucy Malugen

**SPECIAL FUND**

A fund has been opened at the Focus Bank to assist the Bill and Vonna Hunter family as they recover from the fire at their home on June 16th. Checks may be made out to the Charleston United Methodist Church and earmarked "Hunter Family". In addition, if you have items you would care to donate to the family, please call the church office where a list is being compiled. In order to avoid the donation of un-needed items PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ITEMS TO THE CHURCH UNLESS YOU RECEIVE A PHONE CALL INDICATING TO DO SO. We do not want the family to be bombarded with un-needed items and we have no extra storage space here at the church. THANK YOU.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL VOTED, AT THEIR JUNE MEETING,  
NOT TO MEET IN JULY & AUGUST. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
SEPTEMBER 15 AT 7:00 P.M.

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Lee Nix & Tom Story
- 2 - Ed Marshall
- 3 - Lee Story & Lester Goodin
- 4 - Don French & Suzanne Boren
- 5 - Chelsea Stallings & Ryan Austin
- 6 - Amanda Hurley
- 7 - Nathan French
- 8 - Glenn Ault & Wilson McNeary
- 9 - Cathy Frazier
- 11 - Lee Goodin
- 12 - Chanoia Marshall, Dick Bethune, Jean Starr & Jimmy Seabaugh
- 13 - Leslie Pemberton & Lindsay Goodin
- 15 - Billie Russell & Brent Brown
- 16 - Sara Chandler
- 17 - Layton Jones
- 19 - Kevin Miller, Linny Brown & Shelby Michael Alexander
- 20 - James E. Cullison & Matthew Lathum
- 21 - Jim Robertson & Charlie Samons
- 23 - Dee Goodin & Carletta Samons
- 24 - Kim Bryan & Laura Jane Coon
- 27 - Pam Barrett
- 29 - Richard Combs
- 30 - Kathy Slaten
- 31 - Cliff Banta, Jr. & Stewart Coon

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

A big **THANK YOU** to Anna Ferrell & Andrea Story for co-directing Vacation Bible School, to the Hunter Family & their helpers for all the wonderful decorations, to all the leaders, crew leaders & helpers. We could not have done it without all of you. You made VBS a great success!!!

