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DAN'S DOODLES

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...”
(Acts 2: 1,2,4).

As the summer season begins, we are reminded that in the Christian Church, the season of Pentecost has begun. Pentecost marks the time when Jesus fulfilled the promise He had made to His disciples that they would be “clothed with power from on high”. (Luke 24: 49). The power of which Jesus spoke was NOT the power to control or manipulate others, but rather the power to effectively witness to His resurrection.

What follows in the book of Acts is a compiling of stories—the stories of lives that were transformed by the resurrection power of the living Christ. And that remains the most powerful witness of all to the reality of the Resurrection. We can argue “all day long” as per the doctrinal beliefs of a particular church of denomination, but there is no argument against a changed life! And that is why our witness before others is so important as a means of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

I have just finished re-reading the testimony of Mr. Charles Colson—convicted Watergate personality whose life was radically transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. I had the joy of hearing Mr. Colson speak recently in St. Louis at a “Prison Fellowship” gathering. There was much skepticism expressed about Mr. Colson’s sincerity at the time of his “conversion”, but over the past 30 years, those voices have been silenced. For the past 30 years, Chuck Colson has headed up one of the most important evangelical Christian prison ministries in the country. His life is a living testimony to the veracity of His “conversion”. And Chuck knows as well as anyone that the change of life he has experienced has been made possible only by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in him.

So, let’s enjoy the long season of Pentecost and continue to pray that the Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will transform the lives of many for the sake of the gospel!!!

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP THIS SUMMER!!!

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JUNE GREETERS

June 7 - Annette Robertson

*June 14 - Marty Williams &
Bobby Hearnese*

June 21 - Taylor & Julie Burke

June 28 - Jane Jackson

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

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

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet for their General Meeting & Luncheon on Wednesday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. at Phyllis Halliday's, 2908 Washington Ave., Cairo, IL.

The Southeast District Day Apart will be June 13, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Piedmont Trinity United Methodist Church, Hwy. 34 between Patterson & Piedmont. Enjoy friends, food & fellowship as we appreciate our Native American brothers & sisters. Lunch is \$6.00 & payable at the door. Registration forms need to be sent by June 6. For registration forms call Annette Robertson.

Mo Conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission will be held on July 23-26 at Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO. For more information call Annette Robertson.

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.

Attention 2009 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.

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!!!

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the care package. I enjoyed the candy and food immensely. Thanks also for the sticky notes and pens. (I absolutely love sticky notes.)

Thank you again,
Brittany Stack

Dear Charleston United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for donating \$50 to our 8th grade Spring Fling. We had a wonderful time and this would not have been possible without people & businesses like ;you. We appreciate it.

CMS 8th Grade Students

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for the prayer shawl & for being so nice & thoughtful.

Barbara Whitehead

Dear Church family,

Thank you a bunch for the care package. With finals week coming up, it was a big boost to help me get motivated and hunker down to the books to finish the semester. I appreciate your supporting and thinking of me. Having an assortment of snacks to pick from when taking a study break is very nice. I am looking forward to coming home for the summer and seeing everyone who has helped support me through the school year.

Tommy Starr

Dear United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the monogrammed blanket and the wonderful brunch. I appreciate everyone thinking of me at this exciting time.

Caitlin Moody

United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care package I received for finals. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness during this hectic time of the year. Thank you once again!

Allison DeField

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the care package. I look forward to getting them since they're full of good stuff. This one was very good; the snack food was great for while I studied for finals.

Thanks again,
Brittany Stack

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Fred DeField & Robin Seabaugh
- 4 - Lachele Brink, Lee-Stroud Goodin & Jerry Self
- 6 - Kara Hillhouse & Paul Moore
- 7 - Ricky Slaughter
- 9 - A.H. Marshall & Alen Pemberton
- 10 - Reagan Austin
- 11 - Dorothy DeField, Joel Boren, Sally Winchester & Sayler Fleming
- 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
- 18 - Matt Jackson
- 19 - Jan Hankinson
- 20 - Jim Ponder & Robert Frazier
- 21 - Katie Whitehead
- 22 - Connie Keener & James Byrd
- 23 - Marty Williams
- 24 - Adele Atteberry, Elizabeth Lyon, Jessie Brown & Thomas Weiss,II
- 25 - Tristan Goodin
- 26 - Rebecca Nix & Ali Fox
- 27 - Laurel McNeary & Virginia Claire Alexander
- 28 - Jimmy Thurmond
- 30 - Jr. Malugen & Scott Brink

JUNE LUNCHEON TO BE HELD AT MAGNOLIA MANOR

The historic Magnolia Manor (2700 Washington Ave., Cairo, IL) will hold a luncheon Tuesday, June 2, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A donation of \$8.00 is requested and reservations may be made by calling 618-734-0201. Reservations are requested. All proceeds are used for the upkeep of the Manor.

