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DAN'S DOODLES

"I always thank God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his son.....is faithful." (1 Cor. 1:4-9).

April was a very special month for us at the Charleston United Methodist Church! The Children's Palm Sunday musical program was wonderful, the Easter worship service was joyous and the Confirmation Sunday (April 26th) was special! Five of our middle school students professed their faith in Christ and we were able as a congregation to celebrate the spiritual gifts they bring to the ministry of the Church.

We challenged our confirmation youth, (and reminded ourselves), to remember that professing one's faith in Christ and officially joining the United Methodist Church is NOT their graduation, but rather their initiation into a lifetime of living for Christ. As a congregation we renewed our own commitment to uphold the ministry of Christ by our PRAYERS, our PRESENCE (in worship), our GIFTS, our SERVICE, and our WITNESS. And we have the promise of the Word of God that just as He has called us into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, so God will "keep (us) strong to the end, so that we might be (fruitful) and blameless on the day of our Lord!"

Sandy and I celebrate what God is doing in our lives in this church family and community, and look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for us in the days ahead!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

House of Faust

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MAY GREETERS

May 3 - Annette Robertson & Martha Ann Keener

May 10 - Dorothy Reed & Suzanne Boren

May 17 - Linda Ault & Bettina Moxley

May 24 - Carletta Samons & Brenda Bone

May 31 - Ronald Dodson

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

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

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, May 6, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Myra Hillhouse.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men of the church, you are invited to come and bring a friend to our Men's Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We have four seniors graduating from high school this year. They are Caitlin Moody, Katie Thurston, Maggie Fox & Courtney Luehmann. The Education Committee will host a Brunch for the Seniors on Sunday, May 10 in the Family Life Center immediately following the morning worship service. Come and celebrate with the seniors and their families.

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. We already have nine youth registered for camp this summer.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date has been set for Vacation Bible School this year, Sunday, June 21 through Thursday, June 25, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mark your calendar! More information will follow in the June newsletter & weekly bulletins.

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.

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Church Friends,

It was a joy to receive the prayer shawl. Thank you so much for thinking of me while I was away.

Fondly,

Elizabeth Clevenger

Dear Members of Charleston United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the gift of \$500 that you gave to the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center. Our mission is to help children and their families learn to live healthy, productive lives.

On Feb. 23, 2009, twenty-nine adults came to the Learning Center wanting help earning their GED. There are over eighty adults in our GED program. Over 400 adults have earned their GED with help from our staff.

The Family Learning Center's Domestic Violence Area is open twenty-four hours every day. There are lots of adults and children who come to this program.

We appreciate your help with the Christian work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Staff &
Board

To All at the United Methodist Church,

We all thank you so much for the great meal you provided for us once again. It is so great to have such a caring church family at this time of sorrow.

The Johnny Hodges Family

Dear United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care package that I received last week. It was a great surprise, especially during midterms, and a great reminder of home. I appreciate your kindness and thank you once again!

Allison DeField

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the care packages you have sent me. Whenever they come in it makes me stop thinking of all I have going on at school from an upcoming concert, an assignment due, or a presentation to give and think of back home and everyone in Charleston. It's always a pick up to be notified I have a package to pick up and see "CUMC, Charleston, MO" on the top. Thank you for thinking of me while I'm away at school.

Tom Starr

Dear Charleston UMC Family,

From the moment I set foot in our church, I felt at home. Each and every one of you has been incredibly hospitable and generous over the years. This week, that consideration was evident once again. Corey, Nolan and I have had a bit of a rough go of it lately. It seems that things just kept piling up from all our medical mishaps. God worked through each of you to help give us a glimmer of hope toward an end to the costs that seem to keep coming. Thank you for your generous \$500 gift. With this money, we will be able to continue providing care for Nolan more comfortably. We are so very appreciative. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,

The Adkissons

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the goody box! I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. The treats were very delightful.

Love,

Ali Fox

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THANK YOU!!!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the midterm care package! It really brightened my day! I appreciate all the love and support you give me. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness!

Jennifer Miller

Dear Church Family,

I express my appreciation for the RADIAL HOSPITALITY that you showed to the mission group from Zionsville, Indiana, as they returned from a week in Port Arthur, Texas. Through Pastor Dan's ability to arrange our being the host for this group and the Administrative Council's approval, 40 students and 20 adults were able to spend the night of Friday, April 3, on the floor and in the pews in our sanctuary. (One of the young adults actually insisted on running the vacuum in the sanctuary to clean up the "blanket bunnies", as he called them!) On Saturday morning, Lucy Malugen, Marilyn Miller, and I served these travelers to a welcomed hot meal for the beginning of their last lap to Zionsville. This particular group served at Red Bird, Kentucky, last year, again during their spring break.

Of course, I was delighted to welcome all 60 of the travelers, but I must tell you that our son-in-law and two grandsons were especially dear to see. I extend that thanks to the United Methodist Church through which my extended family has learned not only to love God but also to give to others in His name.

Sincerely,
Suellen Fenton

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the goody filled care package. It is delicious and a wonderful reminder of home during the Easter season. It is very heartwarming for me to know that I have such a caring church family that always remembers me, especially during the holidays. Once again, thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Love,
Kati Luehmann

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the many prayers you have prayed for me. It has touched me so. I did not know how many really cared until now.

Your faithfulness is being remembered by God and He will bless you for your love and caring for me.

God Bless you and keep me in your prayers still.

I am not able to write good yet, but I'm working hard. Again, thank you for your prayers.

Also, thanks for the Easter Basket - how kind. I wasn't here so I don't know who brought it. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

God Bless you,
Martha B. Moody

THANK YOU!!!

Dear United Methodist Women,

Thank you so much for your generous gift toward our ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship! We are excited about serving God in the Congo, and your gift is helping us to get there. We will send you our newsletters so you can track our progress and know how to pray for us. We are looking forward to building a strong friendship and will be praying for you. We would be happy to come share about our ministry with you if you should ever want us to.

God bless you!
Nancy & David

To the Membership of the United Methodist Church of Charleston, Missouri,

Enclosed is a check, in the amount of \$250, representing a contribution to your church in recognition of the generosity and camaraderie of the members of your congregation during the adversity faced by all with the ice storm. The outpouring of support, food, accommodations and other offers of assistance were very uplifting to the spirits of our members. This is just a small token of our appreciation.

On behalf of the members of Local 1439, we thank you for all you did for us during this trying time and hope this donation helps your congregation in future endeavors.

Very truly yours,
Michael D. Walter, Business Manager
Local #1439
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Nina Frazier & Chase Tinsley
5 - Carol McDowell
6 - Flipper Naile
8 - Deloras Brown & Dorothy Reed
9 - Bettina Moxley & Clay Bethune
11 - Dana Lathum & Melinda Miller
12 - C.P. Fenton, James Thurman,III & Lilly Malugen
13 - Buffy Thurston
15 - Walter Vines
17 - Brenda Bone
19 - Caroline Austin
20 - Ginger Logan, Stephen Burke & Cary McClure Story
21 - Britt Story
26 - Carla Hunter
27 - Dorothy Anne Brink
28 - Mary Vines
31 - Joyce Gilmore