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DAN'S DOODLES

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY.” (Romans 12:9-13)

Bishop Schnase suggests that one of the characteristics of a healthy and vital congregation is the practice of “radical hospitality”. I take that to mean that as a church family we are constantly looking for more and more ways to make persons who visit us on Sunday morning feel “right at home”. In addition “radical hospitality” suggests that we are constantly looking for ways to reach out to our community with acts of kindness and Christian compassion. And I would suggest to you that this is not the job of a committee within the life of the church, but rather a fundamental attitude with which we approach life. I think our former pastor, Pastor Roger, is a perfect example of what I mean. Every time you see Pastor Roger he greets you with that wonderful smile and immediately you feel “at home in his space.” To create space for others in our lives is the ultimate act of “radical hospitality”.

Another equally important element of Christ-like hospitality is not giving into the narcissism tendency of the modern world in which we live. We don’t want to leave the impression with persons that “the world revolves around them”—or around us. It seems to me that we are no longer living in the “information age”, but rather the “entitlement age.” People seem to have the idea that the purpose of the local church is “to meet my needs”. But the purpose of the local church is to worship Jesus Christ as our Risen Lord and to honor Him with the way in which we live our lives! Maintaining a healthy balance between “practicing hospitality” and “proclaiming Christ” with conviction and integrity is the challenge!

So, as we gear up for another autumn season in the life of the local church, would you pray with me that we will be a church of “radical hospitality” AND a church of “radical discipleship”. Pray that your pastor will and our church family will be people of compassion and conviction! God bless you! I will see you in worship this Sunday!!!

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SEPTEMBER GREETERS

September 6 - Annette Robertson & Martha Ann Keener

September 13 - Dorothy Reed & Suzanne Boren

September 20 - Linda Ault & Bettina Moxley

September 27 - Carletta Samons & Brenda Bone

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

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

YOUTH NEWS

Dear Youth, Families, and Church Members!

I am so very excited to kick off this school year with our “Youth Rally” which is set for September 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. We will be playing softball and cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. This will be a time for fellowship and getting to know one another again. Please feel free to bring friends as we want this to be a celebration!

The way that we are planning on working the Sunday evening youth times are as follows:

September 20 - High School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
September 27 - Middle School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
October 4 - High School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
October 11 - Middle School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
October 18 - High School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
October 25 - NO meeting
November 1 - NO meeting
November 8 - Middle School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
November 15 - High School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
November 22 - Middle School meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
November 29 - NO meeting (Thanksgiving weekend)
December 6 - Both Middle & High School meet 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
December 13 - Both Middle & High School meet 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
December 20 - NO meeting (Christmas Break)
December 27 - NO meeting (Christmas Break)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please let me know so that I can get your name down. I really appreciate all of the support and am very excited to be beginning this with our youth!

God Bless,

Kelly Howard
Youth Director

“What is faith/ It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.” Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for your lovely, warm shawl. It will definitely come in handy during this winter in Russia! Also, thank you for thinking of me & for your prayers. I feel covered & protected both literally & spiritually! I know it helps my parents, as well! Many thanks!

Sincerely,
Danielle Faust

Dear Charleston UMC,

Fred and I thank you for all your kind thoughts, words, food and prayers. We cherish our church family.

Sincerely,
Marilyn & Fred Ferrell

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me to church camp. It was a good learning experience.

Thanks so much,
Will Ferrell

Dear Members of the Charleston United Methodist Church,

Thank you for choosing me to receive the Charleston United Methodist Church Scholarship. I appreciate it very much! It is a great honor and this will really help me toward becoming a teacher in the future after graduation.

Sincerely,
Amanda Amos
Sophomore, CMU

DREAMING OF A "GREEN" CHRISTMAS

Our Sunday School children will be collecting used Holiday cards, especially Christmas ones. They will be recycled and sent to St. Jude's for the "St. Jude's Ranch for Children". If you have any cards & would like to donate them to this project, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, September 2 in the church parlor at 9:30 a.m.

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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 Hearn, II
- 20 - Nathan Ault
- 21 - Ann McCuiston, Charles Brink, Emily McDowell & Leslie Hingle
- 22 - Chase Wiley
- 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

15th ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH BARBEQUE

Our 15th Annual All-Church Barbeque will be held on Friday, October 2, 2009, 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.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

