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The Steeple Bell

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Sharing Table

The Sharing Table is scheduled to start on Sunday, May 30th. Sarah Swearingen will again be coordinating our Sharing Table with phone calls asking you to bring something for the table. Please say yes when you get a call to bring something for the table. Proceeds from the Sharing Table go to Heifer International as part of our support to The Festival of Sharing.

Galactic Blast VBS



The United Methodist Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church are once again joining together for Vacation Bible School. We want to invite invite children pre-k to grade 5 to

Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God. We will board the star-ship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe - and our awesome God - in a whole new way. This cosmic combination of faith and fun begins July 11th to 15th. Join us for an out-of-this world adventure! To register to be a part of the excitement contact the church office at 667-5435.

Inviting Team Booth

The Inviting Team is sponsoring a cold water give-away for Bushwhacker Days. This is an excellent way to raise or profile in the community and make a connection with people. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, June 9th from 6:00 pm until about 8:30 pm for a special "Water-Drop" and then on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 am until about 6:00 pm to help staff the booth. You can volunteer by visiting with Kori Bower on Sunday morning, eMailing us at volunteer@umcn.info or by calling the Church Office at 667-5435.

Youth Mission Opportunities

Let's kick off the summer for the X-Changed youth ministry in a positive way. I have been in contact with local agencies looking for the best opportunities to do some local mission work with our friends coming from the Tulsa First United Methodist Youth. We have 2 locations confirmed as work sites for Monday, June 7th.

1. Camp Galilee (They have requested Sr. High Students only): as many of you know, Camp Galilee has had much damage as a result of the recent storms. Brad North has requested as many Sr High as we can send for the entire day to help with clean up and repairs.
2. Loretta's Attic: (Mid-High & at least 1-2 adults) There are continual workers needed to help sort and stock items at the store. They need to know how many can come and for how long we can stay so they will be prepared with plenty of work for us.

Please let Julie know ASAP if you are able to help on June 7th. You can contact Julie at jnelson@umcn.info or by calling the church office at 667-5435.

Peanut Butter Collection

The Sending Team would like to collect jars of Peanut Butter for Community Outreach and Moss House on Sunday, June 6th. We would invite everyone to bring a new jar of peanut butter with you to church that morning and drop them off at the collection point in the lobby.

College Graduate

Congratulations to Megan Ebert who graduated from Missouri State University on Friday, May 14th with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Confirmation Sunday

The Confirmation Class will be confirmed at the June, 20th, 9:00 am service. Class members include Amber Gray, Morgan Ernsbarger and Kylee Nelson.

Landscaping Needs



We are still looking for volunteers to help with the landscaping around the church. We need people who can take care of weeding, straightening and re-packing the landscaping brick around the beds and someone to help with the work of replacing some of the watering system tubing. If your willing to help please email us at volunteer@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435 and we will help coordinate when and where.

Help Needed!!

The church is looking for some volunteers to help with data entry of music into the computer. If you can read and type we can use your help. If you are willing to help eMail us at volunteer@umcn.info or call the church office at 667-5435.

Kindermusik Returns

Come sing, dance, and explore everything fun about water: bathtime, oceans, swimming, dolphins, boats, the beach and more! Classes are being offered for children ages newborn thru 7 years old. Wednesday or Thursday night classes are available.

Call Bonnie Cartmill at 684-7860 for more information. Classes will start Wednesday, June 9th and Thursday, June 10th for the summer session. Church members will get a \$6.00 discount when enrolling in the Kindermusik program.

On Facebook

If you have a Facebook account you can check out the Church on Facebook. You can find the link on the church website at www.umcn.info and look to the upper right where the quick links will show "Nevada UMC on Facebook". Even if you do not have a Facebook account you can still view the page.

About The New Kitchen Equipment

The new range has a fire suppression system installed in the hood. This system is designed that in the case of a fire it will not only release the chemical suppressant to put out the fire but will also shut down the flow of gas to the ovens and the cook top. This can be set off in several different ways. It can be set off manually with the pull station next to the outside door in the kitchen. It can be set off automatically due to fire on the cook-top. It can also be set off because of excessive heat. Since excessive heat can set the system off you should always turn on the fan in the hood anytime that the cook-top or the ovens are in use. There is a new handheld fire extinguisher in the kitchen that is designed to deal with a gas fire but Pastor Ralph's advice is do not try and fight a gas fire around or near the new range, pull the station by the back door and get out of the building.

Thank You

The youth group would like to thank everyone that has contributed to their fund raising efforts. Thanks to the UMW for sharing your basement sale, thanks to all that purchased lemonade, thanks to all who bought tomatoes and a BIG thanks to Bill Gregory for his work and donations of tomato plants. This youth group is truly blessed.

Dear UMC,

I can't tell you how excited I get every time your care packages arrive on my doorstep. Thank you so much for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers and for keeping my belly full! I hope everyone is doing well. Thanks again.

Kelsey Fisher

Thank you very much for the care package full of snacks. It's nice to know that people are thinking of us college students at this stressful time! Thanks again.

Brooke Gregory

Thank you for the package of goodies, I have really enjoyed it.

Clint Gerken

Thanks so much for the finals care package. I appreciate the hard work you put into making them because they make me happy! Have a good summer!!

Katelyn Brier

June Birthdays

06/01 Ralph Clark
 06/02 Carolyn Thornton
 06/02 Chuck Edmonds
 06/02 Amy Brooks
 06/03 Ellis Spencer
 06/03 Peyton Walker
 06/04 Jessica Gose
 06/05 Karri Brier
 06/06 Joyce Post
 06/06 Ellen Gundy
 06/06 Margie Campbell
 06/07 Alexander Payne
 06/08 Tom Bunton
 06/08 Lucas Denman
 06/09 Jennifer Roberts
 06/13 Linda Bussinger
 06/14 Jacob Denman
 06/15 Ken Bothof
 06/15 Mickey Mason
 06/15 Randy Messick
 06/16 Vivian Burris
 06/16 Dale Brockmeyer
 06/16 Norlene Hillier
 06/16 Charley Haggans
 06/17 Loretta Atkinson
 06/18 Jacquin Brown
 06/18 Allison Ferry
 06/19 Trigg Thorpe
 06/19 Josh Adams
 06/20 Wilson Liter
 06/20 Victoria Ireland
 06/22 Jeff Mitchell
 06/22 Robin Fisher
 06/22 Katelyn Penn
 06/23 Bob Beaver
 06/23 Kenneth Rains
 06/24 Dustin Morris
 06/24 Kelsey Gregory
 06/26 Jay Bower
 06/26 Danny Penn
 06/26 Angie Piper
 06/27 Bob Hacker
 06/28 Shirley Garnett
 06/28 Jennifer Gose
 06/28 Jill Osbourn
 06/29 Wilma Coffman
 06/29 Celeste Grothusen
 06/29 Emily Scarborough
 06/30 Don Lee
 06/30 LeAnna Dahmer



Prayer Concerns

Charles Nash, Florence Fritts, Sonja Wells, Harold Harris, Derek Hill, Bill Hensley, Randy Fellows, Julia Lightner, Kathy Rosser, Patty Gaughan, Janet Burrell, Rev. Ron Orr, Dustey Chisholm, Haley Graham, Peggy Boehs.



Extended Prayer Concerns

Laura Brewer Ackerman, Violet Adams, Tracy Altic, Cathy (Beisner) Baker, Sharon Beisley, Christina Booth, Lawrence Bower, Margie Breneman, Norine Brewer, Jim Burrell, Marty Caldwell, Lynne Logan Clawson, Leonard Ernsbarger, Newell Franks, Marlene Folsom, Bob Guerrant, Adam Gullett, Lance Hackleman, Jennifer Hancock, Nola Hartzfeld, Wills Hensley, Steve Hertzberg, Vee Hughes, Jean LaGuire, Sandra Lang, Mary Madill, Robert Palmer, Michael Roussin, Mary Alice Shannon, Edoline Smith, Rev. Lester Thornton, Dorothy Tyer, Sarah Walker, Eli Braswell Wilkening, Ann Wolfe, our Church, our sister church in Canda, Pastor Ester Jossias Guambe at Canda, our Bishop, our Nation and the world.



Serving Our Country

Adam Appleberry, Rodney Bastow, C.J. Hayes, Steve Oberly, Kevin Reed, Rachel Wells, Tim Wells and the US Armed Forces.

Those We Hold in Loving Care

Barone Center (2102 N Ash) - Pat Haggans, Eloise Harry
 Culpepper Place Residential Care (640 E Highland) - Vivian Burris, Ruth Munz
 Moore-Few (901 S Adams) - Marty Caldwell, Naomi Kraft, Betty McClain, Dorothy Tyer
 Homebound - Elmer Post, Jean LaGuire, Evelyn Emery
 Out of Town - Dorothy Bell



Future Worship Service Positions

May 30th

Liturgist Jeannie Ireland
 Greeters Jan Thompson
 Head Usher Jim Bickel
 Ushers Sherry Bickel, Jay and Kim Bowmaster
 Acolyte Matthew Sommer
 11:15 Greeters/Ushers Carl and Cindy Johnson

June 6th

Liturgist Deb Ernsbarger
 Greeters Bob and Constance Beaver
 Head Usher Mike McCaffree
 Ushers Erica Skouby, Neil and Kelly Gerken
 Acolytes Monica Gerken and Rilie Good
 11:15 Greeters/Ushers Jason and Heather Meisenheimer

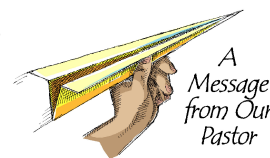


JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	31 Office Closed	1 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Susannah Wesley Circle	2 8:00 AM Tops 9:30 AM Quilt Guild 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3	4 1:00 PM Senior Fun	5 Tulsa First United Methodist Mission Team
6 Food Collection for Missions Tulsa First United Methodist Mission Team 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	7 Tulsa First United Methodist Mission Team 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	8 Tulsa First United Methodist Mission Team 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl	9 8:00 AM Tops 10:00 AM Kindermusik 12:30 PM Helping Hands Circle 2:00 PM Kindermusik 6:00 PM Bushwhacker Days Water-Drop 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30 PM Kindermusik	11 1:00 PM Senior Fun	12 9:00 AM Bushwhacker Days Booth
13 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	14 9:30 AM Bazaar Workday 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Habitat Board of Directors 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	15 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl	16 8:00 AM Tops 10:00 AM Kindermusik 11:30 AM Friendship Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 8:00 AM Leadership Breakfast 6:30 PM Kindermusik	18 1:00 PM Senior Fun	19
20 Mission Minute 9:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	21 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	22 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl	23 8:00 AM Tops 10:00 AM Kindermusik 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30 PM Kindermusik	25 1:00 PM Senior Fun	26 Youth Mission Trip
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Dear Friends,

I have not had the need to write an article like this very many times in my career as a pastor but I feel that there is something of which you need to be aware. I shared with the Church Council last week that we are and have been running behind financially all year long. As I told them we are always one strong offering behind where we need to be. This is due to several reasons.



1. We experienced a harsh winter that drove our utility bills higher than we had anticipated.
2. Because of the harsh winter we experienced lower than normal attendance that started on Christmas Eve and continued through most of February.
3. In dealing with a 50 year old building we have been experiencing higher than normal maintenance issues for several months.
4. Many members are still feeling the reality of the financial recession that we are currently dealing with.

As a result we have tried not to spend money on anything that we have not really needed. We have cut back every place that we can without sacrificing maintenance, Christian Education or mission goals. The new range in the kitchen was paid from Memorial Funds and the additional costs of the fire suppression system was funded through special donations or funds available to the Board of Trustees for capital expenses. The Board of Trustees had intentionally not issued a Builders Club request out of their concern for the financial health of the congregation. In some cases we have had individuals who have stepped up and paid for things in addition to their normal giving. However, we are still behind where we need to be. We can not continue in this pattern.

I would like to ask you to do three things.

1. Pray for your church, the ministry and the lives of people that we are able to touch.
 2. Check to make sure that your pledge is current and if not please try and catch you pledge up as soon as you possibly can.
 3. Consider making an additional donation in the next few weeks so we can get back to where we need to be.
- Thank you for your faithfulness to the ministry of your church.

See You at Church,
Pastor Ralph

Attendance

May 16th

9:00 am Traditional	103
10:15 am Sunday School	62
11:15 am Contemporary	24

Stewardship

Week Ending 05/16

General Budget	\$ 2,445.56
Sunday School	19.00
Student Ministries	75.00
Mission Funds	5.00
Youth Group	48.39
50's Drive-In	551.95
Camp Galilee	50.00
Memorials	50.00
Capital Projects	382.00

Equal Exchange

The Sending Team is in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief to bring you products from Equal Exchange. We currently have 3 bags of coffee available for purchase. Equal Exchange helps small farmers build better lives for themselves and their families.

Bulletins Received

Horton & Metz UMC
Betty Hill

St. Paul's UMC ~ Lenexa, KS
Sandie Strawn

Rockville UMC ~ Rockville, MO
Charlotte Hirni

Branson UMC ~ Branson, MO
Joe Sunthimer

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, May 23rd

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, May 24th

9:30 am Bazaar Workday
12:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 25th

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
2:00 pm Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, May 26th

8:00 am TOPS
3:30 pm UMW Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 27th

9:30 am Confirmation Class Field Trip

Friday, May 28th

1:00 pm Senior Fun

Sunday, May 30th

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Contemporary Worship

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Vacation Bible School Dates
July 11th - 15th



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