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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Wednesday
 Prayer Group**
 Begins at 9:30 a.m.
 Church Prayer Room
 Come and Pray
 With Us!
Everyone Welcome!

Praying Through
 God's Word

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



Teresa and I were sitting on a bench at the Apple Festival and noticed a young couple with a small child. His hands were full of just purchased fair food, she had the little one in tow, and they were obviously looking for a place to land. We caught their eye and offered to scoot down and share our bench. It was funny to watch the emotions cross their faces: surprise, relief, gratitude and maybe a little joy. For a few minutes we shared our space and then they were off to enjoy the festival. It cost us nothing to share and gave us both a moment of that feel-good-inside joy of helping someone else.

In some ways small acts of kindness seem popular these days. You see it sometimes in a TV commercial: a person helping another person who then helps another person and so on. Strangers offering assistance—not huge earth shattering acts, but small gestures—like holding the door for someone with their arms full, offering a word of comfort or encouragement, speaking kindly and offering a smile often means so much to others.

These random acts of kindness are the 10 X 10 theme for the month of October. We can all find ways to do the little things that brighten days and ease burdens for our fellow travelers on life's journey. In many ways I feel they are the salt that seasons life or the yeast that causes the whole loaf to rise. Jesus talked about acts of kindness and practiced them himself inviting all of his disciples to follow in his example.

We don't really need to plan them – they are random - we just need to take advantage of the many times these opportunities are present. So do a good deed today, be a blessing to someone and in doing so, find a blessing for you.

Your servant in Christ,
Larry



Feeding our Youth!

We are asking parents/church family to provide food for our youth meetings. Please sign up to take turns in providing different items of food and drink. You can sign up on the MUMC Youth Groups Facebook page or in the church kitchen on the refrigerator sign up sheet. Please look under “events” area on the Facebook page to see the dates of meetings and what people have signed up to bring. You will not need to stay and serve the kids, just drop the items off in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your support!

ALL SAINTS DAY

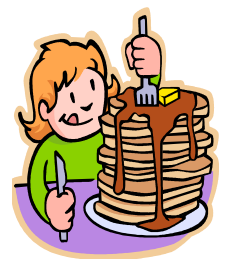
On November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints Day in our morning service. We want to honor those loved ones who have passed on between November 2012 and now. We traditionally celebrate that life with a lighted candle and the ringing of a bell. If you have a friend or a family member whose name you would like included, please contact the church office with that name and the date of death.



Habitat for Humanity is in need of help at their Commercial Street, Murphysboro project, Saturdays, 8 a.m. until noon. If you are willing to help, check the Habitat for Humanity box on Sunday’s service Registration and Attendance Sheet and someone will phone you. Or, you may also phone Barb Hughes at 924-5898 or Jay Graff at 967-9848.



The Senior High Youth are having a pancake breakfast after Sunday School on October 6th!
Please help us provide for Gladis Anel, our sponsored child from Mexico.
We have so much and they have so little.



Gladis Anel lives with her parents and 1 brother. Her parents struggle to provide for the family. Her father is a farm laborer and her mother takes care of the household. Despite their efforts it is difficult to meet the family's needs.

Gladis Anel is growing up in a poor rural community in Oaxaca, Mexico. Most homes are made of wood, but some are brick. Corn tortillas, beans, soup and sometimes chicken make up most of the local diet. Low temperatures reach the 70s in December and highs are above 100 in June. The community is located on flat, dusty terrain.

Gladis Anel is in primary school and she enjoys mathematics. She helps at home by sweeping the floors. She likes to play with dolls. She is in satisfactory health.

OCTOBER 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 1 | 10:00 a.m. Malachi Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts | 21 | 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts |
| 2 | 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | 22 | 10:00 a.m. Malachi Women's Bible Study
6:00 a.m. Cub Scouts |
| 3 | 6:00 p.m. Scouts Round Table
6:30 p.m. Praying Out Loud Workshop | 23 | 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Group
6:00 a.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 a.m. Choir Practice
7:00 a.m. Wednesday AA Meeting
7:00 a.m. Children YSF |
| 4 | 8:30 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Wece/Hargraves Wedding Rehearsal Dinner | 24 | 6:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group
4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts |
| 5 | 9:00 a.m. Hand Bell Practice
10:00 p.m. AA Meeting
5:00 p.m. Wece/Hargraves Wedding | 25 | 2:00 p.m. Feed the Team
6:00 p.m. Scrapbook and Scripture
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7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop |
| 6 | 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. Church Membership Informational Meeting | 26 | 9:00 a.m. Hand Bell Practice
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting |
| 7 | 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts | 27 | 12:00 p.m. Our Neighbor's Table |
| 8 | 10:00 a.m. Malachi Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Young at Heart
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
6:00 a.m. Cub Scouts
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee | 28 | 6:00 p.m. Card Workshop
5:00 p.m. Youth Group |
| 9 | 9:00 a.m. MUMC Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Wednesday A.A. Meeting | 29 | 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts |
| 10 | 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. Disciple II Orientation | 30 | 6:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group
7:00 a.m. Women's Reunion Group
9:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 pm. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Wednesday AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Service and Missions |
| 11 | 10:00 a.m. Feeder of the Pack Packers
7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop | 31 | 6:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group
5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat |
| 12 | 7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Hand Bell Practice
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting | | |
| 13 | 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:00 p.m. Youth Group | | |
| 14 | 1:00 p.m. Nurture and Care Committee
6:30 p.m. Advent Wreath Workshop | | |
| 15 | 10:00 a.m. Malachi Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Publicity and Promotions | | |
| 16 | 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Wednesday A.A. Meeting | | |
| 17 | 6:30 a.m. Men's Reunion Group | | |
| 18 | 9:00 a.m. Hand Bell Practice
10:00 a.m. A.A. Meeting
10:30 a.m. Saturday Morning Book Club | | |

The Library Corner:

The Library Corner: Still Celebrating!



The UMC church library reached its third anniversary in August and we are still celebrating with reader recommendations! Last month we featured three great recommendations for fiction reading, and this month we have recommendations for non-fiction.

Teresa Gilbert recommends **One Thousand Gifts** by Ann Voskamp:

In her book, the author answers the questions: "How do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama and daily duties? What does a life of gratitude look like when your days are gritty, long, and sometimes dark? What is God providing here and now?"

Ann Voskamp introduced me to a different paradigm of living a life of gratitude, not only by recognizing daily gifts and blessings, but by sharing how to truly give thanks even in the midst of very dark hours, thus cultivating a way of becoming present to God's presence that brings deep and lasting happiness.

Scarlett Pierson recommends both the **William Barclay Daily Bible Studies** and **Children's Books and DVDs:**

I used the William Barclay series several times while preparing for things but the **I John Bible Study** is what I used once to do my daily reading from. I loved it because it wasn't dry but interesting. It's neatly organized for daily use rather than feeling overwhelmed by such an amazing amount of info. Barclay writes in a way any person would get something out of it no matter what level of biblical knowledge they have.

The kids have enjoyed many DVDs and books over the past years from the library. As a mom I appreciate the biblical worldview DVDs for kids so much, because kids ask questions and you never know what those times can turn into for your kids spiritual welfare!

I love our library at church and that we have a group of ladies that are behind it and nurturing this ministry. It's growing and will continue to grow as we use this great ministry!!!

Gaye Auxier recommends **What Your Childhood Memories Say About You (and What You Can Do About It)** by Dr. Kevin Leman

I never had read nor heard of Dr. Leman before this title caught my eye one day when I happened to be browsing in our church's library. I was intrigued. While Leman is a bona fide psychologist, his self-deprecating humor peppers the entire book (on his website he writes, "I'm a perfect example that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. I never wanted to write a book (back in high school I never even read them), yet today I've written 43 of them!"). His observations and theories are a delight to read. I think I read the whole book in 2 sittings. His questions and analysis of the reader's possible responses give the reader much to ponder. After reading the book very quickly, I went back to a number of the questions and took some time considering my answers and the implications of my answers. I am anxious to read some of the other 42 books.

Look for these books downstairs in the library or upstairs on the library table.

YOUTH CALENDAR

- Oct. 6:** Confirmation Class at 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13:** Confirmation Class at 3:30 p.m.
Youth Meeting at 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27:** Youth Meeting at 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31:** Trunk or Treat

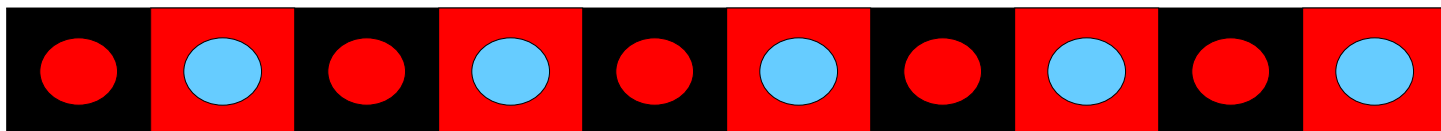
*CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)
 *JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)
 *SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)



Welcome, youth!



Check out MUMC Youth Groups on Facebook!



**October Noisy Offering
 For
 Spirit of Christmas**



Recycling at Church

It is time to request new to volunteer to pick up the church recycling. We take turns every month depending on how many volunteers we have. So far each of us has had to take two months this year. We pick up on Sat. (if possible but for sure once a week) and take to what ever recycling drop off is most convenient for you. Please contact Paula Chapa at 967-2689 or sign up on the registration pads if you would like to volunteer at least one month a year.

Thanks so much for helping MUMC Recycle!



October 8th
 12:00 noon
 Fellowship Hall

MENU

Chicken and Dumplings
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Apple Pie w/Ice Cream

PROGRAM

To Be Announced



Saturday Book Club Meeting

October 19th

10:30 a.m.

Church Library

Everyone Welcome!

“Wild” by Cheryl Strayed

Contact Emily Wece at 559-0329 or ewece88@gmail.com

“Wild” is A powerful, blazingly honest memoir: the story of an eleven-hundred-mile solo hike that broke down a young woman reeling from catastrophe—and built her back up again.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

The trip to the Holy Land has been postponed due to the situation in the Middle East and the elevator project. This postponement may translate to your now being interested in a Fall, 2014 or Spring, 2015 trip. If you would like your name added to the list of interested parties, please check the *Registration and Attendance Sheet*.

OUR NEIGHBORS’ TABLE

(FORMERLY MEAL AND A MOVIE)



LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



Cards for a Cure

Do you ever dine out at Panera, Steak & Shake, Cracker Barrel or Chili’s? Do you ever buy a book from Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com? Do you purchase home repair items at Lowe’s, Sears, or Home Depot? Do you ever put gift cards in a Christmas or birthday card?

If you answered “YES” to any of the questions, you can help raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life team is selling gift cards again this year to raise money to help in the fight against cancer. It is a battle all of us have seen loved ones, friends and co-workers fight. You may have fought the battle yourself.

For every gift card that we sell, the companies will give us a percentage of the sale. For example, if you give us \$10, we will give you a gift card for \$10. The business will donate a percentage back to our team.

The purchase of gift cards is an easy way to jump-start your Christmas shopping and at the same time help raise money for the battle against cancer. You may contact any Relay team member for information or mail your order form to Wilma Westerfield at 303 South Pecan Street, DeSoto, IL, 62924. If you do not make it to church to receive an order blank, which can be found in the bulletin, send an email to wmwcof@frontier.com and we will be glad to get you one.

ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO A TEAM MEMBER BY NOVEMBER 4, 2013





Going Up

Breakdown of Giving by MUMC for 2012

<u>Range \$</u>	<u>#GU's*</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
0-250	18	11.2	\$ 1,861	.5
251-500	18	11.2	\$ 6,352	1.9
501-1000	27	16.7	\$ 19,033	5.7
1001-1500	21	13.0	\$ 23,540	7.2
1501-2000	14	8.7	\$ 23,944	7.2
2001-2500	14	8.7	\$ 28,932	8.7
2501-3000	18	11.2	\$ 50,766	15.4
3001-4000	8	5.0	\$ 27,753	8.5
4001-5000	9	5.6	\$ 40,118	12.1
5001-6000	6	3.7	\$ 33,533	10.2
6001- +	8	5.0	\$ 74,788	22.6
	161	100%	\$330,620	100%

*GU's are Giving Units

The Finance Committee is preparing for the fall stewardship campaign. Pastor Larry is sending a letter at the end of September outlining not only the annual Consecration Sunday pledge opportunity but also for the Capital Campaign for the elevator.

The breakdown of giving for 2012 has been provided to help you determine your pledge for 2014. For those who tithe, the pledge decision is fairly straight forward. If you are not tithing, moving from one "Range" level upward to somewhere into the next level is something we hope you prayerfully consider. If you usually do not pledge, we are asking you to continue giving at the same level or greater.

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MUMC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Ministers.....The Congregation
 Pastor.....Larry A. Gilbert
 Coordinator of Ministries.....Earl R. Renshaw
 Discipleship Coordinator.....Teresa Gilbert
 Financial Secretary.....Christine Nolan
 Custodian.....Pat Sullivan
 Organist.....Micah Mayes
 Choir Director.....Ricardo King
 Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz

Happy Birthday

October



*Anniversaries
 and Birthdays*

**HAPPY
 ANNIVERSARY**

- 5 KEN CLINE
- 6 ELIZABETH RIDGEWAY
- 7 JENNIFER WATSON
- 8 EILLEN MCNITT
- 8 ALLISON BARRINGER
- 9 CAROLYN OZBURN
- 10 ROBERT MOREFIELD
- 11 AMBER SMITH
- 12 ELIZABETH LOVELL
- 12 RICK RUNGE
- 13 BRADEN MILLER
- 15 JoANN SCHIRMER
- 15 MARY JANE WILLIAMS
- 15 MAYA JENKINS
- 18 ANDY MCNITT
- 19 ADAM BARRINGER
- 21 LARRY GILBERT
- 22 GARY WECE
- 23 KEVIN MOREFIELD
- 24 MARY ANN HINCHICLIFF
- 24 MEGAN TROWER
- 25 JULIE PETERSON
- 28 BARBARA ZIMMERMAN
- 28 MARGIE STILLEY
- 30 KYLE QUIGLEY
- 30 LONDON WATSON

*See You On The
 Trail!*



- 5th - Richard & Lynn Pierson
 James & Sheila Stewart
- 9th - Marilyn Glasford
- 12th - JT & Bethany Jenkins
- 15th - Bill & Carla Quigley
- 16th - Harold & Marlene Gibbs
- 25th - Earl & Sandra Renshaw
- 26th - Roger & Sharon Medlen
- 27th - James & Heather Bean
- 29th - Ryan & Brooke Guthman
 Clifton & Elene Swafford

If your anniversary
 or birthday does not
 appear in the
 Compass, please
 contact the Church

