

The SPIRIT

Sharing the grace and love that is Jesus Christ

June 2009

Summer fun begins at Crocodile Dock

Jump into a bayou of fun at Crocodile Dock, Monticello UMC's Vacation Bible School program, from 6 to 8 p.m. June 22-24. Kids age three to 11 will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play team-building games, dig into yummy treats, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's Word, and create crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long.

In addition, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through "God Sightings" and share God's love through a mission project with Heifer International. Each day concludes at Firefly Finale, a celebration that gets all of the children involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in this special time at 7:50 p.m. each evening.

The VBS program still needs crew leaders, game helpers and technical-support volunteers to operate the sound system. For more information, call Mary Spickelmier at 775-3663 or e-mail mary.spickelmier@hughes.net.



It's Barbecue Time!

You can enjoy great food, fun and games and help with the fight against cancer at the Ruth Lynn Memorial Team barbecue June 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Monticello UMC. The event will offer food cooked by a prize-winning barbecue chef, hot dogs and hamburgers as well as face-painting, games and prizes for kids and prize drawings for adults. The proceeds will go to the Shawnee/Lenexa Relay for Life event to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Celebrate Education

Don't miss Education Recognition Sunday on June 7. During the 10:30 a.m. service we will honor graduates, give Bibles to students entering third grade and recognize teachers. We'll celebrate with cake between services in Fellowship Hall.

The Sunday School team needs a teacher for the preschool class during the summer and a volunteer to help out as needed. If you could serve in either position, please call Debbie Kellogg at 745-8000.

Disciple Diner:

Nourishment for body, mind and soul

For six weeks this summer, the people of Monticello UMC will gather on Wednesday evenings for food, fellowship and spiritual growth. The evening begins with a light supper at 6 p.m. (with a suggested donation for the cost of the meal). After a brief devotion, we will go to hour-long classes and adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Childcare will be provided for children kindergarten-age and younger.

- ◆ Elementary-age children will attend "Learning to Use Your Bible," taught by Pat Hodges. The third graders will have received their Bibles on June 7, and this class will be very timely. All children in elementary school will find this class entertaining as well as informational.
- ◆ Youths will have devotional time or a fun activity with Will Demings.
- ◆ Adults will meet in the sanctuary for a class led by Pastor Sheila based on the book *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* by Adam Hamilton. One review of the book describes it this way:

While reality is presented in church and our culture these days as black or white, either/or, left or right, conservative or *Continued on page 6*

Monticello United
Methodist Church
(MUMC) and
Monticello Christian
Children's Center
(MCCC)
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Worship: 9 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School
Classes meet at 9 a.m.
Primary
(3 years - 5th grade)
Meet downstairs in the
Music Room for opening
Youth Sunday School
6th - 8th grade: Library
9th - 12th grade:
Chapel Youth Room
Adults
Builders: Chapel
Conference Room
Pathfinders: Chapel

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call the church office.

A message from Pastor Sheila

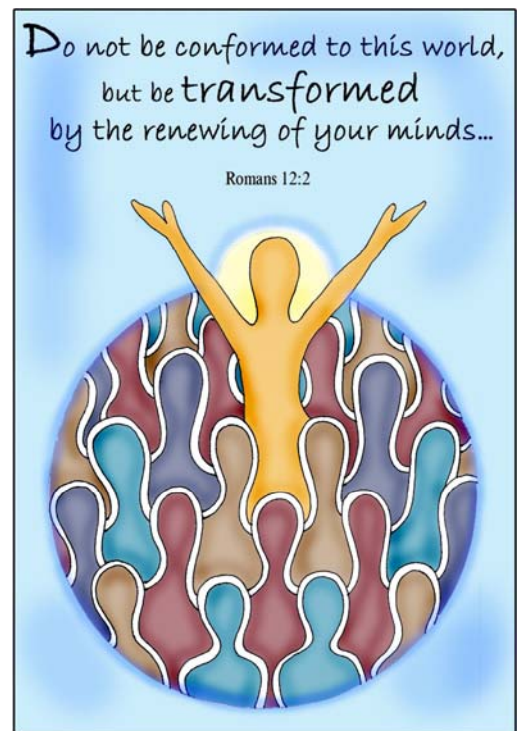
Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been said that the perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken. June is here, children are out of school, there are all kinds of activities outside, and soon we will hear the hum of air conditioners in the night. June begins a season of wedding anniversaries and vacationing. It is a lighthearted month and offers many opportunities for renewal of body and spirit. I pray that you make room in your summertime for renewal as well as lots of spirited play!

One opportunity you will have to join in fellowship and renewal of mind and spirit is "Disciple Diner: Nourishment for Body, Mind and Soul." Beginning Wednesday, June 10, at 6 p.m., folks will gather for a light supper and then move to adult, youth and children's classes from 6:30 to 7:45. Please take this opportunity to grow spiritually just as Mother Nature encourages the world to engage in a growth spurt. Read the article explaining "Disciple Diner" in the newsletter — there will be something of interest for you and your family.

Why seek renewal? Because when we renew ourselves, the whole world is renewed. Richard Cardinal Cushing wrote a poem about it:

*If all the sleeping folks
will wake up,
And all the lukewarm folks
will fire up,
And all the dishonest folks
will confess up,
And all the disgruntled folks
will sweeten up,
And all the discouraged folks
will cheer up,
And all the depressed folks
will look up,
And all the estranged folks
will make up,
And all the gossipers
will shut up,
And all the dry bones
will shake up,
And all the true soldiers
will stand up,
And all the church members
will pray up,
And the Savior for all
is lifted up,
THEN
You can have
the world's greatest renewal.*



Have a great summer full of grace and peace!
Pastor Sheila



Sermon series examines three great kings

Beginning June 14, Pastor Sheila will introduce the congregation to “The Great Kings of Israel.” Each week we will explore the lives of the three kings who reigned during the glory days of the nation of Israel: Saul, David and Solomon. They brought the tribal confederation together to form a united nation and then watched as it split apart into two separate countries. You will hear stories of courageous battles, palace intrigues, tumultuous personal relationships, family disintegration and God’s call to accountability. But most of all, you will be reminded of God’s great love for God’s people. There is much to learn from the experiences of the kings that can be applied to our lives today. They were God’s men, tried to live faithfully, made mistakes and paid the price. We can learn from their wisdom, their courage and their failures. Plan to be with us each week as we walk with the kings.

Register for School of Christian Mission

by Doris Housh, UMW President

The Kansas East Conference School of Christian Mission will be at Washburn University in Topeka July 16-18. This is an opportunity to meet with women (and men) from other districts, study and learn together and share in Christian fellowship. Everyone participates in the spiritual growth study, “Food and Faith,” and may choose either the geographical study, “The Beauty and Courage of Sudan,” or the general-mission study, “Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival.”

School of Christian Mission welcomes men and women, high school students, middle schoolers and children. The children and middle schoolers participate in separate studies, and there is a nursery for younger children. Registration forms are on the UMW bookshelf in Fellowship Hall. We are hoping at least 10 people from Monticello UMC will attend this year! The registration deadline is June 27; please register ASAP. Monticello United Methodist Women offers scholarship money to those attending; you can ask any UMW member for information. See you in Topeka!

Opportunities to help mission efforts

by Janet Williams, Mission and Outreach Chairperson

Our “Gift Ark” campaign continues with Heifer International. A couple of piglets have now made their way onto the ark. Check out our display at the back of the sanctuary. Please continue to support this worthwhile mission and outreach; it literally changes lives! Thank you to all who have contributed. Our VBS program will be supporting this campaign.

In addition, our work at Grace United Ministries continues Saturday, June 27. We work from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m. Interested volunteers can contact Janet Williams at mrwjlw@sbcglobal.net or at 583-3993 in the evening. Come and experience the joy of serving! No membership or dues required, just a little hard work!



Theater Update

If you marked your calendar to attend *High School Musical* at Theater in the Park with the church on June 27, please note: *The date has changed to Saturday, July 11.* The theater has also increased ticket prices; new prices for pre-purchased tickets still need to be calculated. Save the date of July 11 and stay tuned for updates. Other Family Ministries events you can save dates for include:
Sept. 26: Monticello Campfire Round-Up
Oct. 17: Progressive dinner for adults
 Watch for more information as these dates approach.

Acolytes

Children age second grade or older are invited to join the acolyte team to serve during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Terri Satterwhite will provide training for anyone who’s interested; you can call her at 441-3487 or e-mail abeach4us@kc.rr.com.
June 7: Taylor and Ella
June 14: Steffan and Madelyn
June 21: Jack and Eric
June 28: Open

Financial Update

(Through May 24)

May offerings:

\$20,743.40

Offerings needed

year-to-date:

\$115,478.00

Surplus year-to-date:

\$5,354.38



Greeters

9 a.m. service

June 7: Connie and Dave Batchelder

June 14: Kristen Haberstroh and Debby Likes

June 21: Debbie and Dave Hanson

June 28: Rodger and Susan Smith

10:30 a.m. service

June 7: Terri Satterwhite (PL), Tammy Higgins (S), Sandy Zarger (FH), Wes and Margaret Moore (NT)

June 14: Sheryl and Paul Wilde (PL), Vivian Triebel (S), Johnnie Kueker (FH), Maurine Messinger (NT)

June 21: Maureen Woolever (PL), Sondra Korth (S), Pat Lavery (FH)

June 28: Wes and Margaret Moore (PL), Lois Flinn (S), Toni Hutton (FH), Maurine Messinger (NT)

Sound System

9 a.m. service

June 7: Stan Lawson and Paul Elliott

June 14: Ken Sokol and Dave Batchelder

June 21: Paul Elliott and Ken Sokol

June 28: Stan Lawson and Paul Elliott

10:30 a.m. service

June 7: Steve Likes and Andy Cockrum

June 14: Dick Shaffer and Andy Cockrum

June 21: Dick Shaffer and Stan Lawson

June 28: Stan Lawson and Robby Satterwhite

Help save Haitian mothers and babies

by Doris Housh, UMW President

Childbirth in Haiti can be much more dangerous than in the United States. Many women give birth on rags on a dirt floor, and the umbilical cord is severed with a rock. About 1 in 17 women dies during childbirth because of unsanitary conditions. When the mother dies, the baby usually dies also.

For a mere \$8 you can help save the life of a mother and her baby by providing a birthing kit. Monticello United Methodist Women are going to buy supplies in bulk to assemble the kits and deliver them to Central UMC in Lawrence; from there they will be sent to Haiti. Each kit costs about \$8 and contains:

1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 ounce or larger)

1 pair of clean latex gloves

1 square yard of *clear* 4-mil plastic sheeting

3 pieces of clean string, each 12 inches long

1 clean single-use razor blade

2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard

(Note: All items must be *new*.)

If you would like to donate toward the kits, please make your check out to Monticello UMW with "birthing kit" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. Donations of additional funds will help with the cost of transporting the kits to Haiti.

If you know of a hotel that might be willing to donate soap for the kits, or if you want to donate any other items, please let us know. We are going to buy a bolt of flannelette and cut out the blankets, which will enable us to make more blankets. Thanks so much for your generous support!

United Methodist Women

by Candace Shockey, UMW Communications Secretary

June is the month of *blessed unions*, so *unite* with Monticello United Methodist Women for the following events:

June 3: Mary Martha Circle, Fellowship Hall, 1 p.m.

June 6: Reading Program Brunch, Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m. (R.S.V.P. the number of adults and children attending by signing up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or via e-mail to dorishoush@stpaulslenexa.org.)

June 25: Dinner at Madame Hatter's in Eudora, 7 p.m. (in lieu of Spirit Circle)

Say "I do" want to attend a *reception* on June 6 consisting of an exquisite brunch served by *caterer* Margaret Moore and participate in a Reading and Awards program *ministered* by Jill Morizzo, District Secretary of Program Resources, and me. Bring the little ones, who will sit in a *ring* and enjoy storytelling by Te Holmes. Then say "I do" want to attend dinner at Madame Hatter's in Eudora on June 25. We will carpool from Monticello at 6 p.m. *Grooming* and *dress* for the evening will be fancy hats, boas, and maybe even *veils* and *bouquets* provided by the restaurant. Cost is about \$15 including tax and tip. Space is limited, so please R.S.V.P. by signing up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or via e-mail to dorishoush@stpaulslenexa.org no later than June 15.



Sowing Seeds

by Janet Williams

Life is like a garden. How does your garden grow?

One of my many passions is gardening, and I've been thinking about how sowing seeds and waiting with anticipation for beautiful new growth is so much like our own faith journey. We need help from the "Master Gardener" who is also the "Master Planner" in order to survive and thrive. We need God in our lives as much as a flower needs water and light. We can't make the journey alone.

When you plan a garden, you want to read the best advice about how to proceed. In life, the Bible will help guide you with what God wants us to understand, and it is essential to our faith journey.

Part of planning involves selecting which seeds you will plant. Will you buy flower or vegetable seeds or plant a bush or a tree? Each plant is uniquely beautiful, just as you are to God. I don't believe any of God's creations were ever meant to be thought of as ugly, only beautiful. In picking your seeds you will need to decide what purpose they will serve: Will this seed grow flowers to attract butterflies, feed birds or become a beautiful bouquet to show someone you care? Will this seed grow food for your table and to share with neighbors? Like the seeds, we are all here for a purpose, even if we are unaware of it ourselves. Not to worry — God had that all set up in His master plans.

Now you are ready to prepare the soil so your seeds have the very best conditions for growth. When I think of preparing the soil and getting ready for the planting of seeds, I think of the Holy Spirit. You've been picked out, your purpose has been decided and now the Holy Spirit enters in to get things ready for planting and to help you bear fruit or serve God's purpose. During this process you might want to add some fertilizer to make the soil a little richer. That is where I think our fellow believers step in — those people who make our faith walk a little easier and clearer and offer us their love, care and guidance make our lives a little richer.

We are now ready to plant our seeds. The original seed was created and planted by God, but I believe that He has entrusted us to be the Gardener's helper here on earth, allowing us to help sow seeds also, but maybe in a

different way. God gives each of us passions, talents and purpose to glorify Him and to share with others and bear fruit. Not only can you share the gifts God has given you with others, but you may plant the seed of sharing the "Good News" with others.

In order for your seeds to thrive, they will need water and light. Just as God created the sunlight to warm the soil for our seeds to grow, He is the "light" of our world, bringing us out of a world of darkness. His light warms our hearts too. He also brings the gentle rain for the seeds thirsting for a drink, and He offers us the "Water of Life" without charge, and all who are thirsty are welcomed. He knows the needs of the nature that He created, and He knows our needs and takes care of us.

This is when faith makes an appearance. Every time I put a seed in the ground I have faith that it will

grow, and I wait with anticipation to see the first signs of life poking through the soil. My faith grows like that little seed, and I wait with anticipation for what lies ahead.

Those new little sprouts remind me of children. They are still young and need tender loving care. We need to protect them and direct them so they too someday will plant seeds.

Unfortunately, along with the beauty of new growth come the weeds. Weeds are the sin in our lives. Believe it or not, some weeds can be rather attractive, just as sin can appear attractive. But weeds can strangle the life out of your beautiful flowers and plants, just as sin can strangle your own life.

There is good news and bad news on that front. Weeds keep coming back and new ones pop up all over the place; we just can't seem to get away from them. The good news is that if we believe in Jesus Christ and repent of our sins, our sins will be forgiven. Two items I suggest for getting rid of weeds in the garden is a good weeding tool and a kneeling pad so you can get down and pull those darn things out. Here again, you need to get down on your knees and pray to repent of your sins and start living the life God intended you to live.

Your flowers and plants should be budding and flowering now, just as you will be *Continued on back page*



Music Notes

by Doris Housh, Music Director

Chancel Choir is on hiatus, but various people will be providing special music throughout the summer. If you would like to be one of those people, you can call me at 248-1775 (evening) or 268-9551 (daytime) or e-mail me at dorishoush@stpaulslenexa.org or djhoush@aol.com. This is your chance to share your God-given talent (vocal or instrumental) with the congregation. Youth members are also welcome to share their talents! You don't have to do a solo — team up with a friend and perform a duet, or form a small band or ensemble. This is your chance to let your light shine!

Hope you all turned in your ballots to vote for Monticello's top 10 favorite hymns. We will begin the countdown with No. 10 on June 14 and finish on Aug. 16. Come see when your hymn will be sung!

Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing in August for the fall semester. Start planning now to join us! We welcome new singers, and there are no auditions. We'll let you know the first rehearsal date later this summer.



by Wes Moore,
UMM President

The Monticello United Methodist Men meet at 7:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in Fellowship Hall. Please join us on June 20; we are planning many exciting activities.

Thirty-nine people from Monticello UMC will attend United Methodist Family Day at the "K," hosted by the Kansas and Missouri United Methodist Men, on Friday, July 19. This event includes the grand opening of the Royals Hall of Fame and features the Hall of Fame Classic, an exhibition game of former greats, followed by the Royals vs. Tampa Bay game.

We're also planning a workday in the near future. This will be an opportunity to serve others, provide more visibility for our church and enjoy great fellowship. Information on the time and date will be e-mailed to all Monticello UMM members.

We invite all men to join us in worship and fellowship. For information on any of the activities, please call me at 441-6683 or e-mail me at 73wes-marg36@kc.rr.com or at wes_moore41@hotmail.com.

Disciple Diner (continued from p. 1)

liberal, Adam Hamilton skillfully, carefully, and faithfully helps us see the wisdom and humble way of gray. In religious and scientific questions, in the hot buttons in most denominations today, in an approach to reading the Scriptures, and more, he shows "a more excellent," third alternative to the extreme polar opposites we assume are the only ones available to us. I highly recommend that all United Methodists read this important book to help us find the radical center that combines social and personal holiness again.

— Sally Dyck, Bishop of Minnesota Area

Pastor Sheila views this class as an opportunity for adults to explore all sides of several issues and to do as Stephen Covey urges, "Seek first to understand." There are people of good faith on all sides of every hot-button topic, and it is the United Methodist way to continue to be in conversation, continue to try to understand each other, and continue to move forward as Christians in a complex world. As we explore the book, the purpose will not be to change anyone's mind about a certain issue but to help everyone understand fully the polarized positions and the difficulty of living in what our Bishop Scott Jones has called the "extreme center," the place United Methodists have traditionally solidly planted themselves. Please call the church office (441-1435) to register for this class. No books will be needed.

Class schedule

June 10: "Finding the Sweet Spot: Are you a Liberal or a Conservative?"

June 17: "The Battle Over the Bible"

June 24: VBS (no Disciple Diner)

July 1: "Apes, Evolution, Adam and Eve"

July 8: "Heaven and Hell"

July 15: "Abortion, Finding the Common Ground"

July 22: "Homosexuality at the Center"

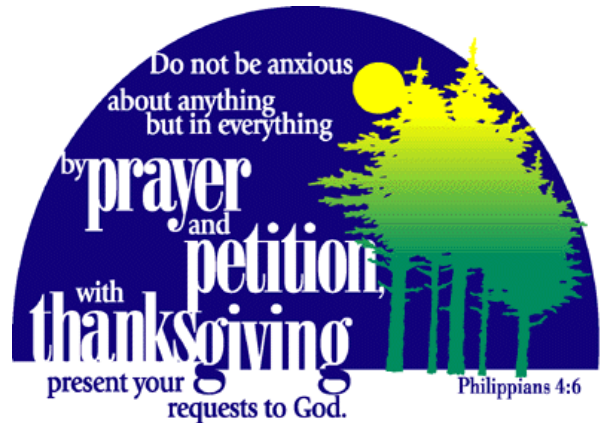
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7 3rd Graders Receive Bibles SS Teacher & Graduates Recognition Trinity Sunday 8:00 AM S.S. Mtg-FH 9:00 AM Worship/SS 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Evangelism-FH 11:45 AM Trustees-CH	8 6:30 PM Finance-FH 7:30 PM AAMtg-CCR	9 6:30 PM Troop 351 Comm. Mtg. - FH	10 6:00 PM Disciple Diner/Class-FH 7:30 PM AAMtg-CCR	11 6:30 PM Den 1, Pack 3751 Mtg-FH 6:30 PM Family Ministries-CCR	12	13
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28 9:00 AM Worship/SS 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Trustees-CH	29 7:30 PM AAMtg-CCR	30 6:00 PM MCCC Advisory Board-EB 6:30 PM Troop 351 Mtg - FH	1 9:30 AM Mary Martha Sewing Circle-FH 1:00 PM Mary Martha Circle-FH 6:00 PM Disciple Diner/Class-FH 7:30 PM AAMtg-CCR	2	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day

Prayer requests from May

May 10

- ◆ Sandie Taylor requested prayers for Evelyn and Sylvia, who run the Shawnee Community Center. They are in desperate need of a new building to continue serving the community. Please pray that their building-fund needs will be met.
- ◆ Cindy Ashby asked for prayers for her husband, Ron, and his family, who are mourning the loss of Ron's mother.
- ◆ Wanda Jo Evans, Rodney Evans' mother, was diagnosed with constrictive heart failure.
- ◆ David Hall, a friend and high school classmate of Cyndi Bledsoe, underwent aortic heart-valve replacement surgery. He is 42 years old and married with four kids.
- ◆ Lori Schonrank's daughter, Lindsay Leigh Oldfield, graduated from James Madison University in Virginia.



May 17

- ◆ Glenda Elliott asked for prayers for Kyleigh Higgins, who underwent an emergency appendectomy.
- ◆ Donna Bowers was at home recuperating from some exploratory procedures and was scheduled to return to the doctor in about one to two weeks for a checkup. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ◆ Sondra Korth requested prayers for Kami and Tanya Martin's cousin Ethan, who was born with prune belly syndrome.
- ◆ Lynda Eckerman, Evelyn Levens' daughter, was scheduled for surgery May 12.
- ◆ Linda Shaffer requested prayers for Garnet Hersman, who was planning to undergo surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome.
- ◆ Sue Gardner's mother, Arlene Short, celebrated her 95th birthday May 14.
- ◆ Sue Gardner's daughter, Amy, graduated from Texas Christian University May 9.

May 24

- ◆ Jane Whitenack, a friend of Virginia Elliott, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.
- ◆ Betty Hunter underwent surgery May 19.
- ◆ Zela Holt passed away May 24. Please pray for her family and friends.
- ◆ Jill Morizzo requested prayers for Glo Kem, who underwent major surgery for cancer and will be starting chemotherapy.
- ◆ Doris Housh requested prayers for Bev Spiegleberg upon the death of her mother, Ruth Lauch.
- ◆ Gene McCurdy passed away on May 26th. Please pray for his family and friends.

Prayers for our brave men and women in the military

- ◆ Matt Alcanter, the Starks' nephew
- ◆ Chad Brown, Julie Casper's son
- ◆ Roget Davis
- ◆ Louis Edwards, Sondra Korth's cousin
- ◆ Michael Hedges, Cindy and Ed Hedges' son
- ◆ Trevor Leahy, grandson of Charles Atchison
- ◆ Chris Lee, Ruby and Sam Lee's grandson
- ◆ Jon Lynn, Camille Lynn's grandson
- ◆ Bill and Ray Mangas, the Starks' nephews
- ◆ Ryan Petersen
- ◆ Andrew Strange, Sondra Korth and Kami Martin's cousin
- ◆ Donny Williams, Ruby and Sam Lee's grandson

We welcome your contributions to *The Spirit*

If you would like to contribute ideas, personal faith stories, news articles, quotes, etc. to the newsletter, please send them to Ami Johnson at johnsonami@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for articles is June 15, though late submissions will be accepted if space permits.



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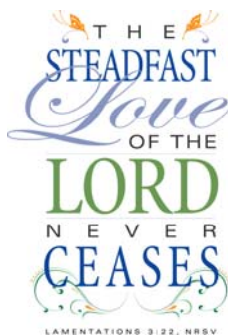
Worship Service
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages
9 a.m.

Return Service Requested

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*Taking Christ's love
to our neighbors
through
spiritual growth,
fellowship and outreach*



Sowing Seeds (continued from p. 5)

blossoming as you grow in Christ and accept the blessed assurance of Christ's gift of salvation. As garden plants become strong and healthy and ready to face storms, winds and perhaps drought, we too have to mature and become ready to face the storms of life, the winds of change and the dry spots. Be assured we are not alone, for God is right beside us. During this time your flowers and plants may require a little pruning or "dead-heading." We too can sometimes need a little spiritual tune-up and rejuvenation.

One day my plants and flowers will wither and return to the soil, as I will someday. So we wait with anticipation for the "Light of the World," who brings us "Life-Giving Water" to bring us life everlasting.

So you see life is like a garden; how does your garden grow? Mine grows with faith, hope and love and lots of help from the Master Gardener. By the way, my favorite flower is the daisy, a perennial, kind of how I like to think of myself. I may die, but yet I will be born again and live. Thanks again to the Master Gardener! Now it's time to plant your seeds!



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your donations for the church kitchen. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We even received some new mixing bowls!

*God bless you,
Maureen Woolever*



Sharing Hospitality

Welcoming offers us an opportunity to show God's love in the everyday occurrences of life. Many people, particularly those who are unchurched, consider nonchurch activities to be spiritual endeavors, perhaps even more meaningful than church. By connecting with the spiritual in our own everyday lives, we can offer an encounter with God through us.

— *Beyond 30 Seconds*