

The SPIRIT

Sharing the grace and love that is Jesus Christ

July 2010

“Mission Moments for July”

by Janet Williams, Mission and Outreach Chairperson

July is here already, I can hardly believe it! Here is what Missions and Outreach have going on in July. Hopefully as of this reading, we will have most of our “We Care” packages mailed and sent on their way to our U.S. service men and women. Many thanks to the folks of Monticello for being so flexible in letting us extend our deadline for donations. Thank you for all the wonderful donations of goods and cash, to make these packages a nice little surprise, for those who deserve it so much.

We received news a couple of weeks ago, from the Community Blood Drive that our drive has been bumped from July 12th to August 9th. So mark your calendars for the new date. More information will come later. Because of this change, we will be extending the Cross Lines Food Drive for 1 more week. It will end on Sunday, July 11th. Your generous donations of canned goods and other staples will help feed many.

The Ark Campaign is anxiously awaiting the boarding of some new animals. Some of the animals are getting a little bit restless, while just the other day I overheard one of them saying, “Let’s get this show on the road!” “Oops! I meant water!” By giving just a little we can help so many people all around the world.

In closing, “Are you looking for a small group to join? Are you looking for a large group to join? Or perhaps maybe you are looking for a group to join to help you find purpose?” The Mission and Outreach Team can help you with all three. Come and join us as we fulfill God’s Purpose “To Serve!”

Any questions, please contact Janet Williams at mrwjlw@sbcglobal.net or at 913-583-3993 in the evenings. Your Mission and Outreach Team.

MUMC Family Ministries...

...is sponsoring the following events in 2010:

- September 25: Pioneer Campfire Round Up
- November 21: Hanging of the Greens
- December 11: Breakfast with Santa

Be sure to mark your calendars and watch your church bulletins and email for more information as the events get closer.



Vacation Bible School

Takes place on July 31st, and we need volunteers. If you can help, please call Mary Spickelmier at 775-3663 or email maryspickelmier@yahoo.com.

Leadership Training July 25

Pastor Sheila will gather the leaders of the church at 11:45 on Sunday, July 25 for the third Leadership Training Event. There will be a light lunch provided. All committee chairs and spouses, any others serving on committees or boards, and anyone who is interested in charting new vision for the church are invited to attend. It will last from 11:45 to 1:30, and childcare will be provided if needed. If you plan to attend, please email Pastor Sheila so that she has enough food for lunch, and let her know if you will be needing childcare. Please bring your copy of Simple Church, and be prepared to share your experience at a “third place.”

Monticello United
Methodist Church
(MUMC) and
Monticello Christian
Children's Center
(MCCC)
23860 W. 75th Street
Shawnee Mission, KS
66227

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

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umc.org
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www.monticello-umc.org

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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
Pathfinders: Chapel

If you no longer wish to
receive this newsletter, please
call the church office.

A message from Pastor Sheila

Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer at Monticello UMC is a relaxed season, and I look for more light-hearted topics for my sermons. During the month of July, you and I will be exploring the theology of Dr. Seuss, one of my favorite authors. Each Sunday we will match one of the books of Dr. Seuss with scripture and try to coax the truth of what and who God is calling us to be from both of them.

- ◆ On Independence Day, July 4, we will have worship as usual, at 9:00 and 10:30 am. On that day we will compare the stories of Yertle the Turtle, and of Naaman, the great general whom Elisha healed.
- ◆ On July 11, we'll discuss The Sneetches, and learn what Dr. Seuss thought about racism, and compare it to what Jesus and the prophet Amos had to say on the same topic.
- ◆ On July 18, you will hear the words of the wise elephant named Horton in Horton Hears a Who and listen again to Amos as he explains exactly who is important to God.
- ◆ On July 26, we will end our month with Dr. Seuss with The Lorax, his look at ecology, particularly appropriate considering what is happening on the Gulf coast. We'll also listen to the story Jesus told about the greediness of a man who thought he would build a barn.

I will also be leading a short term Bible Study on Wednesday evenings, based on the book by Rev. John Ortberg, The Me I Want To Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You. The classes will last for five weeks, July 7, 14, 21, 28, and August 4, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Childcare will be available if it is needed. The books and the accompanying workbook will be \$15 to \$20 depending upon the discount we can get. Ortberg writes, "Life is not about any particular achievement or experience. The most important task of your life is not what you do, but who you become. There is a 'me' you want to be. Your life is God's project, not yours. God's vision for your life is not just that you are saved by grace, but that you also learn to live by grace, flourishing with the Spirit flowing through you. And here is the good news: When you flourish, you become more you. You become more that person God had in mind when he thought you up. You don't just become holier. You become you-ier....God wants to redeem you, not exchange you." The Me I Want to Be is an instant classic, a powerful guide to true spiritual growth, and an operator's manual for building a Spirit-filled life in a world where perfection can only be found in God's loving vision for you. Each of us is different, and this study is another opportunity for you to learn your own special way to connect to God.

See you in worship as we continue to connect to each other, to God and to the world!

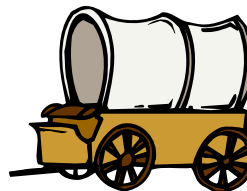
Grace and Peace, Pastor Sheila Lawson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Hitch up your oxen, mules, or horses and load the family into your covered wagons. Head on out to MUMC for the **PIONEER CAMPFIRE ROUND-UP** Saturday, September 25 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. The MUMC Family Ministries team is sponsoring an evening of *old time*

family fun. Join us for games from yesteryear, good eatin' and singin' around the campfire. Save the date - you won't want to miss the festivities!



Acolytes

Children age second grade or older are invited to serve as acolytes; contact Terri Satterwhite at 441-3487 or e-mail her at abeach4us@kc.rr.com.

- July 4:** Kyleigh & Leelah
- July 11:** Jack & Nathan
- July 18:** Ella & Taylor
- July 25:** Ella & Taylor

Greeters

9 a.m. service

- July 4:** Terri Griffin
Gayla Hougham
- July 11:** Keir & Dustin
Mercer
- July 18:** Rodger & Susan
Smith
- July 25:** Connie & Dave
Batchelder

10:30 a.m. service

- July 4:** Pat Lavery (S),
Sondra Korth (FH)
Terri Satterwhite (PL),
- July 11:** Betty Hunter (S),
Johnnie Lee Kueker (FH)
Maureen Messinger (PL)
- July 18:** Sandy Zarger (S),
Tammy Higgins (FH)
- July 25:** Lois Flinn (S),
Vivian Triebel (FH)

Financial Update

(Through June 27, 2010)

June Offerings:
\$19,404.58

**Budget needed
year-to-date:**
\$138,800

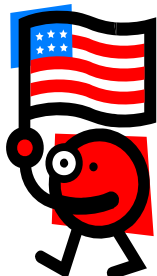
Shortfall year-to-date:
(\$9,840.40)



United Methodist Women

by Candace Shockey, UMW Communications Secretary

June finished with a BANG with Spirit Circle at Gladys Carns' house on the 24th. Jill gave an explosive program that left us all "oohing" and "aahing." Now we pop into July with the following:



- ♦ **July 7th:** Mary Martha Circle, FH, 1:00 pm
- ♦ **July 15th - 17th:** School of Christian Mission at Baker University, Baldwin City, KS
- ♦ **July 22nd:** Salad Supper at Fellowship Hall.
Program: Children with Challenges.
Bring your supplies for Cross-Lines and we will also go over the 2011 Slate of Officers.

Let the Parade begin. All women are invited to join.

Enjoy your time away from during vacations this summer, and come back refreshed and renewed! Remember, the church doesn't go on vacation, the doors are open every Sunday. If you



ON VACATION

don't give through automatic withdrawal at your bank, send in your pledges before you leave. The last few weeks the offerings have been much smaller than normal. May God go with you wherever your travels take you! At the end of the summer Pastor Sheila will announce who has gone the farthest during their travels, so be sure to bring her a bulletin from the church you attend while you are away.

**Sound System
9 a.m. service**

- July 4: Paul Elliott
Steve Likes
- July 11: Ken Sokol
Stan Lawson
- July 18: Paul Elliott
Dave Batchelder
- July 25: Steve Likes
Robby Satterwhite

10:30 a.m. service

- July 4: Dave Gillespie
Steve Likes
Paul Elliott
- July 11: Stan Lawson
Robby Satterwhite
- July 18: Dick Shaffer
Steve Likes
- July 25: Stan Lawson
Dave Gillespie



Soldiers in Service

- Matt Alcanter*
- Chad Brown*
- Roget Davis*
- Louis Edwards*
- Chris Haberstroh*
- Michael Hedges*
- Chris Lee*
- Jon Lynn*
- Sean Smith*
- Bill and Ray Mangas*
- Timothy Mercer*
- Josh Mitchell*
- Aaron Murphy*
- Ryan Petersen*
- Eric Stanley*
- Andrew Strange*
- Donny Williams*

Prayer Requests from June



June 6

- ◆ Debbie Hanson Susan Gardner’s daughter, Amy Gardner Wooddell, is in the hospital recovering slowly from a stroke.
- ◆ Debbie Hanson’s continued chemotherapy is producing good results. The tumor has shrunk substantially.

June 13

- ◆ A dear friend of Sheryl Wilde, Joyce Gross, who lives in Springfield, Virginia, has been fighting cancer for three years and she is on chemo indefinitely.

June 20

- ◆ Pray for the people, wildlife, and environment being affected by the oil spill in the Gulf.
- ◆ Bob Smejkal has lung cancer that has spread to his brain. Bob and his wife, Joan are friends of Jay and Shirley Nichols.
- ◆ Virginia Elliott was hospitalized at Overland Park Regional. Tests are being done to find the problem.

June 27

- ◆ Sondra Korth’s sister-in-law, Harriet Stanley, had quadruple by-pass surgery Monday, June 21st, at Shawnee Mission hospital.
- ◆ Don Jobe, Sondra Korth’s cousin, had knee and ankle surgery in Columbia Monday, June 21st, following an accident on a 4-wheeler.
- ◆ Sue Gardner’s daughter, Amy Gardner Wooddell, was taken by “Mercy Flight” from Washington, DC to the Rehab Institute of Chicago for continued recovery from a stroke.
- ◆ Wes and Margaret Moore request prayers for 2nd Lt. Sean Smith (AFR) as he attends “Survival Training” for the next 3 weeks.
- ◆ Teri Griffin’s father-in-law, Lee Griffin, passed away a week ago Saturday.
- ◆ Kim Norris’s grandma passed away Monday evening. She was surrounded by family and went peacefully to be with God.
- ◆ Ten month old Joel Nichols, relative of Jay and Shirley Nichols, has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He has been hospitalized at Children’s Mercy South. Please pray for baby Joel, his family, and the doctors who are treating him.
- ◆ Glenn Frye was diagnosed with Pneumonia on Friday, June 25th. He is on antibiotics, with instructions from the doctor to “stay home and rest.”

JOYS

- ◆ Prayers of joy for the birth of Walker Reece Powers.
- ◆ Virginia Elliott has returned home from the hospital
- ◆ Jeff and Deborah, friends of Will and Kimberly Demings, are awaiting the arrival of their second child, and Jeff has made the decision to attend Seminary.
- ◆ Brian Jones and Mary Spickelmier were married June 19th at Monticello UMC
- ◆ Many heartfelt thanks and praises go up to the young couple who made a substantial donation for the “Mercy Flight” (Washington, DC to Chicago) for Amy Gardner Wooddell.

MUMC Events JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30AM Calling on God-CCR 9AM Worship/SS 10:30AM Worship	28 6:30 PM Ad Board-FH 7:30 PM AA-CCR	29 6:30 PM Troop 351 Mtg.-FH	30 7 PM Calling on God-EB 7:30 PM AA-CCR	1 1 PM Front Porch Ministries-Offsite	2 MCCC Closed	3
4 Independence Day 8:30 AM Calling on God-CCR 9 AM Worship/SS 10:30 AM Worship	5 OFFICE Closed MCCC Closed 7:30 PM AA-CCR	6 6:30 PM Connections-CCR 6:30 PM Troop 351 Mtg-FH	7 9:30 AM Doing for Others-FH 1 PM Mary Martha Circle-FH 6:30 PM Book Study w/Pastor-S,FH 7 PM Calling on God-EB 7:30 PM AA-CCR	8 1 PM Front Porch Ministries-Offsite 6 PM Den 5/3751-FH	9	10
11 8:30 AM Calling on God-CCR 9 AM Worship/SS 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM COM-FH; Trustees-CH	12 7:30 PM AA-CCR	13 6:30 PM Finance-CCR 6:30 PM Troop 351 Cmte-FH	14 6:30 PM Book Study w/ Pastor-S,FH 7 PM Calling on God-EB 7:30 PM AA-CCR	15 KEC School of Christian Mission 1 PM Front Porch Ministries-Offsite	16 KEC School of Christian Mission 6 PM Spickelmier Wedding Rehearsal-S	17 KEC School of Christian Mission 7:30 AM UMM-FH
18 8:30 AM Calling on God-CCR 9 AM Worship/SS 10:30AM Worship	19 6:00 PM Girl Talk-EB 7:30 PM AA-CCR	20 6:30 PM Troop 351 Mtg-FH	21 9:30 AM Doing for Others-FH 6:30 PM Book Study w/ Pastor-S,FH 7 PM Calling on God-EB 7:30 PM AA-CCR	22 1 PM Front Porch Ministries-Offsite 6 PM UMW Salad Supper-FH	23 9 AM Wedding Reception Setup 6:00 PM Plummer Wedding Rehearsal-S	24 8:00 AM Reception Setup 4 PM Plummer Wedding-S,FH
25 8:30 AM Calling on God-CCR 9 AM Worship/SS 10:30 AM Worship Noon Leadership Training-FH, S	26 7:30 PM AA-CCR	27 6 PM MCCC Ad Board-EB 6:30 PM Troop 351 Patrol Ldr Mtg-FH	28 6:30 PM Book Study w/ Pastor-S,FH 7 PM Calling on God-EB 7:30 PM AA-CCR	29 1 PM Front Porch Ministries-Offsite	30	31 8 AM VBS Setup 10:00 AM VBS



23860 W. 75th Street
Shawnee Mission, KS 66227

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

Sunday School for all ages
9 a.m.

Return Service Requested

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

