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THE COLUMNS

First United Methodist Church, Mayfield, KY

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

It Must be a (new) Sign!

Our current church sign has served us well for many, many years, and has now deteriorated to the point that it is difficult to use and maintain. A new sign will be positioned for maximum visibility from both streets, fit well with the architecture of our building, and allow flexibility so that we can strengthen our outreach to the community with the clearest and most attractive messages possible. This has been made possible without the need to borrow any funds and is expected to be complete by the end of November.



BRUNS' HOUSE HAS SOLD

Since Pastor Steve & Pam have moved to Florida, questions have been asked about the sale of their house in Mayfield. The answer to that question is "Yes" their house has sold and all financial obligations with Mayfield First Church have been satisfied. Prayers were answered and this was surely a big relief for the Bruns family!

Upper Room Devotionals for Nov. / Dec.
are now available.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS...

...for the Fall Fest on Wednesday, October 28th! This will take the place of the annual church picnic which was rained out in September. On the menu will be: Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Hash Brown Casserole, Baked Beans, Slaw, and Dessert. There is **NO CHARGE** (donations will be accepted to help with extra expenses); we just want YOU to come and enjoy great Christian fellowship along with fun and games for kids of all ages! The party begins at 4:30 p.m. and will be held both inside and outside. Even if you don't attend regularly on Wednesday nights, we hope you will come out for this one. It'll be a blast!



* Reservations should be made by 10 AM on Monday, October 26 for food preparation.

NOTE - We need 3 people to bring grills and help cook, please call the church office if you can help!

NEW BABY



Congratulations to Kyle & Megan (Arp) Shirley on the birth of their first child, **Addison Ruth Shirley**. She was born on Thursday, October 1, 2009 in Bowling Green and weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Brian & Carrie Arp are the proud grandparents along with her great grandmother, Margaret "Sis" Hartsfield.

OUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST & THE CHURCH

Sept. 20 Sept. 27 Oct. 4 Oct. 11

Attendance: Sunday School—

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The following memorial/honorarium gifts have been received by our church through October 12, 2009.

In Memory of Ruth Ligon

Given by: Margaret "Sis" Hartsfield	Sue Perkins
Joe David & Vicki Smith	Frances Garland
Gerald & Joyce McClain	Georgie Pryor
Betty Stallins	Joe & Liz Hansen
Bob & Marilyn Ligon	Vi Reed (Wesley Class)
Nancy Smith	

In Memory of Lucy Gough

Given by: Bobby & Carolyn Canter	Sue Perkins
Joe David & Vicki Smith	Gerald & Joyce McClain
Nancy Smith	

Thank You!

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, cards and calls during my recent surgery. They have been a blessing and very much appreciated.

Blessings, James Gay

Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful for your many concerns, prayers, meals, cards and acts of kindness you've shown to us. We feel very blessed to be part of this loving church family.

Bill "Red" and Garvelene Wolfe

Dear Friends,

Words can never express my thanks for all of the expressions of concern, love, beautiful cards, and many prayers during my illness and two stays in the hospital. I am fighting hard to regain my strength and continue to ask for your prayers. Pastor Joe, thank you so much for your phone call from California. You really made my day special. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation and I love all of you. Please continue to prayer for me as I do you.

With Christian Love, Nancy Greer

You are invited to a

Bridal Tea
honoring

Carlye Burchett
Bride elect of Tommy Marshall



If someone should be added or removed from the prayer list below, please contact the church office.

Remember these persons in prayer:

In the Hospital

Carolyn Gibson, Jackson Purchase Medical Center

Ongoing Concern

Norma Chapman, 1305 Fairway Circle
 Donald Dew, 1329 W. Broadway
 James Gay, 1014 Brand St.
 Nancy Greer, 618 Hillside Dr.
 Joe Roper, 1212 Sunnyside Dr.

Homebound Members

(Please call the church office if you need a specific address for any homebound member.)

Rebecca Canter	Georgia Morehead
Joyce Champion	Homer Pace
Ruth Dillard	Margie Pearson
Carolyn Gibson	Clara Power
Hal Gibson	Georgie Pryor
Jean Hamlin	Doris Sims
Euvah Howland	Cameron Stimson
Jean Kennedy	George Tucker
Evelyn Kesterson	Frances Williams
Linda Lowry	Garvelene Wolfe
Carolyn McClendon	Anna Wright

Friends and Relatives

Jimmy Cherry	Dwight Mills
Peggy Daughaday	Riley Grace Mulligan
Buddy English	David Morrill
Doug Flanary	Bill Pickens
Bruce & Ann Henderson	Beth Pittman
Don Hise	Rita Robertson
Jennifer Lamphere	

CHARGE CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 1

Please join us on Sunday, November 1, 2009 for a time of review and celebration of the missions and ministry of the Paducah District United Methodist churches at our annual Church Conference. We will begin at 2 PM in the Sanctuary with a concert by *Dr. Calvin Taylor*. As composer, pianist, and organist, Dr. Taylor was drawn to music as a young child, playing the piano at the age of five in all keys and by age 14 was serving as organist in several southern California churches. Dr. Taylor has traveled for many years throughout the USA presenting thousands of concerts in America's churches. To learn more about him, please visit www.calvintaylormusic.org. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow in the Eat



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

a simple gift. a simple message.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

Mayfield First Church has participated in Operation Christmas Child (a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, which is headed by Franklin Graham) for over 10 years and serves as a Relay Center for other churches and groups to bring their shoes boxes.

Collection week is November 16 - 23, 2009. Please bring your shoebox gifts to the church by Dedication Sunday, November 22, to be included in a special time of prayer over the boxes.

Within the next couple of weeks, brochures will be available in classrooms and other locations through the building describing the suggested items for the gift boxes and also containing the appropriate labels to be placed on the box. Please place a rubber band around the filled box. The box may be wrapped or not. Regular shoe boxes of any size may be used, or a great idea is to buy shoe box size plastic boxes with the lid so the child will have a durable box to keep. Pray for this project and all the children who will be blessed by your gifts.



✓ Volunteers are needed to help in the Relay Center and also with transporting the cartons filled with shoe boxes to Paducah. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact **Khadra Turley** at 247-8807.

→ On Wednesday night, November 18, our kids will learn to share the Good News by filling shoe boxes for this project. **Donations to purchase the items they will use are needed.** If you wish to contribute, please make your check payable to FUMC and designate "O.C.C." in the memo line.

Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* --Matthew 19:14, NIV

MOUNTAIN MISSION TRUCK

The Mission truck will be here on **Tuesday, December 1.** All donations (in boxes please) should be brought to the brown house by Monday afternoon, Nov. 30. Breathitt County, where the Mission Plant is located, experienced extreme flooding over Mother's Day weekend. Many, many people lost everything! Household items are desperately needed: Dishes, Silverware, Pots & Pans, Towels, Washcloths, Sheets, Blankets, Comforters, Pillows, Curtains, Small Kitchen Appliances, Cleaning Supplies, Mops, Brooms, Toiletries, Good and Usable Furniture, Underwear, Socks, Shoes.



SHOWING SUPPORT TO MINISTRY PARTNERS

2 Corinthians 8:7 *But just as you excel in everything --in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*



The history of this church shows us to be a caring, community-minded, missions-aware congregation. I just wanted to share a few lines this month to let you know how that is reflected in the financial life of the church. My personal feeling about giving is, "we give TO God THROUGH the church FOR the Kingdom." It's a much better spiritual and emotional position than "we give TO the church FOR the budget which supports God's work."

Our tithes and offerings reveal our heart for God and Christ's Kingdom (where your treasure is, there will your heart be also). And we know that the heart of Jesus is with the poor, the hurting and the lost. When we give to God through the church we reflect the heart of Jesus. Our community's ministries that touch the lives of the poor and those needing special direction receive essential gifts from our congregation, on Jesus' behalf. Each month we share \$166.67 with the Needline (emergency appeals of various kinds), \$125 with the Food Pantry, \$125 with the Light-house (shelter for women and children) and Hope for Life Pregnancy Center.


The budget also reflects our desire to see missions activity in "all the world," which certainly mirrors Jesus' heart. We currently have about \$200 per month that can be used to support missionaries, and we are exploring relationships with some of Christ's servants whose ministry we may adopt as a funding partner.

Beyond these budgeted funds, many in our congregation make additional gifts through their offering to these local ministries and / or to our missions fund. Many also contribute directly to these efforts and serve as volunteers and short term missionaries.

When we give to God and when we serve as Christ's hands and feet, we honor the calling God has placed on each of our lives, and we show that our faith is living and active. We can never out-give God or out-serve Christ, but what a wonderful spirit it shows in us when we try!!

May our generous and humble Lord bless you as you give and serve,

Joe

 to your church family
REACH OUT by making a friendly phone call or sending a card/note of encouragement. It's a great opportunity to serve the Lord!

OCTOBER UMW MEETINGS
 * Monday, Oct. 26—Mary Martha Circle at 10 AM *
 * (Sue Perkins, hostess) *
 * Monday, Oct. 26—Nancy Isbell Circle at 5:30 p.m. *
 * Tuesday, Oct. 27—Fellowship Circle at 2 PM *
 * (Joyce Sprowles, hostess) *
 * Tuesday, Oct. 27—Circle of Grace at 6:30 p.m. *

UMW NEWS

Despite the declining economy across the globe, the women's division is celebrating the achievement of meeting the projected conference pledges to mission for the year of 2008. Mission giving funds support women's division mission institutions and programs around the world which empower the lives of women, children and youth.

Through last-minute giving, using the United Methodist Women online-giving web page, actual mission giving surpassed the 2008 pledges to mission by roughly \$3,000, bringing mission giving to a total of \$16.5 million, worldwide.

The news is welcome considering the troubled economy. The staff of the women's division has reduced the 2009 spending plan by 10 percent, not reducing mission support, rather, balancing the budget for operating expenses. Deputy General Secretary Harriett Olson said, "It's a critical time not to cut back our mission giving but to work smarter..."

JAMAICA FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Check this out! On **Saturday, October 24th**, there will be two fundraising events for the upcoming Jamaica Mission Trip:

★Beginning at 1 PM, we will have a **Corn hole Tournament**; the first 32 teams to sign up will be taken. The cost is \$20.00 per team; \$100.00 goes to the 1st place winner!

➔Regulation-size corn hole boards are needed. If you have a set we could borrow, please contact Kellie Wilber)

★The second event of the day will be **Mayfield's Got Talent** which begins at 7:00 p.m. We need 20 acts which can be any age or talent. Take first place and you'll win a fabulous prize package!

➔If your business would like to be a sponsor of **Mayfield's Got Talent**, please call Kellie. Even if you aren't performing, please come be part of our audience!

Questions? Contact Kellie at 970-0838...Or sign up? Contact Kellie or the church office (247-5678).

November



If you have a November birthday or anniversary and it's not listed or the date is incorrect, please call the church office with the correct information. Thanks for your help!

Happy November Birthday to:

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| 1 - Bill Knight | 16 - David Magness |
| - Jennifer Beck Walker | - Becky Watts |
| 2 - Amber Bone | 17 - Elizabeth Gordon |
| - Kaitlyn Simpson | 18 - Vi Reed |
| 3 - Duane Isbell | - Stephenie Wheeler |
| - Louise Saxon | 20 - Colby Lee Canter |
| 4 - Ryan Colbert | 21 - Mitchell Simpson |
| - Stephen Jones II | 22 - Anna Covington Tipton |
| - Lela Yahr | 23 - John Adams |
| 5 - Lisa Canter Douglas | - Ela Jones |
| - Nathaniel Dunkin | - Samuel Sweatt |
| - Olivia Green | 24 - Kaye Horn |
| - Adam Peregrine | 25 - Jim Deckard |
| 6 - Marilyn Coltharp | 27 - Nanette Easley |
| 7 - Olin Covington | - Doris Poole |
| 8 - Lucy Crouch | 28 - Cheryl Hartig |
| - Clarke Waldrop | - Sharon Green |
| 9 - Tara Isbell | - Linda Lowry |
| 12 - Aggie Grogan | 29 - Sherrie Beasley |
| - Isaac Phillips | - Micah Jones |
| 15 - Avery Bacon | 30 - Bobby Canter |

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

- Trevor and Tami Bonnstetter.....November 9, 1991
 Bill and Louise Knight.....November 9, 1963
 Anthony and Susan Earles.....November 12, 2005
 Keith and Aggie Grogan.....November 16, 1999
 Duane and Tammy Isbell.....November 23, 1991
 Tom and LaVerne Waldrop.....November 26, 1988
 Bob and Marian King.....November 27, 1958

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

In the next edition of *The Columns* we want to include all Christmas parties / events for Sunday School classes, groups, circles, etc.

Please make your plans early and submit your information to the church office no later than 10 AM on Tuesday, November 17.



FYI - The First Sunday of Advent is Sunday November 29.