



The Jubilate

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Adult Mission Trip Update...Mark Your Calendar!

Your Mission Link, Sandy Simmons ssimmons7@kc.rr.com

We have secured a week for our fall Mission Trip to McCurdy School in Espanola, NM. NOW is the time to mark your calendar to save these dates: **October 16-22, 2011.**

It is a very exciting time for us as a church. Each and every person in the church can be part of this trip in one way or another! Some of you will go on the trip and put your skills to use making a difference for

the McCurdy School community. Others of you will have the opportunity to support this trip through your prayers and gifts. This will truly be an ALL CHURCH PROJECT! All of us will be able to make a difference!

Our hope is to have a group of about 30 adults make this trip. We know there is a lot of interest. Be sure to watch for further information coming soon, and please prayerfully consider if you want to go on this trip. There

will soon be an opportunity to make a more 'firm' commitment. Several weeks ago during the initial 'sign your name if you might be interested' there were 30 people who put their name on a paper! I think that speaks volumes about the kind of interest that is in our congregation!

Keep watching, and MARK these dates on your calendar... October 16-22! Please contact me if you have any questions!

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What if what happened then, changes everything now?

A Lenten Bible Study

This is the profound question at the heart of "The Easter Experience", our Lenten study for 2011. Come join facilitator Ron White on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30p.m. for this thought-provoking, life-changing study.

"The Easter Experience" study spans the six weeks of Lent, beginning March 9 and ending April 13. The cost for the study book is \$5.00. Using dramatic story-telling and challenging teaching by Kyle Idleman, the video series brings the passion and resurrection to life. Weekly themes include: My Life Has a Purpose, My Pain is Understood and I Have the Promise of Eternal Life.

Make Easter more than a holiday!

To register, contact Nancy in the church office 682-5374, or by email at nancyshade@sbcglobal.net



Our purpose:

"We are a Church of the Ages, Serving the Present Age by making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and world"

Our vision:

Being a spiritually dynamic, outward focused United Methodist Congregation enlivened by passionate worship, equipped discipleship and compassionate service.



FUMC has three different scholarship programs available to our active members attending an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2011.

◇ **Leavenworth FUMC College Scholarship Fund:** recipients must be attending a United Methodist related college or university in the upcoming Fall semester. These scholarships are funded through a

special approved fund drive.

◇ **Leavenworth FUMC Youth Scholarship Fund:** recipient must be beginning their freshman year the following Fall semester at a college, university, community college, or trade school. Up to four \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually.

◇ **Louris Boyer Memorial Scholarship:** this non-traditional scholarship is available to any active member who is attending an accredited university, college, community college or trade school the following fall semester on either a full time or part time basis. The amount of the scholarship is \$300.

If you are interested in applying for one or more of these scholarships, you may download a copy from the church website or you may obtain an electronic copy by emailing Sara Mulford at: smulford@lvnworth.com.

All applications must be post-marked by March 30, 2011 or hand-delivered to the church office by 5:00 PM April 1, 2011.

Donations Needed for Our Children's Ministry

- ◇ Cardboard Wrapping Paper Tubes (empty)
- ◇ The Prince and the Pauper, Disney animated, G-rated (to borrow for March 6th)
- ◇ Pocahontas, Disney animated (to borrow for April)

These items may be dropped off at the Church Office.

- Doris Brownson
- Rebecca Brownson
- Inge Cochran
- Donna Middleton



Congregation, how can you help our scholars?

Sara Mulford - Chair, Discipleship Team

The Leavenworth FUMC College Scholarship Fund was established in May 1996 to financially assist FUMC students attending a United Methodist related college or university. Students can receive up to \$1000 and those funds are matched by the recipients' school.

Over \$8000 in scholarships have been awarded in recent years. This scholarship fund depends on contributions from the congregation and the fund is in need of replenishment. If you would like to contribute, a check can be made out to the church with the

designation "scholarship" on the memo line.

Thank you for your support of our scholars!

Thank you' s

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for the generosity you have shown to Selah, through the freewill offering that you contributed to on Sunday, February 20th. \$604.25 was given to support the ministry of Selah. The check from the church was mailed to Southwestern College on Tuesday, February 22nd. Thank you for supporting these students as they reach out to others in the name of Christ.

Bless your hearts,
Cindy White



Dear Friend of Second Harvest Community Food Bank,

Thanks so much for your gift of \$10,700.00 on 1/27/2011 to Backpack Buddies. "I like Backpack Buddies," said Jacob, an eight-year old elementary student. "If we did not have them, we wouldn't

have lunch."

Your support means the world to children like Jacob because your generous gift will provide nutritious meals over each weekend of the school year. Hunger doesn't take the weekend off, and Backpack Buddies makes weekends more enjoyable for children who would otherwise go without.

As always, we invite you to see how your donations are hard at work here at Second Harvest.

Please call anytime for a tour of our facility at 816-364-FOOD ext 206.

Again, thank you for helping us fight hunger and feed hope in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.

Sincerely,
Kathy Younger
Deputy Director

Lenten Activities



You don't want to miss our **Lenten Breakfasts!** Every year our church sponsors weekly breakfasts each Wednesday during Lent. Breakfasts start at 6:30 AM, followed by a guest speaker. You'll be on your way to work by 7:15 AM. The first Lenten Breakfast will be on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. Our speaker for the first week will be Pastor Kevin. What a way to start your day during Lent!

Lenten Devotional Booklets will be available next week! The Lenten Devotion Booklet is always inspirational to read. The shared experiences and words of our church family members can often serve as a bright light in our lives during this Lenten season. The booklets will be available in the Narthex and Church Office. Be sure to get yours!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Maundy Thursday Service**, "Beneath the Upper Room". It will be held at 7 pm on April 21st in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Good Friday Prayer Vigil will be held on Friday, April 22nd, in the Chapel of the Education Building. You'll find the sign-up board at each Lenten Breakfast and at Sunday morning worship services after March 9th. Select a time slot from 6:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. Groups, families, and individual members of the congregation are urged to participate in this meaningful, purposeful, and enriching experience. The Prayer Vigil will be held in the Education Building Chapel. This is an enriching experience -- let's ALL participate!

Upcoming Events and Important Information

- ◆ Drivers are needed to help get some of our senior members to church. If you can help with this ministry please contact Bea Yenney @ 682-6640.



- ◇ The Boy Scouts will host a **Pancake Breakfast on March 12th**. The Breakfast will be held at Applebee's from 8 am - 11 am and tickets are \$5. You get pancakes and sausage for the \$5. You may buy tickets at the door or in advance from the scouts.

- ◆ Would you like to help save the church money? You can do just that by receiving the Jubilate by email. Simply send an email to the church office requesting to be put on the email list. It is that easy! The church office email is: fumclvks@sbcglobal.net

- ◇ The United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, March 15th at 6 pm.



◇ Camp Chippewa

hosts a number of camps for children Kindergarten-12th grade during the summer. The camps are divided by age group, activity and length. Camp Chippewa brochures are located on the counter of Amy's desk in the church office. For more information or scholarship information, please contact Nancy Shade at 682-5374 or nancy-shade@sbcglobal.net. The early bird deadline for Camp Chippewa is April 1st.



It's early but it's important!
Mark your calendars!

"Bless Your Heart, Cindy" Weekend is going to be May 27-29. We will have retirement celebrations for Cindy White and we want everyone to come join us in honoring Cindy for her 26+ years of service in our church. Friday evening, May 27th, we will have a dinner and entertainment. Sunday, May 29th, we will have an informal potluck. We will have more details later—mark the dates in your calendars now!



Finance Update

Ron White, Chair Committee on Finance.

We closed out our 2010 financial books with a carryover of \$17,352 in our Unified budget and a carryover of \$15,108 in our Capital Improvement budget.

Our total offerings through February 20 are:

Unified Budget ----
\$75,930

Capital Improvement
Budget --- \$8,371

Each of these offerings is approximately \$3500 less than we would expect to receive to date based on our congregational giving

patterns for recent years.

Even with this slight shortage, we have sufficient funds available to pay all bills and fund our ministry areas. In fact, we recently paid our \$22,000 annual insurance premium in full rather than in monthly install-

ments as we have in recent years. This saved us several hundred dollars in interest and service charges.

Thank you for your continued financial support.



VBS Summer 2011

JUNE 13 – 17 9:00a.m. – Noon

NOW:

We are currently recruiting Station Leaders.

SOON:

Crew Leader Recruitment

Supply Donation List



Be sure to mark your calendars and tell your friends!

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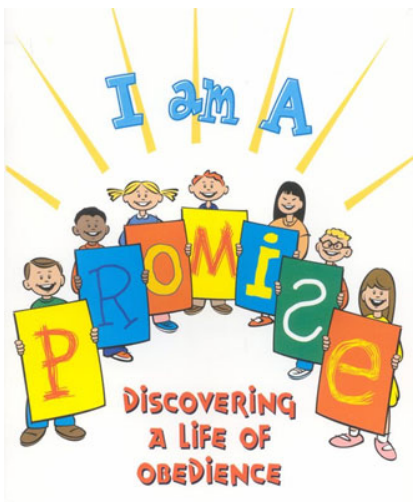
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The Kid's Praise Choir is working on the Spring Program, "I Am A Promise" during their choir time at Wonderful Wednesday. It will be presented April 9th. Any interested 2nd - 5th grade students, not currently in Kid's Praise Choir, are welcome to participate in the Musical as well. Simply join us on Wednesday afternoons at 3:15 for Wonderful Wednesday.

"I am a promise, I am a possibility,
I am a promise, with a capital P,
I am a great big bundle of Potentiality!"

Our Cherub Choir, ages 4 through grade 1 will be singing several songs before the preservation of the "I Am A Promise" musical. I would love for your child to participate! Come join us at rehearsals on Wednesdays!

Blessings,

Sherri Williams, Kids Praise Choir Director
Alisha Holyfield, Cherub Choir Director