



# The Jubilate

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## Hip, Hip Hooray! We did it, and then some!

Your Mission Link, Sandy Simmons, Chairperson Missions

On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> a **great group of volunteers** loaded and delivered our 'collective' food, to the delight of Catholic Charities and Trinity House! We delivered a total of **3260 pounds of food**, exceeding our goal of 3000 pounds!! Give yourself a pat on the back! What a glorious thing to be able to do!

Of course you may be wonder which group brought in the MOST food...8:30 or 11:00???

Well, the congratulations this year go to.....**11:00!** They really stepped up to 'take back' control of our traveling trophy. Both teams are to be congratulated on their 'good sportsmanship'...



The breakdown is shown below this article.

And so, many congratulations to the 11:00 congregation... you were awesome, but congratulations also go to the 8:00 for 'running a good race',

keeping it competitive, etc.!! I am sure next year we will all be back with renewed interest in keeping/regaining control of the TROPHY!

Of course we all know the real 'winners' are those in our community who will be helped by your generosity! Thanks to all for making this year's Food Drive the BEST ever...what an amazing congregation!



	8:30	11:00
Pounds of bonus food	(566)	(945)
Total pounds of food	1390	1870

# ★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

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#### 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.*

## STAFF PARISH RELATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Sonia Wiley, SPRC Chair

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has had a busy few months. The committee asked members of the congregation to help organize several events. Sandy Simmons and her team worked hard to plan a wonderful farewell for Pastor Gary. Thank you for all their hard work. We also created a committee to put together retirement events for Cindy. They are hard at work and a wonderful celebration of Cindy's career is coming together.

SPRC advertised for a Director of Worship Arts, Sanctuary Choir Director and Organist/Pianist. We accepted applications until

March 18th. SPRC appointed an Interview Committee comprised of 3 SPRC members and 2 choir members with a representative from staff and Pastor Kevin. This committee gathered input from church council members and choir members concerning the qualities that are important in a new director. Thank you to all that responded. Your input was important to us. The Interview Committee received more than ten applications for the various positions and held interviews the week of April 2nd.

On Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> we happily announced that we have hired Andria

Bremer Savara as our new Director of Worship Arts and Sanctuary Choir Director. She currently serves as Director of Worship and Music at Aldersgate UMC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has Bachelors of Arts Degree in Music from North Central College in Naperville, IL and a Masters of Arts in Music Ministry from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. Andria will be moving to Leavenworth this summer with her husband Justin and their two children. Welcome Andria!

We have not yet had candidates to interview for the organist/pianist position and are advertising again for

an organist and/or pianist. If you know of anybody that would be interested in this position please have them contact the church office.

Also on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> we were pleased to announce that we have hired Rev. Bob Atwell as the Visitation Pastor and Rev. Erin Myslenski as the Connections Pastor. Pastor Bob will be doing nursing home, hospital, and shut-in visitation. Pastor Erin will work with new members and new visitors to our church. Both Pastor Bob and Pastor Erin are already very involved in the life of our congregation and are looking forward to serving in a more official capacity.



Please continue to collect the pop tops for Young Christian Singers. They will turn them in for their fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House when they go on their Mini-Choir tour.



# May 2011

First United Methodist Church

## SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:30 AM Worship Service \* 9:45 AM Church School \* 11:00 AM Worship Service \* 6:00 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Pre-Registration for "Pandamania" Vacation Bible School 4 pm Youth Parent Meeting	<b>2</b> 5 pm Celebration 6 pm Cub Scouts Meeting 6 pm Disciple 4 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Missions & Connections No Worship & Music	<b>4</b> 8:45 Heart & Soul 9 am Invitation to John 3:45 Wonderful Wed 6:30 Disciple I 6:30 Heart & Soul	<b>5</b> 12 pm Newsletter Deadline 6 pm Charge Conference 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
 No Vocal or Bell Choirs No Youth	<b>9</b> 6 pm SPRC 6 pm UMW 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Esther Cir 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Trustees	<b>11</b> 8:45 Heart & Soul 9:30 Nurture/Care 3:45 Wonderful Wed 6:30 Heart & Soul	<b>12</b> 2 pm Martha Cir. 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 12 pm VBS Staff Training Celebration	<b>16</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Finance	<b>18</b> 3:45 Wonderful Wed	<b>19</b> 12 pm Newsletter Deadline 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Graduation Sunday</b> Third Grade Bible Presentation Promotion during Sunday School No Youth	<b>23</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Friends of Jesus	<b>24</b> 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Church Council	<b>25</b> 3:45 Wonderful Wed Last One for the year!	<b>26</b> Sanctuary Choir TBD	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Bless Your Heart Cindy Weekend!</b> </div>	
<b>29</b> No Vocal or Bell Choirs No Youth <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Bless Your Heart Cindy Weekend!</b> </div>	 Church Office Closed	<b>31</b> 10 am Staff Mtg			<b>SUNDAY CHOIR REHEARSALS:</b> 4:00 PM Youth Bells 5:00 PM Young Christian Singers 6:00 PM Wesley Ringers * indicates change in schedule	

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Virginia Brown, Ainslee Frederick	8	Andy & Mandy Kahmann	15th
2	Ben Hancock, Gladys Harmon, Mark Tomlinson	11	Chad & Jackie Kinnear	14th
3	Maigen Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Carolyn Tillotson	12	Jason & Parin Finch	12th
4	Christina Bowser, Caleb Cupp, Walter Sharp, Jr.	13	Kevin & Kerry Romano	9th
5	Bobby Atwell, Dean Hamon, Sarah Martin	24	Jim & Cynthia Walley	35th
6	James Caldwell	27	Kenneth & Sue Harmon	60th
8	Jackie Bain, John Chapman	28	Doug & Denise Cook	23rd
9	Esther Polson			
11	Ezra Carpenter, Linda French			
12	Aaron Andrews, Connie Poe			
13	Casey Andrews, Noah Hutabarat, Jacqueline Zimmerman			
14	Jan Glick, Mike Piper, Lawson Stuhlsatz			
15	Karen Tish, Alexandra Thompson			
16	Oliver West, Ben Whitten			
17	Dinah Zeck			
18	Laura Brown, Dwain Mayhugh, Edie Van Maanen			
19	Anne Agnew, Coby Anderson, Kauv Un, Matt Warner, Megan Warner, Bea Yenney			
20	Donna Cade, Kim Hancock, Kerry New, Sandy Pepper			
21	Selci Hopkins, Lois Morris			
22	Javen Kelly			
23	Lynn Gambrell, Sarah Lauber			
24	Shelly Sanders, Somer Stuhlstaz, Brandon White			
25	Tiffinne Hastings-Greek, Dana Piper			
26	Lauren Mosley, Laura Ruble			
27	Kristen Garnett, Nicholas Long, Landen Smith			
28	Vera Hrabak, George Mistler			
29	Denise Ott, Jim Van Maanen			
30	Jeff Peckham, Evadean Sanders, Susan Williams			



Dear Friends -

Thank you so much for the beautiful red prayer shawl. My parent's home was filled with cardinals and other reds, so this is the perfect gift as a remembrance!

God Bless,

Karen Tish

I would like to thank all my church family members at First UMC for taking time to say...You Care! I would like to take this moment to say, "During a time like this I realize how much my friends and family really mean to me...your expression of sympathy will always be remembered". Thanks for honoring my husband, "SSG Ret. Melvin Paul Taylor" who was escorted by an angel to heaven to be with her Lord at the age of 62.

- Your compassion and kindness has helped me through this difficult time; appreciate all the emails and heartfelt sympathy cards I received because you took the time to say, You Care - Thanks. God bless you in Jesus Name.

With Gratitude ; )

Mrs. Brendale Taylor

A NOTE OF



I would like to thank the Nurture/Care group for my flowers and Easter bag.

Vada Johnson

Thanks to everyone who helped out in the church office while I had Laryngitis and was sick. It truly is a blessing to have such great church family!

Amy Brandt

We are looking for two teachers for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class. The start date is Sunday, May 29. Please prayerfully consider serving this precious class as they grow in their faith. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Shade, [nancysshade@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancysshade@sbcglobal.net) or by calling 682-5374.

**Sympathy is extended to:** The families of Mary Chapman, Dwight Dussair, and Kay Boughton; who recently passed away. Also to Gary and Cheryl Rader, upon the death of Gary's mother.

**PART-TIME  
JOB OPENING.**

There is an opening for a part-time custodian in our church, as our Sunday Custodian will be heading off to college! This is a position, mainly for weekend duties. If you are able to do relatively light custodial work, would enjoy serving the Lord and your church family in this way, (and can use some extra income in the bargain!), please contact the church office at 682-5374 or [fumclvks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumclvks@sbcglobal.net).

There will be an all church **Charge Conference** on Thursday, **May 5th at 6 pm**. We will meet to vote on a financial plan for the demolition of East Middle School. Please plan to attend.

The **Media Team** is searching for two more members for their team. Our Media Team prepares the power point slides and runs the media on Sunday mornings. There is a rotation schedule between team members. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cindy White in the church office at 682-5374. Thank you, for responding to this need.

**Mark you calendar for  
UMW SUNDAY!**

Please join us on UMW SUNDAY, June 12th. Deacon in Residence, Rev. Erin Myslenski will give our message. UMW members are encouraged to wear red.

**HELP IS NEEDED.**

With the retirement of Cindy White, Ron White has made the decision not to run the sound system for every worship service as he does currently. The plan is to put a team in place to take care of this need. Ron is willing to head up this team and provide the training for those willing to help run the sound system for our worship services. The plan is to put a rotation system in place, so that the responsibility is shared by the team. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, please contact Ron White, at 682-6956 or by email at [rwhite1@kc.rr.com](mailto:rwhite1@kc.rr.com). Your help will be greatly appreciated!

# VBS Summer 2011

**JUNE 13 – 17  
9:00a.m. – Noon**

**NOW:**

We are looking for at least 25 Crew Leaders! Sign up in the Youth Room or by contacting the church office.

**NEXT WEEK:**

Pre-Registration begins Sunday, May 1!  
Supply Donation List comes out Sunday, May 1.

**SOON:**

Staff Training Celebration ~ Sunday May 15  
Immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service until 2:00p.m.



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age by making disciples for the  
transformation of the world!

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**“Bless Your Heart, Cindy”**

Weekend is going to be May 27th - 29th. We will have a retirement celebration 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 catered dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$14 and will be on sale May 1st - 10th for this evening. On Sunday, May 29th, we will have an informal potluck dinner after second service.

Barbara Peiper



**Attention all High School, College, Vo-tech, Professional and CGSC Graduates:** We are currently working on our list of graduates for the **May 22nd Graduation Sunday Service**. Please call the church office at 682-5374 or email [fumclvks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumclvks@sbcglobal.net) and let us know your graduation date and degree, as well as future plans. Please contact the office by **May 9th** with this information. Thank you.

Rev. Kevin Hopkins	Rev Bob Atwell	Rev. Erin Myslenski	Cindy White	Nancy Shade	Mollie Foster	Amy S. Brandt
Senior Pastor	Visitation Pastor	Connections Pastor	Director of Worship Arts	Coordinator of Children's Ministry	Director of Youth Ministry	Admin. Assistant