



METHODIST MESSENGER

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Rev. Rodney Steele, Senior Pastor

February 15, 2012

Rev. Randall Ludwig, Executive Pastor

Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 16

Thursday Morning Joy 10:00
NA 11:00
Wesley Kitchen 11:30
Zumba 4:00
Ozark Naturals 7:00

Friday, February 17

Alanon 12:00
NA 6:00

Saturday, February 18

Sunday, February 19

Mission Fair 8:30 - 12:30
Traditional 9:00
Crossroads 9:00
Sunday School 10:00
Worship 11:00
Serendipity 1:30
Youth 5:30
NA Meeting 6:00

Monday, February 20

Strong Women 9:30
Over Eaters Anonymous 12:00
Emmaus Reunion 12:00
Kindling Women's Emmaus
Reunion Group 11:45
Girl Scouts 4:00
Joyful Noise 5:15
Finance 5:30
Cub Scouts 6:00
Boy Scouts 6:00
Serenity 6:00
Praise Band 6:30
Heart of Hills 6:30

Tuesday, February 21

Staff 10:00
Grief Support Group 10:00
NA Meeting 7:00

Wednesday, February 22

Strong Women 9:30
K-1st BibleZone & Choir 3:15
2Nd-6th BibleZone & Choir 3:30
Youth 4:00
Confirmation Class 4:30
Wednesday Night Meal &
Devotions 5:00
six O seven Youth Worship 6:30
Chancel Choir 6:30

Thursday, February 23

Thursday Morning Joy 10:00
NA 11:00
Wesley Kitchen 11:30
Zumba 4:00
Long Range Planning 6:00
Ozark Naturals 7:00

Friday, February 24

5th & 6th Grade Fun Night 7:00

From the Senior Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the positive feedback regarding the sermon series on the healing ministry of Jesus. The last sermon in the series is this Sunday and will focus on the Gospel of Mark's account of Jesus healing the withered hand of a man at the synagogue. We'll see, once again, Jesus confronting attitudes towards illness as well as religious legalisms that actually stifle a life of faith. I'll also share my definition of what a miracle is based upon my study of Scripture and Biblical accounts of healing. After hearing it, I believe you will see that miracles are still occurring all around us.

The attitudes and legalisms that Jesus confronted are still felt today. I still meet people at the hospital or some other time of crisis who ask me if their illness or crisis is a punishment from God. I assure them that God is not punishing them but busily working to make them whole. I want them to know with all certainty that God has not deserted them in their time of need. Immanuel, God is still with them.

If God were punishing them then everything that the medical community is doing to treat them is against the will of God, and that just isn't true. I believe that God uses the doctors, nurses, medical technicians, therapists, pharmacists, support staff and everyone in the medical community to continue the healing ministry of Jesus. God uses our prayers, our visits, our prayer shawls, our support and encouragement to also continue Jesus' healing ministry.

One of the experiences that I hope you have through this sermon series is the realization that God is using you when you help others. It's more than a pleasant social gesture or act of friendship, both of which are important. You are a part of the ministry of Jesus. When you realize that, you may have taken the first step in discovering the ministry which God has given you. Discovering and fulfilling the ministry which God has given you is at the heart of being a disciple of Jesus Christ who is transforming the world one life at a time. God bless you!

I'm glad to be in ministry with you.

Your pastor and friend,
Rodney

SUNDAY 9:00 AM SERVICE
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

***"The Healing Ministry of Jesus:
A Man with a Withered Hand"***

(Mark 3:1-6)
REV. RODNEY STEELE

CROSSROADS 9:00 AM SERVICE
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

"Do Not Tell Anyone!"
(Mark 9: 2-9)

REV. RANDY LUDWIG

SUNDAY 11:00 AM SERVICE
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

WORSHIP for, February 8, 12, 2012

six O seven Youth Worship	27
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship	90
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Cross Roads	212
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship	166
Sunday Attendance	507
Sunday School Attendance	157
Total Worship Attendance	534

OFFERINGS

OFFERINGS RECEIVED for February 12, 2012

General Fund (needed weekly \$16,119)	\$12,453.34
Building Fund (needed weekly \$3,488)	7,736.50
Other Funds	344.00
Total	\$20,533.84

IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday:

9:00 Worship - Rev. Rodney Steele

9:00 Crossroads - Rev. Randy Ludwig

11:00 Worship - Rev. Rodney Steele

Liturgist: 9:00 Worship - Jim Campbell

11:00 Worhship - Rev. Randall Ludwig

Acolytes: Gavin Cooper, Sydnie Zimmer

Andrew Minister: Jim Campbell

Greeters:

9:00 Worship - John & Kay Beecroft

9:00 Crossroads - John & Marcia Gerard,
Richard & Suzanne Mell

11:00 Worship - Frank & Jane Davis

Hospitality Desk: 9:00 - Sally Gardner

11:00 - Twyla Krawczyk

Sunday Ushers:

9:00 Worship - Rex Oberheim, Debby Bodenhamer

9:00 Crossroads - Lyle & Eileen Selberg,
Don & Cassie Alkire

11:00 Worship - Don Cox, Bill Koop, Darrell Benham,
Ron Elchesen, Neal Wheeler, Jim Colby,
Phil Garner

Bus Drivers: Darrell Benham

Prayer Chain: Sue Storm, 424-8111

Television Broadcast:

Crossroads 9:00 a.m. KOTXL Channel 22

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. KOTXL Channel 22

Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m. KTLO 97.9 FM

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Dot Moore, Glenn Daughtery & Dorothy Stemm

Dick & Donna Baltz

UMW WEEKEND MEALS

In Memory of Dot Moore, Glenn Daughtery

Bernie & June Willborn

In Memory of Dot Moore

Billye Hart

UMAC

In Memory of Dot Moore

Phil & Vicki Garner

In Memory of Rhonda Rhea Valencia

Mike & Jan Jennings

BACKPACK

In Memory of Rhonda Rhea Valencia

Elton & Mary Kirby

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Please come visit us at the Mission/Ministry Fair on February 19th. We'd love to say hello. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the UMAC commons area. Our speaker this month will be Lori Howe from Hospice. If you would like to learn about Hospice House and Home Hospice Care please join us. Questions call *Ruth Clark* 425-7941 or *Nancy Buel* 424-2572 See you at the Fair, *RUTH*

CHURCH VISIT: *Charles and Dorothy Rhea* recently visited the Theodosia United Methodist Church in Theodosia, MO.

Mike & Judy Kuenzli recently visited The United Methodist Church of Painesville in Painesville, OH.



ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar is available for flower orders on March, 18 and all Sundays for Crossroads. Contact the office to place your order at 425-6036.



OUR SYMPATHIES

Our Christian sympathy to the family of Melvin Lechtenberger who passed away on February 9, 2012.

NOTES, NOTICES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wednesday Night Meal - February 15, 2012

Menu: Meat Loaf

Hosted by: United Methodist Women
(Kate Few Circle)

Adults: \$5.00 Children: \$2.00

Maximum: \$12.00 per family

(Cut-off for Meal Reservations is 5:00 p.m.
on Tuesday.)

CHILI COOK-OFF & PIE & DESSERT AUCTION!



When: March 10

Where: FUMC Fellowship Hall

Time: 5:00 - ?

Cook up your best chili recipe and enter the chili cook-off contest!! Set-up begins at

4:00 p.m. for decorating your tables. Come and enjoy good fun and fellowship. Proceeds from the Pie and Dessert auction will go to the Youth Department for their Mission trips this summer.

MISSION MOMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 19th for our Third Annual Missions Fair. We will be open from 8 am until about 12:30, except during the 9 and 11 church services. Please join us and pick up a brochure on each of our church's missions. Learn what each mission does and what you can do to help. There are prizes galore for guessing what movie each mission represents and also for using your ticket to visit each and every Mission Booth! Lots of fun, and popcorn, too! If your group would like to have a booth at the Fair, call Judy Jensen at 424-4549

WESLEY KITCHEN Please watch the Messenger each week for the Wesley Kitchen stats on numbers: 2/4/12 we fed 23 and 10 took food home! Our highest numbers yet. There will be two training sessions for the Wesley Kitchen for any and all volunteers. These two training sessions will go over procedures and details needed when cooking and serving in the Wesley Kitchen. Please plan to attend one of these sessions even if you think you might like to volunteer in the future. Our mission is growing and all are welcome. The training sessions are Thursday, February 23 at 1:30 and Tuesday, February 28 at 10:00 in the Chapel. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions and are working in the Wesley Kitchen, please pick up a training information sheet in the church office. *Judy Jensen*, Missions Team Leader

55+ Fun Bunch - The St. Louis trip on March 1 and 2 has been cancelled due to too few reservations.

VOLLEYBALL: Let's get it started! Open volleyball will be on Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Open to people of all skill levels who wish to play volleyball. Come, bring a friend, and let's have some fun!

CHURCH DIRECTORY PORTRAITS

There will be a new church directory coming out this Spring. Pictures for it will be taken on March, 8, 9, 13 - 16, and 27 - 30 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30: p.m. and Saturdays, March 10, 17, and 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign-up is really easy - just go to the FUMC web site at www.fumcmh.org, click on the "Portrait Sign-up" and follow the easy directions to register or you may call the church office and Jeannie will do your sign-up for you. Also, on Sundays you will find us at the Hospitality Desks to do sign-up's.

Soup Luncheon/Silent Auction & Open House

Cross Light Christian Preschool is holding a Luncheon & Silent Auction Fundraiser on Sunday, March 4th. Come and have a hot soup lunch and bid on auction items. Then come down the Preschool wing and see the exciting changes we have made. Proceeds will benefit the Preschool. We are looking for silent auction items. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact *John Seifert* at scottysara@gmail.com or 425-9886.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will gather for their February 21st Circle Meetings as follows:

Kate Few Circle, 9:30 a.m., 1610 Inverness Drive with Bonnie Elders, hostess

New Morning Circle, 1:00 p.m., Good Samaritan Chapel

Rhea Love Circle, 10:30 a.m., Good Samaritan Apts. Dining Room

Sallie Sanford Circle, 1:00 p.m., at the church, Judy Recer and Margaret Lawson, hostesses



We are starting new fellowship activity with our kiddos! The first one will be Friday, Feb. 24th from 7:00 - 9:00. The first one will be for the 5th and 6th graders. We are calling these events "f3"! What does that mean, you ask??

Well, it is food, fun and fellowship! We

knew when we moved into the UMAC that we would be able to offer so much more to our children. We want them to come to the church and know that it is a safe place to have a good time and be able to "hang out" with their friends. We will have a variety of activities, (a little Wii, a little Karaoke, a little basketball etc.) and of course a little food! You are welcome to invite a friend and come on down on the 24th. We will then have an "f3" night for the 3rd and 4th grades, 1st and 2nd, etc! Sounds like fun doesn't it!

We will be having a preK-6th "f3" Spring Fling event on March 9th. It will be from 6:30-8:30. We have bouncy houses and other fun stuff available! This will be in the U.M.A.C.

If you would like to help with either of these activities with supervision or providing some snacks please let us know! I know that a good time will be had by all!

Confirmation started on Wednesday with our 6th graders and some 7th grades with Bro. Rodney. I know that they will enjoy getting to know him, while learning more about their faith.

We want to say a special "Thank-You" to all of our acolytes! You have been doing such a great job, and we appreciate your willingness to serve, and your parent's willingness to get you there!

Blessings to all,
Kellye and Terre

Acolytes: Gavin Cooper, Sydnie Zimmer
Children's Moment: Rita Billbe



Our six0seven Youth worship service is off and running! We've had some incredible nights of worship, Scripture, small groups and games. I

want to say a special thanks to all of the parents/adults that helped set up for and contribute during the service, it couldn't have happened without you! I am definitely looking forward to the excitement that six0seven has begun to cause and the potential growth that I hope and believe that this excitement will cause! Please be in prayer over this service and these students that new students will begin to come and lives will be changed!

If you would like to volunteer with our youth by leading a small group, helping setup before or clean up after our six0seven service or any other way you may like to help, please contact me! I'd love to talk to you about opportunities to make an impact in teens' lives!

The youth will be going to Veritas 2012 in Rogers, AR the weekend of February 24-26. Veritas is a huge weekend worship conference that will consist of a thousand United Methodist students praising our Lord, going to workshops, and just having a blast. The cost is \$35 plus meals. (Scholarships are available) If any students are interested in Veritas, please contact Kirby or visit www.accym.org for more information.

We have had a number of great meals provided by individuals and Sunday School classes the past few weeks. A special thank you to "The Gathering" Sunday School class for providing "Mexican Night" this past Sunday evening. We are still in need for groups or individuals to provide meals for our Sunday night youth time. We meet at 5:30 on Sunday evenings to eat dinner, fellowship, and work within our newly formed Servant Leadership Teams. We are in need of someone to provide dinner for a number of dates in February and beyond. If you would be interested in providing a dinner, please contact Kirby Martens by calling the church or emailing kmartens@fumcmh.org. Thanks! *In Christ, Kirby Martens*