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MESSENGER

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Worship Services

Three worship opportunities are offered on Sunday, each with its own special character.

8:00 a.m. McMurry Chapel

Informal worship with a personal touch. Hymns are by request; sharing prayer concerns is welcomed.

8:50 a.m. Sanctuary

Worship that includes a children's time. Agape Singers provide joyful music accompanied by musicians; children's and youth choirs furnish special music on occasion.

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

More formal worship with music from the Chancel Choir. Worship also includes a children's time.

MU at MUMC:
 Celebrating our **CHURCH & CAMPUS CONNECTION**
 Sermon Series

FEBRUARY 5-19
 Sundays at 8:00, 8:50, and 11:00 a.m.

February 5
 "Knowledge and Vital Piety"

February 12
 "Gifted and Called"

February 19
 "Connected in Conduct"

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Love Your Body Workshop

On Sunday, February 19th, Suzy Day, Coordinator of the Women's Center at MU, will conduct a workshop called "Love Your Body." It will have an emphasis upon physical and spiritual self-care. It will take place from 3-5pm in CLC 106-110. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. While the workshop is being sponsored by the UMW Circles, it is open to all women of the MUMC congregation and the college campuses. Mothers are encouraged to bring their teen-aged daughters as well. Email RSVP@moumc.org to register.

Capital Campaign Information Meetings

Wednesday, February 15th,
 at 6pm in the Multipurpose Room
 Sunday, February 19th,
 at 10am & Noon in the Sanctuary

Valentine's Spaghetti Supper

Avoid the crowds of Valentine's Day and bring your sweetheart to a special spaghetti supper, provided by our MUMC youth, as they raise funds for their summer mission trip to Joplin, MO. Join us on Wednesday, February 15th, at 5:30pm as a part of the WNL program – meal prices are the same (\$6 for adults, \$4 for children), but opportunities for additional donations and tips will be available. This is a wonderfully easy, and tasty way to support our youth as they prepare to reach out and support others.

New Member Class

For those seeking to become members of Missouri UMC or for those interested in Methodist history and beliefs and what it means to join a church, please join Sandy Ward on Wednesday, February 15th, from 6:15-7:30pm in CLC 102. RSVP to sandy.ward@moumc.org if you plan to attend.

Meet Dana!

Dana Scheurmann is our Cornerstone Coffee Shop manager. Dana is:

- a lifelong Methodist, and the daughter of a United Methodist pastor
- an experienced barista, and creator of coffee drinks for her mother's coffee business
- a junior at MU, majoring in Journalism
- a graphic artist (see our posters for the MU@MUMC sermon series)
- a great person to be around!



Stop by the Cornerstone Coffee Shop and meet Dana. Be sure to sit in one of the new comfortable chairs, or meet a group at one of the longer tables that have been added. If all goes well, the Coffee Shop will be open for business on Sunday, February 26th, with a menu featuring cappuccinos, lattes, sodas and pastries. In the meantime, hot LaKota coffee will be available on Sunday morning. The Cornerstone Coffee Shop is located in the west wing of the Connector.



The Pastor's Corner

by Rev. Amy L. Gearhart

"FAMILIAR AND NEW"

I just attended a musical festival to cheer on my daughter, Chloe, and all the other MUMC youth who participated in the event. I enjoyed the clinician, Dr. Marci Major, who worked with each choral group and helped them to experience and sing their familiar and well-rehearsed music in new ways. At times, they tried new facial expressions. At other times, they moved their bodies or their hands. New sounds emerged from the same singers—they and the audience were impressed!

Since the beginning of Missouri UMC, there have been staff members hired to lead the people of God to grow in their discipleship and service to Christ. So many of those staff members have profoundly touched each of our lives—I enjoy hearing you tell me the stories of their impact on your faith journey. Almost 85 years later, we still need the leadership of our staff to guide us in our faith and encourage our ministries in the world. Many of their tasks and duties are familiar to us, like preaching, teaching, visiting, administration and caring. In addition, there are other needs that couldn't have been imagined 85 years ago, like media communications/PR, worship arts, and new methods for reaching young adults and students.

Like those singers, we need to stretch, bend, and reach in new ways with our church staff in order for 'new music' of ministry to emerge in a new century and time for the church. Below is the list of staff ministry positions which we will be hiring in the coming weeks. You may know someone who is called to this form of ministry and who would have gifts to give to your church. Please pray for our Operations and Lead Team leaders and others who will

be a part of the search, interview and hiring of our church staff. Pray that God will open the hearts of those whom we need for this next season of life together. Pray for the hospitality and welcome that we can extend to those who will be joining us in the coming months.

Life in Christ is both "familiar and new" all the time. I can't imagine living life any other way, and I'm so glad we are sharing in that life together everyday, as a church family!

See you in church on Sunday!
Rev. Amy L. Gearhart

Missouri United Methodist Church, Columbia, MO is a large membership (700 avg. worship) flagship and university church that is positioning itself for even more kingdom impact in the greater Columbia community. Become a part of this dynamic group of staff and ministers. Positions will be filled on a rolling basis. Position descriptions available at www.moumc.org. Applications will be submitted and accepted online only at www.moumc.org.

Positions include:

- Pastor of New Generations
- Director of Administration
- Director of Communications/PR
- Executive Assistant to Senior Pastor
- Children's & Family Life Leader
- Youth Ministry Leader
- Small Groups & Missions Leader
- Guest and Member Shepherd

News & Notes

Sympathy

- Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of George Shelby, who passed away on February 3rd. George was active in the acolyte and youth programs at MUMC until his graduation in 2004.
- Our prayers and sympathy to Marilynn Holm on the passing of her son, Donald Sutherland Holm III, on February 4th in Memphis, TN.
- Our prayers and sympathy to Don Merrifield and family on the loss of his father, Charles Merrifield, of Richmond, MO on February 5th.

Thank You

• MUMC Friends, Though we only barely know many of you, my family and I think of you as friends. We've worshiped with you every Christmas Eve and several other occasions over the years when we attended MUMC with my mom, Carolyn Anderson. Your love and support expressed to her over these last two years with your cards and visits as she bravely battled cancer meant the world to her. She saved all of those cards and letters. The work many of you did to prepare for my mom's visitation and family meal following the funeral service blessed our family beyond measure and I cannot thank you enough. In a time of grieving and great loss it helped to have details like these taken care of by such loving and capable servants in Christ. Thank you for being a caring church family for my mom. We pray that God will bless each of you immeasurably in the coming year. In Christ, Scott & Amanda Dart and Family

WEDNESDAY

NIGHTLIVE

5:30pm - All Church Supper - Multipurpose Room

- Adults - \$6, Elementary and Teen Age - \$4, Preschoolers - Free, Low/No income - \$4

• **Feb 15** - Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

• **Feb 22** - Youth Pancake Dinner Fundraiser

6:00pm - Children's Programming

- Serendipity Choir & Nursery (Birth-K) - Rooms 103/110
- Grace Notes Choir (1st-5th Grades) - Rooms 108/204

6:00pm - Youth Programs (6th-12th Grades) - Rm 306

6:15pm - Agape Singers Rehearsal - CLC 101

6:30pm - Adult Small Groups (Feb 15)

- WNL Koinonia Group - CLC 110
- MU@MUMC Presentation - Chapel

6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service (Feb 22)

6:30pm - Wednesday Night Workout - Whittler Hall

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CLC 101

Missions Outreach

Festival of Sharing

February - Layette Kit (used worldwide)

Cost of kit: \$39

- 2 washcloths
- 2 cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt (open in front)
- 2 receiving blankets (1 can be knitted)
- 2 t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)

All items must be new and under 12 months in size. Bundle items inside receiving blanket, secure with diaper pins and place in the Festival of Sharing blue barrel.

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes is in need of a group of volunteers to serve food at the soup kitchen on Saturday, March 10th. Please contact Tyler Page at 573-355-1867 or pagetj@missouri.edu for more details.

Mozambique Notes

MUMC's covenant partner church in Mozambique is Malhangalene UMC in Maputo, the capital city. Membership in this church is over 1000, with 7 local churches included. The church building construction was started in 1998. It is a beautiful building, and the congregation has plans to build additional structures around the church, particularly for child care and education. The parsonage is located in an apartment building nearby. The current pastor at Malhangalene is Zaqueu Ranchaze. Pastor Ranchaze visited MUMC in May 2011 during his visit to Missouri to attend the Missouri Annual Conference. He is the President of the Partnership Committee of the Mozambique Initiative. He is currently working with MUMC's 2012 VIM team to plan the construction work that will be accomplished during the team's visit in June. Malhangalene has adopted a rural church, Chokwe UMC, and we will be initiating work in this historic tripartite relationship, where members from all 3 churches will be working together.

MUMC's 2012 VIM team will be traveling to Mozambique June 12-26, 2012. Check out their blog at <https://moumcmozambiquemissions.wordpress.com>. Stay tuned for more information about the team's schedule of activities.

Safe Space Training

This Thursday, February 16th, everyone is invited to attend a Safe Space Training in CLC 106-110. Come early for refreshments and fellowship at 5:30pm. The workshop will begin at 6pm and end at 8pm. This training will be provided by the LGBTQ Resource Center of MU and is sponsored by the Open Door Ministry of MUMC.

College-Age Gathering on Thursdays

From 7-8pm this Thursday, February 16th, college-age persons are invited to meet in the Chapel for Bible study and prayer. We are using a short-term Disciple Bible Study series called "Invitation to the New Testament." For more information, please email heather.mccainmorgan@gmail.com.

Mentor Training Opportunities

This training is open both to college-age people and older adults who wish to become Mentors: Sunday, February 26th, 12:30-1:30pm in the Parlor and Wednesday, February 29th, 6:30-7:30pm in Room 407. Please RSVP by emailing heather.mccainmorgan@moumc.org.

Food Drive

The 3rd Grade Sunday School class is collecting non-perishable food items during the month of February for the Columbia food pantry. Please make donations outside the church office (a marked bag has been placed in the waiting area) or in the 3rd Grade Sunday School classroom, Room 405. Thank you for helping with this mission!

Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered this Sunday, February 19th, from 9:45 to 10:15am and from 10:45 to 11:15am in the Connector.

Coffee with the Pastor

Join Pastor Amy for coffee (or a coke!) and conversation on Sunday, February 19th, from 6-7pm in the Connector.



Here's a sneak peek of what's in store for the next sermon series, which starts February 26th! Life is Good!

MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

Wednesday, February 15

5:30pm - Church-Wide Meal (Multipurpose Room)

MUMY Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

6:00-6:30pm - Youth Choir (Chapel)

6:30-7:30pm - Youth Activities (Room 306)

Sunday, February 19

10am - Sunday School

All start in Room 306, then break into separate classes:

6th Grade (Confirmation); 7th Grade;

8th Grade; 9th-12th Grades

6-8pm - Sunday Night Live (Room 306)

Wednesday, February 22

5:30pm - Church-Wide Meal (Multipurpose Room)

MUMY Pancake Dinner Fundraiser

6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Children's Ministry

Live B.I.G. - February 19

B.I.G. Theme - Stories Jesus Told

B.I.G. Idea - We believe that the stories Jesus told help us to know how to live.

B.I.G. Verse - "Teach me your way, O Lord." (Psalm 27:11)

Bible Lesson - Lost and Found (Luke 15:8-10)

Sunday School - 10am

Tiny Tots Rm 107

Terrific Twos Rm 110

Preschool Rm 101

Pre-K Rm 105

Kindergarten Rm 104

1st Grade Rm 401

2nd Grade Rm 403

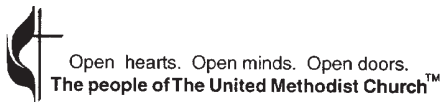
3rd Grade Rm 405

4th Grade Rm 404

5th Grade Rm 411

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Worship Attendance on Sunday, February 12 - 674
We invite you to join us for Worship: Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in McMurry Chapel;
8:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sunday School for All Ages - 10:00 a.m.

Tax-Aide

Tax-Aide, a free income tax preparation program, is now available at Missouri UMC. Appointments will be done on a first come, first served basis. Tax preparers will be here on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-7pm, and on Thursdays from 10am-2pm. The program is open to people of all ages and incomes, and will run through April 17th.

Sunday Service Slides & Videos

We are looking for individuals who would like to use live video and operate the computer used to project slides during the 8:50 and/or 11am worship services on Sunday. Training will be provided. Email sandy.ward@moumc.org or sign up through the bulletin this Sunday.

Wanted: Sunday Bus Drivers

Each Sunday morning, Missouri UMC offers free rides to our 11am worship service for anyone in need of transportation. Dedicated volunteers make this happen! We are currently looking for a few more volunteers to serve once every 4-6 weeks. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please email amanda.armistead@moumc.org or sign up through the bulletin this Sunday.

Office Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out in the church office during the week. Duties would include answering phones, general office work and some computer data entry. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. If you have a few extra hours each week and would like to be part of this team, please email amanda.armistead@moumc.org or sign up through the bulletin this Sunday.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 17 Annaleigh Christie, Deanna Harper, Phil Harrison, Liz Koenig, Melissa Malone, Owen Miller, Annie Phillips, Andrew Purcell, Kathryn Sapp **18** William Brown, Darrell Hartley, Beth Lambiotte, Rachel LeFevre, Jeanine Morehouse, Judy Neal, Alec Stark **19** Jesseca Alexander, Betty Dillard, Sondra Flaker, Marion Guffey, Jan Mees, Keri Moore, Elaine Pate, Jim Snider **20** Pat Buchanan, Cindee Chappell, Kristi Deneke, Grace Hall, Bob McDavid, Norah Moore, Laura Richards, Harry Sulzberger, Gertrude Thompson, Brett Williams **21** Hunter McArthur, Kyle Rader, Marilyn Rowe, Anne Schuppan, Abigail Tips **22** Sue Brewer, Bill J. Kasman, Teddy Klaus **23** Scott Devoto, Laura Harrison, Carla Hunter, Hew McElroy, Andrea Meinhart, John Mowrer, Elizabeth Siefkas, Mark Thomas **24** Jim Bryan, Jana Beth Crane, Joe Dillard, Marty Lile, Joe Montgomery, Melvin Platt, Leslie Wagner, Brandon Walker, Dustin Young **25** Linda Giddings, Christine Mills, Ryan Moore **26** Meredith Inman, Lane Malter, Sandra Millatti, Britany Nagel **27** Kris Horrell, Roy Robinson, Kay Smith, Julia Thomas **28** Brody Clark, Carter Cox, Margie Irvin, Harold Johnson, Marisa McDaniels, Patrick Reuben, Lydia Roebuck **29** Conner Logsdon **March 1** Katherine Echelmeier, Leah Maxey, Nick Miller Jr., Beth Nosic, Mindy Travis

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Call 443-3111 before noon on Fridays. Bus service is available to all.**

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