



# Missouri United Methodist Church

# 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.

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**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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## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:15-7:30pm. Please RSVP to [sandy.ward@moumc.org](mailto:sandy.ward@moumc.org) or sign up on bulletin tear off this Sunday.

## Love Your Body Workshop

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a workshop called "Love Your Body" on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5pm. All women from pre-teen through adults are encouraged to attend. Suzy Day, Coordinator of the MU Women's Center, will present. Child care will be provided and refreshments will be served. You may sign-up on the tear off sheet in the Sunday bulletin or email [RSVP@moumc.org](mailto:RSVP@moumc.org).

## Haiti Study Follow Up

The Cooperative School of Christian Mission study on Haiti raised \$417 for water purifiers to Haiti! We learned that Haiti's troubles are very deep and long-standing. Water purifiers through the Office of Creative Ministries (OCM) are a tried and true avenue to help the poorest country in the western hemisphere. The OCM has set a goal of 24 mission trips to Haiti in 2012 to install water purifiers. Plan now to attend the Cooperative School of Christian Mission July 26-29. Special thanks to Dr. Rhonda Chalfant and Jeff Baker of OCM for their lectures and experiences.



## Coffee Shop Progress

In just a few short weeks, the west end of the Connector has transformed from a counter on the back wall to a budding coffee shop! Last week an espresso maker, grinders, and coffee brewers were added, as well as new lighting over the counters. Look for new paint and additional seating this week, as we proceed toward opening the Cornerstone Coffee Shop. See Amy's "Pastor's Corner" article for more information.



# The Pastor's Corner

## by Rev. Amy L. Gearhart

### "The Cornerstone Coffee Shop"

Congratulations on naming our newly developing Coffee Shop in the Connector at the church! After an opportunity to vote, the majority votes went to naming it, "The Cornerstone Coffee Shop." Oh that all elections were that simple! With the development and construction of the coffee shop have come some questions about its function in the life and ministry of the church. Here's some information for you to share with others in helping them to celebrate this new part of our ministry facility:

#### What's the purpose/mission of the coffee shop?

When the congregation made a bold decision in faith to build the Christian Life Center in 2005, it came from a vision to reach out into the community, welcome our student neighbors and all generations, and make our ministry facility even more accessible, missional, and hospitable for the congregation and community. Building on that vision, the coffee shop will provide an intentional space for gathering, welcoming, feeding and deepening relationships with one another and Christ. I envision students studying, families gathering on a Sunday morning, conversations with pastors and mentors over a cup of coffee, small groups meeting for bible study or planning... just another extension of what the Connector and Christian Life Center was created to be!

#### What's the financial plan for the coffee shop?

The construction and development of the coffee shop is made possible through funding from the Trustees and student ministry funds. A business plan developed for the shop calls for no impact to the general operating budget of the church. Instead, the setup, staffing and resourcing of the coffee shop will be sustained through revenue generated. Additional revenues will be directed toward designated missions, which will be posted and supported each month. What other cup of coffee in town goes to support a church mission and help someone in the name of Christ?

#### Who will staff the coffee shop?

We are excited to welcome Dana Schuerman as our Coffee Shop manager and resident barista. Dana is an MU student who has made MUMC her church home. She has years of experience working in coffee shops, and her mother owns a coffee shop

supply company. Dana's dad is one of our Missouri UM district superintendents. Dana will work with Sandy Ward, Coordinator of Belonging & Connecting Ministries. They also hope to coordinate a volunteer team of our own church folks and possibly other student interns from MU who hope to be in a food service career.

#### When will the coffee shop open? What will it have?

The projected date for open is the end of February, just in time for the True/False Film festival, of which MUMC will be a venue location this year. Regular hours of the shop will be determined by high volume attendance in the church (such as Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, afternoons, other special events) and will increase as demand develops. Specialty coffees, teas, soft drinks, fruit drinks, lunch fare and breakfast items will be available at a reasonable price to cover expenses and our missional commitment.

#### Do I have to pay for a cup of coffee on Sunday morning?

There will always be a fresh cup of hot coffee and hot tea ready for free on Sunday mornings. Specialty coffees, such as some of the premium brands we've been serving on Sunday mornings, will be offered at a reasonable price, so as not to impact our operating budget.

#### How can I get involved?

There have been many members who have offered their retail, marketing, missional, and development gifts to this project. Thanks to so many who have helped so far. If you would like to volunteer for this exciting new ministry, please contact Sandy Ward at [sandy.ward@moumc.org](mailto:sandy.ward@moumc.org).

Many of you have learned that I'm not a coffee drinker, but I think this is an essential part of a large church's connecting to the congregation and community. I'll be there with my hot chocolate (yep, whipped cream and all), excited to share your day, talk faith, check in, and encounter the Jesus who hangs out in ordinary places and blesses us in extraordinary ways!

See you in church on Sunday,  
Rev. Amy

## News & Notes

### Congratulations

• Congratulations to Tyler & Laura Page on the birth of their daughter, Harper James Page, on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Big sister Kate is very proud and everyone is doing well.

### Random Act of Kindness

Five brand new members – Rex & Anne Derr, Ted & Ellen Pappas, and Grace Hall – all attended the Hospitality Team training on Sunday. Way to go, new members, for jumping right in and getting involved!!!!

### UMW Circle Meetings

**Tues, Feb 7:** Grace Circle - 9:30am, Connector

**Wed, Feb 8:** Esther Circle - 9:30am, Rm 303

**Thurs, Feb 9:** Sophia Circle - 7pm, Food Bank;  
Wesley Circle - 11:45am, Parlor

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

### 5:30pm - All Church Supper - Multipurpose Room

- Adults - \$6, Elementary and Teen Age - \$4, Preschoolers - Free, Low/No income - \$4
- **Feb 1** - 3 Cheese chicken, honey glazed carrots, garden salad, cookies
- **Feb 8** - Oven baked ham, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, fruit crisp

### 6:00pm - Children's Programming

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

### 6:00pm - Youth Programs (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) - Rm 306

### 6:15pm - Agape Singers Rehearsal - CLC 101

### 6:30pm - Adult Small Groups

- WNL Koinonia Group - CLC 110
- StrengthsFinder (Jan 18-Feb 8) - CLC 107/109
- MU@MUMC Presentations (Feb 1-15) - Chapel

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

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 Moving

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen will soon have a new home at Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church. The move is expected to take place by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This move will allow for nearly three times the room for serving the evening meal. If you or your group would like to serve dinner at the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen or provide other assistance, please contact Tyler Page at 573-355-1867 or [pagetj@missouri.edu](mailto:pagetj@missouri.edu).

## Volunteers in Mission Opportunity

Camp Jo-Ota is in need of several VIM teams to help with a 20'x30' addition to a cabin. Work includes sheetrocking, soffit and metal roof work, flooring, painting and trim, and needs to be completed by the end of March. If you can help, contact "Sarge" (660-346-8834 or [director@jo-ota.org](mailto:director@jo-ota.org)) or Jeff Baker ([baker@umocm.com](mailto:baker@umocm.com)).

## Mozambique Notes

United Methodist churches in Mozambique are community centers with an impact on every aspect of people's lives. People gather at the churches for worship, fellowship and mutual support. Worship services (held in buildings or mud huts, or under trees) are filled with standing-room-only crowds on most Sundays. The people of Mozambique, traveling by foot to attend church, take their faith very seriously. They return to the church on Thursday to participate in small groups for discipleship learning, study, mutual support and accountability, similar to the Methodist "societies" of John Wesley's day. Church leaders are excellent Bible scholars and those wishing to join the church spend a great deal of time in preparation. Often people have the opportunity to learn reading, writing and language skills through the church. They also learn basic health care, nutrition, gardening, food preparation and marketable skills essential for self-determination and sustenance.

Worship is a wonderful experience with God and includes much music. It is typically much longer than a traditional worship service in the USA. The offering is sung forward in groups, with the visitors as the last group. This is the most "fun" time of worship!

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

## Pray Your Way Through 2012!

You are invited to pray your way through 2012 and be a part of one of our church prayer groups. *Praying the Church Forward* is a group that meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month for the purposes of praying for the church ministries, staff, and Columbia community. They meet at noon in the Chapel and are finished by 12:45pm. *Morning Prayer* meets on Mondays at 9am in the Library to pray over the needs represented by the worship tear-offs, as well as the personal prayers of those in attendance. If you are unable to join us for one of these groups, please consider taking time out, wherever you are, during one of these times to be in prayer with these people.

## Tax-Aide

Tax-Aide, a free income tax preparation program, began at Missouri UMC this week. 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

# MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

## Wednesday, February 1

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

Cost: \$4 per youth

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

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

## Sunday, February 5

**10am - Sunday School**

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Confirmation); 7<sup>th</sup> Grade;

8<sup>th</sup> Grade; 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

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

## Wednesday, February 8

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

Cost: \$4 per youth

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

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



Youth and adult leaders from Missouri UMC travelled to Springfield on January 21 & 22 for WOW 2012, a weekend of praise, learning and fellowship.

# Children's Ministry

## Live B.I.G. - February 5

**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)

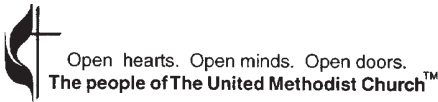
**Bible Lesson** - The Talents (Matthew 25:14-29)

## 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, January 29 - 709**  
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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:amanda.armistead@moumc.org) or sign up through the bulletin this Sunday.

### Sunday Service Slides & Videos

We are looking for individuals who would like to operate the computer that is used to project slides and the DVD player used to play videos at the 8:50 and/or 11am worship services on Sunday. Training will be provided. Email [sandy.ward@moumc.org](mailto:sandy.ward@moumc.org) or sign up through the bulletin this Sunday.

### An Evening Out

The Columbia Marriage Encounter Community would like to invite you to a FREE romantic dinner out with your spouse— because we care about you and your marriage! A Spaghetti Dinner will be served on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Parlors. Childcare will be provided. (We ask that you feed your children before you come.) For more information, contact Dora & Greg Thackery at 874-2067. Reservations and/or childcare arrangements may be made by calling the church office at 443-3111. After dinner there will be a small information session about Marriage Encounter Weekends.

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**February 3** Ed Ailor, Elliot Clemens, Bobbie Harper, David Harper, Lori Henzel, Erin March, Connie Popejoy, Nicholas Remeika, Jason Tegerdine  
**4** Heather Grote, Maggie Kasmann, Jennifer Reisdorf, Hannah Sage, Charles Shipman, Robin Thompson, Jim Weaver  
**5** Randa Dumas, Alexander Dyer, Lisa Rodgers, Mike Sandifer, John S. Williamson  
**6** Carol Danuser, Betty J. Miller, Karl Nolph, Pat Timberlake, Julia Will  
**7** Thomas Jamieson-Lucy, Charles Lee, Barbara McClure, Emily Weigand, Jennifer Wiemer  
**8** Avery Allen, Sara Allen, Martha Baker, Dale Nicholls, Elmer Revelle, Marge Vance  
**9** Fred Koenig, Sarah McElroy, Sydney Muskopf  
**10** Adam Andrews, Justin Arnold, Jennifer Blackmore, Carolyn Edison, Michael Gullicks, Kate LaRose, Ben Mulford, Brian Swift, Mary Ann Whites  
**11** Charlotte Boothe, Bob Dinwiddie, Robert McMinn, Douglas Miller, Josie Moore, Elisa Sims  
**12** Caryl Bryan, Erin Bucko, Jerry Dubes, Clarice Ellsbury, Jim McKane, Jeanie Stewart, Barry Trader, Brenda Wagner, Wayne Walker, Brandy Warn, Thomas Wood  
**13** Jack Fischer, Cleo Kottwitz, Whitney Miller, Todd Oberlin, Helen Oetting  
**14** Doty Browning, Bill Ridge  
**15** Charlie Davis, Suh Won Lee, Bob McArthur, Katie Neal, Jack Richards, Shepard Rowe, Ryan Wood  
**16** Georgia Davis, Virginia Lee, Steve Neal, Nicholas Orazio, Wade Sanders, Dan Schapira, John Wampler

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

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