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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.

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, for worship at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come early for the pancake dinner at 5:30pm in the Multipurpose Room (cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for elementary and teen age). Childcare will be available.

Eliot Battle Documentary

MU faculty members Juanamaria Cordones Cook, Barbara Williamson and Julie Middleton have been collaborating with the MU Extension Cooperative Media Group to film a documentary about Educator Eliot Battle and the role that he played in desegregating schools, housing and the Columbia Missouri community. Eliot and his family have been longtime members and leaders at Missouri UMC. This powerful and inspiring documentary will be shown in Bush Auditorium in Cornell Hall at 7pm on Saturday, February 25th. The event is free and open to the public.

Join us this Sunday, February 26th, as we begin our Lenten sermon series, "Life is Good!"



T/F Film Fest Sneak Peak at WNL!

Join us for Wednesday Night Live on February 29th as we enjoy a sneak peak of the True/False Film Festival's documentary film, *Building Babel*. *Building Babel* follows a year in the life of Sharif El-Gamal, developer of the "Ground Zero Mosque," a Muslim-led community center two blocks from the site of the World Trade Center. With unfettered access to El-Gamal's life and family, the filmmaker follows Sharif's struggle to build the community center against seemingly insurmountable odds, all the while struggling to keep his family and business afloat as he grapples with issues of religion and identity. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm (\$6 for adults) and the film will start at 6:30pm and will last one hour. Youth are invited to attend the movie with their parents – children's programming will continue as normal.

**Being a documentary, this film is not rated. This film does include instances of verbal profanity. For questions regarding context, contact Rev. Molly (molly.moore@moumc.org).*

MUMC Foundation Scholarships Available

Scholarships or grants-in-aid are available through the Foundation of Missouri United Methodist Church of Columbia for students in the Missouri Conference who have completed at least two years of college work and are working toward church-related careers in ministry or Christian Education. Completed applications for the 2012-2013 academic year should be received by June 15th for action by the Scholarship Committee and the Foundation Board at its July meeting. A request for an application should be addressed to: Scholarship Committee, MUMC Foundation, 204 S Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201-4899.



Missouri United Methodist Church joyfully invites you to attend our Worship Service & Special Event on Sunday, February 26th, at 8:50 & 11:00 a.m. worship, with an all church brunch following each worship service in the Christian Life Center. Pastries and coffee will be served following the 8:00 a.m. service.

All members of your household are welcome.
No reservations required. Come join us!

Lenten Prayer Breakfasts

Join the Columbia community for Lenten breakfasts that meet each Wednesday during Lent. Breakfast begins at 7am and ends at 8am. A donation of \$1 is requested from those attending to offset the cost of the light breakfast. Any surplus funds will be given to the Interfaith Day Center. Each person is also encouraged to bring non-perishable food for the Russell Chapel CME Food Pantry.

- Feb 29 - First Christian Church (101 N. 10th St.)
- Mar 7 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (1600 W. Rollins)



The Pastor's Corner

by Rev. Amy L. Gearhart

"The Voice"

Ok, I have to admit, a recent Monday night routine is to watch the new reality/music show, "The Voice" with my daughters. I could do without most of the judges' comments and the singer, Cee Lo is a little creepy, but we enjoy the music, the aspiring singers, and the encouragement of their friends and families as they pursue their dreams.

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the 40 day journey of Lent, leading to the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection on Easter. Every year I need Lent more. Lent always comes at the right time. It's the time to allow God's voice, THE Voice, to be heard above all other voices and noise in our lives. It's the time to hear God's voice of hope, repentance, cleansing, and forgiveness as I consider my own faithfulness and unfaithfulness. It's the time to hear God's voice in the cry of other voices that are overlooked, set aside and discarded. It's the time to allow that voice to summons me to the places I don't want to go, like a courtyard of betrayal, a lonely garden, a footwashing, a last supper, and a wooden cross.

How will you make room this Lent for God's Voice, THE Voice, to be heard and heeded above all the other voices and noise in your life? I've turned off Facebook (even deleted the app from my phone!) to make room to hear God's voice. I'll be praying with you and for you each morning in a set apart time of devotion, scripture study and prayer. I'll be committing a sacrificial gift to our church's capital stewardship campaign to practice glorifying God and God's work above all my other spending. I'll be fasting a meal a week to open myself to the true hunger I have for God's Voice to be heard in my life.

What will you do to hear God's Voice this Lent? Please share your disciplines with me and join me in worship each Sunday as we seek and hear THE Voice, God's voice.

Blessed Lent!
Rev. Amy

Open Door Ministry

Open Door Ministry will meet Thursday, February 23rd, at 6pm in CLC 108 to plan upcoming monthly meetings and events. Please join us to share your thoughts and ideas for upcoming programs as we work to meet and exceed the needs of our congregation and community. If you have questions, please contact Elisabeth Sobczak at emsobczak@me.com or Heather Morgan at heather.mccainmorgan@moumc.org.

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 in the parlor on March 4th immediately after the 11am service. Lunch will be provided. The class will run 1.5-2 hours in length. Please RSVP to sandy.ward@moumc.org or sign up on bulletin tear off this Sunday.

Church Women United

The Columbia Church Women United will hold a World Day of Prayer meeting on March 2nd at 9:30am at St. Luke's UMC, 204 E. Ash. The theme will be "Let Justice Prevail." There will be a shared lunch at noon following the meeting. All are invited!

News & Notes

Sympathy

• Our prayers and sympathy to Thad Stubbs on the passing of his mother, and to Cynthia Arendt on the passing of her sister, Pamela Stubbs of Ashland, MO, on February 19th.

Thank You

• Your heartfelt donation is very much appreciated. Thank you for your generous donation. -The Wardrobe

Host Families Needed

Student Travel School (STS) Foundation is looking for host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2012-13 school year. All family types are welcome to apply. You would provide a separate bed, meals and a safe and nurturing environment. Students bring spending money and health insurance. If interested, please call STS Area Rep Julie Orr at 314-298-1228.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIVE

5:30pm - All Church Supper - Multipurpose Room

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

- **Feb 22** - Pancake Dinner

- **Feb 29** - Pizza buffet and garden salad

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 - Ash Wednesday Service (Feb 22)

6:30pm - Adult Small Groups (Feb 29)

- True/False Film Sneak Peak - MPR
- WNL Koinonia Group - CLC 110

6:30pm - Wednesday Night Workout - Whittler Hall

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CLC 101

Missions Outreach

Festival of Sharing

February - Layette Kit - Cost of kit: \$39

- 2 washcloths
- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins
- 2 gowns/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

Urgent Need: Volunteers are needed on March 10th to serve food at the Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen. Please contact Tyler Page at 573-355-1867 or pagetj@missouri.edu for more details.

Container Project Trip

A group from Columbia will travel to Nicaragua, July 8-14, to work and learn with Rainbow Network in Hilapo Dos, about 3 hours north of Managua. Activities include construction and visiting various project sites. Rainbow Network is a broad based ministry including healthcare, education, housing, and economic development. In January, the Columbia based Container Project sent resources to Rainbow Network valued at \$35,000. This trip is an opportunity to see the results of local efforts and get to know the families who benefit from these resources. Trip cost is approx. \$1,700 (partial scholarships available). Register by May 11th. For more information contact Rick Ellsworth (443-0032 or rcellsworth@mchsi.com).

Mozambique Notes - Hands-On Mission

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." -Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

One of the great leaders of mission work in the United Methodist Church is Jeremy Basset, Director for Volunteers in Mission for the Oklahoma Conference. Jeremy was raised in Cape Town, South Africa and has led mission trips there, as well as other international locations. As Director of VIM, he inspires one of the most active VIM conferences in the country. Jeremy, in a recent article, entitled Building Lasting Mission Partnerships, talks about the importance of hands-on mission. A few excerpts from his article:

And so, if we were truly followers of Christ, we would live in the world the same way as he did. We, too, would engage the world in need by being among them and not, for example, just sending money... We identify that our hands-on mission leads us to meeting people in their own contexts— and entering into relationship with them. In other words, it isn't just about the tasks we do while there... To leave it at the level of our tasks performed would mean we are doing missions "to" or "for" others, but not with them... Developing real relationships is a part of the true work of the Christian missionary, short-term or life-long. It means recognizing that they, too, have a faith story to share with us. They are a part of the family of Christ around the world and can teach us as much, if not more, than we can teach them.

MUMC will serve, with hands-on mission, during the journey of its VIM team this summer. Supporting the partnership that has now formed between the Malhangalene and Chokwe Methodist congregations demonstrates how "building lasting missing partnerships" fulfills the work of sharing our faith stories. Undoubtedly, MUMC's VIM team will learn more from Malhangalene and Chokwe than we can teach them.

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

Guatemala VIM

We're back! The trip was a great success and we all feel so blessed to have been involved. I know I speak for the rest of the team when I say thank you so much, people of MUMC, for your support and prayers. You are such an important part of what we do in San Juan La Laguna, and we could not do it without you. Abrazos, Caryl Bryan

Cornerstone Coffee Shop

The Cornerstone Coffee Shop (located in the west wing of the Connector) will open this Sunday! Lakota coffee, lattes, hot chocolate, tea, Upper Crust pastries and more will be featured. This is the start of another great ministry and part of the overall plan to develop the Connector into a hospitable gathering place, because we know that churches are the center of making disciples. Creating a comfortable environment makes it easier for those less familiar or comfortable with church to have an entry point. All income from the coffee shop will be cycled back into the church for missions and special projects. Hours for the coffee shop initially will be Sundays 7:30am-noon, Wednesdays 5-8pm, and for special events, such as the True/False Film Festival. Volunteers are needed for various roles, and orientation will be **Friday, February 24th, at 5pm**, and **Sunday, February 26th, at 12:15pm**, in the coffee shop area. We will need lots of volunteers for the True/False Film festival, March 1-4 (afternoons and evenings). If you can volunteer, please contact Dana Schuermann, Coffee Shop Manager, (danaschuermann@gmail.com) or Sandy Ward (sandy.ward@moumc.org), or come to one of the orientation sessions.

Children's Ministry

Live B.I.G. - February 26

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 Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)

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

MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

Wednesday, February 22

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

Pancake Dinner - Cost of meal: \$4 per youth

6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 26

10am - Sunday School

All start in Room 306, then break into separate classes: 6th Grade; 7th Grade; 8th Grade; 9th-12th Grades

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

Wednesday, February 29

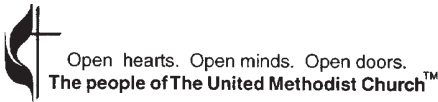
5:30pm - Church-Wide Meal (Multipurpose Room)

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

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

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Worship Attendance on Sunday, February 19 - 633

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.

Military Prayer List

Please remember those among us who are deployed for military service.
Please email donoho@mchsi.com to add names to the military prayer list.

- CW3 Stephen T. Hudson at Fort Belvoir, VA - son of Tom and Nancy Hudson
- Lt. Commander Tom Statler at Great Lakes, IL - son of Rev. Jerry Statler
- PFC Evangeline Smock, Chaplains' Assistant., Ft. Leonard Wood, MO - daughter of Jed and Cindy Smock
- Sgt. Aaron Headley, US Army, serving in Afghanistan - son of Ingrid and Mark Headley
- Sgt. Gerrad W. Bard, Special Forces, on assignment in Afghanistan - son of Gene Bard
- Lt. Col. Gary Ridenhour, Staff of the U.S. Army Central Command, Tampa, FL - son of Gene Ridenhour, M.D.
- Lt. J.G. Patrick Brooks, serving on the submarine USS Ohio, based in Bangor, WA - son of Pat Brooks
- Sgt. Jeremy A. Kabler, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Belton, MO - grandson of Rev. Jim Kabler
- Cpl. John M. Lozano, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; deploying to Afghanistan in July - grandson of Bev Huckaba
- Dr. Courtney Schapira, Major, USAF, Afghanistan, Dental Corps - daughter of Dan and Ginger Schapira
- Sp4 Zane Lee, US Army, serving at Camp Appleby, IN - grandson of Charlie and Carol Lee

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★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

February 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 Nasic, Mindy Travis
2 Emily Bonwisch, Ehrich Chick
3 Chuck Collins, Evan Datz
4 Suzanne Friedrich, Carol Harl, Brandy Intveld, Jonathan McManus, Boone Paal, Mary Ann Schauer, Trevor Smoot, Julie Snider, Jillian Vessell
5 Dave Connett, Ann Covington, Nikolas Fowler-Hainen, Liam Gorkinsky, Nathan Irvin, Carter Moore, Kim Ratcliffe, Gabriella Snyder
6 Joanne DeVilbiss, Marty Hook, Joyce Lisle, Susan Schuppan
7 Chris Griffith, Mickie Jenkins, Stephen Scheneman, Jason Thomas, Owen Wise
8 Susan Begley, Carl Block, Amy Coats, Dean Lisle, Lucy Schwartz, Travis Turner, Corey Zacherl

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