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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.



Am I Coming or Going?

By Brenda Coats

considerable amount of time and effort are put into each one. Several people help with the behind the scene tasks of planning and preparation. Some will preach or speak before the congregation. And a great many others sing in the choirs and play musical instruments.

Recently, I've realized something about my own spiritual life. Over the past 5 or 6 years when I missed Sunday worship service, I experienced difficulties the following week. I wouldn't have a bad week, per se, but getting through my week became unnerving. It was like trying to live life on empty. My symptoms of emptiness were whining and complaining to everyone around me, even strangers; getting frustrated and losing my patience, especially with those who are closest to me; and last but not at all least, using harsh words.

I don't exactly know the reason why I go to church. But something intriguing happens to me that doesn't occur in any other place, or at any other time during the week for that matter. Maybe it's hearing God's word read aloud followed by the sermon, or the praise and prayers offered to God, or the music and fellowship. I'm not quite sure how to put it into words other than to say I go to church for the sake of my well-being.

After leaving church, my heart feels refreshed and my mind is renewed. I praise God for restoring my spirit! These gifts of grace are what sustain me throughout the coming week. Whatever happens during our time of worship together, I'm very grateful to God and my church family for the spiritual nourishment I receive on Sunday mornings while worshipping in church. Amen.

Last October, I went with our mission team to Camp Horizon where I had an incredible experience. I'm excited about returning this fall for our next trip. In all honesty, I went to Camp Horizon seeking God. While I was there, I found a set of directions. Yes, a set of directions. Take I-35 North to I-70 East, then get off at Hwy 7-73 and go north to Lansing and Leavenworth. As it turns out, I left to do mission work hoping to find the truth I already have in my life at home.

Since returning from mission, I've rediscovered many of my blessings. One of them is my church family. In the short time we've been home, I've gained a greater appreciation for our worship services on Sunday mornings. A

4 Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Exodus 20:8



What are YOU doing for dinner on Wednesday nights? Join us for our **Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Supper at 5:30 pm**. This is a weekly potluck meal open to everyone. It is a great way to enjoy some yummy recipes and some great conversation with other people in the church. Join us!



A Simple Dinner - All women of the church are invited to join our Lenten "Agape Dinner" - UMW General Meeting on Monday, February 27th in Fellowship Hall at 6PM hosted by Friends of Jesus Circle. For more information, please call the church office or Teresa Hicks at 727-2694.

Missing Something??

Are you missing a jacket, glasses, sippy cup, coffee mug or any other items? The Lost and Found box is out on the table in the Church Office. Be sure to check the box to see if any of your items are in it.

Attention Ladies! (Especially Heart & Soul Ladies!)

Beth Moore will be coming to Kansas City in April! We would like to get a group of women together to go see her. Beth will be at Municipal Auditorium for a two day event, April 13th & 14th. The first session of the event will begin at 6 pm Friday evening and end at 9:30 pm. The second session will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, ending at 12 pm. Beth will be joined by Travis Cottrell, worship leader.

Tickets are \$65.

Attention Parents of College Students:

We need your help! The Cornerstone Sunday School class is wanting to uplift your son and/or daughter through our prayers, gifts and service. If you have a son or daughter who would like some words of encouragement from their church family please send names and addresses to Amy in the church office. Thank you!



We are in need of a Sunday School Attendance Secretary. We are in need of an assistant for the 1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School Class. Please contact Nancy Shade at 682-5374 or nancysshade@sbcglobal.net if you would be interested in either of these volunteer positions.

Lenten Breakfasts

You don't want to miss our Lenten Breakfasts! Every year our church sponsors weekly breakfasts each Wednesday during Lent. Breakfasts start at 6:30 AM, followed by a guest speaker. You'll be on your way to work by 7:15 AM. **The first Lenten Breakfast will be held, February 29th.** Our speaker for the first week will be Pastor Kevin. What a way to start your day during Lent!



We are so grateful to Gary and Carol Russell for their gift of service through our Card Ministry. This ministry was begun by Doris Brownson many years ago. This ministry requires a lot of time, cards, and stamps. If you would like to donate a box of Birthday or Anniversary cards or a roll of stamps to assist with this ministry, you may drop them off in the church office. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.



Save the Dates!

VBS 2012 - "Sky" Where the sky's the limit!
June 11 – 15
9:00a.m. - noon

THANK YOU

SPRC would like to thank Mollie and Nancy for all the wonderful activities they plan and share with the children and youth of our church. We would like to thank them for 5 years of faithful service to God, Jesus and FUMC. Well done, good and faithful servants.

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Mark your calendar for the Annual Youth Talent Show on **March 4th** after the second service. We will be having a Potato Bar luncheon followed by an unforgettable Talent Show! Come after the 11:00 service to Fellowship Hall to get a good seat! All donations will support the Youth Mission Trip this summer. Your support would be greatly appreciated! See you then!

Please indicate below if you will be attending the lunch and show and/or if you will be sharing a talent that day. You may turn your slips into the church office or put them in the offering plate.

____ Yes! I would like to attend the Lunch/Talent show on March 4th.

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____

____ Yes! I would like to share a talent at the Talent Show.

Name(s) _____

Talent _____

Number in your group _____ Phone number _____

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