



The Jubilate

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What can we do to help those affected by the Tornados?

We will be collecting and assembling Personal Hygiene Packs similar to the ones we did for Haiti. The list of specific items needed is below. These packs will then be delivered to Reading, KS and Joplin, MO. Please bring your Hygiene Pack to the church by **June 19th**.

PERSONAL HYGIENE PACK - PACK VALUE \$20.00

- 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more
- 1 washcloth
- 1 toothbrush in original, unopened pkg.
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 deodorant
- 1 bottle skin lotion (11-14 oz.)
- 1 hand towel
- 1 bottle shampoo (11-14 oz.)
- 2 disposable razors
- 1 comb or brush



Tighten lids and place all items in a **large zip lock bag (2-gallon size works best)**. (2 or 2.5 gallon bags have been found at the following stores: full line grocery stores and Target.)



36 of our Youth will depart for Panama City Beach, Florida on a Youth Trip June 19th - 25th. Please keep these Youth, their sponsors, and our Youth Director, Mollie Foster in prayer as they embark on this week of Faith, Fun, Discovery and so much more!

We will commission those going on the trip at the 11:00 service on June 19th followed by a potluck luncheon for the entire church. We will then gather around the youth and sponsors to pray for them before they board the bus for Florida. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Prayer Concerns:

- Doris Brownson
- Rebecca Brownson
- Inge Cochran
- Wayne and Kathy Sodowsky and family



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.

A note on the Joplin Tornado

by Bishop Robert Schnase of the Missouri Conference



Dear Colleagues,

I give God thanks for every one of you for your many kind emails, voice messages, phone calls, and expressions of concern following the devastating tornado that destroyed much of Joplin, MO. Among those killed were several United Methodists, and every United Methodist Church in the area has members who have lost their homes. All our pastors and church staff are safe. We lost two church buildings, including St. Paul United Methodist Church (a large, strong, vibrant congregation with an average attendance of close to 1000), and we lost the District Superintendent's Office. Several other churches and parsonages received more limited damage. The hospital and five of the seven schools in Joplin were nearly completely destroyed.

The Missouri Conference Disaster Response team has been active and

effective from the earliest hours, and many of our churches have sent trained First Responder teams. Tom Hazelwood from UMCOR was on the ground in Joplin within 24 hours. Many of you have generously offered funds directly to the Missouri Conference and others have expressed your intention of supporting the UMCOR Spring Storms appeal. All of your gifts are appreciated. In addition many have expressed their active interest in sending VIM teams to the area. Please refrain from doing so during the immediate days ahead since only highly trained and professional teams are on-site at this time. However, we shall covet your help during the weeks and months to come.

The city of Joplin was named after Rev. Harris Joplin, an early Methodist preacher who settled there in 1839. For years, he hosted people in his home and led them in worship, prayer, and singing. His

ministry was one of hospitality in the truest sense, and he used his own humble dwelling as a tool for ministry. As far as I know, the building he used no longer exists, but the church community he founded provided the seeds from which dozens of area congregations have sprouted. All of us who are Missouri United Methodists are to some degree the fruit of his ministry.

Tornadoes and hurricanes and floods and fires can take away our beloved and sacred places in a moment's time, but the love of God that binds us to another is not nearly so vulnerable. God's persistent and persevering love causes us to reach out to help a neighbor and to embrace strangers and to assist one another in the rebuilding of lives. The church is not the pile of lumber and bricks left after the destroying winds and rains; the church is the gathering of people standing above the rubble unified by the spirit of Christ

to love and serve others. The church is the people counseling one another through unfathomable grief and loss. The church is people risking lives for their neighbors and opening their homes to strangers. The church is people across the state and nation and world praying and giving and preparing to offer their best and highest in service to help rebuild lives. The church is alive and vigorous and redeeming. It is grace in every gesture and love in every action. The church is the body of Christ doing the things Jesus did in Jesus' name today.

Thanks to you, United Methodists will rebuild in Joplin. On behalf of others of our colleagues whose areas have been affected by tornados and floods, I strongly encourage you to lift up the UMCOR Spring Storms appeal. Funds at UMCOR are extraordinarily low right now, and this severely limits our capacity to act quickly and effectively during times of tragedy. Your help is appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Robert Schnase,
Missouri Conference

Following the "Bless Your Heart" Friday evening event, we had many requests for Carla Hamon's "Crock Pot Peanut Cluster" recipe.

Thank you so much for sharing Carla!



Ingredients:

- 2 – 16 Oz. Jars Peanuts (I use dry roasted)
- 1 Pkg. Almond Bark
- 1 Pkg. Chocolate Bark
- 1 Lg. Pkg. Chocolate Chips

Preparation:

Layer the ingredients in crock pot...don't stir.
(I cut the bark into chunks)

Set the crock pot on low for 2 hours.

Stir well...and drop using teaspoons on to wax-paper.

Let cool...chill before storing.

Results:

Makes approx. 130 clusters.

Cindy's Sentiment and Thank you



Dear Church Family,

I thought the tears were over, but as I start this "thank you" letter, my eyes are welling up with tears as I remember my WONDERFUL "Bless Your Heart, Cindy" weekend. I know I will be forever touched by the special ways you honored me. And that's how I felt--- honored. Your efforts were "over the top" and I am overwhelmed by all that was done for me and my family and how perfect my weekend was.

I want to extend thanks to the Sanctuary Choir for their thoughtfulness. I guess they knew how difficult that last week was going to be for me. They presented me with two tickets to the May 25th Josh Grobin concert and cash for dinner and parking. It was just the distraction I needed to help make it through the week! You've heard how nice dinner and a movie is? Well, let me tell you, dinner and a Josh Grobin concert is awesome! Sanctuary Choir, thank you so very much! It was a wonderful evening and I am so appreciative.

It was obvious that a tremendous amount of time, effort, and love went into the planning and execution of all that was done for me. The "Celebrate Cindy Committee"(CCC), co-chaired by Donna Ramsey and Melodie Warner, certainly know what I like! Other hard working CCC members were Amy Andrews, June Bond, Carla Hamon, Barbara Peiper, Phelba Wecas, and Pastor Kevin. The first "evidence" I saw of their work was the "Bless Your Heart, Cindy" inserts that went in the church bulletin. At first glance, I knew that was the work of Barbara Peiper. The next thing that I saw was the awesome poster advertising the weekend with a beautiful angel, made by Dick and Barbara. The poster the Piepers made had my favorite songs on it. Yes, the CCC knows me well.

Friday evening was so special! I was made to feel like a queen! The Fellowship Hall had been transformed into a lovely restaurant using my favorite color, hot pink. The flowers were breathtaking! I am still enjoying the large bouquet that was used in the sanctuary Friday night and in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday. The "restaurant" was one of those "white tablecloth" restaurants. Attention was given to every detail. The head table even had music notes with our names on them, so we would know where to sit. (Yes, I kept them!) The meal was delicious and Pastor Kevin did a great job at the dinner as Master of Ceremonies. I even heard Josh Grobin's music playing when I entered! Many thanks to Melodie Warner and Carla Hamon for the lovely decorations and arranging for a delicious meal!

When Ron and I entered the sanctuary for the program, I was overcome with emotion by what I saw and heard. The Joyful Ringers, with a substitute from the CCC for my position in the ensemble, Amy Andrews, were playing gathering music. I was touched! Ron escorted me to my "throne", as Linda Martin, one of the program leaders, called it. I had to grab a Kleenex from the pew on the way in and used many during the program! Many thanks to Amy Andrews, Susy Carpenter, Aileen Hastings, Karen Kidder, Shirley Nyhart, and Donna Ramsey for the beautiful handbell music.

The attention to detail continued in the sanctuary. Ron was seated next to me, and my family was in the first pew. As I looked around, I noticed the "shoe shrine". Now, have you seen one of those before? I'm an organist and I hadn't. Like I said....attention to detail! A cloth draped table held a pair of my organ shoes, the silver ones, and a lit candle. The program began with an introductory song by Donna Ramsey, Barbara Peiper, and Nancy Shade. Kind words were said to me and words of thanks were given to Ron and our sons, Brian and Brandon, for all they have done for the church by volunteering their time to help me.

The program included a wonderful video, created by Mollie Foster that showed pictures from the time I served here. Mollie had some of my favorite songs as the background music. Again, attention to detail! Later in the program was another video with kind words from church members and from the staff. So many of you were in the video saying, "Bless your heart, Cindy". Thank you so much for being a part of that! Thank you, Mollie, for all your efforts in creating the video. I will enjoy it again and again.

We learned Friday night that the organ talks. In a precious skit by Laura Ruble and Linda Martin, the organ told me good bye and the skit ended with the Trinity Chimes. Thank you Linda and Laura for your part in making the evening one to remember!

I was touched that the song "Legacy", sung by Alisha Holyfield, was chosen just for me. Alisha, you did a beautiful job, and I am honored by the sentiments shared.

Sonia Wiley, chair of SPRC, made a presentation of a beautiful clock to Ron to honor him for all his support to me and the church. She presented me with Japanese freshwater pearl jewelry that includes earrings, a necklace with a silver cross, and a bracelet with silver music notes and music staff charms, from my church family. I've already worn them and love them. Again, the CCC knows what I like! The next gift presented to me by Sonia, was a memory book created by Amy Andrews, Susy Carpenter, and Phelba Wecas. It is obvious that much time and love went into the creation of my memory book. My heart is overflowing with gratitude for such a special gift. I adore it and have looked through it at least four times already. Ron and I thank SPRC and our church family for our very special gifts. Amy, Susy, and Phelba, thank you so much for creating such a special keepsake. I will treasure it always.

Sound for the program was monitored by Bill Shade and Marc Hare. Sherri Williams videoed the program. Bill, Marc, and Sherri, thank you for your help providing the sound and recording the program. I offer a round of applause to Donna Ramsey for arranging a tremendous program!

After the program, we all went back to the Fellowship Hall "restaurant" to enjoy a dessert buffet that included lots of chocolate desserts and a chocolate fountain! The CCC knows me well! It was a perfect celebration!

To all who attended the Friday evening dinner and program: Thank you! Your presence meant so much to me! Many, many thanks to all who made the evening so special. I even got to sing my favorite hymn, "Blessed Assurance". Thank you, Phyllis Shuck, for playing the piano for the program!

My last service as Director of Worship Arts/ Organist will linger in my memory as a very special one. I thank God for holding me together until the last chords of the postlude. Pastor Kevin, I thank you for your very special message. It meant a great deal to me. I appreciated Alisha Holyfield and Brian J. White singing "The Prayer" at both services. Alisha and Brian, the duet was beautiful and it was an honor for me to accompany you. "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" was sung by Laura Ruble, Kathy Sodowsky, and Alisha Holyfield for the offertory at both services. Laura, Kathy, and Alisha, thank you for such a fun way to "Praise the Lord"! I heard the congregation clapping the rhythm on the chorus! I thank the Sanctuary Choir and the Wesley Ringers for going the extra mile and preparing additional music and for giving me smiles to help me make it through the service.

I thank all of you for attending the covered dish luncheon, following the second service, that was held in my honor. The food was delicious! I thank Nancy Shade and the children of the church for creating the very special heart shaped collage of pictures. It is a very special and unique gift and I love it! The luncheon program ended with a special benediction by the youth of the church. Like I mentioned earlier....attention to detail. Thank you, youth, for such a special benediction. Church family, I thank you for your kind words, cards, and the many hugs.

I look forward to viewing the many pictures taken by Lu Vasconellos and Mareike Bohlander, foreign exchange students living with the Bond family for this school year. Lu and Mareike, I appreciated your enthusiasm and how in tune you both were at taking the pictures you thought I would want. Thank you, thank you! June, thank you for arranging to have the program videoed and having Lu and Mareike capturing the weekend in pictures.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Lord through the First United Methodist Church in Leavenworth, Kansas. It has been an honor to serve the Lord with you. It makes me happy to know that I am not saying "good bye", but instead I am saying "I'll see you later."

Bless your hearts,

Cindy





Financial Update

Ron White, Chair Committee on Finance

Thank you for your continued support. Our offerings continue to be strong.

Through Sunday May 22, 2011 our total offerings are:

Unified Budget \$189,278
Capital Improvement Budget \$24,078

Both of these budget offerings are an increase over our 2010 giving through the same period.

Based on the church's giving rate for the past three years, the Unified Budget is approximately \$2600 ahead of our expected offerings through May 22. Unfortunately, the

Capital Improvement Budget is approximately \$4800 behind our expectations through May 22 based on the pledges made last fall.

In April we used funds available to the Trustees to repay a \$40,000 loan from the Endowment Fund that had been made

in 2008 to pay for the final expenses related to the elevator installation and Narthex renovations.

Your financial support enables our Ministry Teams to provide strong programs for our church. Please continue to support FUMC with your attendance and offerings.



Dear First United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee, Thank you for the scholarship money. I plan to attend Fort Hays State University and the money will go towards reaching my academic goals. I appreciate all the support and opportunities this church has given me.

Love,
Cory Andrews



Congratulations!

Donna and Brian J. White welcomed baby Willem, who was born on the 6th of May. Proud grandparents are Ron and Cindy White. Chad and Tiffany Shafer welcomed baby Miles Dietrich Douglas Shafer, who was born on June 1st. Proud grandparents are Chez and Carol Shafer.

Jubilate Newsletter News by Amy Brandt, Administrative Assistant

I am sure many of you have noticed the delay in receiving the Jubilate Newsletter by mail. We have been experiencing many delays in delivery through the Bulk Mail with the Post Office. With the downsizing and cutbacks in the Post Office, delivery

time will continue to get slower. It is with this in mind that the Staff has decided to send the Jubilate out primarily by email, so that everyone will receive it in a timely manner. Effective July, we will be sending the newsletter electronically and it will be

posted on our website. We need your help, by providing us with your email address if you do not already receive the newsletter by email. There is a space below to provide your name and printed email address and turn it into the office.

We do understand that not everyone has email or a computer. If you are not able to receive the Jubilate by email, please print your name below and check the box to the right and turn it in. We will also have copies of the newsletter available in the office and Narthex to be picked up.

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Important Events Coming Up. . .



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR for
**UMW Sunday,
June 12th.** Our
Pastor of

Connections, Rev. Erin
Myslenski, will be giving
the message "Finding
Peace". UMW Members
are encouraged to wear



FRIENDS of Jesus Circle
will meet on **Monday,
June 27th at 7 PM** in the
home of Martha Nielsen,
24902 163rd St,
Leavenworth. Please join
us for a relaxing evening
with friends. If you need
directions, please call
Martha @ 351-3544 or if
you need a ride, please
call Teresa Hicks @ 727-
2695.



Our UMW
Summer
General
Meeting /

Mission Program will be
held **Wednesday, June
15th**, at 6 PM in
Fellowship Hall - Hosted
by Esther Circle. All
Women of the church are
welcome to attend. Please
bring a salad to share.



**Friday,
July 8th!**

UMM Night at the "K"

Agenda: 4:00pm: Van Departs Church

5:00pm : All Meet Near Stadium at End
of E 38th Terrace (see map).

5:15pm : Tailgate

7:10pm : First Pitch

Food and drink for tailgate to be
provided at cost (brats, hot dogs, chips,
beans, side salads)

**RSVP NLT July 5th to Steve Wieggers
at 913-297-0502 or**

email steveandcarla@msn.com,

Rev. Kevin Hopkins

Rev Bob Atwell

Rev. Erin Myslenski

Nancy Shade

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