

November 2010



Pastors Corner

God is Waiting for Us to Begin...

Regardless how we humans are not in favor of change, we face it every day: new seasons come and go; we become parents and grandparents; kids go to school, graduate and get married. People lose jobs; economy hurts young people, not even talking about those who are close to retirement. Aging, people move from their homes to assisted living facilities. It almost feels like it goes from bad to worse, right? But let's think for a second before we get totally depressed.

God gave humanity several wonderful gifts to handle change: optimism, tolerance, patience, humility, kindness and love. I trust that my members are graced with all these gifts and we can begin real change in the church.

Now, when we decided that we have what is needed to change the church and ourselves, the question is HOW to handle change? The answer is by CELEBRATING it, just like we celebrate our personal and family changes!

One of the biggest changes this year is the Small Church Initiative.

Let's applaud our Board for leading our congregation to this very important and life changing vote. The new Board will begin operating in November of 2010 instead of January to prepare the change.

Let's join our efforts in attending classes, trainings and our fundraising dinners and lunches to help the church financially.

Let's give more, serve more and have more fun this fall and winter than ever!

Regardless of inevitable change we should remember one thing: God, who loves all of us unconditionally, is behind us! What an excellent reason to stick to the plan and trust that He will safely lead us through change.

In His Love, Pastor Lydia

Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone's Invited to attend the:

**All Church
Thanksgiving Dinner
November 21st**
immediately following church in
Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a dessert to share.
A love offering will be taken.

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberries, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls and drinks will be provided.

To help us plan, would you please sign up you and your guests on the bulletin board so we can get a count.

See you there!



Prayers for Our Friends and Family

Prayer List

Annette Rathbun, Alma Corum,
Mike Coughenour, Rosa Lee Coy,
Alpha Higdon,
Becky Hefflinger, Mo Thurlo



Our Friends at Home

Alberta Bone
Alma & Harold Corum
Carrel Dutt * No mail please*
Alpha Higdon
Stella Ireland
Pat Lowe
Ruth Johnson
Ray Money

Our Military

J.W. Anthuis, Steve Beck
Anthony Coughenour
Brandon Fisk, Rich Graham
Penny Griswald, Michael Hart
Rhonda Johnson, Randall Ralls,
Danny Scott, John Warner

If you would like to these lists
please let the church office know
by email or give us a call.

FUMC in Mission and Outreach

42 Health Kits were gathered from
First UMC for the Festival of Sharing.
Way to go! Thank you to Ruth Knut-
ter for delivering them to the drop
off spot.

200 pounds of beans and rice were
bagged and boxed for REAP.
Thank you to all the willing workers.

November is Food Pantry Month.
Please bring two cans of non-
perishable food for REAP. REAP or
Raytown Emergency Assistance Pro-
gram is determined to help the peo-
ple in our community who are tem-
porarily unable to help themselves.

Their goal is to provide a hand up to
our clients, not a hand out. We must
never forget that we are all just one
serious accident, one major illness,



or a corporate downsizing away
from the possibility of needing the
assistance of agencies like REAP.

**NOVEMBER
IS
FOOD
PANTRY
MONTH**

Poinsettia Orders

This year the poinsettia orders need to be in by Sunday
December 28th. Enclosed in the newsletter is a
Poinsettia Order Form, please fill
it out and enclose your check,
made payable to the church. Fill
out your form with your name.

Poinsettia's are \$10 each.



Birthdays

Alpha turns 100

- 1-Amy Davila
- 3-Ruth Johnson
- 4-Delores Ross
- 5-Alice Moore
- 9-Richard Graham
- 11- Alpha Higdon
- 17-Adam Bryant
- 18-Alberta Bone
- 19-Alma Corum
- 29-Jackie Fry
- 30-Maykala Benton

BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Alice Moore who joined the birthday challenge.

You're all welcome to join! Just give a check for the amount of your age on your birthday, and we'll add you to the list.



November 11th our longtime member Alpha Higdon turns 100 years old!

Everyone is invited to attend her birthday party and reception across the street from the church at Temple Heights Manor II on **November 11th at 1:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria.

Alpha has been a dedicated member of this church for years and has been retired since 1975. She is blessed with a great church family and her own family which includes 6 grandchildren and 7 great grand children.

Please attend this special celebration!

United Methodist Women

NUTS!! NUTS!! AND MORE NUTS!!

In case you haven't turned in your nut order yet, there's still time! Our first order has been received and delivered. Our next order will be turned in on November 28th and received back on December 5th, just in time for your Christmas baking. Please get forms from any of us and ask your friends, relatives and neighbors to purchase them. They make great birthday and Christmas gifts, as well as for your own holiday baking.

The UMW ladies did a great job in celebrating UMW Sunday on November 24, serving as liturgist, ushering, providing a guest speaker. A big thanks to all who helped make it happen.

As we are coming close to years' end, we need your BEST CHOICE and CAMPBELL'S labels, in order to get them ready for mailing. Containers are provided in the lobby. We appreciate your continued support.

Sue Jones

Acting Recording Secretary

"The most memorable people in life will be the friends who loved you when you weren't very loveable."



ALIVE!

Wednesday Night Alive meets in the evenings at 6:30 pm for dinner and 7 pm for the program.

In November we continue to meet November 3rd, 10th and conclude November 17th for the fall. You can always come and join in the fun.

Wednesday Night Alive will resume in 2011.

Scouts

Mark your Calendar

The Boy Scouts will be having a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

on Sunday December 5th
8:00 am to 10:30 a.m.

Come and get a great breakfast and support the Boy Scouts.

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United Methodist Men Thanksgiving Breakfast

*You are Cordially Invited to attend the
Heartland Central District United Methodist Men
33rd Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast
Saturday, November 20, 2010
All The Kings Men Time: 8 am*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Emanuel Cleaver II

For more information or to RSVP contact Paul Pratt at 816.739.7159

Event held at:

One Sprint United Methodist Church, 7900 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64138

Donations: \$7 men / \$4 Women

Royce Turner, President UMM Heartland Central

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	Vineyard 7pm Scouts 7pm	2 ELECTION DAY UPPER ROOM Game Day 10 am Cubs 7 pm	3 Wednesday Night Alive 6:30	4 Vineyard Kids 7 pm	5	6 Hope Kitchen 12:30-1:30
7		8 Vineyard 7pm Scouts 7pm	9 Cubs 7 pm	10 Scouts Committee Meeting 7pm Wednesday Night Alive	11 ALPHA'S 100 Birthday Party 1:30 pm Temple Heights II Worship Committee Meeting 11 am	12	13 Hope Kitchen 12:30-1:30
14		15 Vineyard 7pm Scouts 7pm	16 Game Day 10 am Cubs 7 pm	17 Wednesday Night Alive 6:30	18 Vineyard Kids 7 pm	19	20 Hope Kitchen 12:30-1:30
21	21 ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER noon	22 Vineyard 7pm Scouts 7pm	23 Cubs 7 pm	24	25 THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27 HOPE KITCHEN CLOSED
28	28 POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE	29 Vineyard 7pm Scouts 7pm	30 Cubs 7 pm				