

October 2010



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RAYTOWN

First Word

Pastor's Corner

Last year we saw God at work in Raytown. Good things are happening. We praise God for this, but we also know that in the coming year we will have to learn to depend on God and our fundraising efforts to meet our growing financial needs. To do ministry successfully we need to become self-sufficient.

In 2011 we are going to participate in the Small Church Initiative training and LLD (Lay Leadership Development) training. The church should not operate in the old way in the new culture. It is totally different world around us with new music, new slang, and new ways of communication. We have to emerge ourselves into this new world to be relevant. Willing to change, we shouldn't lose who we

are. It is essential to remember that our central focus is our faith in Jesus Christ and our responsibility to build the Kingdom of God where we are.

Our vision is to Grow

*in our understanding of God
in our relationships with others
and in our responsibility to serve
and to give*

I am really excited about what God wants to accomplish in our midst in the coming year. With God's help we can succeed far beyond what we can imagine right now. Helping people discover their gifts and how they fit into what God is doing is an essential part of our task for the new year.

Let's join together and see what God will do!

Pastor Lydia

Church Conference

For 2010 Church Conference we will be hosting three churches at First UMC on Wednesday October 6th starting at 7:00 p.m.

This gathering will be in the sanctuary and following we will provide a short fellowship time with refreshments for all the churches in attendance.

Church Choir

First Church Choir Returns!



The Choir returns to the First Church worship space after an extended hiatus. If you have a voice to sing and a heart to praise God, we'd be happy to have you join us! Rehearsals are Monday evenings at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Join Us!

Sermon Series

Seven Deadly Sins Sermon Series continues

October 10 ***Lust***

October 17 ***Greed***

October 25 ***The Ground of Evil Is Dread***

November 1 ***Gluttony***

November 8 ***Envy***

November 15 ***Pride***

November 22 ***Scales of Evil***

United Methodist Women

The UMW ladies resumed their meetings on Sunday, September 26, 2010, after church service. A lunch of salads, finger foods and desserts was enjoyed by the 15 members present. The new slate of officers for 2011 was presented as follows: President, Dawn Wiseman; Vice-President, Clara Fisher; Secretary, Sue Jones; and Treasurer, Arlene Bunce, with help from Mary Williamson. Arlene Bunce, Sue Jones, Mary Williamson and Clara Fisher recently

went to Spofford to cut labels. We enjoyed a lovely lunch of salads, cornbread and desserts. You're welcome to join us if you're able, and the Spofford staff always appreciates our help.

We are again selling nuts as our biggest fundraiser. 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.

Please remember to bring your BEST CHOICE and CAMPBELL'S labels. Containers are provided in the lobby.

**"Life is not the way
it's supposed to be -
It's the way it is.
The way you cope with it
is what makes the difference."**

Sue Jones
Acting Recording Secretary

Festival of Sharing Health Kits

Once again the United Methodist Women will contribute to Festival of Sharing by donations of health kits. These kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for families around the world. Health kits will be accepted until Friday October 15th. Place yours on the

pew bench in the Narthex and the UMW will collect them there. If you would like to donate dollars towards a kit, one kit is \$12 please give checks to Arlene Bunce. By October 15th.

Health Kit Contents:

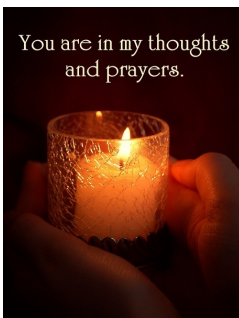
1 hand towel, 1 bar of soap (in wrapper), 6 Band aids, 1 sturdy wide tooth comb, 1 washcloth, 1 toothbrush in packaging, 1 metal nail clipper.

Seal all items in a one gallon plastic bag with zipper closure.

Prayers for Our Friends and Family

Prayer List

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



Our Friends at Home

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

Our Military

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

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

Growth Team

The Growth Team met last week and has started planning for the fall and 2011.

The summer's rummage sale raised \$1700 and we chose to give \$700 towards the UMW's Community Mission projects.

The Growth Team would like to encourage you to attend the Wednesday Night Alive Gatherings on Wednesday nights at 6:30. We start with dinner and then onto our lesson. Anyone can come anytime.

We reviewed the suggestion box additions and made some decisions that came from your suggestions, so please keep it up.

Fall Festival Chili Cook Off

Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off

October 30th

Games and treats for the kids, BBQ, Chili Cook Off, events inside and outside the church (weather permitting)
Come in costume to win a prize or come as you are.

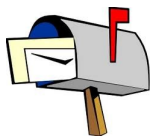
Sign up enter the Chili Cook Off on the bulletin board.

Rides to the church will be available.

More information to come.

From the Office

Please remember when you need to schedule a meeting to call or email the church office. Several groups use the building during the week and on weekends. There is usually room for all, but there are those times when no space is available. Please be courteous and kind to the groups when you encounter them and offer them the Radical Hospitality you would expect to receive if you were the visitor.



New Directories:

At the beginning of the year we will be passing out new church directories. Please make sure your address, phone number and email addresses we have on file are correct. We will be passing out an information form once again to keep our church membership up to date.

Next month's newsletter deadline is October 20th. Thank you!



Hope Kitchen

First United Methodist Church's Hope Kitchen serves free meals on Saturdays from 12:30-1:30 in Fellowship Hall.

This month marked the one year of Hope Kitchen, we celebrated at the September 19th Service. We recognized Nancy Passwater for

her devotion and service of this new ministry. In recognition to all the volunteers and it is important to see, that everyone is included. Hope Kitchen could not function at all without the help from the volunteers that have provided the main ingredient and dedication to serving the Lord and

the ones who need the help.

These wonderful people make it all happen: Nancy Probst, Nancy Passwater, Janet Beck, Pam Dickens, Jean Denham, Carol Dickson, Alan Bozich, Clara Fisher, Mike and Tammy Gilmore, Jane Hefflinger, Carol Smith and Julie Tynon.

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October

Birthdays

- 3---Leslie Cunningham
- 4---Mary Williamson
- 6---Rick Wegley
- 13- Harvey Moore
- 14- Ruth Knutter
- 18- Kim Wegley
- 21- Diane McKinney
- 22- Patsy West
- 22- John Warner
- 23- MacKenzie Fry

A big "thank you" to DOLORES HANSON and SUE JONES who generously donated to last month's Birthday Challenge.



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

Month in Review

September	5	
	43	Attendance
	692.25	Deposits
September	12	
	52	Attendance
	6070.35	Deposits
September	19	
	55	Attendance
	606.50	Deposits
September	26	
	60	Attendance
	634.95	Deposits