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Lay Leader Reflections

In 2015 the SPRC became a part of the Administrative Council. The SPRC reps, as part of our Administrative Council, have the duty to lead the Council in evaluating MUMC ministry goals of the past year and provide to the District and Conference offices details of how these goals were accomplished for the year (2015). On Monday night, August 10, the Ad Council, (which also includes the Trustees, Finance Committee, and the Lay Leadership team) met to review the ministry goals for 2015. During this review we were pleased to see many of the goals had been accomplished. Our church congregation is to be congratulated! We also discovered a small number of the ministry goals had not been met.

The Ad Council meeting was long, spending much time in prayer and deep thought concerning MUMC ministry and its goals for 2016. Our top priority for 2016 is to see these ministry goals, not yet accomplished, added to the top of the list. The ministry goals cannot be accomplished by the Ad Council alone. It will take all of us to see MUMC attain these Ministry goals. Soon you will be hearing more about them. We are a wonderful congregation! We have many opportunities here at MUMC to serve. Let me encourage all of us to consider Matthew 9: 37-38 as we find our own place in these ministry opportunities: Jesus said to the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field."

Apportionment Update...

2015 Conference \$ 13,919
 Pd to date 3,051
 Due \$ 10,868

2015 District \$ 2,585
 Pd to date 2,585
Paid in Full

"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."
 Luke 6:38

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Our Mission... Why Do We Exist...

"...to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

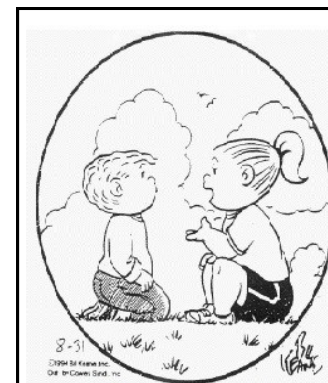
Our Vision... Where Are We Going...

"...on the greatest journey of our lives – The Journey of Knowing, Loving and Serving God – as we strive to become a Community of deeply committed Christians."

Our Values... What's Our Boundaries...

"...everything must relate to the Core Value of making Disciples of Jesus Christ Through:

- 1) Strengthening our Commitment to God;
- 2) Deepening our Relationships; and,
- 3) Living Out the Compassion of Jesus Christ for All."



**YESTERDAY'S
 THE PAST,
 TOMORROW'S
 THE FUTURE,
 BUT TODAY
 IS A GIFT.
 THAT'S WHY
 IT'S CALLED
 THE PRESENT.**

September Mission Focus: Festival of Sharing ~ Family Food Pack

Having enough food each week is a struggle for many families. Households that receive assistance through SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) receive about 25% of what is needed to feed their family.

Numerous families have adults working fulltime or several part time jobs and earn too much to qualify for SNAP but do not have enough funds to feed the family, three nutritious meals a day. This food box helps to fill a bit of the hunger gap. Remember to choose the most nutritious options when selecting items for the Family

Food Pack. *(Pack Value \$25.00)*

- ◆ 3 cans assorted vegetables
- ◆ 3 cans assorted fruits
- ◆ 3 cans tuna
- ◆ 1 cans pasta sauce
- ◆ 1 pounds pasta
- ◆ 1 jars peanut butter
- ◆ 1 cans Spam
- ◆ 3 packages macaroni & cheese

Place items in a sturdy box or book carton, tape and label "**Family Food Pack.**" Please pack a max of 2 together because of weight. (Girl Scout Thin Mint Boxes are ideal.)

Birthday & Anniversary Lists:

Birthdays:

- 07 Michael Fulk
- 10 Darrell Harvey
- 13 Geona & Gigi Hanselman
- 15 Emily Frederick
- 17 Betsy Johnson
- 17 Jessie Reimer
- 17 Rob Scott
- 18 Ti Waibel
- 19 Tom Barickman
- 20 Maxine Lancaster
- 20 Nathaniel Gerth
- 20 Doug Meeks
- 22 Amy Hunziker
- 22 Nic Hatfield
- 22 Brock Aylward
- 23 Nelda Billups
- 24 Nathan Arnold
- 25 Anita Simerl
- 26 Colby Brown
- 27 James Whitaker
- 30 Brock Meeks



Anniversaries:

- 01 Scott & Joy Aylward
- 01 Fritz & Janet Gerth
- 08 Jeff & Ashley McBee
- 10 Jamie & Dawn Triplett
- 18 Ken & Jennifer McMinn
- 28 Eyad & Lori Al Jundi
- 30 George & Diana Koontz

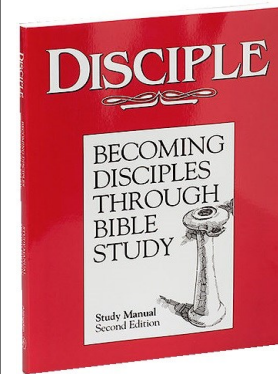


Our Music Ministry resumes its weekly rehearsals starting September 9. We are always looking for new members. Consider joining our Vocal and Bell Choirs this fall. MUMC is fortunate enough to host some great music ministries.

- Adult Hand Bells
Rehearsals Wednesday 6:00 PM
- Adult Vocal Choir
Rehearsals Wednesday 7:00 PM
- Community Choir
Rehearsals Wednesday 8:00 PM
- Children's Bell Choir

And
Children's Vocal Choir
Rehearsals at the end of selected Sunday School Class Times.

Please consider being a part of any and all of these music ministries. Everyone is Welcome!



Disciple Bible Study Fast Track
A Bible Study Overview of the Whole Bible
In 24 weeks.

This Bible Study is being offered to anyone interested in a small group Bible Study. Bible Study is an essential piece to our Spiritual Health. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in one of our Disciple Bible Studies this fall.

Lay Leadership Team September 10 @ 6PM

The Lay Leadership Team will be meeting at the parsonage on Thursday, Sept. 10. They will be working developing our Leadership Teams and Officers for 2016. If there is a specific area of ministry you have a passion for, please, let one of our team members know where you would like to serve. Lay Leadership Team members are: Nelda Billups, Lisa Doster, Tom Reel, Ron Gardner, Jeannie Childress, Elizabeth Reel.



Calendar of Events for September 2015

Every Sunday:

- Worship 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (*Preschool Nursery provided @ 10 a.m.*)
- Disciple Bible Study—Seekers' Group 8:45 a.m. @ Parsonage (**Begins Sept. 20**)
- Sunday School classes (children, youth, & adult) 9:00 a.m.
- Older Youth Lunch and Fellowship: 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (**Begins Sept. 13**)

Every Monday:

- Disciple Bible Study—Brown Baggers 5:30 p.m. @ Office (**Begins Sept. 21**)

Every Wednesday:

- Men's Breakfast 5:30 a.m.
- Bell Choir 6:00 p.m.
- Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. *Music Ministry Beginning Sept 9*
- Community Choir 8:00 p.m.

Every Thursday:

- Disciple Bible Study—Mid-Morning 10:00 a.m. @ Parsonage (**Begins Sept. 17**)
- Disciple Bible Study—Traditional 7:00 p.m. @ Office (**Begins Sept. 17**)

Tuesday, September 1: 7:00 p.m. Martha's Circle

Thursday, September 10: 6:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Team Meeting/ Dinner @ the Parsonage

Saturday, September 12: 7:30 a.m. Nikos Men's Devotional Breakfast

Sunday, September 13: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Youth Kickoff Meal

Sunday, September 13: 2:00 p.m. Camp Jo-Ota Membership Meeting, Clarence UMC

Monday, September 14: 8:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Saturday, September 19: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bridal shower for Betsy Kittle

Sunday, September 20: 11:00 a.m. Combined Youth Road-trip to Baring Lake

Monday, September 28 National "Ask a Stupid Question" Day

Tuesday, September 29, 1:30 p.m. Moving On

Prayer List and Shut-ins and Care Center Lists:

Prayer List: Joan Ferguson, Twila Fulk, Kenny Reel, Cole Anderson, Ella Owings, Terry Fincher, Kayla Frederick, Homer Poor, and Janice Tippett

Military Service: Logan Remley, David Miller, Steven Kraus, C. W. McCuiston

Shut Ins & Care Centers: Opal Emel, Dedie Priebe, John Johnson, Charles Bradley, Nancy Clatt, Audrie Steeples, Joan Ferguson, Lorraine Rush, Arlene Stone, Charles and Helen Hammack