

The Wesley Message From Center Street

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The Editor Speaks.....



Prom night and High School graduation are now just memories. Some of our graduates have already moved on to their chosen schools, and those choosing to enter the work field have already done so. Gone are the carefree days of youth (they won't know how great it truly was until they have responsibilities to meet other than just their own. O Youth, how fleeting it is!)

The summer is upon us now as the weather has heated up (and the humidity!) and we are still experiencing lots of rain as it continues each week. Many are feeling the effects of extended poor conditions for planting crops, but it is always better than no rain resulting in nothing to harvest at all. Either way, it is a great concern for the farmers, and gardeners as well. I can remember in 1983, because of an area wide drought, we raised 9 bushel beans, which really didn't go far when farm payments were due. I guess what I'm trying to say is to count our blessings, it will get better. Someone told me years ago, that as long as your troubles are outside the house that was good. They were speaking of health and family issues, and it is a good thought to remember.

Anyway, here are the upcoming events to put on your calendars for both the church and our communities.

JULY

- July 2-8** FCCLA Leadership Meeting in Chicago
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 7** UMC Board Meeting
- July 12-17** Shelby County Fair
- July 17** Men's Breakfast
- July 25-29** VBS 5:30-7:30

AUGUST

- August 4** UMC Board Meeting
- August 9** South Shelby 2aDays
- August 12-22** Missouri State Fair

August 21 Men's Breakfast
August 18 School starts with lots of school related events: Softball games, FFA Trapshoots, Football. Be sure and mark your favorites

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 1** UMC Board Meeting
- Sep 2** UMW
- Sep 6** Labor Day
- Sep 11** Farmer's Day
- Sep 18** Men's Breakfast
- Sep 23** Fall Begins

Clarence UMC June Board Meeting

The monthly meeting for the Clarence UMC was held in June 2, 2010 at 7 p.m. Attending were Ivan and DeEtte Carroll, Susan McCarty, Pastor Larry, Barbara Chittum, Lee Schoonover, Jeff Barry, Dawn Masten, Amy Presson, Terry Mefford, and Lynda Proper. Jeff opened the meeting by having Pastor Larry lead us in prayer.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Amy presented the Treasurer's report for review. She had printed copies of this report and it was made available the Sunday before the board meeting. It will be in the Pastor's office each month for anyone who would like to study it. There was much discussion about the budget verses the actual costs incurred. It was noted that our funds are now about \$10,000 short of our projected budget. It was decided that Memorial Funds be put into a separate savings account and used for future projects as directed by the board. Funding of the Vicki Weisenborn and Harold Hutton memorials will be put into this account now with additional funds to be added from future memorials. It was pointed out that we still need to fulfill our obligation for the Media Grant, as we will be audited as to our completion of this project, which

remains unfinished. It was suggested that perhaps we need to have some fund raising projects, and possibly we need to consider sharing our facility with other churches. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Jeff Barry gave the Trustee's Report. The bathroom door in the basement was patched instead of being replaced at a cost of about \$100. The cement pad at the east entrance to the connector and the fellowship hall will have a canopy placed over it covering about 2/3 of the cement. It will be of metal matching the existing buildings. The speakers in the tower are being repaired by David Masten so that early on Sunday mornings taped music can be broadcast to the entire community.

Susan McCarty and Terry Mefford are chairing the Ice cream & Cake supper on Saturday night of the Clarence Homecoming. Susan will make a sign-up sheet for cakes, money for ice cream, and workers. It will be posted in the entry hall.

Amy reported that VBS is on track for July 25-29th, to run from Sunday through Thursday. She also announced the Right to Life campaign will be June 25th & 26th.

The Vicki Weisenborn Playground will be repaired. Thompson Sealer has been purchased and broken parts repaired. The sump pump is now covered, but there the switch needs a security cover.

DeEtte suggested we have a printed agenda available prior to each board meeting, including upcoming

events. She also reminded the board of the need for doors to help with noise control for her Sunday school class.

Susan also reported on the upcoming Food 4 Kids which begins on Monday, June 7. She had attended special training and noted that inspectors will come. The program is now partially funded by the federal government so guidelines must be met. On Friday the first supplies will arrive and will be delivered to the UMC. Refrigerators will be needed as we are now required to supply milk with the meals. The other Clarence Churches are taking a turn, but we will serve meals the first 2 weeks.

Barbara reminded us that the deadline is Sunday, June 6, to have any more information turned in to her for publication in the History Book. She noted that Isabel Hutcherson had prepared a large volume of information about VBS through the years, which will be included in the book.

Angie Mefford and Pastor Larry will be attending Conference at Springfield this weekend.

Pastor Larry presented his idea for a Saturday night 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Service each week. He had already spoken to the youth who are in favor of such a service. While everyone would be welcome, this service would be geared to the younger set. He asked for approval from the board to proceed, beginning in August after he returns from his vacation. Much discussion followed. He would like to have the first service include a cookout and the theme would be "A Luau for the Lord." Jeff Barry moved to have Pastor Larry organize a committee to see if such a service is desirable. Motion was seconded and passed.

Pastor Larry announced that this Sunday, while he is gone to conference, Chris Nelson will be the speaker for the Sunday morning service. While he is gone on vacation, Susan McCarty will speak.

Dawn reminded the board that in September the Youth Rally will be held at Camp Jo Ota with "Team Extreme" (a body builders group) will be there. Jeff moved we adjourn.

Secretary, Lynda
Proper

Scholarship Graduates Say

"Thanks!"

Jill Barry: The Clarence United Methodist Church has influenced my life in numerous ways. Having been raised in a supportive, caring church has given me the sense of having a second family. As a child I have memories of attending Vacation Bible School, singing songs at Sunday school, and performing plays in front of the congregation. I enjoyed Bible stories, crafts and learning how to become a better Christian (I still do today too!) As I have grown into an adult, I have developed a personal relationship with God because of the values instilled from attending the Clarence United Methodist Church. The positive influence from this loving assembly has built the foundation of morals such as kindness, faithfulness and compassion that in my life I strive to achieve.

Trevor Collins: The thing that has benefited me the most is the continuous support from my church family. This is what gives me the motivation to do my best.

Flossie Ellyson: The Clarence United Methodist has influenced my life in a very positive and self fulfilling way. I have learned to accept God in a new and wonderful way. I have been able to go to church camp every year because the church helps pay for my way. Each year I come back from camp week, full of God. I become closer to Him! Without the wonderful pastors and Christian that come to the church, I wouldn't be the person I am today. I thank you for everything you have done in my life and in other's lives also. May God Bless you all!

Ashley Troyer: The United Methodist Church has influenced my life because it brought me closer to the Lord. It made me realize what the Lord has sacrificed for me, and a much greater meaning of the words in the Bible.

Jessie Troyer: Clarence United Methodist Church has influenced my life by bringing me closer to the Lord. I love being this close to my church family. When I read the Bible, going to church helps me understand the words I'm reading

because I'm also hearing it at church.

Vacation Bible School

Baobab Blast VBS will be Sunday July 25th through Thursday July 29th 5:30-7:30 pm for preschool through 5th grade kids. It is being directed by Ann McCarty and Amy Presson. Kids will enjoy activities such as Grassland Games, Savannah Storytelling, African Snacks, Madagascar Music, Kalahari Crafts, and Serengeti Science. We would greatly appreciate any volunteers that would like to help with specific age groups or activity centers. A sign up sheet will be made available on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. We will also be posting a list of supplies needed for activities for anyone who would like to donate items.

Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

1. Kent Boling
Kendal Wood
Kermit & Carol Hiatt, Anniv.
2. Mary Melson
John & Ruth Wood, Anniv.
Reid Moncrief
Hayley Lauren Carroll
3. J. D. & Julia Barry, Anniv.
5. Noelle & Darin Koch, Anniv.
6. Lillie Maria Barr
8. Terry Mefford
9. Flossy Ellyson
Brooke McCarty
12. Josh Barry
Paul Hutcherson
Virginia Clem
13. Jason Mitchell
Jim Hoffman
Henry Barr
14. Kim Thompson
15. Jonah Barry
16. David Walker
Pastor Larry DeSpain
17. Stephen & Echo Foster, Anniv.
18. Steve & Pam Boling, Anniv.
Jaycee Rae Mefford
Corey & Anna Blackford, Anniv.
19. Tom Ellyson
Rick & Sharri Kemp, Anniv.
20. Abbie Gail & Allie Diane Foster
21. Jordan Kincaid Thompson
Kim Hutcherson
Oreta Imler
23. Bob & Norma McCollum, Anniv.
24. Harold McVay
Nathaniel & Lisa Schoonover,
Anniv.
Amanda Foreman Dixon
25. John Wood
Dahn Kemp
Wade Levitt Kemp
26. Lewis & Willie Sam Thompson,
Anniv.
27. Darcy Jo Anderson
Jerry Boling
Chris White
28. Hannah Elizabeth Wood
29. Cooper Elsen
30. Andi Lynn Weisenborn

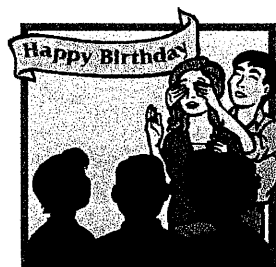
August

1. Trae Ivan Carroll
2. Jessica Farmer
4. Lee & Sharon Schoonover, Anniv
6. William Rex Mefford
Willie Sam Thompson
7. Sydney Tace Baird
8. Frank Mason
9. Tyler Lee Foster

11. David Schoonover
12. Eric Barr
Rev. Betty Sue Watson
14. Erin Kate Threlkeld
15. Cathy Carroll
Tayler David Foster
Tanner Charles Foster
17. Elizabeth Barr
Camra Hutcherson
18. Weston Max Mefford
Logan Wood
19. Eddie Clem
Viola Morton
20. Warren & Charlotte Pflum, Anniv.
21. Pat Bentley
22. Eula Mae Walker
23. James Watson
26. Matt Mefford
29. Michael Dean Blackford
30. Susan Bentley
31. Dee Ann Foreman

September

3. Dean Carroll
4. Jerry & Kim Boling, Anniv
Jon & Brooke McCarty, Anniv.
13. Ryan & Amy Presson, Anniv.
14. Connor Blackford
15. Walt & Trudy McManus, Anniv.
16. Dean & Cathy Carroll, Anniv.
Nicholas S. Blackford
17. Margaret Hutton
Bob McCarty
19. Pat & Susan Bentley, Anniv.
20. Jeff & Allison Barry, Anniv.
Loren Lane Kemp
21. Nicholas & Mary Blackford, Anniv.
23. De Ette Carroll
Charlotte Barr
LaVerle & Charlotte Barr, Anniv.
David Hoffman
24. Marge Williams
26. Mylan Hutcherson
Beth Dixon
27. Kerry McCarty
Trevor Collins
Jerry & Donna Barton, Anniv.
Tara & Matt Mefford, Anniv.
28. Garrett Malone Thompson
Bailey Miranda Schoonover
29. Angela Quinley Bailey
David Barr
30. Angie & Brian Bailey, Anniv



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Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.