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Children In Worship

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14 NRSV)

When we baptize a child in our church, part of our congregational response and promise is that we will follow the example of Christ so that a child "may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened ..."

I think that the worship experience is an important part of fulfilling that baptismal promise. Some feel that small children never belong in worship and some feel that at a certain age it is appropriate. I think it's a family decision but also we, as a congregation, need to honor each family's choice. Let me tell you about some things the Children's Education Department does to help in the process of preparing children to be active participants in worship.

- During the spring quarter of Sunday school, our First Grade class uses a curriculum called *Children Worship!* The purpose of this thirteen-week study is to help children strengthen their participation in congregational worship. The sessions focus on the six actions of worship: gathering, giving praise and thanks, praying, proclaiming, responding and sending. The children learn terms such as 'acolyte,' 'usher' and 'liturgist.' They learn about the tools for worship: 'hymnal,' 'offering plate' and 'communion elements,' They are exposed to the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer. You might think that this sounds elementary, but consider how much more meaningful the worship experience will be to a child once they hear familiar words and see recognizable objects.
- Several times a year, we have workshops for all ages (3 years old- 5th grade) with worship related themes including Communion, Baptism and Prayer. These workshops are during regular Sunday school time.
- When you do bring your children or grandchildren to worship, look for the YELLOW "Children in Worship" pamphlet found at the Welcome Desk and by the Children's Worship packets. This guide helps you understand what you can expect behaviorally from children, and it gives you ideas of how to include children in the service.
- In each pew is the bright PINK pamphlet "A Guide For Adults Who Worship with Children." This pamphlet includes both tips for parents and reminders for the congregation at large. Please refer to this guide and re-read from time to time.

And finally, as we say in both the PINK and YELLOW pamphlets:

"Worship is the response of the whole people of God - and that includes children!"

When you choose to include children is up to you but know that children are important members of our worshipping community and together we can help prepare them for the experience.

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MESSAGE FROM CARL

Dear Friends,

In previous Messengers, I have written about the major study portion of my renewal leave. As you remember, this takes place in May and June in Greece and Italy.

July is the major portion of the leave devoted to rest. I will be traveling to London on July 1 and my wife, Becky, will be joining me there. During the next five weeks we will be traveling in the British Isles. This will be the longest uninterrupted period of "couple" time since our oldest child was born in 1972. We will use this time to enjoy being together away from the pressures of everyday life.

Of course, we will spend part of those five weeks seeing the historical places related to the life of John Wesley, who was the founder of the Methodist movement. There will be some semi-formal learning of that type, but the primary focus will be on each other and the shared experience in England, Scotland, and possibly Ireland.

On August 8 through August 22, I will be at Oxford for their annual Summer Seminar on Religion. This formal educational experience brings some of the world's foremost religion scholars to Oxford to interact with students from around the world. It should be a very rich cultural and intellectual experience.

I will then be returning to the U. S. and will be back in the MUMC pulpit on September 3.

Carl L. Schenck
Senior Pastor



Upcoming New Member Classes

May New Member Class

Sunday, May 7

Lunch and orientation at 11:45 a.m.

Join Sunday, May 21

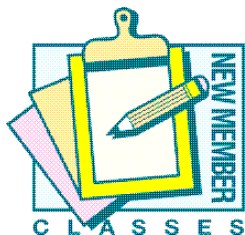
June New Member Class

Thursday, June 1

Dinner and orientation at 6:45 p.m.

Join Sunday, June 25

Reservations required. For more information or to make reservations, contact Betsy Vicente, Coordinator of New Member and Volunteer Ministries, **636-200-4720** or e-mail: betsy.vicente@manchesterumc.org



March New Members

Welcome to the March New Members who join us in prayer, service and fellowship at Manchester United Methodist Church.

Mary Corley, Emily and Patrick
Erin Limback
Molly McCoy
Matthew and Christy Pasley
Steven and Nancy Pizzolato, Lauren, Andrea, and Julianne
Aaron Roberts
Scott and Haley Villines
Mark and Tina White, Mark and Sarah
Brent and Lisa Wootten, Zachary



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, April 30

7:30am - 12:30pm

Room 133



A Year Round Fundraiser for MUMC!

'Shop without dropping' at your favorite stores. Online shopping mall pays up to 35% commission back to MUMC, and you get great deals too! Share the website with friends, family, businesses. Go to www.bign.com/manchesterumc and click on 'Big N Marketplace.' There are many participating outlets, including: Best Buy, Dell, Office Depot, Old Navy, Sports Authority, Target, and many more. Questions? Call Lorraine Hackman at **636-256-8049**.

Pentecost Party scheduled June 3 and 4

On June 3 and 4, members and friends will celebrate the birthday of the church by bringing gifts to worship. Special music and activities are planned for each service. A catalog of MUMC ministry gift requests will be distributed at all worship services April 29 and 30. You're encouraged to:



- **Find** a ministry item in the catalog,
- **Shop** at the suggested vendor,
- **Wrap** your gift in red,
- **Tag** it with the name of the ministry, and
- **Bring** it June 3 or 4 to worship.

A reception (complete with cake) will be held after each service. In addition, the United Methodist Men will sponsor a barbecue on **Sunday, June 4**. We need many volunteers to make this year's celebration possible. Here are the options:

- Help distribute catalogs April 30 (contact **Susie & Mark Lashly, 636-391-1875, mlashly@earthlink.net**).
- Donate a Bundt or 9 x 13 cake for any of the receptions (contact **Jane Carr, 636-394-9151, wjcarr200@aol.com**).
- Help receive gifts June 3 or 4 (contact **Bonnie Halls, event co-coordinator, 314-994-3777, gbhalls@sbcglobal.net**).

YOUR Lay Leader Letter

Hey...You! Where is your nametag?

I keep mine in my car. Actually, I have two nametags, that way I can usually find one of them. Wearing my nametag is a simple act of hospitality. Not only are our nametags necessary as we meet new people, they are also a way to assist others in making introductions, and a welcome reminder the next time you meet.

Also, the Acting Senior Pastor, Rev. Gene Morse, will be starting work on May 1. Chances are good that he doesn't know your name. Be seen as hospitable, memorable, welcoming and friendly ... wear your nametag. If you cannot find it, please order a new one through the office right away.

REMEMBER...we will use this standing article as a forum. This is an opportunity for improved communications for all of us. We hope that YOU choose to contribute to the conversation. Contact either of us by phone or email.

Stephanie Hibray, Lay Leader, **636-530-0396**, shibray@charter.net
Chuck Healy, Associate Lay Leader, **636-230-5481**, crhealy01@charter.net

GriefShare and DivorceCare Programs

GriefShare is a faith-based support program for those who have experienced the death of someone close to them. Each two-hour session consists of devotion, prayer, a video presentation, and a group discussion and support.

DivorceCare is a faith-based support program for those who have experienced a recent divorce or ending of a long-term relationship. Each two-hour session consists of devotion, prayer, a video presentation, and a group discussion and support.

The GriefShare Spring Series **began on April 10**, and continues on Mondays through July 10, and will meet in room 129 at MUMC from 7-9 p.m.

The DivorceCare Spring Series **begins on April 20**, and continues on Thursdays through July 13, and will meet in room 129 at MUMC from 7-9 p.m. For information, call John Avery, **636-227-2643**.

Funds Needed for Mozambique Vehicle Project

The Manchester UMC Mozambique Covenant Ministry committee recently agreed to raise funds for a vehicle for the Mozambique Annual Conference. It is to be used by Rev. Zefanias Chihulume who will begin his ministry appointment in June when he returns to Mozambique. He has been studying at Eden Seminary and will receive his degree in May. Reliable transportation will be an important part of his ministry.



Our goal is to raise \$15,000 which will be sent to Mozambique for the purchase of a vehicle there. There are other groups providing funding for the continuous maintenance of the vehicle. Our church has taken on sole responsibility for funds for purchase of the vehicle. Rev. Chihulume is dedicated to serving the people of Mozambique. We feel he will truly make a difference there and want to support him in this effort. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to Manchester UMC with a note that it is for the "Mozambique Vehicle." Checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. For further information, **please contact Margaret Briscoe at 636-225-3571 or mgrbriscoe@earthlink.net**.

MUMC Man-of-the-Year Nominations Due By May 15

The MUMC Man-of-the-Year Program is moving forward again this year, continuing a tradition that has been in effect for over 40 years. The program supports the vision of nurturing and enhancing the role of men in our congregation as Christians in the Family, the Church, and Society. To ensure the broadest possible participation, please submit nominations through Marilyn Wooden in the church office or through the Committee Chairman, Charlie Ketcherside **no later than May 15**.

Circle of Friends Spring Fundraiser Plant Sale

Time to think about spring planting! Come help our MUMC preschool bloom. The preschool is having a plant sale fund raiser on **Wednesday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** We will have an assortment of annual plants for flower beds, perennials, hanging baskets, potted plants and some vegetables. Look for us in the parking lot, if the weather permits, or in the stairwell by room 141, if it's raining. The proceeds from the sale will be used to put tele-phones in each preschool/Sunday School classroom as well as for classroom materials and toys. Our plants will be priced very competitively and will be provided by Golightly Nursery in Fenton. Come join us and support the preschool.



Vacation Bible School Registration

Vacation Bible School Registration is on the way!

Please come downstairs to the Children's Welcome Desk between the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services on **BOTH April 23 and April 30.**

Sign-up those little ones and don't forget to tell us how you plan on helping us build a Treasure Seeker Adventure your family won't forget.



ROUND UP YOUR FAMILY FOR THE 1st ANNUAL MUMC FAMILY SPRING FLING!

(Formerly called the Mother/Daughter/Son Banquet)

The United Methodist Women invite you to come kick back and enjoy a buffet style Bandana's Barbeque dinner, puppet show and live music as we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day in fellowship. Come dressed up in casual "western attire" to have your family picture taken for a lasting memory. As part of our mission to serve others, please bring canned good items to help stock the shelves of Circle of Concern, or bring ready to eat "pop top" canned good items to help the Emergency Food Pantry at Centenary Cares.

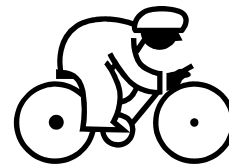
When: **Friday, May 12**
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Tickets will be sold for \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (children 4 & under free) in the Narthex on Sundays 4/23, 4/30, and 5/7. Tickets will also be sold during M&Ms on 4/12, 4/19, and 4/26.

Contact Diana Van Leuven, **636-230-7603** or Leona Dunsmoor, **636-200-4746** with any questions.

Katy Trail Bike Ride Coming Soon!

MO-Hab Riders and Habitat for Humanity at MUMC team up to build our 12th house beginning in May and make our 9th trip on the Katy Trail End-to-End from June 10 – 13. **April 15 is the deadline to register for the Katy Trail ride.**



The purpose of the MO-Hab Riders Bicycle Group is to raise awareness and funds for Habitat. The benefit is the fellowship shared while riding our bikes and exploring St. Louis area bike paths and trails, as well as the four-day ride in June. Our spring ride schedule began March 12 and runs through June. To learn more about this ministry or to get the ride schedule, please contact **Ray and Joyce Smith, 636-256-7864, rayjoyce13@charter.net.**

Habitat for Humanity at MUMC teams up with other West County Churches to provide the funds and the labor to build a house for a deserving family. In the process of sharing labor (the family is required to contribute a significant number of hours to the build), the house truly becomes a home for the family. The 2006 Build is in the Jeff Vander Lou neighborhood next to the 2004 Build. To learn more about this ministry, contact **Barb and Terry Zenser, 636-394-4608, zenser@sbcglobal.net.**

Bicycle Rehab Day!

Be a part of MUMC's Hands in Mission Workday on **Saturday, April 22**, as we prepare another batch of bicycles for distribution to those in need. The bicycles will be delivered to Kingdom House that afternoon.

The day's activity will include cleaning and polishing, changing tires and tubes, and some repairs. All the cleaning supplies, tubes and tires are provided. No experience necessary. Families are welcome. Lunch is provided. Come to Fellowship Hall and see what this ministry is all about.

The work session runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Shift options include:
- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
 - 10 a.m. – Noon
 - Noon – 2 p.m.

Please use the sign-up in the bulletin or **contact Jim Vail, 636-207-1281.**

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Did you know that MUMC offers vacation bible school in the evenings? This year, Evening VBS will be Sunday through Thursday, **July 23 - 27**. This is a great option for families who are unable to attend the day program. Just like the day program, we need volunteers to help plan, set up, serve meals, teach, sing, etc. If you are able to assist, **please contact Charlotte Sparks at dcsparks@charter.net or 636-225-4559.**



Young Adult Adventure

20s – 30s

Hang Out Time

Meet at 11:30 on **Sunday, April 30** for lunch and an activity, along with some fellowship in Room 141. Please RSVP by April 26 so we know how many to plan on. If you have any questions and to RSVP, please email sharon.peebles@manchesterumc.org. Hope to see you there!

Topical Studies

Rm. 310

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for discussion on *Christianity and the Controversial Issues of our Time*. Come and find out what the United Methodist Church says about issues such as abortion, alcohol, gambling and many more.

Spring Retreat!



Hey youth! Are you tired of winter? Are you sick of being cooped up in your house or school? Are you ready for some fun and fellowship with your MUMY friends? Well do I have a deal for you. **Friday through**

Sunday, April 21, 22, and 23 is our annual Spring Retreat. As always, this retreat is open to ALL youth, 6th through 12th grade. Come and spend the weekend having fun, eating, and getting closer to God. We'll leave Manchester around 5:30 p.m. Friday, and be back for lunch on Sunday. Pick up a sign-up form by the youth room, or online. See you there!

Be A Positive Light!

On **April 23**, during youth group, we are pleased to have Laura Logsdon speak to our youth. Laura is the mother of Jayson Logsdon, a 13-year-old youth who, as a result of bullying, found no other answer but to take his own life. Laura's presentation will focus on how to be *that* friend who can be a positive light.

Laura has spoken in the Rockwood and Parkway schools, and tailors her presentation to the age group she is speaking to. Laura comes very highly recommended by school counselors and youth leaders. Her message is powerful, and has given hope to many teens.

We invite youth and parents to hear what Laura has to say. If you have any questions, you may visit her website at www.beapositivelight.com. For more information, questions, or concerns, call John Guiney at **636-200-4736**.

Upcoming Singles Events

April 17, 7:15pm
Volleyball, Games Galore Night
April 24, 7:15pm
WC Singles presents Movie Night

For additional information and updates, visit www.westcountysingles.com



Senior High Confirmation Class

The Senior High Confirmation class celebrated in worship as two class members, Erin Limback and Molly McCoy were confirmed and other members reaffirmed their vows.

Pictured are 1st row: Jennifer Gordon, Mallory Gnaegy, Molly McCoy, Zach Bryan, Jessicah Hard.

2nd row: Erin Limback, Lacha Frank, Brett Fletcher, Katie Nicholson, Maddie Fienup.

3rd row: Todd Romkema, Pastor Carl Schenck, class leaders Greg Fletcher and Nancy Cooper.

Confirmation Service

Please plan to join us in worship at **2:00 pm on Saturday May 13, 2006**, as our 2006 Confirmation class is confirmed and joins the church as full members. These 7th and 8th graders have been studying and preparing since the beginning of January, learning what it means to become a United Methodist. After completing the necessary requirements, they are ready to take their vows of membership. As members of the church, we have all promised to help them in their faith journey – please come support them as they celebrate this important day.

Youth Auction 2006 and Scholarship Details

Friday, April 28, 6 p.m.

Marriott West

Auction proceeds benefit youth mission and choir trips, Extreme VBS, van maintenance and youth room updates. Outreach to other youth in our community and in Mozambique provides them with summer camp experiences and sports equipment. The auction has allowed us to offer one deserving senior a \$2,000 scholarship for outstanding service and leadership.

Donations are easy; volunteering is too—just call Kathy Walker, 636-519-8681.

Reservations are a cinch – just call Judi Shepard, 636-458-0087.



New Ministries Leader Tries to Blend Faith into Her Actions

by Ed Heins

Carol Long, our new Director of Family, Wellness and Recreation, remembers a saying from her youth that she's incorporated into her whole life: "Preach often, and when necessary use words."

Her job description at MUMC calls for her to develop ministries that strengthen marriage and family life, lives of seniors, health, fitness and recreation.

She said she wants to bring an attitude of faith into her efforts to enhance MUMC programs. And she also wants those programs to "preach often," in actions.

Her degree from Missouri State University in Springfield is in Recreation and Leisure Services. She said her professors had a broad definition of recreation that calls for helping "people fill all their leisure time."

Carol, a native of St. Louis, has worked in the recreational field for the cities of St. Louis, Shrewsbury, Brentwood and Clayton. She also worked for the YMCAs of Webster Groves and Kirkwood.

For the last two years, she worked in the development office at Saint Louis University, working in both program development and fund-raising.

She said, "When my co-workers heard about my decision to come to MUMC, they told me, 'That is the perfect job fit for you.'"

What they meant by that was that she would be able to combine her desire to grow her faith while also helping to grow recreational programs for people.

She said, "It is my first experience of mixing my salaried job directly with my faith."

Concerning the breadth of her responsibility at MUMC, she said working for city recreation departments meant she was responsible for "serving all the people in those communities."

Having joined the MUMC staff on March 6, Carol is busy getting acquainted with as many ministries as possible. One of her first efforts was involvement in the M&M program on Wednesday nights.

She said she considers the M&M program "very efficiently run." She said her look at that program will give her experience with how MUMC programs are managed.

Also, she said, "It's a great introduction to members of the congregation."

Asked about any connection of her job with the church effort to build a community center, she said, "I probably will share my past experience with other community centers."

She said her previous center experience involved city facilities that had an income stream that included municipal taxes.

Carol's husband, Tim, is manager of the Executive Beechcraft facility at the Chesterfield airport. They have two children, Lauren, 14, at Parkway Central Middle School, and Shannon, 10, at Green Trails Elementary School.

In hiring Carol, MUMC is now at full staff for the first time since Pastors Dean and Nancy Wilson left in mid-2005.



UMW Market for Missions ... Coming in Two Months!

Spring Cleaning? Please save your nice "junk" for donation on **Tuesday, May 30**, and **Wednesday, May 31**, for the UMW Market for Missions. Check out the UMW Bulletin Board located in the hallway leading to the library. Sign-up sheets are now posted for everyone who loves helping our missions. You can sign up for whatever department you wish to help in. Lunch is also provided for all who would like to stay and eat. Remember, all volunteers are eligible to shop the Pre-Sale on **Thursday, June 1** at 3 p.m. If you have questions about volunteering, please call Jean'ne Patton, **636-936-8475**.

To speed up the sorting and display process, please SORT, BAG, BOX and LABEL items using the following categories: children's clothing (by size, i.e., Girls 4-6X), women's clothing (by size), men's clothing (by size), tools, sporting goods, kitchen items, linens, books, videos, CDs, toys, framed art, electronics, crafts, collectibles, and jewelry. Shoes like new only. **We CANNOT accept the following items:** computer equipment, garden supplies, pet supplies, Christmas trees, curtain rods and blinds, large sporting equipment, stoves, refrigerators, waterbeds, console TVs, textbooks, magazines, or encyclopedias.

If anyone would like LARGE items to be picked up, we will be offering pick-up service on Saturdays, **May 6, 13, 20 and 27** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Dave Zilligen to set up a pick-up time or ask donations questions, **636-527-8307**.

Friday, April 14 -Good Friday services

Noon - Erik Corley (chapel)

7 p.m. - Rev. Carl Schenck (sanctuary)

April 15 and 16 - Holy Saturday and Easter Services

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Rev. Debby Peebles (chapel)

Sunday, 7 a.m.

Youth led - outside

Sunday, 8, 9, traditional services

Rev. Carl Schenck (sanctuary)

Sunday, 10:30 and 11:45am - featuring Handel's Messiah

Rev. Carl Schenck (sanctuary)

Contemporary Worship, Sunday, 9 am

Rev. Erik Corley (fellowship hall)

Communion in the chapel following the 8, 9, 10:30 and 11:45 am services.

April 22 and 23 - Communion

Psalm 133

Acats 4:32-35

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31

Saturday, 5 pm

Rev. Erik Corley (chapel)

Sunday, 8 and 10:30 am

Rev. Carl Schenck (sanctuary)

Sunday, 9 am

Rev. Erik Corley (sanctuary)

Contemporary Worship, Sunday, 9 am

Rev. Carl Schenck (fellowship hall)

April 29 and 30 (Native American Ministries Sunday)

Psalm 4

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Saturday, 5 pm

Rev. Steve Harbaugh (chapel)

Sunday, 8, 9 and 10:30am

Rev. Debby Peebles (sanctuary)

Sunday, 9 am

Rev. Erik Corley (fellowship hall)

These new homes were created:

Natalie Palecek and **Wesley Fletcher** on March 18. Wesley is the son of **Greg and Cheryl Fletcher**.

Lucinda Zimmerman and **Jeff Cook** on March 25.

We celebrate these new arrivals:

Tyler and David Wolfe on the birth of their daughter, Chloe James Wolfe, on February 13. Proud grandparents are **Kent and Candy Stallings** and proud aunt is **Casey Stallings**.

Susan and Brian Green on the birth of their daughter, Cora Elizabeth Green, on March 9. Big brother is Sean. Proud grandparents are **John and Nancy Frederiksen**.

We extend our Christian sympathy to:

Rich and Barb Davis on the passing of Barb's brother, Burton Johnson, on March 6.

Jeanie and John Heskett on the passing of Jeanie's mother, Vernetta Williams, on March 13.

Patrice and Phil Estes on the passing of her father, Eugene Jasper, on March 18. Also survived by grandchildren **Nate** and Krista Estes.

Rick and Gloria Weiman on the passing of Rick's stepmother, Delores Prost Weiman, on March 17. Also survived by grandson **Richard (RJ) Weiman**.

Grace Stratton on the death of her sister, Delores Ehlinger, on March 20.

Steve and Lisa Dunaway on the death of Steve's father, Ervin Dunaway, on March 22. Also survived by grandchildren, **Colleen** and Megan Dunaway.

Karen and Kem Mogannam on the death of Karen's parents, Rose Lee and Bill Bachtel, on March 28. Also survived by grandchildren, George and Victoria.

(MUMC members are in bold.)

Chapel Prayer Ministry meets each Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. Request prayer support by filling out a Prayer Card in the church pew or by e-mailing prayer.requests@manchesterumc.org.



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Meal-A-Month

April Menu

Canned ham
Sweet potatoes
Spinach
Boxed pudding
Kleenex

Especially Needed:

Deodorant
Toothpaste
Bars of Soap

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- Ted Cronbaugh, *Organist, Music Associate*
- Phil Estes, *Business Administrator*
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