

# The Messenger

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Director of Music Ministries

## Mobile Music Mission

It's that time of year...again! On June 9th a portion of our music ministry departed for the 2006 Manchester Chorale Tour! It was hard to believe that the time had come for another trip.



We have an amazing group of youth in our church, and this year's trip provided us an opportunity to visit and sing in some exciting and historic places. Speaking of historic, we started our trip with a special connection to the Missouri Annual Conference. For the first time, there was a conference Youth Choir singing for the event. Our choir was joined by more than 100 other youth from the state to sing in Springfield, Missouri for 2,000 clergy, delegates and bishops.

The tour continued with a stop in Indianapolis for an overnight stay and then on to Pittsburgh. We presented a concert in the Pittsburgh area, and also had the opportunity to spend a little time in the beautiful downtown Three Rivers area. After Pittsburgh, we headed for Washington D.C. for three days of concerts and historic sights. We spent time touring some of the landmark places: the Capitol, the Smithsonian, the Washington Monument, the Washington National Cathedral, and the United Methodist Building (the only non-political building on Capitol Hill!). We presented two concerts during our D.C. stay. The tour ended with an overnight stay in Columbus, Ohio, before we returned to St. Louis.



The United Methodist Building in Washington, D.C.

This trip was possible, in part, due to the generosity of our congregation and your support of the Youth Auction. Thank you so much for your help!

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## Keeping Up with Pastor Carl

During his renewal leave, Pastor Carl will be writing a web log—commonly called a blog. A blog is similar to a web site containing text and pictures. He will be updating it regularly.

There are two ways to access the blog. One is to go there directly from your computer browser at the address <http://www.faithandempire.com>. You can also access the blog through a link on the MUMC website, found at <http://www.manchesterumc.org>.

Those who wish to know what Pastor Carl is experiencing, thinking, and feeling, as well as to see some of the pictures he is taking, should visit the blog site frequently.

There is also offline access to the blog: red spiral binders containing printed copies of the updates and marked "Keeping Up With Pastor Carl" can be found in the administrative office, volunteer workroom, library, chapel narthex and marble narthex. Please leave the copies in the binders for others to read at their convenience.

## REV. GENE MORSE

This issue of *The Messenger* will reach you just as spring turns to summer. I find it reassuring that we can count on the rhythm of the seasons cycling through the phases of the year. To me it is a sign of God's faithfulness that we have a summer and a winter, a springtime and a harvest. It is a witness to God's love for us.



That's not to say that we will always have nice, warm, sunny days; the storms will be there, too, and we are advised to respect their power. I don't always get all that I want, but I have found that God has provided all that I need. Yes, even death is a part of life. This cycle of life is a part of God's plan. As sure as He made us, so He will ever care for us. We need not fear life or death.

Yet, all too often we see how we have fallen short of living in God's world in perfect harmony. We break the covenant and our world becomes full of fear and disappointment. Even more majestic than the seasons of the universe is the Grace of God, His love given for us in Christ. Within Grace is a call to repentance and an offer of forgiveness. It is this love that can forgive that allows us to live. Our own faults and shortcomings can be set aside. We can restore personal and family relationships and share in a community of faith.

As members of a redeemed community of faith we are called to discipleship and mission. Here at Manchester UMC, I am truly amazed at just how many different opportunities there are to be a faithful disciple. God bless you as you share your time and your talents as together we seek Christ, share Christ, and serve Christ.

Rev. Gene Morse  
Acting Senior Pastor

### Our Financial Commitment to Christ Phil Estes, Business Administrator

**Operating Commitments through May 31, 2006**  
Year-to-date giving and expense compares favorably to the May 2005 surplus of \$82,723. May 2006 results:

Commitments Received	\$1,167,849
Expense	\$1,079,257
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$88,592</b>

### Building Fund Commitments through May 31, 2006

MUMC has collected 50.77 percent of the total 2006 Building Fund Commitment.

Current Commitment Total	\$373,291
Total Collected	\$189,534
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$183,757</b>

### Attendance

Average weekly worship attendance through May was 1565, a 2.3 percent decrease over the same period in 2005.



**Foster Parents Needed At Epworth**

Epworth began connecting children to nurturing foster families in 2005. Epworth provides training and assessment for individuals, couples and families who have room in their homes and lives for a child in need. There are thousands of children throughout Missouri who need the love, care, and support a foster home can offer. Epworth foster families are licensed through the Children’s Division and receive financial assistance, ongoing training and professional support.

If you want to make a difference, there are some basic requirements you must fulfill:

- At least 21 years of age
- Free of criminal history
- Employed or have adequate income
- Willing to attend a nine-week training class
- Willing to participate in a home study and disclose financial information
- With or without biological children

For more information about foster parenting, call Amy LaBelle, MSW at **314-918-3350** or [ALaBelle@Epworth.org](mailto:ALaBelle@Epworth.org).

**Upcoming New Member Classes**

July New Member Class

*SOMETHING NEW!*

**Saturday, July 22** - Class at 2:30 p.m.

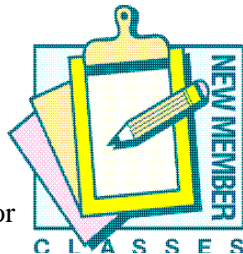
Join at 5 p.m. service in Chapel

Ice cream, cookies and lemonade on the lawn following

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](mailto:betsy.vicente@manchesterumc.org)



**B.A.S.I.C.**

Looking for continuing fellowship with college-aged young adults? Join us on Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m. in Room 141. We hope to see you there.

For more information, call Carrie Lester, **314-401-2698**, or Zach Hopkins, **636-541-2121**.

**Help Build a House for Habitat for Humanity-St. Louis**

Lots of hands and hearts are needed this year because MUMC will be working on TWO Habitat houses. We are sponsoring one house with four West County churches and assisting with another house being built by all of the United Methodist Churches in our district.



Anyone over 15 years old is eligible. All are welcome, from novices to handymen and handy-women. Workers are needed on **SATURDAYS June 24, July 22, August 5, and September 9**. Also, volunteers are needed for **WEDNESDAYS**. Another way to support this important ministry is to sponsor the MO-Hab Riders who fund the build! To sign up to work, contact Barb & Terry Zenser at: [Zenser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Zenser@sbcglobal.net) or **636-394-4608**.

**Kiddie Gym**

Come play with us! This is an opportunity for pre-schoolers to strengthen their bodies and spirits through unstructured play, fun, and fellowship. Kiddie Gym is for babies through preschoolers and a parent. We meet every **Friday from June 2 - July 14** (except June 30) from 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall downstairs (Rm. 133). Come once or twice or come every week. It's FREE! Questions? Contact Michelle Jensen, [crcfle@yahoo.com](mailto:crcfle@yahoo.com) or **636-530-7310**.

**May New Members**

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

- Linda Brooks**
- Ed and Pam Eversmann**
- James and Rita Goddard**, Audrey
- Rick Lawrence**
- Scott and Lisa Null**
- Marty and Mary Smith**, Kristen, Kyle, and Katelyn
- Eric Sturman**
- Tom and Jen Winkler**, Hannah

**MUMC Chapel  
150th Birthday Celebration  
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2006**



Second-oldest known photo of Chapel.

See the Civil War Ceremony honoring veterans buried in MUMC cemetery performed by the Sons of Union Veterans Group.

Watch *The Messenger* for more details in the coming weeks.

**To our friends at MUMC:**

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for all of the prayers, love, and support from so many of you during the illness and subsequent death of my husband and the father to our children. The care and concern have been overwhelming. So many of you took the time to visit or call. What a blessing you are to our family! God continues to bless us by placing you in our lives. May He always continue to bless you.

In His love,  
Cathy Trower and family

**To our MUMC family and clergy:**

We thank you for your prayers and cards during my extended illness. We love and appreciate all of you.

Thank you,  
Mac and Fran McMillian

**ALL DAY SCRAPBOOKING CROP!!**

**Saturday, July 8, 2006**  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Room 141



**Crop 'til you Drop!**

The Sarah Scrapbooking Circle and Mom-to-Mom Cropping Group will be hosting an all-day crop to help you get started, organize, or catch up on your albums! Invite your friends and neighbors to come join us part of the day or all day for fellowship, fun, and **COMPLETED ALBUM PAGES!!!** Bring your favorite snack to share with the group!

Please RSVP as soon as possible to:  
Leona Dunsmoor, **636-294-3979**; [ldunsmoor@aol.com](mailto:ldunsmoor@aol.com)  
Trish Gruender, **636-391-8266**; [trishgruender@yahoo.com](mailto:trishgruender@yahoo.com)

**Young Adult Adventure**

**For Whom:** 20 – 30-somethings  
**When:** Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Room 310

Join us as we view and discuss NOOMA videos that help us focus on some of the realities of being a Christian. This contemporary video format is one that provides guidance and prompts lots of discussion. Topics include: Why do things not always work out the way we want? What's up with the word "love?" How is our religion relevant to us today? and many more. Check out the NOOMA website at <http://www.nooma.com>.

**Young Adult Adventure Events**

For 20—30-somethings

**Sunday, June 25 5 p.m.-????**

BBQ at Schroeder Park. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. The main course and soda will be provided. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

**Sunday, July 16 11:30 a.m.**

Meet in the Narthex and we will go to McAlister's Deli for lunch.

Questions, please call Sharon Peebles at 314-704-4402.

**Upcoming Singles Events**

**Monday, June 26, 7:15 p.m.**  
Ajlina Karamehic, Ph.D.  
Bosnian culture



**Check the West County Singles website for information and updates at :**  
<http://www.westcountysingles.com>

**Welcome Bryan Lester, Communications Coordinator**

Bryan Lester has joined the MUMC team as a part-time Communications Coordinator. Bryan will be responsible for publication of *The Messenger* newsletter and for day-to-day management of the MUMC website. He is a graduate of Saint Louis University with degrees in marketing and German, and has business experience abroad. Bryan will be in the administrative office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, should you need to submit an article or just give him a warm MUMC welcome. You can reach him at [bryan.lester@manchesterumc.org](mailto:bryan.lester@manchesterumc.org).

**Easter Flower Donation List**

*: hydrangeas :*

Sonia Adams in memory of Dorothy Adams and Dorothy Willis  
 Sharon and Mandy Eatherton in memory of Robert Eatherton  
 Pam Leach in memory of Randy Leach and honor of Faye Leach  
 Michael W. Brown in memory of his mother, Dorothy Brown  
 Christy Pasley in memory of Albert Jackson and Marion and Gladys Pasley  
 Marcia Keast in memory of Georgia Bolton  
 Jim and Patsy Vincent in memory of Dottie J. Wann and Bill Tessereau  
 Dorothy and Lloyd Wilkes in memory of siblings: Walt, Joe, Erin and Hazel  
 Mary Schlosser in memory of Alan Schlosser  
 Wes and Beth Warren in honor of Marilyn Zartman  
 Carol and Bob Rosa in memory of loving mother and grandmother, Lena Rosa  
 Joan Roettgers in memory of Anne and John Leavy and Jack Leavy  
 Pat Ely in memory of Maybelle Harris Smith  
 Shari Rhodes in memory of Ron Underwood  
 Pattie Schafer in memory of John R. Taylor  
 Chuck and Gail Joyner in memory of mom, Muriel Dickenson Chase  
 Ron and Becky Litherland in memory of Moyne Quinn  
 Christine and Craig Waldrop in memory of Shirley Waldrop and Paul Rempel, Jr.  
 Becky and Tom Turnock in memory of Helen Cunningham  
 Julie Luckerman in honor of our children, Katie and Alex  
 Klebe Family in memory of Charles and Grace Ingersoll, Connie Walkwitz, Kurt and Mary Klebe and Richard Klebe  
 Margaret Mahan in memory of David Mahan  
 Pam and Steven Nicholson in memory of Bob and Macey Stone and honor of Jack and Helen Nicholson  
 Dave and Diane Swanson in memory of Diane's father, Paul Kajszo  
 Jerry and Wanda Esselman in honor of our mothers  
 Bertha and Don Erhardt in memory of Ralph and Tessie Erhardt and Ben Thomas  
 Owen and Sue DeBoer in memory of George and Norma Schweighoefer and Jim DeBoer  
 Alan and Nancy Aikman in memory of Earl and Martha Boise and Herb and Zora Aikman  
 Mary and Charlene Dougherty in honor of daughter Christia and son-in-law Mark Cunningham



*: lilies :*



Kathy and Jack Craddock in memory of Ellen Teach and Lola Marie Kuney  
 Matthew Pasley in memory of Howard and Mescal Taylor  
 Christy Pasley in memory of Russ and Nannie Withers  
 Mark and Amy Folkins in memory of Rev. Clarence and Vieta Folkins  
 Dorothy and Lloyd Wilkes in memory of Charles and Mary Pigg  
 Barbara Grimm in memory of Alice Koval  
 Amy and Mark Buehler in memory of Jim Cole and Raymond Govero  
 Phyllis Banister in memory and honor of family members  
 James Nissen  
 Sue Kang in memory of Chulan Kang  
 Carole Howard, Julie and Morgan Glenn in memory of Alvora and Chester Kimes  
 Shari Rhodes in memory of Paul Lewis  
 Joan Roettgers in memory of Gary Brasier and Leonard Brasier  
 Jan and Ron Pfeiffer in memory of Fern Alexander  
 David and Steven McDermott in memory of William McDermott and honor of Marjorie McDermott

Bill Cleveland is a “fan” of Disciple Bible Study adult classes series at MUMC

By Ed Heins

MUMC member Bill Cleveland said he’s “always been a fan” of the Disciple Bible Study (DBS) series of adult classes that take time to explain biblical subjects in layman’s terms.

Cleveland recently completed teaching DBS III, the third course in the series, for the first time. He is looking forward to leading the DBS IV class in the fall.

He finds that often “even regular churchgoers can be intimidated by contents of the Bible.” He believes the DBS classes provide the time necessary for an in-depth examination of the Book’s content.

“In initiating the Disciple series, the Methodist Church feels the need for more biblical education for adults,” he says.

Cleveland brings a strong educational and teaching background to his role as a DBS teacher. He has a master’s degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

The Cleveland family joined MUMC in 1984. He said, “At new member orientation, they asked for teachers. My wife, Sally, volunteered to teach children and I decided to get involved in adult education.” He continued, “We organized the Sojourner class in late 1984. I’ve been the teacher ever since.”

MUMC has been offering Disciple Bible Study classes for several years. The classes meet once a week for two hours in the 34-week cycle. Each class period is followed by extensive reading and home assignments.

The 2005-06 class cycle has been completed. Cleveland urged MUMC members to watch for announcements regarding signup for 2006-07 classes, which will begin late this summer.

There are four levels of classes. The first, DBS I, is an overall survey of the Bible. DBS II focuses on Genesis and Exodus in the Old Testament, and Luke and Acts in the New Testament.

The DBS III classes that Cleveland just finished teaching explore the Prophets of the Old Testament and the letters of Paul in the New Testament.

Cleveland said DBS IV will focus on the “wisdom literature” of the Bible. That will include Psalms and Proverbs, as well as Lamentations and the Song of Solomon in the Old Testament and John, the epistles of John and Revelations in the New Testament.

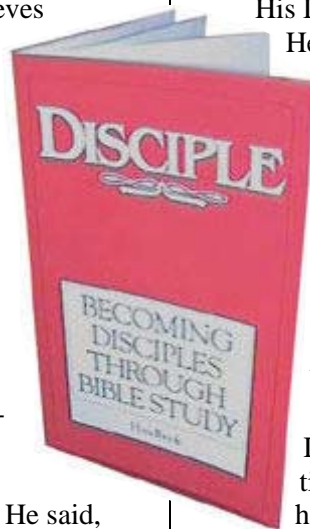
His DBS III classes were offered on Sunday evenings. He plans to offer the DBS IV classes at the same time in the coming year.

Cleveland took the DBS I and II classes before he volunteered to lead DBS III.

About his personal motivation in teaching, he said, “I knew I would get more out of the classes by teaching.” The teaching also allowed him to make use of his seminary training to help others better understand their Christianity.

During the day Cleveland works at Quest Diagnostics, a major blood testing company. The company handles laboratory blood tests for hospitals and medical offices.

In addition to his teaching, Cleveland has been active in committees at MUMC. He was on the worship work area committee for six years and the staff-parish committee for four years.



### A Year Round Fundraiser for MUMC!

Shop ‘til you drop at your favorite stores. There is an online shopping mall that pays up to 35% commission back to MUMC, and you get great deals too! Share the website with friends, family, and businesses. Go to <http://www.bign.com/manchesterumc> and click on 'Big N Marketplace.' There are numerous participating outlets, including: Best Buy, Dell, Office Depot, Old Navy, Sports Authority, Target, and many more.

Questions? Call Lorraine Hackman at 636-256-8049.

**June 24 and 25**

Psalm 9:9-20  
 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49  
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
 Mark 4:35-41

Saturday, 5 p.m.  
 Rev. Gene Morse (chapel)

Sunday, 8, 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
 Stephanie Hibray (sanctuary)

Sunday, 9 a.m. Contemporary  
 Rev. Erik Corley (fellowship hall)

**July 1 and 2**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
 Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
 Mark 5:21-43

Saturday, 5 p.m.  
 Rev. Debby Peebles (chapel)

Sunday, 8, 9, and 10:30 a.m.  
 Rev. Nancye Dunlap (sanctuary)

Sunday, 9 a.m. Contemporary  
 Rev. Erik Corley (fellowship hall)

**July 8 and 9 - Communion**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
 Psalm 48 (UMH 782)  
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
 Mark 6:1-13

Saturday, 5 p.m.  
 Rev. Gene Morse (chapel)

Sunday, 8, 9, and 10:30 a.m.  
 Rev. Nancye Dunlap (sanctuary)

Sunday, 9 a.m. Contemporary  
 Rev. Erik Corley (fellowship hall)

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](mailto:prayer.requests@manchesterumc.org).

**We celebrate these new homes created:**

Michelle Brownlee and Justin Work on May 27.

**Nancy McCormack** and Andrew Trojanowski on June 2. Nancy is the daughter of **Joe and Maida McCormack**.

**We celebrate these new arrivals:**

**Christy and Matt Pasley**, on the birth of their son, Jack Trenton Pasley, on April 25.

**Deanna** and Frank Majeski, on the birth of their son, Kevin Lawrence Majeski, on May 23. Proud siblings are Megan and Mark.

Sean and Molly Jones, on the birth of their daughter, Addison Rae Jones, on May 29. Proud great-grandparents are **Fran and Mac McMillian**.

**Tracy and Tom Sheridan**, on the birth of their son, Thomas McHenry Sheridan, on June 1. Proud sister is Lauren.

**Ann and Rich Thompson**, on the birth of their daughter, Josephine "Josie" Ann Thompson, on June 2. Proud brothers are Jack and William.

Melissa and Steve Lange, on the birth of their son, Adam Eugene Lange, on June 11. Proud grandparents are **Mike Latimer** and Carol Latimer.

**We extend our Christian sympathy to:**

**Mike and Gloria Clement** on the passing of his father, John Clement, on May 30.

**Karen and Chris Gladden** on the passing of her father, Dr. Kenneth Hyatt, M.D., on April 8. Also grandfather to Christopher and Melissa.

**Ron and Sue Grant**, on the passing of his brother, Daniel Richard Grant, on April 27.

Cathy Trower on the passing of her husband, Ronald "Dean" Trower, on May 26. Cathy is the supervisor of MUMC's custodial staff, with 25 years of service.

(MUMC members are in bold.)



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**DATED MATERIAL**

**Meal-A-Month  
 June Menu**

Canned Beanie Weenies  
 Macaroni and cheese  
 Fruit cocktail  
 Jello

**Especially Needed:**

Toothpaste  
 Deodorant  
 Bars of soap

**The Messenger**

**Staff:**

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***The Messenger*** or **[bryan.lester@manchesterumc.org](mailto:bryan.lester@manchesterumc.org)**.