

The Messenger

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 12, 2006

VOLUME X



Nancy Cooper
Youth Director

Our Youth in Mission This Summer

It's hard to believe summer is just around the corner. But as finishing touches are going on summer trips scheduled in the youth department, it's a reality. Before long, many of the youth of this congregation will be taking one, two or three weeks of their summer vacation to head out in ministry around the state and country. Oh, we'll have fun along the way - but you need to know that your youth will be working hard and representing you well. One trip (Media Club) will help youth develop their media skills as they take pictures and learn how to present their message visually. Two of our summer trips (Spirit Camp and the Canada Canoe trip) are designed for spiritual growth for our youth. The other trips (Kansas City, Chorale Tour, Singers trip, Extreme VBS, West Virginia and New York) are all mission trips. The youth will be serving others in soup kitchens and shelters. They will sing God's message in various venues, including our Annual Conference. And, they will be building homes for those in need. At the same time, they will be building relationships with each other and growing in their faith. Youth will prepare and lead devotions. It's a lot to pack in a week!

How does all this happen? Sure, staff plans the trips but the only way we are able to take all these wonderful trips is because we have committed volunteers who give up one, two or three weeks of their vacations from work in order to go with us. What does that mean for them? Well, sleeping on floors and hard work to begin with. Worrying about youth who seem to be struggling. Dispensing meds and making sure youth leave everything neat and tidy. Loading and unloading (and loading and unloading...) vans and busses. Losing sleep to make sure youth stay safe. So, why would they do this? Because they get to spend a wonderful week with wonderful youth and build relationships with them. Oh, frequently they catch a glimpse of God too!

Please pray for our youth and their leaders as they spend the summer in ministry.

CONTENTS

Message from Gene

2

Ministry and
Fellowship

3-5

Youth and
Young Adults

5

Living Our
Christianity

6

Worship
Our Church Family

7

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 www.faihandempire.com. The other way to access the blog is through a link on the MUMC web site, www.manchesterumc.org.

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

As I write this article on my first on my first day as Acting Senior Pastor, many things are flying through my mind. The lay leadership has welcomed me and the staff members have helped me get started. Keys, phone, computer and office were ready for me and, of course, I found the coffee pot. There have been lots of warm greetings and conversations ending with, "I'll see you around," and "take care."



Pastor Carl is now in Greece beginning his exciting time of study and renewal leave. Before he left, I promised him that I would take care of all of you. As your pastor, I will do all I can to care for you, guide and shepherd you in the ways of the Lord, and hold you in my heart. I look forward to meeting each of you.

It is obvious from being here at MUMC just one day that "taking care of one another" is not something limited to pastors. During my first day at the church I saw children being nurtured, adults in classes and support groups, youth being challenged and the distressed offered assistance.

This ability to care is a gift, an expression of God's grace. It defines our life together. We can care because God first cared for us. Even while we have our many needs and daily cares, we also have a God who cares for us and offers us in his love. How wonderful it is that we can be a part of a caring and redemptive community, the church, the Body of Christ.

I look forward to being with you this spring and summer. Together we will Seek Christ, Share Christ and Serve Christ.

Rev. Gene Morse
Acting Senior Pastor

Do You Know how MUMC *may* Grow?



In December of 2003 a MUMC church conference approved the formation of a team to investigate the feasibility of building a Community Christian Life Center (CCLC). For the last two years the CCLC team has been hard at work researching existing life centers, the local community, MUMC's mission, and talking with many of you about your views on this unique opportunity. Starting this month, the CCLC team will begin a series of activities focused on providing you with the information the team has learned from your input as well as research conducted, the work to date, proposed timeline for the future, and opportunities for more feedback from you! Ten-minute orientation presentations to be held:

- May 13: 6 p.m.
- May 14: 8:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
- May 20: 6 p.m.
- May 21: 8:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

HOT TOPICS Sermon Series in Contemporary Worship at 9 a.m.

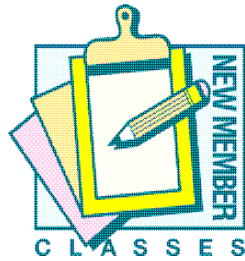
Pastor Erik will be preaching on the following topics over the next few weeks. Take in one or all of them. The series is entitled, "In All Things Charity: How Christians Can Love in a Troubled World."

- **May 14** Psst! Wanna Hear the Latest About Jesus? The DaVinci Code, The Gospel of Judas and the Truth
- **May 21** The Church Considers Abortion
- **May 28** How Much Is Too Much?: Can a Rich Person Enter the Kingdom of God?

Faith-based books from Cokesbury on sale.

Books relating to the contemporary worship series will be on sale in the southwest corner of Fellowship Hall. Stop by and browse and buy something to take on that summer vacation! Twenty percent of all sales benefit the contemporary worship service.

Upcoming New Member Classes



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@manchestrumc.org

Roses For Father's Day ... ???



Support Nicaraguan Mission Teams by honoring fathers and family with a purchase of a dozen fresh roses. MUMC's Nicaragua Volunteers In Mission (VIM) will be selling roses, the perfect gift to honor loving fathers or the man in your life. Your purchase will support our work for children without fathers or family in their lives. Proceeds will fund scholarships and supplies for MUMC VIM teams traveling to the **El Ayudante Orphanage** in Nicaragua.

- What:** Choose Red or Multicolored Roses
- Where:** Look for our Narthex Table to Place Your Order
- When:** During Worship **May 20, 21, 27, and 28**
- How Much?:** Just **\$20 per Dozen**
- Delivery:** Pick Up Bouquets on Father's Day Weekend **June 17th and 18th**

Do you want to know how YOU can make a difference in the world?

Use your "skin" to help others through **Volunteers In Mission**.

There are two opportunities coming up this summer where you can volunteer on a mission trip:

July 31-August 1, a group will go to the Midwest Distribution Center in Springfield, IL (about a two-hour drive from St. Louis) where we will pack kits, sort items, sew school bags, hospital gowns, and blankets, or box goods for shipment in the Center. This is a great chance for families to do something together for missions.

August 5-12, a group will return to Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico to work on the Shalom Methodist Temple (church) as we try to complete the building for the congregation there.

I hope you can join us for one (or both!) of these mission opportunities. For more information or to register your interest in a trip, please contact Martha Ifland at: 626-227-3320 (home) or 636-827-4323 (work) or send me a note at martha.ifland@maritz.com

If neither of these trips work out for you, check out the Office of Creative Ministries for additional VIM opportunities, their URL is: <http://www.umocm.com>

UMW Market for Missions.....Almost Here!

We desperately need volunteers to set up and work this sale. Sign-up sheets are posted on the UMW Bulletin Board located in the hallway leading to the Library. 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. If you have questions about volunteering, please call Jean'ne Patton, **636-936-8475**.

- Initial Set Up Date: **Sunday, May 28, 11:45 a.m.** Snacks provided for workers
- Drop-Off Dates: **Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31**
- Sale Set-Up Dates: **Tuesday, May 30**
Wednesday, May 31
- Sale Dates: **Thursday, June 1** (Pre-sale for workers at 3 p.m.)
Friday, June 2, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m. to Noon



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 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**.

Catalog available for June 3 and June 4 Pentecost Party

Catalogs listing items to purchase for MUMC's Pentecost Party were distributed at worship services April 29 and 30.

If you didn't receive your copy, you can pick one up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or in the church office.



Now in its third year, MUMC's Pentecost Party is coming **June 3 and 4**. It's a way of celebrating the birthday of the church by bringing gifts to enhance the outreach of our church ministries. Members and friends are asked to bring gifts, wrapped in red or adorned with red bows, to worship. Special music and celebration activities are planned for each worship service, followed by a reception with birthday cake after each service. In addition, the United Methodist Men will sponsor a barbecue lunch on Sunday, June 4.

Here's how you can participate:

- 1) **find** a ministry item in the catalog
- 2) **shop** at the suggested vendor
- 3) **wrap** your gift in red
- 4) **tag** it with the name of the ministry
- 5) **bring** it June 3 or 4 to worship

If you would like to donate a bundt or 9 x 13 cake, contact Jane Carr, **636-394-9151**, wjcarr200@aol.com.

If you would like to help receive gifts June 3 or 4, contact Bonnie Halls, event co-coordinator, **314-994-3777**, gbhalls@sbcglobal.net.

Questions? Contact Maida McCormack, event co-coordinator, 636-230-9913, joemaida@swbell.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**.

UMM to Serve Pentecost Sunday BBQ

Join in family fun and fellowship at this year's MUMC celebration of Pentecost on **Sunday, June 4**. This year's event will include Memphis-style BBQ dinners, cooked and served by our own United Methodist Men. UMM is acquiring a new BBQ smoker. The cooking crew will be led by MUMC member George Lynn, who has 20 years of experience preparing BBQ events across the U.S. and in China.

Carry-out dinners of BBQ pork, beans and cole slaw will be available for pick-up following the 8 and 9 a.m. services. Watch for order forms in May to pre-order dinners at \$5 each. From 10:40 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall will be set for families and friends to join together for lunch and fellowship. After 10:40 a.m., hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs will be served in addition to BBQ sandwiches.

Volunteers are needed for the UMM cooking crew. Please contact Chris Busch at **636-394-5476**. We're looking for additional help to man the cooker, serve food, and help clean up. Work shifts will be

- 8 to 10 a.m.
- 10 a.m. to noon

Manchester UMC is Host Site for Men's Ministry Team Training on June 17

MUMC has been selected as the regional site where pastors and men's ministry teams from across the region will gather for *The Essentials of a Sustainable Ministry to Men*, a one-day course for men's ministry teams. Faculty is from Man in the Mirror's Leadership Training Center for Men's Evangelism and Discipleship. This is an interactive event designed for leaders. See www.maninthemirror.org <<http://www.maninthemirror.org>> for details.

For possible group discounts, contact Andy Miller, **636-346-9690** prior to May 15.

Upcoming Singles Events

Monday, May 15, 7:15 p.m.
Volleyball and Game Night

Monday, May 22, 7:15 p.m.
Various Group Discussion Topics

Monday, May 29, 11 a.m.
Memorial Day Picnic at Vlasik Park in Ballwin

Check the West County Singles website for information and updates at www.westcountysingles.com



Upcoming Youth Events

- May 21** Senior Recognition Breakfast 7:30 a.m. in Room 133
Youth Sunday 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
(Traditional Services)
End of the year party during Youth Group
- May 31** Summer Kick Off at Schroeder Park,
4 p.m.– 7 p.m.

PowerXpress is Coming!



Summer Sunday School will be exploring "Feasts and Festivals" in Jesus' time as well as "Peacemakers" from the Bible. Each Sunday we will need six station leaders to lead 30 minutes of an art, cooking, game, music, science or drama activity at the 9 and/or 10:30 hours. These leaders will pick the activities they wish to do from our curriculum. ANYONE CAN DO THIS! Choices as simple as "Musical Hot Potato" (Music) or showing how different or alike children in a class are (Science).

Also needed are two "shepherds" in each classroom who will lead opening and closing activities and who will help the station leaders.

Don't miss your chance to engage our children this summer in an exciting new rotation model! Watch the bulletin for sign-up opportunities. For more info or to sign up early, contact Kay at **636-200-4724** or kay.stiles@manchestermc.org or Susan at **636-200-4707** or susan.vasquez@manchestermc.org.

Sixty Plus Day Trip

What: Arrow Rock Tour, Dinner and Play

When: **Wednesday, July 19**

Leave church parking lot at 7 a.m.

Dinner at Noon

See: "How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" at 2 p.m.

Return back to St. Louis between 7-8 p.m.



Check payable to MUMC for \$45 and another check for \$14 to Dave Jacobs for bus rental.

Send checks to:

Betty Anderson

15038 Claymoor Court #10

Chesterfield, MO 63017

Absolute deadline to sign up is May 26.

Welcome Our 2006 Summer Youth Interns

Lauren Ballantyne and Zach Hopkins are former MUMY active participants.

Lauren is currently a sophomore at Murray State University in Murray, KY. She is studying public relations and marketing. At school Lauren is involved with Campus Outreach as well as intramural sports; currently playing on two soccer teams. She graduated from Parkway West High School in 2004 where she also played soccer and was involved with Young Life and MUMC's youth group.

Zach is a freshman at Illinois College and is currently undecided on his major. He is considering history, education, and sociology. On campus he is involved with the football team as well as the indoor and outdoor track teams. He graduated from Marquette High School in 2005, and has been attending MUMC for 13 years.

Lauren and Zach will attend training at Youth Ministry U the week of May 23.

Come and meet them at: **Summer Blast** on May 31, 4-7 p.m. at Manchester Park for food, fun and fellowship.

Lauren and Zach will be responsible for Sunday school and the weekly youth activities

Got A Minute?

When the Methodist chaplain handed the Private First Class a free phone card, his blue eyes lit up. "Since I've been wounded, my Mom wishes she could talk to me everyday to see how I'm doing; now she can!"

A phone card in the hands of a US soldier provides a family connection to those in harm's way. That connection can now be strengthened as MUMC again sells phone cards after worship during the month of May. A \$5.00 card (featuring the cross and flame on it) grants a soldier 120 minutes. When the soldier activates the card, the following message is heard before the call is placed: "The people of the United Methodist Church are praying for your safety and sense of peace."

Purchased phone cards can be pinned to the cross located in the Narthex. After Memorial Day, all will be sent directly overseas. Please join us in supporting our 155,000 troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan during the Month of May.



MUMC Nicaragua Mission Members Eager For Return Trip By Ed Heins

John Stiller's first foreign mission trip was with the MUMC Volunteers In Mission team that went to Nicaragua earlier this year. He had such a good experience that he's looking forward to the next one.

Stiller said, "I think I've already talked my wife into going with me next year."

For MUMC member Bonnie Lester the Nicaraguan trip was her second mission trip to Latin America. She said the week in the El Ayudante mission area was so uplifting that she's also looking forward to the next trip.

The two were members of the MUMC team that spent February 16-23 working to further develop the Central American campus that includes an orphanage, a medical clinic, a pastor's residence and two other houses where visiting mission teams are housed.

MUMC administrator Phil Estes was the team leader.

Other team members were Bonnie Lester's daughter, Carrie; Christy Wingrove, Steve Roberts, Lauren Martin and Susan Dertke Hendin.

Bonnie Lester said, "Knowing I was there doing God's work strengthened my faith. I felt I was called to bring back the message."

She said the El Ayudante orphanage is for abused children. She said, "At the orphanage, the children are living better than people in the surrounding community."

One of the things that impressed her was the way the aspirations of the children change the longer they are at the orphanage.

"When they come there, they have aspirations of becoming street vendors or other occupations they see around them. But, as they grow and learn, their career aspirations grow too," she said.

The older children now think in terms of careers such as doctors and teachers.

Phil Estes said the children at El Ayudante receive lodging, food, medical care and assistance in education until age 21. Since the children come from homes where they have been abused, their parents can only visit.

Stiller said the mission compound is "wonderful." He said the mission team homes "were especially built for visiting teams."

He said the compound provided a "beautiful place for meditations in the evening."

Free time experiences included a walk up an active volcano and a dinner on a Pacific Ocean beach nearby.

Work during the days for the mission team members was varied. The MUMC workers helped to paint an addition to the medical clinic, constructed a classroom addition to a rural school and conducted Bible school arts and crafts classes.

Bonnie Lester said one of her most memorable experiences was when the VIM volunteers helped to serve a meal to people who made their living as scavengers at a nearby landfill.

"A local church cooks the meal and we helped to serve it," she said.

Bonnie said she thought the work was easier and more varied than on a previous mission trip in Mexico. She said the work there had been centered much more on building construction.

At El Ayudante, she said there was more chance for interaction with the native people.

"The children in school enjoyed us. And adults seemed to feel they were well served by us," she said.

She told of the experience of attending a church worship service where the VIM workers were introduced to the congregation. "Phil and the pastor of a New York team got gifts from the church pastor," she said.

Stiller said he found the Nicaraguan people "gracious and loving." He said the mission trip was "overall a wonderful experience. The opportunity for spiritual growth was phenomenal."

He said, "I came back with a new understanding of the biblical passage where Jesus says "what you do for the least of them you do for me."

May 13 and 14 - Mother's Day

Psalm 22:25-31
 Acts 8:26-40
 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:9-17

Saturday, 5 pm
 Rev. Erik Corley (chapel)

Sunday, 8, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
 Rev. John Ward (sanctuary)

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

May 20 and 21

Psalm 98
 Acts 10:44-48
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

Saturday, 5 p.m.
 Rev. Steve Harbaugh (chapel)

Sunday, 8 a.m.
 Rev. Steve Harbaugh (sanctuary)

Sunday, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
 Youth-led worship (sanctuary)

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

May 27 and 28 Memorial Day Weekend

Psalm 1
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 1 John 5: 9-13
 John 17:6-19

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

Sunday, 8, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
 Rev. Gene Morse (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.

These new homes were created:

Kathryn Oldani and Brian Sims on April 22. Kathryn is the daughter of **Wanda** and David **Oldani**.

We celebrate these new arrivals:

Chelsea and Dennis **Swinford**, on the birth of their daughter, Briauna Lynn Swinford, on April 21. Proud grandparents are **Steve and Robin Cain**. Proud uncle is **Ryan Cain**.

We extend our Christian sympathy to:

Vincent and Karen Loyal on the passing of his mother, Patricia Ann Loyal, on April 10. Also survived by grandchildren, **Brian and Nicholas**.

Pansy Fell on the passing of her sister, Rose Belnap, on April 16.

Pansy Fell on the passing of her nephew, Jack Benton, on April 16.

Sam and Bev Wait on the passing of Sam's brother, Fletcher Cameron Wait, on April 18.

Hermann and Judy Metz on the passing of Judy's mother, Henrietta Jones, on April 19.

(MUMC members are in bold.)

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.**



Manchester United Methodist Church
129 Woods Mill Road
Manchester, MO 63011-4339
Address service required

Non-Profit
Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Ballwin, MO
Permit No. 7

DATED MATERIAL

Meal-A-Month May Menu

Tuna fish
Tuna helper
Peas
Canned Peaches

Especially Needed:

Deodorant
Toothpaste
Bars of Soap

The Messenger

Staff:

- Dr. Carl L. Schenck, *Senior Pastor*
- Rev. Debby Peebles, *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. Erik Corley, *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. Steve Harbaugh, *Minister of Adult Education*
- Dr. John Ward, *Pastor Emeritus (Retired)*
- Sherry Boland, *Handbell Program Director*
- Lori Borger, *Children's/Contemporary Choirs and Drama*
- Nancy Cooper, *Youth Director*
- Ted Cronbaugh, *Organist, Music Associate*
- Phil Estes, *Business Administrator*
- John Guiney, *Youth Director*
- Carol Long, *Director of Family, Wellness and Recreation*
- Kevin McBeth, *Director of Music Ministries*
- Kimberly Smith, *Finance Director*
- Kay Stiles, *Children's Christian Education Director*
- Susan Vasquez, *Children's Christian Education Director*
- Betsy Vicente, *New Member and Volunteer Coordinator*



Publisher:

Manchester United
Methodist Church
129 Woods Mill Road
Manchester, MO 63011-4339
(636) 394-7506
(636) 527-1967 TTY

www.manchesterumc.org

The Messenger is published and distributed twice a month.

Publication schedule:

- Articles submitted by 9 a.m. on the 1st Friday will be published the 4th week of the same month.
- Articles submitted by 9 a.m. on the 3rd Friday will be published the 2nd week of the following month.
- The next submission deadline - May 19 for publication
June 9, 2006

Please send articles, photos and suggestions to MUMC, in care of
The Messenger or jan.doyle@manchesterumc.org.