

SEEKING CHRIST MINISTRIES

Christian Education Group

Children's Education Volunteer Opportunities!

Smiling Faces needed to greet parents and children as they arrive in our Children's Education areas. Children's Receptionist (lower level/education area) will greet parents and children, take attendance, and answer questions. There is a television screen next to the desk with audio feed from the sanctuary so the traditional services can be viewed while you work. Must be Safe Sanctuary trained. Time commitment is one Sunday per month for both 9 & 10:30 hours. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity and the impact you would have on this Children's Ministry. Call or email Linda Simino, Children's Education Administrative Assistant if you have any questions. Thank you! Linda Simino - 636.200.4710 - linda.simino@manchesterumc.org

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Circle of Friends (COF) Preschool Committee will be nominating and appointing several new members to the Committee in August 2008. New members of the Committee are asked to serve a three-year term. Although not a requirement, having children enrolled in the COF Preschool during one's three-year term is encouraged. The Circle of Friends Committee has a mission to provide MUMC and its surrounding community with a preschool program that lovingly nurtures God's children to their fullest potential. For more information or to express your interest in the Committee, please contact Jen White at 636.225.0313 by May 31, 2008.

COF TEACHER OPENINGS

Circle of Friends Preschool has teacher openings for the 2008/2009 school year. We are now accepting applications for two teachers in our 2 year old and 3 year old classrooms and for a teacher in our new 4 year old, T/TH 9-2, program. Education and experience is required. For more information please call Kandace at 636.394.6867.

KIDDIE GYM - Come play with us!

An opportunity for preschoolers to strengthen their bodies and spirits through unstructured play, fun and fellowship. Kiddie Gym is for babies through preschoolers and a parent. We will meet every Thursday in June, July 10 and 17, 9:30-11am in the Old Fellowship Hall downstairs (Rm. 133). Come once, twice, or every week. It's free! Questions? Contact Julie Southwick julie_b_southwick@yahoo.com or 636.527.3225.

Worship & The Arts Group

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP USHER NEEDS

We've grown - and we need your help! The Contemporary Worship Ushering Ministry is in need of more smiling faces and welcoming hands to take part in this opportunity. We particularly need people to help serve at the 10:30 service. You can sign up on the SIGN UP sheet in the bulletin. Training will be provided! Any questions? Contact Melanie Barnett at mbarnett1963@hotmail.com.

Caring & Fellowship Group

MAN-OF-THE-YEAR NOMINATIONS

should be submitted to Roger Wooden, 314.432.5220, not later than Sunday, May 18.

FAMILY PICNIC AND BBQ TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE NARTHEX SUNDAY.

Our MUMC Family Picnic and BBQ will be held from 10am to 1pm on Sunday, June 1st. Menu includes

our fabulous all-night-smoked BBQ pork, as well as tasty grilled brats, hamburgers, and jumbo hot dogs. Dine in or carry out price is \$7 for a main dish, beans, cole slaw, chips, and drink. Family-friendly (same household) price cap is \$20 (dine-in only).

Family Picnic and BBQ Help Is Needed (men and women) on Sunday June 1 to set up, cook, serve, and direct traffic. Use SIGN UP sheet in bulletin or Narthex or call Nancy Lynn, 636.227.3313.

METHODIST DAY AT THE BALLPARK

tickets are on sale in the Narthex Sunday. Game is Saturday, June 14, at 3pm - St. Louis Cardinals vs. Philadelphia Phillies. Two choices of tickets are being offered at \$30 and \$10 each.

20/30 Vision - MUMC Ministry for Adults in their 20's and 30's

Day Around Forest Park - Saturday, May 17 10 - 3pm

Come out and enjoy a day around Forest Park! Meet in the church parking lot at 10am to carpool down to the park. (You are welcome to meet us there too!) We will start out at the zoo and see where we go from there (Art museum, Science Center, History museum, frisbee, etc?). We will grab lunch somewhere around the park and we plan to be back to the church between 3 and 4pm. Hopefully it will be a beautiful day outside but if not, we will still plan on going, we will just stick to inside activities! For more information or questions, email Olivia at oliviacrook@gmail.com!

Evening Bible Study - "What's So Amazing About Grace?" - Sundays 6-8pm in Room 309

For more information on upcoming events, visit our link off the MUMC website - www.manchesterumc.org or check our Facebook page!

SHARING CHRIST MINISTRIES

NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next new member classes will be

Sunday, July 20 (class participants will join on Saturday, July 26 – Ice Cream Social).

Anyone who is interested is welcome.

Contact Betsy Vicente at 636.200.4720 or betsy.vicente@manchesterumc.org.

HEALING SERVICE TO BE HELD

Mother's Day is a time of celebration and a time of pain. For someone who has lost a mother, a child, a friend, or is simply estranged or separated from a loved one at this time, Mother's Day can be a sad time. Stephanie Hibray will bring a message of healing to all who attend this special service on May 11 at 4pm in the Chapel. Come yourself, or invite someone and come with that person. You will be uplifted.

SERVING CHRIST MINISTRIES

In the World

GOD OPENS DOORS IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

When the need for funds is blocking the way to seminary, God looks for those who can share their blessings to open the door so that a gifted student can fulfill God's call on their life. It's easy – just \$50 a month can make the difference for a ministerial student in Mozambique. Here's your chance. Open the door to education for a seminary student today by making a covenant for financial support. Open the door for a future in ministry, making disciples for Jesus Christ. Visit www.moumethodist.org/mi/leaderdev - click to Make a Commitment Online.

In the Community

MARKET FOR MISSIONS - June 6-7, 2008

Got stuff? Cleaning out basements, garages, and closets? We will be accepting donations beginning June 2-4 from 8am-7pm for the UMW Market for Missions. We would appreciate items in the following categories: children's, women's, and men's clothing (please indicate sizes), shoes (like-new only), tools, sporting goods, kitchen items, linens, books, videos/DVDs, CDs, toys, framed art, electronics, crafts, collectibles, jewelry, and furniture.

Pick-ups available for larger items....if needed, please contact Jane Carr at 636.394.9151. We CANNOT ACCEPT the following items: computer equipment, garden supplies, pet supplies, Christmas trees, curtain rods and blinds, stoves, refrigerators, waterbeds, console TVs, textbooks, magazines, or encyclopedias.

Note: Volunteer sign-ups will be needed for unloading, sorting, organizing, set-up, pricing, food prep, and clean-up. Volunteer Sign-Ups for the Market for Missions Sale will be available in the Narthex on May 11 & 18.

ROOM AT THE INN

We continue to be blessed with church members who willingly volunteer their time and hearts to this ministry.

May 4th & 5th the hosts were the Brinkhorst family - AGAIN this year! For all that they contribute to MUMC we are very, very grateful! Thank you, thank you.

The other necessary & important volunteers for this ministry serving this date were the great cooks Carol Shaffer, Becky Schenck & Stephanie Rohlf's-Young; the helpful drivers Joe Kramer & Craig Bennington; and the breakfast provider & laundry person.

Thank you all for making this a viable ministry. Peggy Bennington, Coordinator RATI, 636.227.4261

Overnight hosts needed September 7-8 and October 5-6.

JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Did you know that televisions and CRT monitors contain an average of 4 pounds of lead! Refurbishing and reusing or recycling are much better ideas than discarding in a landfill.

This message has been brought to you by the Social Justice ministries.

CELEBRATE WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY

with a purchase of Fair Trade Coffee Cart items. While you're visiting, pick up information about Fair Trade and show your interest in helping plan for MUMC's Fair Trade Market in November. The cart will be open between services.

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

PENTECOST PARTY 2008 IS NEXT WEEKEND.

Do you have your gift to bring May 17 and 18? If you don't know what to get yet, catalogs are always available at the Welcome Center. Simply find an item in the catalog, go shopping (or our Shoppers can do it for you), tag it with your name and address and the name of the ministry to receive it. Wrap your gifts in red or white and bring them to any service on May 17 or 18. Be prepared to enjoy an inspiring worship service followed by delicious homemade cupcakes.

And we always appreciate the cupcake making skills of MUMC's bakers - please volunteer to bake some! Call JJ Hancock at 636.225.0247 to offer to help.

If you're unable to attend services during the Celebration, please bring your gifts to the church office in advance and they will be included in the Pentecost Party offerings.

SHOPPING FOR OUR DREAMS—Your stewardship counts!

Spring is here and with the warmer temperatures comes yard work, sports and outdoor activities. You'll probably be running to Dierbergs, Schnucks or Shop 'N Save for beverages and snacks. Don't forget to stop by the SFOD table in one of the Narthex areas for a store gift card or eScrip card. MUMC receives a percentage of your total purchase price when you do this simple act of stewardship. Mission Idea - Give a gift card to Circle of Concern, Centenary Cares or Metro Homeless Center and be in mission without leaving home.

Also ... if you are an online shopper, you may go www.bign.com/manchesterumc and click on the 'Big N Marketplace' logo. You'll find over 90 of your favorite major retailers that will donate an average of 10% of your purchases back to MUMC.