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Four Myths of Relationships Sermon Series

I love to perform weddings. It is one of the biggest joys I have as a pastor. I love the privilege of getting to know couples in the early parts of their relationship and watching as they continue to grow in love. It's fun to see couples get married and then begin to have children and expand their families.

As a pastor, I also spend some time talking with people about the problems they have in their relationships. I know a number of people who wind up divorced or who simply don't have the marriage they would like. I know people who are tired of the dating scene where they keep finding people who are not the kind they would want to marry. It saddens me to know that some people keep missing out on one of the great joys human life has to offer.

To help out, I'll be leading a sermon series in contemporary worship about "Four Myths of Relationships." We'll discuss common myths like "the perfect relationship is easy" or "the perfect couple does and has it all." I think it will help give people tools to make their own relationships stronger and to find the right relationship.

If you are interested, come, but more importantly, **invite someone else to come to this series.** Most of us know people who do not have the kind of relationship they would like to have, and most of us know people who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. As we build our marriages, we can also build our faith. As we look for "the one," we can come to know the One who saves us. Help us build God's kingdom by building stronger relationships.

Four Myths of Relationships

- June 25: The Perfect Relationship is Easy
- July 2: The Perfect Relationship Doesn't Need Help
- July 9: The Perfect Couple Does and Has It All
- July 16: There is a Perfect Couple

All of these sermons will be held in contemporary worship, 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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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.

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. (Words: Ruth Duck, ©Music: From the Sacred Harp, 1844, All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-704924)



This is the opening line of a hymn by Ruth Duck that is one of my favorites. I like the simple way in which she points us to a truth about ourselves as a church. We must be in mission if we are to be true to our calling. Just as you can't have a fire without burning, you can't have a church without mission.

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost as the "birthday of the church." It was a good celebration, too. Complete with gifts and birthday cake, we experienced the excitement once again of a new beginning, of a new birth.

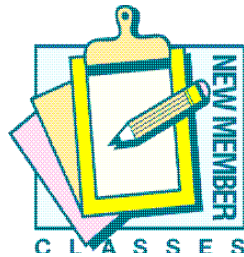
I think Ruth Duck's association of the church with images of a fire is well put, as we understand Pentecost. The church is to be a bright and warming flame. In Acts 2 the image is presented as "tongues of fire" filled with the Holy Spirit. As Peter preached that day, many were baptized and added to their number.

MUMC is much about mission. Recently I was able to attend Zefanias Chihulume's graduation from Eden seminary along with a number of folks from MUMC. We all celebrated his educational accomplishments and gave thanks for his time with us and with all the churches in our Missouri Conference. We were pleased to know that when he returns to Mozambique he will have a much-needed vehicle as a gift of this congregation and an updated computer from the youth confirmation class. Zef sends his appreciation to all at MUMC for these gifts.

Yes, we can and we do give "glory to God's name" when we are a church in mission. I pray that your heart may be kindled anew this day so that the Holy Spirit may work within you and that you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Gene Morse
Acting Senior Pastor

**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

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.

Circle of Friends Preschool Staffing Changes

The Circle of Friends Preschool would like to announce some staffing changes for the 2006-07 school year. The current director, June Monrad, has resigned and will be leaving Circle of Friends after the summer program. June has done an amazing job for the school over the last 11 years and will be greatly missed.



Linda Clark will be joining Circle of Friends as the new Director, beginning August 1. She comes to us with a strong educational background and over 20 years experience in administration and teaching early childhood. She will be a wonderful addition to the already excellent staff. She is looking forward to meeting all the children, parents and teachers at orientation in the fall.

Julie Mocker has also joined the Circle of Friends staff as the new Receptionist/Office Assistant. Please stop by to welcome Julie and Linda as another great year at Circle of Friends begins!

The Circle of Friends Preschool serves children ages 12 months through pre-kindergarten. The preschool nurtures children in a loving, Christian environment while learning from a play-based curriculum. If you have any questions about our accredited preschool program, please call **636-394-6867**.

Sixty Plus Fellowship

Tuesday, June 20, 2006,
Fellowship Hall
Meet at 5:30 P.M.



Program: Dr. Daisy Jones, Ph.D.
Ordained United Methodist Speaker
Author of *I Always Knew We Were Rich - You Were Looking at the Checkbook... While I Was Looking at Our Blessings.*

Please join us for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration.

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 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 or **636-394-4608**.

MO-Hab Riders Ride to Build a House for Habitat for Humanity-St. Louis

Manchester UMC not only helps build the Habitat House, we also contribute \$13,000 to its construction. Each year, MO-Hab Riders raise these funds by bicycling the Katy Trail end-to-end. This year, 33 members and friends of MUMC have committed to the ride and leave June 9, from Clinton, MO. They ride back to St. Charles June 10 – 13.

Your support of the MO-Hab Riders through your prayers and your gifts is *VERY IMPORTANT*. To learn more about this ministry and sponsoring a rider on the Katy Trail, contact Joyce and Ray Smith, rayjoyce13@charter.net or **636-256-7864**.

Kiddie Gym

Come play with us! This is 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 **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, crfle@yahoo.com or **636-530-7310**.

Youth News

We're goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City here we come...



That's right, on June 18, twenty-eight Mid-High youth and seven adults will travel to our sister city across the state for the annual Mid-High mission trip. We'll attend the 9 a.m. worship service at MUMC and then hop on our two Manchester buses to head west!

Once in KC, we will be offering our services to a homeless shelter and a shelter for battered women. Our duties will be simply "whatever is needed," and will range from spending time with the children of the residents to housecleaning, organizing, and light maintenance work. We will have fun activities each evening and then come back to our host church to share our experiences and feelings, and to keep our focus on God through devotions. I can't say that we will change the world, but we will certainly make the lives of some people in need much brighter.

Start Spreadin' the News...

Question: What will hit the "Big Apple" like a hurricane?
Answer: Manchester Senior High mission trip, **June 15-23**

Well, maybe not exactly like a hurricane. Eleven senior high youth and four adults will spend one week in New York City doing mission work. We'll work at a food pantry, serve at two soup kitchens, and minister to homeless, unemployed, and underemployed people of "The City that Never Sleeps." We will be the hands of God for those in need, and spread the love of Jesus Christ through serving others. In the evenings there just might be a few leisurely things to do, too. There is sure to be no shortage of sightseeing opportunities.

One last question: What's better than a week in New York City? Knowing that someone's life is a little bit better because of you!

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.

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

We hope to see you there.

Manchester Methodists On The Move

Godspeed to our members who have moved away! We do not always hear about all the people in our fellowship who have moved away from St. Louis, but we recently received information on the members listed below. So when you know of a family moving away, please notify the office.

We would like to say goodbye and join together in blessing these members on behalf of their entire church. For their time with us, we give thanks to God, and ask that He prepare a new place for them and make them welcome in a new fellowship. As they have been known and loved in our church, may they soon be known and loved in another.

To them we say: "Go with God. May you always rest in the assurance that God will lead you, will be with you, and will not fail you or desert you. Have no fear. Do not be disheartened by anything." Amen.

Bingman, Glenn; New Braunfels, TX
Ohar, Andrew & Sarah; Clemmons, NC
Ott, Don & Mary; Redwood City, CA

Upcoming Singles Events

Monday, June 12, 5:30 p.m.
Picnic at Vlasis Park

Monday, June 19, 7:15 p.m.
Volleyball and Game Night

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>



Disciple Bible Study Celebrated Graduation on June 7, 2006!

Congratulations to all graduates of Disciple Bible Study.

Below is a list of 83 graduates who have completed an intensive course of Bible Study this year. Daily Bible study, sharing ideas, and weekly fellowship with a small covenant group can be life-transforming. Disciple Bible Study will begin again in September. Watch *The Bulletin* and *The Messenger* for information about the study series and registration to begin in August. For more information call Rev. Steve Harbaugh at **636-200-4711**.

Disciple I

Wanda Oldani- Leader
 Andy Belval
 Sue Belval
 Kimi Butler
 Ken Green
 Pat Green
 Fred Nations
 Marilyn Nations
 Jim Peich
 Karen Peich
 Joan Sinnott
 Kristie Whitney

Disciple I

Rev. Debby Peebles - Leader
 Victoria Goeler
 Patricia Stabler

Disciple I

Nancy Cooper - Leader
 John Guiney - Leader
 Joshua Axelson
 Meghan Hall
 Lauren Martin
 Miranda Metheny

Disciple I

Brad Miller - Leader
 Ginny Bangert
 Ann Garber
 Jane Wilson
 Bev Wells

Disciple II

Rev. Steve Harbaugh - Leader
 Mary Lou Adams
 Bob Broyles
 Mike Clement
 Billie Coon
 Don Coon
 Don Ellington
 Sandy Ellington
 Ron Grant
 Sue Grant
 Edna Huse
 Walt Huse
 Bonnie Lester
 Gretchen Mass
 Juanita Newton
 Laura Ross

Disciple III

Nancy Cooper - Leader
 Peggy Andereck
 Kathy Busch
 Pam Campbell
 Beverly Gangemella
 Marjorie Morse
 Mary Olsen

Disciple III

Merle Symes - Leader
 Janet Powell - Leader
 Steve Powell - Leader
 Gloria Clement
 Karen Everhart
 Fran Leach
 Margaret Mahan
 Jana Stiller
 Mary Taber
 Dorothy Wilkes

Disciple III

Bill Cleveland - Leader
 Sally Cleveland
 Frank Dunsmoor
 Leona Dunsmoor
 Doug Held
 Jan Held
 Doug Krofft
 Diana Lewis
 Kay Lind
 Joyce Prage
 Richard Prage
 Becky Stites
 Dennis Stites
 Bruce Vendt

Disciple IV

Tim Miller - Leader
 Jerry Essleman
 Esther Goff
 Lisa Mehringer
 Paul Miles
 Brad Miller
 Sonya Stevens
 Tim Stevens
 Jon Webb
 Teresa Webb

Mozambique pastor gets MUMC, Eden aid for work in his homeland

By Ed Heins

The Rev. Zefanias Chihulume is back in Mozambique after two years in Missouri spent preparing himself to make a difference in his southeast African homeland.

MUMC and Eden Seminary provided new educational and physical resources for the 30-year-old Methodist pastor. He also said the ongoing Mozambique Initiative of the United Methodist Church in Missouri offers promise of future support.

He said the Missouri initiative was a “good example of a solid relationship.”

Pastor Chihulume graduated this spring with a Masters of Theological Studies from Eden. With additional collegiate education from African seminaries, he ranks very highly among all residents of Mozambique in the amount of formal education.

Back in his home country, he will assume a professorship at Cambine Theological Seminary and also be the pastor for a nearby Methodist church. The seminary is the only Methodist seminary in all of Mozambique.

He describes both of the positions as “full-time.”

Chihulume said he doesn’t feel his future work will be “just standing in front of a congregation.” He said he is determined to help develop new educational opportunities for others in Mozambique.

He said that only through more universal education can his country’s residents learn how to develop their natural resources.

It’s easy to say that a country would develop if it just had more outside financial help, he says. However, the pastor believes large amounts of monetary help wouldn’t help until the residents have broader education to show them how to “make good choices” on development.



Mozambique, in southeastern Africa

“My top priority will be education and leadership development,” he said in a special interview with *The Messenger*.

Chihulume mentioned that he is “a completely different person from what [he] was nine years ago.” He said the changes were the result of advanced education at seminaries in Mozambique and Zimbabwe, as well as his studies at Eden and other worldly experiences gathered through travel.

He said his homeland has valuable natural resources but bemoaned that “we don’t make anything in our country.” He added that the lack of education means residents don’t see economic opportunities the way people from more advanced countries do.

The farmland in Mozambique is fertile but the country isn’t self-sufficient in food, the Reverend states, and virtually all manufactured goods are imported.

He believes tourism is one underutilized, but valuable, resource the country offers. “We have some of the finest beaches in all of Africa,” he points out.

Another resource he’s bringing home from Missouri, in addition to his advanced education, is a modern mode of transportation. The MUMC Mozambique Covenant Ministry committee is providing \$15,000 for the purchase of a reliable vehicle for his outreach ministry.

If you’d like to contribute to this funding, contact Margaret Briscoe at **636-225-3571** or e-mail to mgbriscoe@earthlink.net.

The Missouri experience of the Reverend Chihulume is a living example of the valuable mission outreach of MUMC.

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 event designed for leaders, which will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. See <http://www.maninthemirror.org> for details.

June 10 and 11 - Annual Conference

Psalm 29
 Isaiah 6:1-8
 Romans 8:12-17
 John 3:1-17

Saturday, 5 p.m.
 Wes Peterson (chapel)

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

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

June 17 and 18 - Father's Day

Psalm 20 or Psalm 72
 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

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)

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)

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:

Sarah Biolchini and Joe McMillen on May 21. Sarah is the daughter of Paul and **Donna Biolchini**.

We celebrate these new arrivals:

Becky and Nick Williamson on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Williamson, on May 20. Proud grandparents are **Jim and Sue Belval**. Katherine's proud aunt and uncle are **Andy and Marci Belval**.

We extend our Christian sympathy to:

Teresa and Jon Webb on the passing of her brother, Aaron Desmond, on May 18. Also uncle to **Michael**, David and Rachael Webb.

Sharon Cullman on the passing of her husband, **Ron Cullman**, on May 23.

(MUMC members are in bold.)

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.**



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**Meal-A-Month
 June Menu**

Canned Beanie Weenies
 Macaroni and cheese
 Fruit cocktail
 Jello

Especially Needed:
 Optional - toothpaste

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- Rev. Erik Corley, *Associate Pastor*
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- 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*
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