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DAN'S DOODLES

“A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23,24).

These words of Jesus to “the woman at the well” are a wonderful reminder to us of the importance of “passionate worship”! Jesus indicates that worship which pleases the heart of God must grow out of an attitude that is both earnest and genuine. In fact, Jesus tells us that God is SEEKING persons who willingly desire to honor Him with a worship that is passionate! For me that means our worship experience must connect us with the heart of God! It must touch both our mind and our heart. And friends, that is a daunting task.

My heart’s desire, and that of our worship team, is to provide a worship experience that gives us the opportunity to be passionately related to Jesus Christ! BUT WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS. After 35 years of ministry I am convinced that those persons who find worship “passionate” come to worship with an EXPECTANT heart and mind. They have prepared themselves for worship through the week by spending time with the Lord in His Word and in prayer. And then they come on Sunday expecting God to meet them there and “speak” to their hearts and minds. Those persons encounter Jesus Christ in worship! And let me suggest that the habit of offering PRAISE TO GOD in one’s individual time with God through the week is a key element in that preparation. So, maybe the Boy Scouts motto would be good for us as well. Hey, “be prepared” when you come to worship. Let me close with a word of praise to God:

“Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name—He is holy! Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; He is holy. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy! (Psalm 99: 2,3,5,9).

See you in worship!
Pastor Dan

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HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH!!

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OCTOBER GREETERS

*October 3 - Peggy McNeary &
Sally Burke*

October 10 - Sherry Austin Family

*October 17 - Becky Story &
Annette Robertson*

*October 24 - Sallyanne Naile &
Annette Robertson*

*October 31 - Ronald Dodson &
Tripp Logan Family*

**MEN’S PRAYER
BREAKFAST, SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 9 AT
7:30 A.M.THE
FAMILY LIFE CENTER.**

16th ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH BARBEQUE

Our 16th Annual All-Church Barbeque will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults & \$4.00 for children. This fundraiser has been helpful toward meeting our church's financial needs. Please make every effort to help when asked. Stephen & Carol Jane Burke & Lee Ann Cullison will serve as chairpersons this year.

UPCOMING YOUTH PLANS

Pastor Dan has decided to start up the "Middle School Mob" again and is planning to begin meeting in October, on an every other Sunday evening (1st and 3rd) basis, from 5 to 6:15 p.m.!!!

In addition, Pastor Dan is planning to meet with the "High School Horde" on an every other Sunday night (2nd and 4th) basis in October as well! Times will be the same, with a 15 minute break before evening worship.

***If you have any desire from God to help with either of these groups on a once a month basis, please see Pastor Dan!!! He will do the programming, but will need help with refreshments and games. Thanks.

LITURGISTS & COMMUNION SERVERS

It is time once again to update the list of liturgists & communion servers for the new year, 2011. If you would like to serve in one of these positions and are not presently serving, please call the church office and we will get you on the list. If there is no response, we will continue to use the same list we had this year. Thank you!

**OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE IS SET FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT
7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH OVERFLOW.**

FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

An All-Church Fall Harvest Celebration is set for Sunday, November 7 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be wonderful fellowship, fun games (with fabulous prizes) and good food (provided by the Family Life Committee). Everyone is welcome to come & bring a friend!

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl and all of the prayers. Jim brought it in Monday evening and asked, "Should I take this to the hospital?" I told him, "yes, and while you're in your recliner and bed, keep it over you." He complied amazingly! Tuesday we took it with us and I used it in the surgery waiting room. As soon as Jim returned to his room I put it over him. God answered all the prayers! Jim's surgery went as planned and with no complications. He and I praise God and all his people who lifted Jim up in prayer. Thank all of you again for such a wonderful ministry. Oh yes, he's still using the shawl at home while in his recliner recouping.

Blessings,

Jim & Beckie Grasdorf

Dear Charleston UMC,

My name is Tyler Swanson. I received the Charleston UMC Scholarship; thank you for supporting my college education. I cannot express enough how thankful I am to be the recipient of this scholarship. I am a Methodist myself so that makes receiving this scholarship that much more meaningful. I grew up in a little Methodist church in Fordland, MO, a town of about 600 people. My family has been attending that church for four generations now. We believe very strongly in our faith and I thank God for good people like you that are willing to give time and money into making it easier for kids to get their education.

I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am a very athletic kid that has always, and will continue to put God first. I have played baseball and basketball since I could walk. I come from a very close family. My mom is one of four and my dad is one of three, as well am I. In my spare time I like to hunt and fish. I love archery. I hunt with a bow and also do some competition shooting.

I am going to CMU to get a degree in Business Management and I am also playing baseball. Playing college baseball has been a dream of mine since I was a young kid. I am now fulfilling that dream and I owe some thanks to you for getting this opportunity. So I thank you again for being so kind. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Tyler Swanson

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MOMENT

A word of thanks to all who contributed to the Festival of Sharing last month. Our collection of paper products, student dental kits and personal hygiene kits were taken to our District Festival at Dexter on Saturday, September 25th, along with financial contributions of \$500.00. These resources will be distributed to pantries and shelters around the state of Missouri. Your Outreach Committee thanks you for your participation in this state-wide ministry to bring relief to those who are in need of help. THANK YOU!

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Vonna Hunter
- 2 - Dorothy McDowell
- 4 - Holt Dugan, Thomas Starr & Abby Malugen
- 5 - Brittany Stack & Wesley French
- 6 - Nancy Thurmond & Peggy McNeary
- 7 - Myrtle Austin, Lisa Brewer & Nolen Adkisson
- 8 - Charlotte McNeary & Yoshio Yamashita
- 10 - Debbie Corse
- 11 - Scarlett Goodin
- 14 - Drake McNeary & Ed Hankinson
- 15 - Graham Whitehead & Martha Ann Keener
- 17 - Mac McInnis
- 18 - Terry Hequembourg & Lena Lisbony
- 19 - Anna Marie French, Benj. B. Moore & Lynne Hanor
- 20 - Jennifer Keener & Kiley Brown
- 22 - Alicia Combs
- 24 - Mary Jane Whitehead
- 26 - Corinne Huls
- 27 - Brenda French, Dana McClain, Elliott Williams & Sally Michael
- 28 - Susan Jespersen
- 29 - David Brewer

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Jane Jackson's house.

United Methodist Women's Fall District meeting on October 16, 2010 at the Poplar Bluff, MO United Methodist Church.

For more information on these events, call Annette Robertson.

