



First United Methodist Church Newsletter

JULY 2009

Looking for a way to "Beat the Heat" this summer?

July 12

**One
Combined
Service at
10am**

Join us on Sunday mornings during the months of July and August for our **Short-Sleeved Summer Sundays**. We'll cool down with ice-cold lemonade available before and after both services. You're welcome to dress casually in cool short-sleeved shirts and sandals if you wish.

Other happenings during Summer Sunday worship... We want to sing your fa-

vorite hymns this summer – write them down and turn in for our sing-along on Sunday morning.

The "Hand of Friendship" will be extended during the worship service to welcome friends and visitors.

A variety of special music presentations will be shared from within our

church family and special guests.

Mark your calendars for July 12. Sunday School will begin at 9am and there will be a **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10am** featuring a VBS preview and our new District Superintendent, Rev. Cindy Jones, will bring the message.



Missing a dish? All dishes left in the kitchens from different events will be donated to Angels on Assignment if not picked up by end of July. Thank you!

News from Angels on Assignment Building Committee

After lengthy and careful investigation by members of the Angels on Assignment Building Committee and other qualified members of our church, it was determined that the cost to renovate either part or all of the existing AMVET building meets or exceeds the cost of new construction of similar dimensions. Additionally, outdated heating/air conditioning, wiring, plumbing, etc would lead to expensive repairs and higher utility costs in the future.

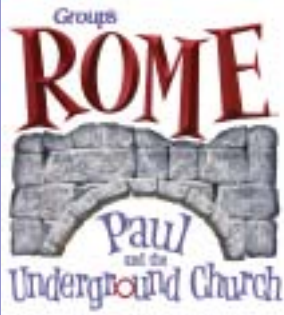
Therefore, AOA is recommending to the Administrative Council that the entire AMVETS building be demolished as soon as possible and plans begin on a new facility that would best serve AOA Ministry and the church as a whole. A building that would provide a safer environment for patrons and volunteers, be a more cost efficient space to maintain, and will be a beautiful addition to our church is something that we could all be proud of and enjoy for many years to come.

Be Connected

THANK YOU for the wonderful response to our BE CONNECTED letter, church magnet, and postcard response to how you would like to receive the news and activities of the church. We continue to receive response postcards every day and hope to hear from every family in the church. We urge you to BE HERE this summer and STAY CONNECTED to your Sunday morning worship experience.



Children's News



Summer Sunday School continues our adventure in Rome as we learn about Paul's message of God's love.

It's time for **Vacation Bible School!** Join the fun one or every night beginning July 12—16. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 6pm singing and praising God and then we're off to all kinds of activities, like snacks, games, crafts and Bible story. Everyone age 3 through 5th

grade is welcome! We'll conclude each evening at 8:15pm. Two more Snack and Craft helpers are needed. Family Night is Friday at 6pm. We'll watch a video presentation of the weeks events, have a meal together and play on inflatables in the north parking lot.

Sonshine School Reunion is Tuesday, July 28, at 9am. We'll have our carpet time, play time, snacks, music and video time. For our graduates who are entering Kindergarten, bring your backpacks and we'll bless them as you prepare for school. We'll conclude at 11:30am.



Five Love Languages Begins July 19

Brenda Rendleman will lead "The Five Love Languages of Children" beginning Sunday, July 19 at 9:15am. Loving our children isn't always enough. Learning to speak their love language communicates your love in ways they'll understand right from the start. Unconditional love is something all children can understand. This study can help make your child feel secure, loved, and more willing to interact with you and your family.



Youth News

FUMC will participate in a Habitat for Humanity project on Saturday, July 11 from 8am to noon. People who own and can use chain saws along with many people who can stack up debris are needed to help clear a lot for Habitat's next home. We will stop working at noon and have a light lunch. We will meet at 7:45am in the south church parking lot to depart for the site. Both Youth and Adults are encouraged to work on this local mission project. For more information contact either Gordon Wurth or Annelle Ruumler.

All Middle School Youth (students entering 6th-8th grades) are invited to a class at VBS just for them. Susie Wurth is leading a special program meeting at 1st Presbyterian Church (2424 Broadway) during VBS week—July 12—16 at 6pm to 8:15pm.

Parish Visitor Notes

Are you looking for a way to volunteer this summer to help other people in need? Why not join the Visitation Team during the months of June, July, and August and visit someone from our church family who is homebound or lives in assisted living?

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 28, in the church library at 6:30 p.m. – or contact Nancy Gibbs to get started right away.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a-Communion at Countryside	2 9am-AOA set-up	3 9-11am-AOA interviews & food pantry 9am-Noon-AOA thrift shop open	4 Happy 4th of July
5 8am-Worship 9:15am-Sun School 10:30am-Worship	6 10am-Highway to Heaven Prayer Group 11:30am-Lesson and Lunch 6pm-Praise Band	7 7pm-Trustees	8	9 9am-AOA set-up	10 9-11am-AOA interviews & food pantry 9am-Noon-AOA thrift shop open	11 8am-Noon- Habitat for Humanity Work Day
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A Thank You to Angels on Assignment

The Mid-West Mission Distribution Center sends a thank you to Angels on Assignment for donating six sewing machines to the Center. These machines will be refurbished and sent with work teams to Third World areas where the women are taught how to mend clothes and how to make simple dresses and other items. Also sent was a large box of towels which are needed for kits. John Hicks delivered the items to the MMDC and we thank him for the help. The Center continues to make Flood Buckets and Health Kits which are sent to flooded areas all over the country. Thank you!! Harley and Betty Woods—Mission Chairs



Mission Mouse

ROLL OUT THE BARRELS—35 BARRELS FILLED WITH 11,800 POUNDS OF RICE FOR LIBERIA!!! It will cost 50 cents for each 5 lbs. to ship the rice. Our June loose offering will help on the cost. The gifts of hand towels were amazing—too many to count in the limited time. They will be distributed to disaster areas by Midwest Distribution Center. The need is urgent. Our church is a 5 STAR CHURCH. To attain this award we had to pay all conference claims plus give money to required approved Advance Specials for missions-local, national & world wide. We received the GOLDEN CROSS award by contributing to our 10 IGRC Institutions which provide care homes, educational center, children's homes, etc. **The July loose offering will go to our United Methodist Children's Home here in Mt. Vernon. This facility is doing a great work!**