



The Tower

3-10-10



Wesley Stock Dinner Fundraiser

Stock market not giving you the returns you had hoped for? Take your money elsewhere and invest it in an extra-long term security: people's lives! The Wesley group is headed to New Orleans again this spring from March 27 – April 4 and we're asking you to invest in our trip. Buy tickets to our stock dinner for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Your money will go towards our trip, helping us show those in New Orleans God's love and helping us grow in our faith. Then when we return, we'll cook you dinner on April 11th and tell you all about our trip. Hear first-hand how your money was used to spread God's kingdom while enjoying delicious food. You can purchase tickets before and after all three Sunday morning services in the weeks leading up to our departure. For more information, contact Matthew Miller at mbmkg8@mst.edu. God Bless!

Girl Scout Sunday

Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated on March 14. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall from 10:30 – 10:50 am for the Girl Scouts and the congregation. Please plan to join us for this special day!

Ladies, Want to Get Away??

Grace & Gladness Ministries, aka Lee Ann Williamson & Lori Smith, will be hosting a Ladies' Retreat in Lee's Summit on April 9-10. Angie Lee is going & would love to take some ladies from church with her! The theme of the retreat is "Reasonable Worship" from Romans 12:1 "I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices; this is your Reasonable Worship." This will be a

fun get-away & we all deserve one of those every once in awhile! If you're interested, here are the details:

WHEN: April 9-10, 4pm Fri. - 3pm Sat. (we'll leave by noon on Fri.)

WHERE: Grace UMC, Lee's Summit, MO

COST: \$30. if registered by March 9; \$35 if reg. by March 23; \$40 after that + hotel fee for Fri. PM.

Copies of the brochure will be at The Connection & in the entryway of the main church building. Pick one up, get registered & let Angie know (cell #: 202-0037) so we can all ride & spend the night together....slumber party!

This is a great retreat where you will be refreshed, relaxed & renewed! Come with me, you won't regret it!

Meet Your Confirmands

The church has a very intelligent, articulate group of confirmands

this year. We will feature 2 confirmands in this and upcoming issues of The Tower. The confirmands' biographies will appear in the order they were interviewed.

David Strassner is a 7th grader at Rolla Middle School. He plays in the percussion section of the band. David also enjoys playing soccer and baseball.

He is involved in MidKids youth group, Children's Choir, and is an acolyte. David has attended Bible School and Sunday School over the years.

In his spare time, David likes to read, listen to music and write. David was born in Tulsa OK. He has a 7 year old dog named Maggie. When he is out of school, David would like to be a scientist in an as yet undetermined field.

Tim Bromley is David's confirmation mentor. David thinks confirmation class will be good for his development in the church.

MaryBeth Sells is a 7th grader at Rolla Middle School. She plays the flute in the band. MaryBeth is active in Club Volleyball at The Centre, dance at The

Dance Studio and gymnastics at Flip Flop Gymnastics.

MaryBeth has a variety of church activities including Children's Choir, MidKids Youth Group, being an acolyte, and she has attended Sunday School and Bible School in the past.

MaryBeth's hobbies revolve around getting on the computer. She was born in Rolla and has a dog, a cat, and some snails. She is interested in being a physical therapist in the future.

Carla Schumacher is MaryBeth's confirmation mentor. MaryBeth likes confirmation so far!

Good luck to David and MaryBeth as they continue to grow and learn in Confirmation Class!

UMW

United Methodist Women

Please remember that **Mary Circle** meets with Fran on March 11 at 1:30 p.m., 204 Christy Drive. Earline Morrison will be leading our program. Mary Circle voted to continue to bring items to support the Backpack program.

Prayer Ministry

If you need prayer, please email your prayer request to [prayer\(at\)firstumcrollera.org](mailto:prayer(at)firstumcrollera.org) or if you don't have email call the church office at 364-3980.

Please Pray For:

Friends:

Judy Hood, Barb Hunt's mother

Don Collier, brother of Wilma Stevenson

Verna Peeples, Mary Peeples' Mother-in-Law

Kirk Steinmetz, Shields' relative

John Rogers, friend of Jeremy Hunter

Tony Bonderer, friend of the Shields

Morgan Rechten Annette

Whitmire, wife of First Assembly of God minister

Lisa Harvey, Andrea Farrar's sister

Genevieve Felts

Sharon Reichard, Peggy Isgrigg's sister

Ellen, Angie Lee's niece

Sharon Meusch

Rose Watkins, friend of Fran Morris

Mary Ensign,

Bonnie Ranney's mother

Rick Burch,
brother-in-law of Cindy Harris
Julie Kaczmarek's mother
Angie Smith, sister of Julie Kaczmarek
Seth Sowers, at home
Don Blades, Nancy Strassner's father
Sarah Victor, Mary Decker's daughter
Bob White, Mary Sheffield's father
Wayne Richards, Mary Null's son-in-law
Dorothy Kitchen, Sue Hufham's neighbor
Max Vath, Kim Day's friend
Warren Cundiff, Phyliss Hutchinson's brother

Military:

Matt Battley
(Afghanistan)
Mindy Williams-
deployed to Iraq
Keith & Andrea Gimmy-Pamela Timson's nephew and wife
Nathan Hedden, Pursell's grandson-in-law, † Captain USAF - Abilene TX/Afghanistan
Andrew Hale, Great-nephew of Bill & Judy Wright. In Iraq for one year
Tyler Harris, nephew of Greg & Cindy Harris
Wil Stewart-
deployed to Haiti

Long Term:

Steve Stacy
James C Smith
Beulah Carroll
Frances Parks
Mary Busso
Ina Harvey
Ivan Richards
Lucille Schendel
Jan Shore
Leonard Furse
Agnes Cottrill
Irene Willis
Peg Thompson
Ruth Strong
Donna Parker
Becky Reed
Pat Krueger
Steve & Bette Douglas
Kent & Winona Roberts
Keith Stanek
Wil Zwickelmaier
Lyle Pursell
Betty Merrell
Cindy Scott

To remove a name from this prayer list, please contact either Suzanna at office@firstumcrolla.org 364-3980, Sue Jackson at tower@firstumcrolla.org 341-3887 or Sue Hufham at shufham@fidnet.com.

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 with your news for The Tower by noon on the 4th and 19th of each month or place your news in the folder marked "Tower" located outside the church office.

Food Pantry

The Boy Scouts are having their annual food drive in March, so the FUMC Food Pantry is asking the congregation to donate non-food items this month. We need bar soap, dish soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bath tissue, and

deodorant. Thank you for supporting this on-going ministry program!

OOPS

Come join us at NAPOLI'S (the new Italian restaurant) for lunch on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 11:30 AM. After lunch we will go to the Oster's to play games. Please make reservations in the church office by Wednesday Noon, March 17th.

Shoeman Collections

We have more shoes stacking up in the collection bins! Let's try to get to 3000 LBS by the end of March. Can we do it? There are some church members collecting at their workplaces and schools so maybe we can! "Step up" everybody!

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who attended the Trivia Nite. We had a great time. There were 9 tables full! Thanks to everyone who donated items for the silent auction. We will send that money on to our missionaries. What a success!

Thank you to the volunteers that cheerfully shoveled the sidewalks and stairs around the church property. Your efforts were very much appreciated!

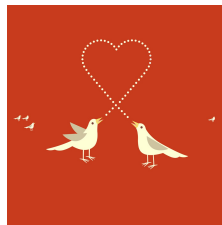
Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the use of your gym for our Rolla Youth Optimist Basketball practices (Dec. 20th through Feb. 20th). A special thank you goes to your friendly staff as they went out of their way to accommodate our requests. Our teams ended up winning the 4-5th graders' league championship because of hard work and your support. Far beyond the winds and losses, I truly believe that we have touched lives and seeds for Christ have been planted.

Your Brother in Christ,

Lister B Florence Jr., Grey Team's Optimist Basketball Coach

JOY



Charles Lacy is pleased to announce that he married Barbara Lomuscio on Sunday

February 28th. Charles and Barbara reside in Springfield and their mailing address is P O Box 3296 Springfield MO 65808.

Congratulations Charles and Barbara!!

Lenten Sermon Series

The sermon series for Lent will deal with these issues as they affect Christians. We will talk about creating and sustaining momentum that will carry us forward into a holistic, healthy life. Creating a Vision for the Future and for Life on March 14th. Taking care of our Bodies on March 21st.

Do you have Momentum that will lead to a fruitful, fulfilled, God-centered, emotionally fulfilled life? Come. Join in Worship!!!

FROM THE LIBRARY...Many thanks to the person who donated the books by Jan Karon. We appreciate them very much and will have them on the shelves later this month. We have been working on the subject, author, and title boxes to make it easier for patrons to find what they want. The library has a wealth of material not being used. If you don't know how to use these files, I would be glad

to help you. Dawna Womack

Saint Patrick's Day **St. Paddy's Day** or simply **Paddy's Day**, is an annual feast day that celebrates [Saint Patrick](#) (*circa* AD 385–461), the most commonly recognized of the [patron saints](#) of Ireland, and is generally celebrated on 17 March.

The day is a [national holiday](#) of [Ireland](#): it is a [bank holiday](#) in [Northern Ireland](#) and a [public holiday](#) in the [Republic of Ireland](#). It is also a public holiday in [Montserrat](#). In [Poland](#), [Canada](#), [United Kingdom](#) (excluding Northern Ireland), [Australia](#), the [United States](#) and [New Zealand](#), it is widely celebrated but is not an official holiday.^[1]

Wearing of green



According to legend, St. Patrick used the [shamrock](#), a three-leaved plant, to explain

the [Holy Trinity](#) to the pre-Christian Irish people.

Green ribbons and [shamrocks](#) were worn in celebration of St. Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century.^[5]

History in Ireland



Traditional Irish St. Patrick's day badges from the early 20th century.

It was only in the mid-1990s that the Irish government began a campaign to use Saint Patrick's Day to showcase Ireland and its culture.^[9] The government set up a group called St. Patrick's Festival.

Christian leaders in Ireland have expressed concern about the secularisation of St. Patrick's Day. Writing in The Word magazine's March 2007 issue, Fr. Vincent Twomey stated that, "it is time to reclaim St. Patrick's Day as a church festival". He questioned the need for "mindless alcohol-fuelled revelry" and concluded that, "it is time to bring the

piety and the fun together".^[12]

Outside Ireland

The longest-running Saint Patrick's Day parade in Canada occurs each year in [Montreal](#), the [flag of which](#) has a [shamrock](#) in one of its corners. The parades have been held in continuity since 1824^[13]; however, St. Patrick's Day itself has been celebrated in Montreal as far back as 1759 by Irish soldiers in the Montreal Garrison following the British conquest of [New France](#).^[14]

Although the baseball season is still in the spring training phase when St. Patrick's Day rolls around, the [Toronto Blue Jays](#) wear green uniforms for the occasion.^[citation needed] The [Toronto Raptors](#) professional basketball team also wears a green alternate uniform to celebrate the holiday.

In Great Britain

In Great Britain, [the Queen Mother](#) used to present bowls of shamrocks flown over from Ireland to members of the [Irish Guards](#), a regiment in the [British Army](#).

consisting primarily of soldiers from both [Northern Ireland](#) and the [Republic of Ireland](#). The Irish Guards still wear shamrocks on this day, flown in from Ireland.^[20]

This event became known as The St. Patrick's Day Encampment of 1780.

The [World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade](#), is said to take place in [Hot Springs, Arkansas](#) in the United States annually held on historic Bridge Street which became famous in the 1940s when [Ripley's Believe It or Not](#) designated it "The Shortest Street in the World."

In the United States



Early celebrations

Irish Society of Boston organized what was the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the colonies on 17 March 1737. The first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in New York City was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in 1766, the parades were held as political and social statements because the Irish immigrants were being treated unfairly.^[26] New York's first Saint Patrick's Day Parade was held on 17 March 1762 by Irish soldiers in the British Army. In 1780, General [George Washington](#), who commanded soldiers of Irish descent in the [Continental Army](#), allowed his troops a holiday on 17 March "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence."^{[27][28]}