



The Tower

3-25-10

Wesley Stock Dinner Fundraiser

Good luck to the Wesley students as they travel to New Orleans for their mission trip from March 27th through April 4th.

Thank you to everyone that purchased "stock" certificates to help finance our trip. Please remember that there will be a "stockholder" dinner on April 11th.

"Amazing Love"

The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will present the cantata Amazing Love by Lloyd Larsen at the 8:15 and 10:50 am worship services on Palm Sunday, March 28th. In addition to the short cantata, the choir will sing 3 anthems that share the story of the last days of Christ on Earth. Hope to see you on Palm Sunday!

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: \$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

Sofie Luna is a 7th grader at Rolla Middle School.

Sofie is active in Journalism and plays the flute in the band. Nonschool activities include R.A.V.E volleyball and non-competitive gymnastics at Flip Flop Gymnastics.

Sofie was born in New Orleans. She likes to read in her spare time. Sofie has 2 dogs and 1 cat.

Church activities include Children's Choir, Wednesday night Bible Study, MidKids youth group, and helping with the Wyman Backpack program. Sofie is thinking about becoming a lawyer or an architect when she is done with school.

So far, Sofie thinks Confirmation Class is fun because she gets to be with friends and learn about the church and God at the same time.

Abigail Lee is a 7th grader at Rolla Middle School. She is active in Student Forum, which is similar to Student Council. Student Forum helps decide what activities the students can do, such as Spirit Days. Abigail also plays the clarinet in the band.

Hobbies include spending time outside, hiking, and riding horses.

Abigail was born in Joplin MO. Her confirmation mentor is Julie Pfeifer.

Church activities include MidKids youth group, Bible Study, the Wyman backpack program, Children's Choir, and acolyting.

Abigail recently moved to a new house with acreage. There is plenty of room for her 2 horses, 1 dog, and 6 cats.

Abigail thinks confirmation class is fun because she gets to learn a lot. The confirmands have to put in 15 hours of

community service. Abigail babysits for free on Tuesday evenings and helps with the Wyman backpack program to go towards her 15 hours of service.

When out of school, Abigail would like to become a broadcaster.

Thank you for telling a little about yourselves, Sofie and Abigail!

UMW United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women are continuing to collect the bar codes from Best Choice items found at Country Mart. We have collected 700 bar codes and will need another 300 to complete the 1000 needed to collect \$30.00 which will be used to help further our mission giving.

We also collect bar codes from the "Campbell Labels for Education" for the Epworth Children's School in St Louis which they

use to further their many programs.

Thank you for taking the time to clip these labels. Please bring your labels to Fellowship Hall and place them in the box by the crib.

There will be a District Meeting in Bolivar on April 10th.

The next Mission Team meeting will be April 1st at 5:30 pm.

We will also be hosting a women's potluck on April 15th at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Ladies, put this fun date on your calendar today!

UMW has some pecans left for sale. We have 6 of the sugar coated pecans and 29 of the plain for \$7.00. They are located in the office.

Prayer Ministry

If you need prayer, please email your prayer request to [prayer\(at\)firstumcroller.org](mailto:prayer(at)firstumcroller.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, Phyllis Hutchinson's brother
Tom Whitecotton, friend of Vern Lowrey
Casey Morgan & Family Andy & Casey, Jan Shore's son & daughter-in-law

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
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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!

Thank You

Dear FUMC members,

Thank you so much for
 donating items to the
 Russell House. We are
 always in need of bedding,
 personal hygiene, and
 similar items and the
 children will enjoy the
 stuffed animals. Your
 kindness and generosity
 are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kimberly

Thank you for the
 thoughtfulness shown to
 us through cards, emails,
 phone calls, visits and
 especially the prayers
 during the time
 preceding, during and
 after Lyle's recent
 surgery. He is doing well
 and looking forward to
 working in the yard and
 his garden this spring.

Sincerely,
 Charlotte and Lyle Pursell

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The AARP sponsors
 Federal and State income
 tax return preparation by
 certified counselors at
 Rolla Technical Institute.
 The Missouri Property Tax
 Claim preparation is also
 available as is free
 electronic filing of the tax
 returns. There is no age
 limit, income limit, or
 AARP membership
 requirement for this free
 service.

The hours are 1:00 to 5:00
 pm on Mondays,
 Tuesdays, and
 Wednesdays until April
 15th. The location is Room
 137, which is on the first
 hallway corner inside the
 northwest front door at
 RTI. RTI is located at the
 corner of 10th & Forum .

We invite everyone who
 has put off until now
 having their taxes done to
 come to RTI for free, fast,
 and friendly income tax
 preparation. Several of our
 church members have
 been faithfully involved
 with this service for many
 years.

Easter Egg Hunt

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to join us at church for our annual Easter Egg hunt starting at noon on Saturday, April 3. Please remember to bring a basket or something to collect your eggs in. We will meet in Fellowship Hall prior to "the hunt."

Candy Needed

Can you help?

We are looking for contributions of candy to fill our Easter eggs for the hunt. Please bring bags of small candies that will fit into plastic eggs. You may drop the candy off at the church office.

Easter Breakfast

Come join us for a light breakfast on Sunday, April 4, in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served from 7-8 a.m.

Student charged with stealing rare documents

An alleged theft of more than two dozen historical documents has shaken a New Jersey university where students are granted access to the artifacts.

FBI agents arrested William Scott, 18, on March 14, and accused him of stealing more than 27 documents from the United Methodist Archives. Among them: letters from President Abraham

Lincoln, President Franklin Roosevelt and Madame Chaing Kai-Shek.

The archive, on the campus of Drew University in Madison, is the official repository for all artifacts and documents pertaining to the [Methodist](#) faith, notably the letters of John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism. The Archives Center, as it is known on campus, has been hiring university students to help restore and categorize hundreds and thousands of rare letters, journals, and scholarly papers for 25 years.

The university was first alerted that the documents were missing when a rare document and autograph dealer called from England. The dealer became concerned when two documents he intended to purchase arrived damaged.

The Archives Center immediately conducted an audit and noticed several John Wesley letters were missing. Among the missing items was a letter from John Wesley to Father Merriweather. It was estimated to be worth more than \$5,000.

According to the FBI, a March 13 search of Scott's

dorm room turned up several papers belonging to the University, including some written by heads of state.

It is sad that the people who work at the archives are so trusting and this person took advantage of that trust, and took advantage of not just school or Methodist history, but American history." Should Scott be convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison.

Happy April Anniversary!

4-01 Pat & Bob Perry

4-04 Kimberly & Mike Vance

4-06 Nancy & Keith Strassner

4-07 Susan & Craig Adams

4-08 Angie & Tim Lee

4-11 Cathy & Jim Almekinder

4-16 Julie & Anthony Kaczmarek

4-20 Earline & Bob Morrison

4-22 Bobbye & Thomas Carr

4-24 Debbi & Jim McCaul

Happy April Birthday!

4-01 Katherine Ramsay

4-02 Katie Bohannon
Jared Schumaker
Michael Schumaker
Reva Stevenson

4-03 Lauran Mueller

4-04 Bob Eckert
John Petersen
Abigail Williams

4-05 Bryan West

4-06 Sheryl Adams
Bret Day
Helen Hamlin
Jane Moore
Lynn Noe
Caryn Ranney
David Stogsdill

Beth Houf
Hannah Ulrich

4-07 Bobbie Wedge

4-08 Jim McCaul
Vaughan Goff

4-09 Sandra Stanek
Jeanie Strain

4-10 John Bisbee
Carroll Paulsmeyer

4-11 Harry Hines
Rebecca
Kreienheder

4-12 Rick Mace
Otis Ummel

4-13 Shelby Barklage
Mary Ellen Russell
Paul Skaggs
Sam Farrar

4-14 Laney Drabczyk
Kelly Dunnill
Betzy Elifrits
Joe Heberlie
Kristin Marie
Masterson
Steve George

4-15 Jeffrey Moss
Rachel George

4-16 Larry Jontz

Max Pfeifer
Tom Richards
Dorothy Ummel
DeeAnne Long

4-17 Mack Grayson
Kelsey Hunt
Emily Petersen

4-19 Jim Cobb
Brittany Dodd
Bridget Richards

4-20 Lauren Ranney
Dwight Warnke

4-21 Lizzie Callaway
Connie Coonrod
Phyllis Miles

4-22 Frank Blum Jr
Laura Klotz
Caitlin Stevenson

4-23 Ann Decker
Lyle Pursell
David Dotson

4-24 Joy Bourquin
Bobbye Carr
Haley Hoffman
Andy Kuhljuergen
Charles Marcott
Ann Price
Ella May Roberson
Jacob Sells
Cory Standridge

4-25 Craig Adams
Lauren Femmer
Brunton
Suzanne Paule
Rachael Drabczyk

4-26 Ashley Freeland
Jake Heberlie
John Myers
Riley Bales

4-27 Jim Packard
Pat Vickers
Adam Whitaker

4-29 Jason Bartelsmeyer
Ann Brown
Richard Hagni