



The Tower

5-25-10

CONFERENCE CALLS FOR HELP FOR HAITI

Our church will be sending 200 baby layette kits to Annual Conference in response to their request for layette and health kits to be sent to Haiti. The Sewing Room has them ready for Rev. Lee and Wes Anderson, Lay Delegate, to transport to Springfield the first weekend in June. Still needed are funds to cover shipping costs, \$2 per kit or \$400. A "second mile" offering is being taken to meet this need--just place your gift in the pew offering envelopes and mark it "Kits for Haiti", or bring it by the church office.

Other news from the Sewing Room includes the ongoing work on cot sheets for day care centers, nursing modesty capes for new mothers, and more layette kits for the Festival of Sharing in Sedalia in the fall. In addition, the month of June will be emphasizing the making of school bags for school kits for the Festival. Then we will have "Christmas in July", working on 750

Christmas stockings for our local "Christmas is Love."

Come join us--we can use all levels of expertise--there are tasks that do not require sewing, but do need to be done. The Sewing Room is open at all times; however, Tuesdays, 10:00 am till 4:00 pm, are the days when Donna or Earline will be there to give assistance and leadership.

UMW

**United Methodist
Women**

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Could YOU win an exciting, prepaid weekend with other Christians in a beautiful setting? You'll not know unless you apply. Phone 364-3980, 364-5749 or 364-4387 for details. Now is the time!

MCCSM

Someone has described it as, "the

best kept secret in the Methodist Church."

Find out for yourself how MCCSM will explore the joys of mission in the age of global Christianity. Don't delay; phone 364-3980, 364-5749 or 364-4387 for more information.

Need a change in your routine? How about a prepaid weekend on a lovely college campus among others who share your ideals? It might be yours if you act at once by calling 364-3980, 364-5749 or 364-4387 to learn more.

Meet Your Members

Betty Merrell was born in Pittsburg Kansas. She married a meat cutter who was also from Kansas.

They lived in Springfield MO for 19

years and had 2 boys.

Betty's husband took a job at Fort Leonard Wood as a food supervisor with the Post Exchange so the family moved to Rolla. Betty's husband passed away so Betty took a job with the USGS. She was in editing, putting the words and numbers on the maps. Larry Jontz was her supervisor. Betty retired from USGS in 1993 after working there 37 years.

Betty lived alone for 14 years after her husband died and then met Ray Merrell, a Rolla plumber. They married, however Ray passed away 7 years ago. Betty sold her home 3 years ago and moved into one of the cottages at Presbyterian Manor. She shares her cottage with her Boston Terrier, Maggie.

Betty enjoys knitting and has participated in an exercise class at the Centre. She has been a Lioness for 17 years.

Betty's sons live in Salem NC and Shawnee OK.

Betty has been a member of our church since moving to Rolla and she feels she is a lucky girl to have so many good friends.

Thank you Betty, for sharing some of your story with us!

Prayer Ministry

If you need prayer, please email your prayer request to [prayer\(at\)firstumcrolla.org](mailto:prayer(at)firstumcrolla.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 Ellen, Angie Lee's niece

Sharon Meusch

Rose Watkins, friend of Fran Morris

Mary Ensign, Bonnie Ranney's mother

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

Tom

Whitcotton, friend of Vern Lowrey

Casey Morgan & Family

Andy & Casey, Jan Shore's son & daughter-in-law

Quiten Hamilton, Fayette Stewart's brother

Mai Gray

Benny Hedden & family

Mark Rolufs

John Graham

Military:

Matt Battley,
Marine Corps
**Mindy Williams-
Keith & Andrea
Jimmy**-Pamela
Timson's nephew and
wife
Nathan Hedden
USAF, Pursell's
grandson-in-law
William Stewart

Long Term:

**Steve Stacy
James C Smith
Beulah Carroll
Frances Parks
Mary Busso
Ina Harvey
Ivan Richards
Lucille Schendel
Jan Shore
Agnes Cottrill
Irene Willis
Peg Thompson
Ruth Strong
Donna Parker
Becky Reed
Pat & Fred
Krueger
Steve & Bette
Douglass
Kent & Winona
Roberts
Keith Stanek
Wil Zwickelmaier
Cindy Scott
John J.A. Isabell
Jr.
Arthur Bell
Allison Kean**

**Carroll
Paulsmeyer
Rachel George
John J A Isabell Jr
Daniel Sharp &
family**

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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.

Please Note:

There will be **ONE**
Tower in June, the
June 10th issue.
Please send in your
June articles by June
4th for the whole
month! Thank you!

Joy

My granddaughter **Kassi
Mace** graduated from Mo.
Science & Technology
with a 4.00 grade point
with a B.A. in English and
a Psychology minor. This
fall she will be teaching
Language Arts at Belle
High School.

HIGH SCHOOL PROM
COURT

Three FUMC Rolla High
School graduates were

nominated for prom queen.

They were
Katie McFarland,
Katheryn McCaulla and
my granddaughter **Kara**
Mace. Tess Miller was
chosen Prom Queen.

Ann Brown, proud
grandmother

Food Pantry

We need bar soap, dish
soap, toothbrushes,
toothpaste, shampoo, bath
tissue, and deodorant.
Thank you for supporting
this on-going ministry
program!

OOPS

We are planning on going
to see the Ambassadors of
Harmony on Saturday,
June 19, 2010 at 2:00 PM.
It is at the Tuhill
Performing Arts Center in
St Louis. We will need at
least 30 people to take the
bus. The tickets are \$28
for the show plus bus,
dinner and tips would be
approximately \$69 Total.
(If you would like to
purchase the June &
December tickets there is a
discount on the tickets.)
Please make reservations
in the church office or let
me know ASAP. Church

364-3980 Bev Oster 647-
0424.

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Event. Mark your
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spend a fun evening for
the whole family at the
church!

Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher
gave her class a "show and
tell" assignment. Each
student was instructed to
bring in an object to share
with the class that
represented their religion.
The first student got up in
front of the class and said,
"My name is Benjamin
and I am Jewish and this is
a Star of David.."

The second student got up
in front of the class and
said, "My name is Mary.
I'm a Catholic and this is a
Rosary."

The third student got in up
front of the class and said,
"My name is Tommy. I am
Methodist, and this is a
casserole."

Thank You

My family and I want to express our thanks for all the love, thoughts, and prayers we have received from our church family and many friends. Carroll and I appreciated all the friendships we have had through our church over the years.

With my heartfelt thanks, Maxine Paulsmeyer
One behalf of the Rolla Public Schools Parents as Teachers Program, I would like to thank you for allowing us to use your wonderful facility for our developmental screenings again this year.

Developmental screening for children from six months to five years is an essential component of the Parents as Teachers Program. Research has found that eighty percent of developmental concerns detected before age three are eliminated by kindergarten entry. Annual developmental screenings are one way Parents as Teachers assists families in helping their children realize their full potential.

Without the use of your church building, we would not have been able to offer as many families free developmental screenings for their children. We are grateful for your generosity.

Thank you again. Working together, we can all support parents in giving their children the best possible start in life.

Sincerely,

Susan Bartlett, Coordinator

To my Friend in Faith,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers on Mother's Day. They were special and I really enjoyed them.

Roberta Bell

THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears..

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were

careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED !!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said,

'GOD BLESS YOU'

And he walked off the stage...

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Church Office
Hours Changing

Please note that the church office will begin summer hours on Monday, May 24. Suzanna will be in the office from 8 am –

12 noon. If you need to come by the church on a summer afternoon, it is suggested that you call first and confirm that a member of the church staff is available. Also, the

church office will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Happy June Anniversary!

6-01 Dorcas & John Park
Mary & Paul Stigall
Audrey & Gerald Huddleson

6-02 Shirley & Delbert Day
Kim & Ted Day

6-03 Valerie & Larry Jontz
Christy & Randy Dodd

6-05 Susie & Tim Rupp

6-07 Louise & Ted Smith

6-11 Lisa & Dwight Warnke

6-12 Lisa & John Kean

6-13 Fran & Jack Morris
Kathy & Robert Heflin
Carla & Will Schumaker

6-14 Ginger & Hank Schneider
Pamela & George Timson
Jan & David Shore
Walt & Luana Huskey
Dorette & Bob Fitez

6-16 Rachael & Richard Hagni

6-17 Pat & Fred Krueger

6-19 Mary & Don Askeland
Mindi & Andy Lamar
Susan & Mark Potrafka

6-20 Bobbie & Keith Wedge

6-22 Luran & Michael Mueller

6-23 Nancy & Jim Fryer

6-24 Debbie & Don Williams
Cheryl & John Belles

6-25 Merle & Royal Ranney

6-26 Danette & Brad Sherrell

6-30 Wilma & James Stevenson

Happy June Birthday!!

6-01 Bill Parks
George Timson
Shannon McCaul

6-02 Goldie Courson
Don Spencer
Paulette Loughridge
Bonnie Ranney

6-03 Charles Dare

6-04 Fay Parks

6-05 Tom Arnold
Andy Stewart
Marybeth Sells
Brycelynn Swafford

6-06 Keaton Hunt
Linda Foehrweiser

6-07 Adam Giebink

6-08 Marian Snelson
Doris Greig
Ginger Schneider
John Kean
Aleisha Sagel
Chris Kiepper

6-09 Nancy West
Chris Davis

6-10 Mildred Leaver *** (the big
104!)**

Walt Timson
Luana Huskey
Robert Heflin

6-11 Shirley Day
Kimberly Williams

6-12 Bob Perry
Christy Dodd

6-13 Kelly Battley
Alex Kickbusch

6-14 Vera Morford
Linda McFarland
Debbi McCaul
Tyler Standridge

6-15 Sally Graber
Matthew Battley
Christina Schonberg
Lara Edwards

6-16 Mark Renick

6-17 Jo Reppond
Mary Peeples
Meghan Williams

6-18 James Hayes
Kenny Bohannon
Sadie West

6-19 Nancy Lentz
Jack Bourquin
Tim Rupp
Debra Malone

6-20 Royal Ranney

6-21 Susan Barker
David Strassner
James Trueblood

6-22 Myla Kickbusch
Floyd Hood
Kassi Mace
Tyler Myers
Adalie Lauth

6-24 Betty Merrell
Gretchen Thompson
Megan Rupp

6-25 Lauren Lutz
Kelsey McFarland
Alyssa Packard
Zane Moreland

6-26 Janice Hayes
Charles Lacy
Amy Jackson

6-28 Bob Fitez
David Busch

6-29 Winona Roberts
Paul Santi
Elizabeth Janke
Katie McFarland

6-30 Julie Johnson
Rie Von Betts



Memorial Day is a [United States federal holiday](#) observed on the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2010). Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the [military service](#).^[1] First enacted to honor [Union soldiers of the American Civil War](#) (it is celebrated near the day of reunification after the Civil War), it was expanded after [World War I](#).

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According to Professor David Blight of the [Yale University](#) History Department, the first memorial day was observed by formerly enslaved black people at the Washington Race Course (today the location of [Hampton Park](#)) in Charleston, South Carolina. The race course had been used as a temporary Confederate prison camp in 1865 as well as a mass grave for Union soldiers who died there. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities, formerly enslaved people exhumed the bodies from the mass grave and reinterred them properly with individual graves. They built a fence around the graveyard with an entry arch and declared it a Union graveyard. The work was completed in only ten days. On May 1, 1865, the Charleston newspaper reported that a crowd of up to ten thousand, mainly black residents, including 2800 children, processed to the location for a celebration which included sermons, singing, and a picnic on the grounds, thereby creating the first Decoration Day.^[2]

Many of the states of the [U.S. South](#) refused to celebrate Decoration Day, due to lingering hostility towards the [Union Army](#) and also because there were relatively few veterans of the Union Army who were buried in the South. A notable exception was [Columbus, Mississippi](#), which on April

25, 1866, at its Decoration Day commemorated both the Union and Confederate casualties buried in its cemetery.^[4]



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Gifts for Haiti

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