



# The Tower

6-10-10

## **REFLECTIONS FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR**

What a year this has been! There have been so many new things happening with the youth group this year that it's hard to know where to begin. The year started off with a shaving cream war with almost 50 students involved. We got wet, we got messy, and we had fun! New this year was the addition of the Wyman Backpack Program—an opportunity to add an element of community service to the MidKid program. Every other Wednesday throughout the year 12-15 fifth, sixth and seventh graders gave up their afternoon to fill bags of food for distribution at the schools each Friday to ensure families would have nutritious food to eat over the weekend. We always ended the project by praying over the food; many times the prayer was given by one of the students. A bible study for MidKids was also started and was very well attended.

Following a leadership breakout at WOW 2010, several students asked to form a leadership

group to make the youth group better. In February a group of 2 students from each grade 8-12 met at my house and had a very frank, very honest talk about what was working and what wasn't about youth group. Out of this meeting, family groups were started and the juniors and seniors really stepped up to make this work. Several of the younger youth group members were pleased to have the older kids showing a special interest in them and several times throughout the spring season the group went out to support each other in sporting events and several students went to the spring play to support Kati Edwards in her drama performance. With Kelsey Hunt and Katie McFarland graduating, we met last week to discuss stepping up to balance leadership to continue making the families a success. Many great ideas came from this meeting and we have a lot to look forward to in the coming months.

Confirmation began in February with a class of eight students who joined the church on

Pentecost Sunday. Their families also re-committed to their membership vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It was a very fulfilling experience for all of us involved as we changed the curriculum to nurture faith development and service.

May was full of graduation events. We had eight student members graduate from high school last Friday night. Baccalaureate was held at the Salem Avenue Baptist church with 5 of our graduates participating. The Senior Family Banquet was held in late April with 7 of the 8 families participating. We wish those students well as they go on into campus ministries—3 of them will be here in Rolla!

We are moving to a modified schedule this summer with a two week break right here after school is out to accommodate our many students traveling to Gettysburg with Coach Croft and traveling to Disney World with the band. We'll be coming up with weekly events with one large event per month. The Leadership Team will be looking forward to gearing up again in August with a new activity or two in mind.

As always, we welcome anyone who has a heart for youth to hang out with us, drive for us, provide support for our many activities, etc. Come on by Panera Bread on Wednesday

mornings before school to see our Jr/Sr High students enjoying fellowship before the Wednesday late start days—there are usually around 30 participating! Thanks for letting me spend time with your kids—it blesses my life in so many ways!

#### FINANCIAL MILESTONE

The Church is expected to pass a significant milestone this year in that our actual operating expenditures are expected to be above the one half million dollar mark. This is a natural progression because of our vibrant and growing church. We now have three services every Sunday, two full time ministers, two large, modern buildings, a dedicated support staff, active youth and adult music programs, a large preschool, a food pantry, bible study groups, youth education groups, a college ministry and on and on.

The Finance committee recently submitted a revised 2010 General Operating Budget to the Administrative Council that was approved. This was necessary for two reasons. The first was because of additional capital expenditures (New Sanctuary Roof, Parsonage repairs, MFLC Hot Water Heater, New Fire & Security System Board). The second was to move the 2010 Budget figures to be more in line with the 2006 – 2009 Actual expenditure figures. Doing this removed the excess that had developed over the years making the Budget higher than it really needed to be. The Budget that we have now is realistic and will be useful in helping to better manage the actual

operating expenses of the Church for 2010.

The new General Operating Budget total for 2010 is \$527,418 which is \$60,000 higher than the 2009 actual expenditure amount of \$467,482. This \$60,000 increase is due to increases in Utilities/Fuel, Capital Expenditures/Building Maintenance, Salaries (Pastor & Support Staff), and Conference Apportionments. To help cover this \$60,000 increase, it is expected that \$15,000 from the sale of the parsonage will be used to reimburse the General Operating Budget for the parsonage repair expenses and to defray some of the capital expenditures listed above. An additional \$15,000 is expected from the income of the Church's endowment fund. That leaves an additional \$30,000 that hopefully will be provided by the congregation.

Last year, the General Revenue for the Church was \$472,187, which was \$5,000 more than we actually spent. If we can increase the giving by \$25,000, that will give us the remaining \$30,000. Keep in mind the \$527,418 budget figure does not include or have anything to do with our monthly mortgage payments that we are making on the Family Life Center or the small white house beside the Family Life Center which the Church is purchasing. Also, the \$527,418 does not contain any "fudge" factor any more. That has all been removed.

The \$25,000 increase for the congregation represents a 5.3% increase over the 2009 General Revenue figure of \$472,187. This congregation has a history of meeting its financial obligations. The Finance Committee is confident this year will be no exception.

Prepared by Steven Jackson – Finance Committee Member on behalf of the Finance Committee

## Meet Your Members

**Donna Parker** was born outside Dixon in Pulaski County Missouri. She was raised on a 900 acre cattle farm on the Gasconade River. Donna moved to St Louis and Jefferson City to work. She worked for the state at one time employing white collar workers. When Donna went back to Dixon she married her husband. She was a real estate broker and he was a field rep for Blue Cross Blue Shield. The couple also worked for the Bank of Dixon and the Bank of St Louis and they ran a grocery store in Dixon as well. Mr. Parker was in the army in WWII.

Donna has enjoyed playing bridge, crocheting, fishing and painting. The walls of Donna's home are graced with her beautiful oil and watercolor original paintings. She also has enjoyed piecing quilts.

Donna moved to Presbyterian Manor in December, after living at Wellington for a number of years. Donna has a lovely apartment. She would enjoy showing her paintings to anyone that would like to stop by.

Thank you for sharing some of your background with the congregation Donna!

## 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  
**Dorothy Kitchen**, Sue Hufham's neighbor  
**Max Vath**, Kim Day's friend  
**Tom Whitecotton**, friend of Vern Lowrey  
**Casey Morgan & Family**  
**Quiten Hamilton**, Fayette Stewart's brother

**Mai Gray**  
**Benny Hedden & family**  
**Mark Rolufs**  
**John Graham**

### Military:

**Matt Battley**, Marine Corps  
**Mindy Williams-**  
**Keith & Andrea Gimmy**-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**  
**John J A Isabell Jr**  
**Daniel Sharp & family**  
**Amy Currie & family**

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## Joy

Audrey Brown graduated May 23<sup>rd</sup> from Law School at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

From proud parent, Peggy Brown

## 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

OOPS will not be meeting in July and August. Watch for our Fall Schedule.

## Summer Sunday School

Are you teaching your children in your home about faith? Is it important that they grow up in Faith? It won't happen by osmosis will it? You want your child to have a good education don't you? Then as a scripture says, "how will they know unless someone teaches them?" We offer Sunday School at 2 different hours for your convenience. (9:30 am and 10:50 am). They are two different programs so your child can go to a different hour of Sunday School on Sunday. The 9:30 am session is focusing on the Armor of God from Ephesians chapter 6. It is an exciting, dynamic interactive experience. Then at 10:50 am they are looking at a modern rendition of the 23rd Psalm. Every theme you can imagine is included in Psalm 23. Parents are invited to sit in, assist the class or be a room-parent.

## Father's Day

To recognize Father's Day, send your digital picture of your "father" (husband/father/father-in-law/grandfather/father-figure). We will be using them during our worship at 8:15 am and 10:50 am. You may send them to [tim@firstumcrolla.org](mailto:tim@firstumcrolla.org) or drop them off on disc/flashdrive/flashcard at church. We also have a couple other special things in the works for Father's Day to celebrate our fathers.

Then, the message for Father's Day is currently in the incubator. It addresses an important question in our society!!! It is a message that will focus on strengthening the family. Here is the issue it addresses: Where should we find our Romance? Every person needs that spark of love and romance. Our society is looking for it in all sorts of ways and places. Some of those ways are actually destructive in the long and short terms. An example is @%#\$&\*(@# PORNOGRAPHY. Do you know how many people are addicted to porn? How many in 100? What happens to someone who ends up looking for romance in porn? What about having an affair? A person confides in a coworker or friend and all of a sudden there is this tantalizing spark of romance? What now? "I've found my soul mate in this person!" AND do you think it has to be a person??...what about the person who finds "romance" that fulfills them in Sports or Facebook or Work or even an addiction to Drugs/Alcohol. Each one ends in a lack of "romance" with family/spouse leading to neglect and feelings of abandonment???

What is romance? What is God's perfect plan for romance? Do you know "THE" plan? This plan leads to personal fulfillment. Where should you look for Romance? Do you want a little romance in your life?

The Catch Phrase for this sermon is worth showing up to hear! It could change your perceptions about your relationship. But we will also look at some ways people have explored romance that has led to destruction: Porn-sex, drugs, neglect. which will lead us to hearing about God's plan.

## Outreach

Our church has a long history in reaching out in service to bring justice to all people. We have given relief to countless thousands

in dire need. We have taken trips and provided service to great numbers of people.

Now we need **Your** help. In order for this team to work efficiently and to provide guidance in mission to the whole church we need people who want to help the church move forward in mission. We need some team members for Outreach. These team members coordinate the missions work of our church. Do you have a heart for mission? Would you be willing to serve? Contact the church office to apply now.

## Haiti – Missions Trip

Here is a note from Ann Foehrweiser as she is currently in Haiti. You will recall that we did a lunch fund raiser for Ann's trip. Ann is working in mission as a physical therapist while in Haiti. Remember her in your prayers!

*Everything is going well here in Haiti. I think that saying about how hot it is, is supposed to be Haiti, not hades. 100% humidity, that is where some of the drinking water comes from. They have sort of dehumidifiers that pull the water from the air. They never stop running. God is definitely in many of their hearts as well as in all of ours.*

*Pass on my thanks to everyone for their support and prayers.*

*Growing in God,  
Ann*

## Terrific Tuesdays in June – Under Construction!

For kids in Preschool through Middle School  
(Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult)

Come on over to the Fellowship Hall from 10 am – 12 pm each Tuesday in June and

learn about Habitat for Humanity in this special program: Under Construction! Each week we will have a Bible story and make a hands-on project that will be donated to the local Habitat chapter. Registration forms are available in the church office. Interested in helping? Give Suzanna a call at 364-3980 or email her at [office@firstumcrolla.org](mailto:office@firstumcrolla.org).

## Family Fun Fridays

The first Friday of June, July, and August, the Children's Ministry and Christian Education Teams will sponsor a Family Fun Event. Mark your calendars and plan to spend a fun evening for the whole family at the church!

## Thank You

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for allowing the Early Care and Education program at The Community Partnership to use your facilities for our Provider Appreciation Day on April 24, 2010. We are so lucky to have a place to accommodate all of our care providers for such a wonderful training and luncheon. Thank you for your contribution!

Sincerely,  
ECE Staff

Dear FUMC family,

Thank you for the gorgeous rose bouquet. They were the most beautiful roses I have ever seen and I enjoyed them immensely. I feel very spoiled because I am already blessed to work with the other choir leaders and children of our church. Our church is so lucky to have such spiritually mature, faith filled, and

talented women so willing to dedicate their time and energy in guiding our children. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with them all!

Thank you,  
Karen Daily

## Celebration

You are invited to share in the celebration of Charles Marcott and Frank Marcott's birthdays (80 years and 50 years respectively) on Sunday afternoon, July 11, 2010 in Fellowship Hall from 20:00 to 4:00 pm. Your presence is your gift; cards appreciated.

## Tumbling Mat Anyone?

If you have a **tumbling mat** you are no longer using the preschool is looking for a couple to go under a new castle constructed in a classroom. We are also looking for **over-the-counter cabinets** for office storage.

Contact Doris Arthur at 364-2777 or 426-5160 if you have anything to donate.

Thank you.

## Happy July Anniversary!

7-01 Sandra & Brent Dixon  
Susan & Clark Barker

7-05 Kellie & Joe Bales

7-07 Sheila & Jim Packard  
7-09 Lucille & Harry Hines  
7-12 Leslie & Wes Anderson  
7-13 Elizabeth & Scott Langley  
7-14 Kelly & Aaron Dunnill  
7-16 Annette & Jered Hollon  
7-20 Angie & Mike Howard  
7-25 Mary & Mack Daily  
7-27 Connie & Joe Coonrod  
7-28 Luke & KC Curler  
7-30 Mark & Susan Sells  
Tami & Paul Skaggs

### Happy July Birthday!

7-01 Brent Dixon  
Cecilia Elmore  
7-02 Phyllis Grayson  
Morgan Grooms  
Henry West  
7-03 Karen Cox Bliss  
7-04 Rod Lentz  
A J Shrestha  
Megan McCaul  
7-05 Doug Carroll  
7-06 Ted Smith  
Jenny Heberlie  
Dale Elifrits  
7-07 Chris Grisham  
Mary George  
7-08 Cruz Wilkins  
7-09 David Shelton  
Mary Christopher  
Toby Swinfard  
Stormy Lewis

7-10 Cynthia Bolon  
7-11 Kenneth Oster  
Brooke Beeson  
7-12 Garry Houf  
7-13 Katharine Shields  
Susan Potrafka  
7-15 Karen Laboube  
Morgan Long  
Sue Arnold  
Julie Pfeifer  
Becky Robinson  
7-16 Ana Underwood  
7-17 Tricia Gregg  
Mike Howard  
7-18 Joshua Holloway  
Emma Frank  
7-19 Marjorie Freeze  
Katie Huss  
7-20 Suzanne Femmer  
7-21 Hank Schneider  
Avery Farrar  
Rick Stephenson  
7-22 Sandra Shelton  
Gail Ruga  
7-23 Laura Daily  
G L White  
Joanne Nelson  
Wesley Trueblood  
7-24 Max Trueblood  
7-25 Joshua Skaggs  
Addison Maynard  
Bob Alexander  
7-26 Don Russell  
Mary Sheffield  
Michael Kelly  
Adam Masterson  
7-28 Kyatin Tennyson  
7-29 Gerald Huddleson

Garth Brown

7-30 Andy Davis

7-31 Jan Cannell  
Leon Hall

## Father's Day

Father's Day is celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June in 52 countries. It was started to compliment Mother's Day.

Sonora Dodd was listening to a sermon on Mother's Day in 1909 at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in Spokane WA. She thought there should be a holiday to honor fathers as well. She enlisted the help of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance. On June 19, 1910, YMCA members came to church wearing red roses to honor living fathers and white roses to honor deceased fathers. Shut-in fathers were given gifts.

A bill came to Congress in 1913 making Father's Day a holiday but the bill was defeated. Several other attempts to create an official holiday met with rejection as well.

In 1966 Lyndon Johnson issued a presidential proclamation designating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June as Father's Day. Nixon signed the bill into law in 1972.