

August
2010



Wood River First United Methodist Church

*"To Create A Christian Environment
That Nurtures All People's Faith in
Jesus Christ"*

TIDINGS

**REMEMBER WORSHIP AT WOOD RIVER BEGINS AT
9:00 A.M. STARTING AUGUST 1st.**

PASTORAL NOTES:

John, Mozelle, and I want to thank everyone who has welcomed us to Wood River with such wonderful hospitality. We appreciate all the smiles and welcomes, the preparations at the parsonage, sweet corn and vegetables, and suggestions of places to visit and things to do. We're still surprised that we are living in Nebraska, but we believe that God is full of surprises, and God sends us to places where we never planned to go. Sometimes those journeys are literal moves, like we have just made, and sometimes those unexpected encounters come from situations in our work, school, people we meet, or events in our lives or the lives of our loved ones. But in all of them, I believe that God is there to lead us and to support us when those journeys become difficult, and that Jesus walks with us in times of great joy and sorrow. We look forward to getting to know you and the community and growing together in faith.

Peace in Christ,

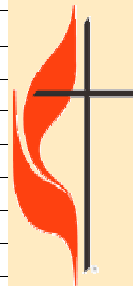
Rev. Theresa Mason

GUEST PIANIST/ KARINE GIL

Our guest pianist on July 25th, and in August starting August 8th will be Karine Gil. She is a Venezuelan concert pianist, composer, and piano teacher. She has a Ph. D. in Wildlife and Fisheries. Dr. Karine Gil is a crane population ecologist with the Platte River Whooping Crane Trust near Alda. Much of the music she is playing during the prelude and offertory has been inspired by her experiences in Wood River and the surrounding area. For more information see: <http://karinegil.com/Bio.html>. Anyone interested in getting a CD of her music, should contact her directly.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

AS OF JULY 31, 2010

Expenses	\$ 60,409.50
Collections	\$ 53,596.80

We have paid our mission share giving for two months which is ahead of last year when we had only paid one month at this time. However, we still owe for five months, a total of \$ 11,237.55. As you can see we continue to spend more than we take in. We will need all your help and support during the summer months to continue to pay our obligations.

Please try to apply the following prayer to your daily life.

"Lord,, help me to be grateful for what I have, to remember that I don't need most of what I want, and that joy is found in simplicity and generosity."

~The Finance Committee

CIRCLE NEWS/UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Rachel Circle met July 1st with nine members. Sylvia McTavish called the meeting to order. Catherine Miller read the opening, "The Good Shepherd". We all read Psalm 23. Joys and concerns were given followed with a prayer by Mary Ann Apfel. Roll was taken by Catherine. We answered with a Bible verse. Catherine read the minutes of June meeting. Bars were solicited for August Garage Sale day. "The Clothesline," was read by Bonnie Schurer and "Jesus Still Loves Me", the senior version by Sylvia McTavish. Mary Ann gave a report on the Food Pantry. The meeting was adjourned. A delicious lunch was served by Rozella Sidders and Mary Ann Apfel.

UMW met July 22nd at 7:00 pm with 13 members present. Vice President Linda Thompson opened the meeting with Prayer, everyone saying the "PURPOSE" together. Jan Carter read the minutes and was approved. Catherine Miller gave the Treasurers Report, Pro-Tem of Rita Earnest. A motion was made by Mary Ann Apfel to accept the Treasurers report and seconded by Linda Sample. Motion carried. Marge Hibbert reported on sewing. There will be NO SEWING sold at Garage Sale Day. Jan Carter read a poem "It Is Strange Isn't It?". The Prayer list was uplifted by Mary Ann Apfel. Susie Powell gave the lesson, Social Action. A nice lunch was served by Rachel Circle. August 26th UMW at 1:30 pm, guest speaker Marjorie Lockhart from Bladen, NE. Looking ahead, the church will be hostess "The Fall Meeting" Saturday, September 18th at 9:00 am.



United
Methodist
Women

All women of the church are invited to become part of United Methodist Women. For further information about United Methodist Women, contact Mary Bilsend at 583-2373.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

- ~ Ruth Circle Monday, August 2nd 7:30 pm ~
- ~ Rachel Circle Thursday, April 5th at 1:30 pm ~
- ~ Garage Sale Day doors open at 8 am, Lunch served at 10 am~
- ~Sewing Circle Thursday, August 19th at the Church at 9:00 am ~
- ~UMW Thursday, August 26th at 1:30 pm ~

RALLY SUNDAY

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th

We will kick off the Sunday School year.

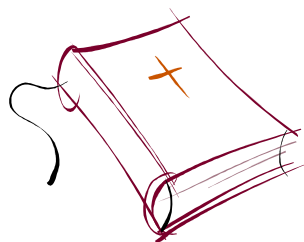
Bibles will be presented to 2nd and 6th graders and teachers will be introduced.

See you September 12th !!!



READERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a reader on Sunday mornings? Youth and adults are invited to read scripture. You can sign up for the days that match your schedule. We also invite you to sign up for greeting, ushering, and donuts.



VBS THANK YOU...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous people that helped make High Seas Expedition possible. Thank you parents or entrusting us with your children during the week. We had an average of 80 children each day – all learning about God’s love. Thank you-they are wonderful kids!

Thank you to all the awesome volunteers that have helped make High Seas Expedition a huge success. VBS would not be possible without the help, time, and dedication of SO many people. The Methodist Church is truly blessed with so many people willing to give up their time to help spread God’s word. Thank you to the crew, craft, and games leaders and all the helpers, the music crew, galley volunteers, those that brought dinners and snacks, and those that just helped where needed....the list goes on and on.

Thank you also for the generous donations for our “Spiritual Voyage” project. Our missions project this year was to help Tyler Lucas as he embarks on his journey with the Youth With a Mission Project (YWAM). Tyler truly appreciates all the help our church has provided for him. As Jeremiah 1: 7 states, “But the Lord said to me, Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; or to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.”

Once again....Thank You

Deb Rohrich & Tracy Watts



CARD OF THANKS

Mere words do not seem adequate to express how very grateful I am for the many expressions of sympathy extended to me since the death of my Father. Please know that I treasure each and every one. Your support has meant so much. The memorial money that was collected will be given to the Wood River Rescue Unit and the Good Samaritan Society in Wood River where Father resided the last few weeks of his life and where my Mother resides. This is a very difficult time in my life and your kindness and generosity have been more help than you can ever imagine. I know it will take time to heal from the sadness and great loss I feel right now. With your help I am taking the first steps to that healing. May God bless each of you as you have blessed me. Thank you.

~Rena Graham

ANNUAL CITY GARAGE SALES

Annual City Garage Sales on Saturday, August 7th. UMW will be serving lunch from 10-2. We are asking for your help from 11-2. If you would have a half an hour or hour you could come help it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Linda Thompson (381-0855) if you would like to help us out. Thank You.



AD COUNCIL

Wood River Administrative Council will be meeting Wednesday, August 11th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend. We will be working on a strategic plan and mission for the coming five years. Have you a vision or a dream of how you see this House of God and what He is calling us to do?

Please pray on this and come with your ideas, dreams and wishes.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has been rather quiet during the summer but we have helped a number of families with some groceries. We have had some food donations but we are rather low on a number of things. School will soon be starting and the backpack program will start again. Backpacks are sent home on Fridays with kids that may not have very much to eat on the weekend. We can't overload these packs so we use light weight good products like small cans of fruit, cans of tuna, soup, crackers, pudding cups and tuna helper dinners, bags of dry cereal and boxed mac and cheese. We can always use these products for the backpacks and appreciate when we get these items. We can also use soaps and shampoos from hotels, toilet tissue, and even vitamins.

We can use anything that you bring to us and remember us when you are buying your groceries. Anything you buy for yourself we can use at the food pantry. If you don't like something chances are other people don't either. We thank you for your donations and there is a box in the fellowship area for donations. If you have any questions you can call free to volunteer . We will also welcome monetary gifts in any amount.

Thanks so much for you past help.

The Food Pantry Committee:

Mary Ann Apfel 583-2441

Darlene Boroff

Marian Davis

Lynne Leffler

Wanda Monson

Joyce Packer



MEET & EAT



Meet n Eat

JOIN US!
12 NOON
Thursday,
AUGUST 12th
ENTERTAINMENT:
MARVIN RICKERT

PASTOR PUBLISHES CHAPTER

Rev. Theresa Mason has written a chapter in a book that was just released the middle of July. The chapter, "Magi Liturgical Dramas Performed in Worship: Two Case Studies of Interpretations of Medieval Liturgical Drama," describes dramas from Epiphany that were part of a United Methodist Church where she was pastor in Sacramento, California, and a drama in worship at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. The newly released book is *Catholic Theatre and Drama: Critical Essays*, edited by Kevin J. Wetmore, Jr.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

ATTENTION:

The Youth will be having an Auction to raise money for our Church on November 20th at Babel's Barn.

Any items you are willing to part with would be great. Some items are: Quilt, Mexican dinner for 4, Scrapbook/ your choice (wedding, baby, senior) and a Quilt Rack.

More details will appear later.

FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"We cannot help the world until we change our way of being in the world."

Excerpt from God's Renewed Creation, by our Council of Bishops.

Join other United Methodists and Jim Winkler from the General Board of Church & Society at Come to the Hill II: A Call to Hope and Action, September 30-October 2, 2010 at Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE. We will pray, sing discuss and take action around the document God's Renewed Creation.

Registration ends September 9, 2010. Contact 402-455-4281 for more information or go to www.umcneb.org; click on Ministries in Action upper left side of the home page, then click on Risk-Taking Mission and Justice.

UMYF BARBECUE

Let's get the year started. The UMYF (Middle & High School Students) will be gathering at the Willoughby house on Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm. We will be gathering your opinions, planning events, setting dates and having fun. Come and have food, fun and maybe a water fight. Call Amber Willoughby if you have questions.