

October
2010



OCTOBER

Wood River First United Methodist Church

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

TIDINGS

PASTORAL NOTES: "Thin Places"

Last Sunday John, Mozelle and I went to the open house at the Nature Center and went for a walk on their path by the Platte River. Grasshoppers sprang up as we walked and dragonflies in gold, red, and blue darted along the path. Cottonwood leaves shimmered and danced over gnarled bare limbs of a giant cottonwood that arched across the blue sky. It became a thin place for me.

By a "thin place" I mean a space that makes us aware of God. We might also call it a holy place or a sacred space. Thin places tear down the boundaries between our own shells and the Spirit. Sometimes it's a place like along the Platte River. But other times a thin place might be a work of art or music that stirs us. Thin places can include deep conversations, prayer, and worship. They might come during planting or harvesting or marveling at friend's hospitality. Where do you find your thin places? They are all around us. May you be blessed with thin places that stir your soul.[]

~Rev. Theresa Mason

TOGETHER WE TRANSFORM THE WORLD

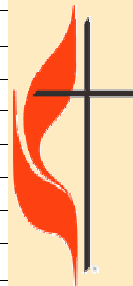
The Nebraska Annual Conference thanks Wood River for completing apportionments in 2009. Check out the new thank-you poster they sent on the bulletin board. Our apportionments allow for the church to be in ministry throughout Nebraska, throughout the United States and around the world. Our contributions combine with churches throughout the state to make a difference. For example, this includes education for parish nurses (like our own Mary Bilslend) ion the United States, as well as rebuilding the health-care system in Africa, and establishing self-sustaining community radio stations to address ongoing social, spiritual and health issues, particularly in Africa. Thank you for your help in 2009, and for your contributions you have made for 2010. We need to catch up on our churches share for 2010 (see Finance News). We thank you ahead of time for contributing to make a difference in stamping out poverty.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY-ALL SAINTS

On Sunday, October 31st, we will be remembering members of this church, and loved ones of our families who have died this past year. Please give a note with any names you wish to include in the bulletin to Rachele Valdez or send an e-mail to office@woodriverumc.org. or call the Church office by Tuesday, October 26th so we can include their names that Sunday.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Collections \$ 74,831.02

Expenses \$ 77,140.71

We have paid our mission share giving for three months which is ahead of last year when we had only paid two months at this time. However, we still owe for six months, a total of \$13,485.06. As you can see we continue to spend more than we take in.

We always regard the fall season as the season of bounty. As we begin to reap the bounty of the fields in our harvest, we need to remember the needs of people around the world and share the bounty of our harvest with them through our giving to our church and its Mission Share giving.

We need to remember to Thank God for his blessings in our lives and to share this blessing with others who are less fortunate.

We pray for a safe harvest for everyone involved and a bountiful crop. Remember this prayer. "Take what I have, Lord, and use it for your glory. I have nothing except what You have given me. Help me to share from my abundance and to give all that I can to those who are in need. Amen."

~The Finance Committee: Steve Arnett, Judy Mead, Catherine Miller, Rachelle Valdez, Brent Oster, Curtis Rohrich, Mary Bilslend and Susie Powell

CIRCLE NEWS/UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Rachel Circle met September 2nd with nine members. Sylvia McTavish called the meeting to order; she read a Parable Bible Story with Jesus. The Lord's Prayer was said by all. Joys and concerns were given followed by a prayer by Mary Ann Apfel. Roll call was taken by Catherine Miller. We answered with a Bible verse. Catherine read the minutes of the August meeting. Catherine read a Thank You card from Rev. Theresa Mason and family. Marilyn Webster gave the treasurers report. She also gave a report on the plant she took to Gladys Camp from our circle. The sewing group was discussed. Rozella Sidders read some ladies names that had been honored back in 1992 and before in United Methodist Women in The Dedicated Light. Rev. Theresa Mason joined us during our meeting. Catherine closed the meeting with, "He asked so Little and Gave so Much". A delicious lunch was served by Marilyn Webster.

UMW met on September 23rd at 7:00 pm with 9 members present. President Mary Bilslend opened the meeting with prayer and everyone saying the "Purpose" together. Jan Carter read the minutes, were approved as read. Rita Earnest gave treasurers report, Marg Hibbert made a motion to accept the report and Jan Carter second the motion and carried it. Marge Hibbert reported on Sewing and sewing will meet again on September 30th. Marge is asking for more jeans. Linda Thompson is asking for 15 pies from each Circle for our Bazaar coming up on November 2nd. Jan Carter gave the lesson on Purpose and Sylvia played for us. A nice lunch was served by Rachel Circle. Our next meeting will be October 28th at 1:30 pm. Rachel Circle will have Lesson and Devotion and Ruth Circle Lunch.



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 Bilslend at 583-2373.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER

~ Ruth Circle Monday, October 4th at 7:30 pm ~

~ Rachel Circle Thursday, October 7th at 1:30 pm ~

~Sewing Circle Thursday, October 21st at the Church at 9:30 am ~

~UMW Thursday, October 28th at 1:30 pm ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AND MAKES A TIME CHANGE

We thank all of the teachers, assistants, substitutes, and the rest of the staff who are contributing to our Sunday School this year.

Nursery-Preschool: Tina Heater, Esther Rickert, dawn Brandt, Cheyenne Weiss, Helper: Mozelle Mason

Kindergarten- First: Paula Mayfield, Kelsey Mayfield, Jennifer Reeder, Lisa DeVore.

Second-Third: Lorna Wescoatt, Natalie Shears, Maggie Arnett, Amber Willoughby,
Helper: Taylor Willoughby

Fourth-Fifth: Joyce Willoughby, Brent Oster, Steve Arnett, Mikaleh Shultz

Sixth-Seventh-Eighth: Dana Oster, Kyle Allan

Adult: Peggy Hock, Susie Powell (substitute)

Music: Jodi Rauert, Cassie Watts

Superintendent: Jodi Rauert

Bulletin Boards: Mona Luebs

Sunday School for Preschool through Junior High will be meeting right after church (instead of 10:15) and conclude at 11:00 am.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council wants to thank all of you who helped with the filing out of the survey of the Church. This is relevant to help us plan for the Church's future. We also want to thank those that will serve on the planning committee and for those who will be implementing these plans. What an exciting future awaits us as we grow in Jesus and see to the work he lays before us. Your opinion is important and will determine our future endeavors and plans so thank you again for your participation. **There will be no scheduled Administrative Council meeting for the month of October.**

CHURCH SURVEY

Last Sunday during worship the adults, youth, and children who were present were handed a survey about the purpose and mission of the church. For those of you who did not get a chance to fill out the survey we have included it here for you to fill out. We want to hear from everyone. As the song says, "I am the Church You are the Church. We are the church together." Notice one side of the sheet asks your ideas about the church's mission and vision. The other side asks you to mark your interests for activities and service. Please return the surveys by mid-October. You may bring them to worship, mail them, or call and have us pick them up.

PARISH NURSE

Are you getting your zzzzzzzzz's?

Sleep is controlled by two combined internal influences: Sleep homeostasis and circadian rhythms. Homeostasis is the steady state of internal conditions the body tries to maintain such as blood pressure, body temperature and acid-base balance. This homeostatic level for sleep accumulates from the time we rise till bed time when it reaches its maximum. This level is interfered with certain drugs like caffeine that disrupts this process.

Our body demands we make up for lost sleep by napping or sleeping longer in later cycles or we suffer the consequences. Even the loss of an hour of sleep time that accumulates over several days can have an effect on daytime performance, thinking and mood.

Circadian rhythms refer to the cyclical changes in our body like fluctuation in body temperature, hormone levels and sleep that occur over 24 hours periods. These consist of the biological clock units that are in the brain. These 24 hour rhythms that affect our body functions and behavior are synchronized to our external environment and our play and work schedules. Light is the strongest synchronizing agent we have. Light and darkness are external signals that "set" the biological clock and help determine when we feel the need to wake up or go to sleep. The circadian system is very intolerant especially in major changes to sleep and wake schedules.

For these reasons, you may notice a change in each other when the time changes and also the sunlight time grows less in the winter.

We also know age affects the depth of sleep but the need for sleep does not decrease with age but may become more fragile in older persons with lighter sleep predominating.

FOOD PANTRY

We want to thank our members for the contributions of food and money for the food pantry. Because of you we now have full shelves and can buy things we need for the backpacks. We always need the smaller food items for the backpacks such as pudding cups, cans of tuna, tuna helper, small bags of cereal (available at Mr. B's for \$1.99), microwave popcorn and other small items. In November we will be filling Thanksgiving boxes and will be asking for help again. God Bless you all for your continued help and generosity.

~The Food Pantry Committee

The Food Pantry Committee:

Mary Ann Apfel

Darlene Boroff

Marian Davis

Lynne Leffler

Wanda Monson

Joyce Packer



MEET & EAT



**JOIN US!
12 NOON
Thursday,
October 14th**

**Please call Betty Thompson or
Linda Thompson.
Marvin Rickert will be performing.**

THANK YOU...

I want to thank the Church for their cards, prayers and other acts of kindness in the death of my Sister Charolette Liesinger

Thank you Rev. Mason for your prayer it really means a lot to me. I know that time heals and with God's help and my faith in him I will get through this trying time.

Thanks Again,
Jan Carter

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please keep these individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they heal:

Rozella Sidders	Pat DeVore
Rev. Peggy Hock	Harold Bilslend
Jim Thompson	Loren Bilslend
Betty Gall	Janette Schmidt
Goldie Olin	Marlene Mead
Heather Ludwig	Dick DeVore
Lori (Smidt) Webster	Rita DeBraal

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Lees Summit, MO 64082

Let us know of others that who need prayers.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES

The church is compiling a list of all college students including those attending right out of high school and those returning to school after a few years or many years. Please let the office know if you are a student or you have a student in your family. Please include their school address and contact information. You may email it to office@woodriverumc.org or call the office at 583-2716.



PRAYERS FOR GRIEVING

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of loved ones:

Jan Carter – Loss of her Sister
Janelle Landanger – Loss of her Mother
DeMoss Family – Loss of Ella Jean DeMoss
Derr Family – Loss of Roger Derr
Weber Family – Loss of Evelyn Weber

PRAYERS OF JOY

Please keep these individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they celebrate joy:

Larry & Dorothy Partridge celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Jim & Linda Thompson celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FALL MEETING

Our district United Methodist Women's fall meeting was held at the Wood River Church on Saturday, September 18th with 114 in attendance.

Honored with the dedicated light from Wood River was Lenore Moul, Marge Mays, Bernice McCumber, Dorothy Hurt, Onda Schott, Gerald Hensley and Walter Bohnart. Money is given to mission in honor of these people. There was a total of 67 names from all over the district submitted with a total of \$2,680 donated to mission which was well over the budget. Rachele Valdez was also recognized having received our Special Mission recognition this past year in our Church.

Officers were also elected for the District and Linda Sample was elected to the Committee on Nominations.

Wood River also received an award as a 7 star chapter having met the qualifications for the highest standard along with 16 other units in our district. We also received an Epworth Village Spurlock Award for our donations to them- the Pearl award for giving \$100-249.99. There were also 7 members that were awarded from the reading program for plan 1: Mary Ann Apfel, Marge Hibbert, Rozella Sidders, June Watson, Linda Thompson, Susie Powell, and Mary Bilsend. Jan Carter was awarded for plan 4 which consisted of reading more books than plan 1

We heard many compliments on our Church, our luncheon, and other resources of our Church. All are to be commended for helping the United Methodist Women in this endeavor and all we do. Thank you so much for your support and for our Church that makes it possible for us to have United Methodist Women.

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TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF
ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
AT
WOOD RIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FROM 1:00-4:00 PM
ALL AGES WELCOME

Come and join us for snacks, fun, prizes given for the costume contest and games. Bring your friends. Don't forget October 30th at United Methodist Church!!

CANDLELIGHT TRAINING

All children and youth 2nd grade and up are asked to come to candlelight training on Sunday, October 10th following worship to learn or review how to light the candles. We will be learning some new techniques that we will be using. Please plan to attend.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FUN NIGHT

NOVEMBER 20TH

SAVE THE DATE – UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FUN NIGHT!

Can you stand to have this much fun?...great food, good friends, entertainment, and an auction to benefit the church. You have to be there at Babel's Barn...6:00 p.m.!

All proceeds from the auction will go to the church's general fund.

We are currently seeking auction items! Do you have a special skill, a talent, or an item of value you can donate to help the church? Some examples already being made or donated include:

*Mexican dinner for 4

*Quilt

*Hand-made wooden furniture

Be creative! We encourage you to work in teams.

Please call Steve Arnett to register your item for the auction.

Do you have a talent for entertainment? As part of the evening, we will have a talent show. To register your act, please call Esther Rickert.

If the Husker game conflicts, and it is available on satellite, it will be on the big screen!

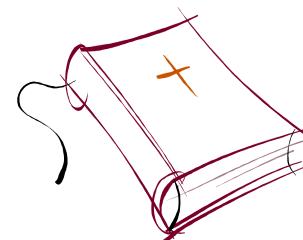
HAVE A SPARE DOOR?

Do you happen to have an old spare hollow core door lying around that you don't need? The Trustees could use it to replace an unusable door at the parsonage that needs to be cut down to fit. If you have one you don't need contact Cary Voss. Thank You!!



READERS FOR WORSHIP

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.



UMYF NEWS

Here is what is happening with the youth for the month of October

Scavenger Hunt- Sunday, October 10th @ 5:00 pm.

Youth (middle & high school) are to meet at the Methodist Church at 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 10th. Bring friends and a digital camera to share the fun. Teams of 4-5 youth, will walk around town to find items on their scavenger hunt list. A list of designated houses will be provided to each team. If you have any questions call Joyce Willoughy.

Haunted House Trip- Sunday, October 24th

Details will follow as soon as information is available.



WOOD RIVER U.M.W.
ELECTION DAY BAZAAR
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010
FROM 9:00AM – 7:00 PM

At the First United Methodist Church of Wood River
Join us for coffee & rolls at 9:00 am

Serving Homemade Soups
And Pie from 11:00 am-7:00 pm

FREE WILL OFFERING
~ORDERS MADE TO GO~

Come and shop at our handmade items
and our “New to You” tables.

BE SURE TO VOTE ON YOUR WAY TO SEE US!!!

