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TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE COMMUNITY, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

From the Pastor's Desk...

When Jesus came to the disciples walking on water, Peter said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus told him, "Come." Peter was about to do something he had never done before. He got out of the boat and walked on water (Matt. 14:28-29).

Why did Peter ask Him to say, "Come"? Because to do something that scary, he had to hear a word from God. When Peter heard Jesus say "come" it produced faith in his heart (Rom. 10:17) and he knew it was God's will. He got out of the boat to get into God's will.

This incident is recorded in Scripture as an example for us. God is calling us out of our boats to do things that we have never done before. The principles are the same as Peter's experience. To get out of the boat, we must ask God to speak to us. We must overcome our fear of the unknown. We must place our complete trust in Him. We must decide to leave our comfort zones. And we must commit ourselves to step over the rim with both feet.

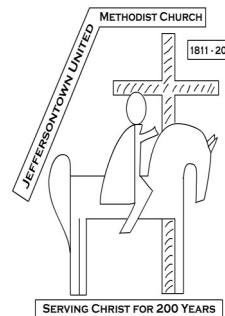
Unbelief keeps both feet in the boat. Doubt takes one step out of the boat and keeps one foot in. Faith steps completely out of the boat. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

God calls us to a life of faith. We must spend quality time with our Lord so we can recognize His voice, but when God says "Come," our only response is to step. Our experiences may scream it is not possible and that we will fail. We may not see solid ground, but we must trust that the One who called will provide the solid foundation. Let us trust Him to provide a way with each and every step of faith!

What is God calling you to do? Take a step of faith and trust God. It will be much more fulfilling for you to walk on water than to stay inside your boat.

See you Sunday,

Steven





Remembering our church family in prayer...

The family of Irma Bruning, Al Albert, Ann Adkins, Margaret Dickerson, Mary Ann Wheeler, Bill Smith, Lois Nantz, Cletus Holden, Jane Moore, Jane Lowry, Margaret Adams, Trina Curry Brown, Roberta Simmers, Geneva Davis, Frank Mudd, Iris Mudd, the Family of Harold Coomer, Angie Schwendau, Candy and Scott Thomson, Earl Hale, Louise Hale, Evelyn Thomas, Rebecca Heath, Dona Thacker, Asher– Great Grandson of Ed and Judy Walton.

Sermons for July

July	3	The Frustration of Doing Good	(Romans 7:7-25a)
July	10	The Sower and the Seed	(Matthew 13:1-9)
July	17	YOUTH SUNDAY	
July	24	Intro.: Fruit-Never Out of Season	(Galatians 5:19-26)
July	31	Love	(1 st Corinthians 13:4)



200th Anniversary of Methodism in Jeffersontown

WOW!!! Many of you have expressed what a “wow” experience we had in church the first Sunday in June. The musical performance by Larnelle Harris, who 1st appeared in our church 33 years ago, raised the spirits of the entire congregation and was the ideal lead-in to a very emotional and inspirational message by our featured guest minister, Dr. Jay Smith. Jay’s comments concerning the history of our church were very informative and he challenged us to build upon the foundation of the past 200 years. Jay was accompanied by his wife, Marian and son, Jericho. It was great to see former members and also guest ministers in attendance.

Many, many thanks are expressed to all who were instrumental in arranging, planning and setting up for this “wow” experience. Special thanks go to our sound system technicians, Joe Russell and Morgan Nutt for their technical assistance to Larnelle. Thank you to Rhoda Peters who led the children’s sermon emphasizing that we are celebrating our 200th birthday this year and the children led the congregation in singing “Happy Birthday”. We want to express our thanks to the Willard Circle and to members of the 200th Anniversary Committee who donated money for our dinner following the church service. This was indeed a day to remember!!

Looking Ahead...

FunFest will be Friday August 12 from 5:00 till 8:00 p.m. For all the family. Wild Rapids Water Slide, Inflatable Castle, Tropical Double Lane Slip and Slide, Hamburgers, Hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, duck pond, dunk tank, ring toss, face painting, bag piper and more. **All this at no costs to everyone. Community is invited,**

REDBIRD MISSION TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9. Those who plan to make the trip should call the church office to have your name placed on the list. If interested in participating and have question, ask any of those who have been or see Bill Bowling, There is no cost involved for those who make this trip. The congregation supports this effort with proceeds from luncheons held during the year thus making it possible for all to share in this mission experience.



It’s Hot!! And the air conditioner in the parsonage doesn’t cool the upstairs rooms very well. Does anyone have a window air conditioner they would like to donate? It would be appreciated. Please contact Jerry Littlefield.

THANKS TO ALL who contributed towards the Layette Kits. Willard Circle put together eight kits and shipped them to UMCOR for distribution to mom’s in need.



Wish you had bought a 200th Anniversary shirt? Here is your chance!! One last order will be placed and if you would like to order a tee shirt or golf shirt call JoAnn Magill– 742-2533. Order and payment **MUST** be made by **July 15.**

Jesus in Gospels outside the Bible
The life of Jesus for today

You can purchase the book or read more about it at Amazon.com.

HELP Needed: Marynan Mudd has asked to step down as one of the children's Sunday School teachers. Marynan has given her time and talent for many years working with the children of our church. This means we need someone to step up and help out teaching the children's Sunday School class.

Please consider helping. This can be for one month or many months. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please e-mail me at perry-heaton@aol.com or call me at home at 239-0895.

On the Calendar

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, July 9 | 8:00 a.m.

Ryan Magill will share his experience with The Healing Place. All men are invited. Although reservations are not required, it will help if you call the church office letting us know you will be attending (it helps with food preparation). If unable to make reservation come on, always plenty of food.

Thursday, July 14 | 7:00 pm | The Book Club

If you like to read join us when we discuss "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. The book is available to borrow—you will find it in the book bag on top of the white shelves in the work room off of the office. We meet in the library at 7:00 pm.

Bridge | July 3 & 17 | Gathering Area

If you play bridge or would like to learn, join us on the first and third Friday of the month at 7 pm in the church gathering area. For more information call JoAnn Magill at 742-2533.



Lighthouse Open House | July 24 | 2-4 pm

Come see the new building and see what was done with the money that has been donated. Rev. Rhoda Peters and Rev. Wayne Bishop will have a Consecration service for the building that same day at 3:00 pm. The address is 5312 Old Shepherdsville Road, Louisville 40228—502-964-5909

200th Anniversary Celebration History Question

Name the Director of Music prior to Ken Jarrett.

Answer: It was Harold Newman

Historical Events Remembered for July

- 41 years ago – July 12, 1970 Council on Ministries had a Planning Retreat
- 7 years ago -- Breath of Life UMC shared our facilities while searching for a new church home
- 6 years ago -- Began work on the 20th anniversary house for the Habitat for Humanity

About Conference—by Amy Bickett

Conference was held June 8th – 11th in Covington KY at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. This was the fourth conference I have attended and do feel as Steven mentioned in church on the 12th that it was one of the best.

First of all, the theme for this year was “**Called by Christ, Sent to Serve**”.

The **Service of Remembrance** was held on the first afternoon. This service recognizes and honors those pastors and pastors’ spouses who have passed away since the previous conference. This year our former pastor, Rev. Bennett Hulse, was a part of that list of those who have served the Lord and now are enjoying Heaven. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Becki Curry, gave the message. She spoke about giving **thanks to those who have gone before us, and for the seeds they planted during their lives.**

On Wednesday evening, Bishop Swanson from the Holston Conference in eastern Tennessee was the speaker at the **Ordination Ceremony**. He challenged the 24 men and women who were ordained to **go out and plant seeds** as they begin their life as pastors. There were 14 ordained on the Provisional track, 2 as associates, and 8 as ordained elders. On Thursday afternoon, Dr. Eddie Fox gave the message at the **Retirement Service** where 18 pastors were honored for their 500+ total years of service as full-time pastors. How amazing! Dr. Fox’s message to them was even though they were retiring, they will continue to “**sow seeds**” for the Lord in other ways.

Of course, it would not be conference if there was no business to conduct. One of the most important tasks this year was electing 6 clergy and 6 laity to attend Jurisdictional Conference, and 6 clergy and 6 laity to attend General Conference. That is always an interesting process and takes many ballots.

On Friday afternoon was the “**Afternoon of Service**” time. This is a relatively new part of conference that makes a difference within the community where conference is held, and shows that we are truly “**sent to serve**”! During this time 58 pints of blood were given, 600 letters were written to missionaries and those serving in the military, and 1,500 health kits were assembled. On Friday night Dr. Eddie Fox again preached and it was a very inspiring night. An offering was given that night from the churches in the conference which totaled \$82,000 for missionary projects in Venezuela and Thailand.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings 3 messages were given by pastors who have started new churches in the conference this year. Their messages were inspiring and made you feel so good to know these new churches are bringing people to Christ. During this coming conference year, 3 more new churches will be “planted”. One will be in Lexington, one in western Louisville, and one in eastern Jefferson Co./Oldham Co. area.

Every time I go to conference I always wish I could just “bottle it all up” and bring it home to you!

Report on United Methodist Mountain Mission—by Mary Schmitt

The Methodist Mountain Mission, in its 67th year continues its three-fold purpose:

- Make moderately priced, good usable clothing and household items available to the people through its nine Opportunity Stores located in nine different counties
- Provide a source of employment for the people in these areas
- Be involved in the spiritual growth of the people in the community through the financial support of two United Methodist Churches.

The Mission employs 70 people and has a total of \$2,000,000 in expenses. Eighty-eight (88%) percent of that total comes from the sale of the items you donate including cardboard, newspaper, magazines, and some of the clothing which cannot be in the Opportunity Stores. The mission has started collection magazines, newspapers and books. Some of these can be resold, but the majority is a good source of income from recycling. When picking up items from the churches they would like them to be put in banana boxes (gotten from any grocery store) to store items because they can be stacked easily.

The expenses of the Mission, such as transportation costs including fuel for the trucks, utility costs, insurance premiums, maintenance costs, etc. have increased. Their net income for 2010 was a negative \$78,000. They can always use the donations of clothing and household goods, they can also use monetary donations. Please pray for

Mountain Mission for they are doing a wonderful service to the community.



METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION PICKUP DATE is

August 1. In the month of May -10 persons from our congregation spent several days volunteering at the Kentucky Mountain Mission in Jackson, Kentucky. Those participating included Jean Ramsey, Latney Ramsey, George Quisenberry, Charles Breeden, Pat Blanton, Mary Schmitt, Bill Schmitt, Susan Clark, George Johnson and Bill Bowling. The mission now takes books, cardboard and newspapers. they are in need of men's clothing, shoes (women and men's) cooking utensils, and furniture. Clothing should clean. It helps if things are boxed. If you can pick up some banana boxes at the grocery they are handy for packing items and the boxes can be used by the Mission. Ask your grocer about availability of banana boxes.

Study Together

New Study for the Faith Seekers Class | Sundays 9:30 am | library

We are starting a new study starting 7-3-2011. Anyone and everyone wanting to further their knowledge of what scripture means for us today is welcome to join us. For the study we will be using “The Life of Jesus For Today” by Ronald J. Allen.

“The ‘For Today’ Series provides accessible and reliable resources for the study of important biblical texts, theological documents, and Christian practices. This series is written by experts who are committed to making the results of their studies available to those with no particular biblical or theological training. Their goal is to provide an engaging means to study texts and practices, emphasizing not only what these subjects have meant in the past but also what their value is in the present.”

Chapter titles:

- Why a book on the life of Jesus
- The World at the time of Jesus
- The realm of God: Focus of the ministry of Jesus
- The birth of Jesus and the beginning of his ministry
- Jesus, Judaism, and conflicts with others
- Realm themes at the center of the teaching of Jesus
- Jesus demonstrates the realm through miracles
- Rejecting the realm: Crucifixion
- The resurrection: Definitive sign of the realm
- Jesus in the Gospel of John