



The Messenger

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Our mission: Connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ
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COME & WORSHIP
8:00 & 11:00 Traditional
9:30 Praise Worship

April 12, 2015

John 20:19-31

*"Locked Doors:
Keep Out!"*

Rev. Edward English

April 19, 2015

Children's Sabbath

Sunday School
All Ages – 9:30 a.m.
Youth – 11:00 a.m.

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Hello Friends,

This newsletter article is one that was submitted earlier that may do us all good to revisit.

There are so many options before us today; so many new things that pull at our attention that it's difficult for us to remain focused. The stories of drivers trying to drive and text, or drive using their cell phones have become common place in our culture. Many of our distractions exist because of technology and the newness of information available to us. And then there's the sheer amount of information that's at our fingertips. Things we wanted to know about and information we wanted that previously took hours in a library to find is now right at our very fingertips. It's possible to Google or Bing anything and the information is right there. But there are other things that keep us distracted as well. This has led to a culture of people who now feel so distracted that multitasking is the heralded cliché of the day. Science has proven, however, that a person cannot multitask well. They've determined that as soon as the second "simultaneous thing to do" enters into our work list, one of those things will begin to suffer. I think that's why (even in Jesus day) that he told one young man that wanted to follow him.

"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:52)

It sounds like a hard saying, but in fact, trying to remain focused on plowing a straight line and then looking back for any length of time can be disastrous for the straight line. In the same way, once we've been given a mission by God, to look back or to become otherwise distracted is really detrimental to the purpose of the mission.

If we've been given a mission from God to "connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ" and yet, we continually find ourselves distracted from that purpose by other things, it becomes very difficult for us to achieve the mission that God has set before us. Let me give you an example.

Let's pretend for a moment that we've received instructions from the Lord to go to New York. Everyone agrees that New York is the place to be. We're excited to pack and get ready to make the trip. However, while on the way our plans to go to New York are sidetracked because of a musical play we've always wanted to see that's playing in San Francisco. If we decide to forgo our plans to get to New York because someone is excited about San Francisco, then what will be the next distraction? Will it be a trip to see a close relative because they're a lot of fun, or a marvelous restaurant we've heard has just opened? The number of distractions in our world is mind-boggling.

And it's those things that distract us — those things that constantly and consistently prevent us from doing what we need to do. And those things are not things that are just distractions. Those distractions are the things that prevent us from making forward progress. They cause us to have a divisive mind and attitude about what God has in store for us and wants us to accomplish in our lives. And remember: the same God who said, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" is the same God who reminds us, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) So instead of becoming distracted and polarized, we should approach God's mission for our church in a way that Paul recommends:

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; (Col. 3:23-24)

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Ron



Notes from Children's Ministry



Thank you to all the children who sang and parents who got them to church on Easter Sunday! They did a great job and added joy to the celebration!

The Children's Sabbath has been moved to April 19th. The Kindergarten through 6th graders will be participating in the service and are preparing for it during Sunday School. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate our children!

A blessing to pray over your child:

May you remember that no matter how hard something is, God can do anything and God always listens to your prayers. Amen.

BASKETS WANTED!

The Basket Auction is coming and we need baskets to auction off- any theme you can think of! Past popular baskets have included: Sports team themes, breakfast, summer fun, movie night and more. This year there will be PRIZES for the most creative, the most bids and the highest price a basket brings. The Youth will provide your group refreshments at your next meeting/class (or, if a family/individual wins- homemade cookies)! Who will win? Turn in your basket intention form (those sheets on goldenrod paper in the narthex) and direct any questions to Mary McCoy, basket coordinator: mpmccoy15@yahoo.com.

NOTE: We need all baskets turned in along with a sheet listing contents and value NO LATER THAN Wednesday, April 15! Bring forms and baskets to the church office.

CROSS-LINES EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

We are now collecting the following items for the Cross-Lines food pantry: Disposable diapers, diaper wipes, laundry soap, cereals, sanitary goods. There is a collection box in the hallway by the Chapel.

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QUALITY PLANTS FOR SALE TO BENEFIT CROSS-LINES

April 30-May 2

**Shawnee Presbyterian Church
6831 Nieman Rd.**

For more information go to the Cross-Lines website:
<http://www.cross-lines.org>

UM Women Collecting

for Bluejacket-Flint Elementary School

UMW is collecting healthy snacks for the Special Ed and first graders at Bluejacket-Flint such as pretzels, Goldfish, Teddy Grahams or other healthy snacks. UMW would appreciate any contributions. They can be placed in the Bluejacket box in the Narthex.

From the library...a quiet ministry

Our library bear came out of hibernation last Sunday and received his name, as voted on by the Sunday School children, Barry Bear! Watch to see what Barry is reading!

Scholarship Information

The Scholarship Committee under the auspice of the Shawnee United Methodist Church Foundation is accepting applications for Scholarships for recent or May Graduates. Applications are available in the Church Office "Scholarship Committee Slot" at the mailboxes. Follow the directions and submit the applications and letters of support to the church office by Wednesday April 15 before 4:30 p.m. Submit questions to Homer Ritter, 913.722.2493 or h.ritter@sbcglobal.net.

AMBASSADOR NEWS

The Ambassadors, a senior adult group, will be meeting Monday, April 13, 2015 at Shawnee United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall. The potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. The program will be Side by Side Singers. Bring a covered dish, table service and \$2 donation. Bread and beverages will be provided. Remember to bring pop tabs. A free will offering for the Shawnee Community Services will be accepted. The nurses from the Johnson County Health Department will check blood pressure from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All senior citizens are welcome. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food. For more information, call Fred Henik, 913-631-5804.

Book, Bake and Jewelry Sale

April 17, 9:00 - 6:00

April 18, 8:00 - 2:00

All sale proceeds will help improve the lives of others with MISSION GIVING.

Gently used books may be left in the Little Red Wagon located in the Narthex, or brought to the gym beginning Tuesday, April 14.

Your donation of previously loved items will make a wonderful addition to our JEWELRY AND ACCESSORY sale. There will be fun fashion items, affordable and comfortable prices. Please leave your items in the office.

After you have chosen books and jewelry, stop by the bake sale and get a treat. Donations of baked goods are needed. If your baked goods have nuts, please mark on the item. Questions, call Sandy Daley. 913-831-1226.

Saturday morning April 18, the UMM will be serving their famous Breakfast! Come have breakfast and shop for books, jewelry and UMW famous baked goods! See you there!

Weekly Prayer List

Please pray for our members:

Kathy Madison
Judy Petersen
Dennis Brown & Family
Bob Waller
Wilma McReynolds
Gus Gosch
Brad Daniels & Family
Dave McDonald
Dee Nelson
Family of James Glenn

Please pray for our friends:

Nancy Morando
Christie Goebel
Francis Schumacher
Dennis Newsome
Linda & Mickey Houser
Jeanne Hoffman
Megan Gutierrez & Family
Richard Pina & Family
Libby Stone
Curt Dixson
Kautz Family
Family of Jill Oakleaf

Please pray for our homebound members:

Jess Clark
Lois McAlister
Bob & Harriet Guthrie
Beth Crane
Ruth Lund
Lorene Cobb
Virginia Hubbard
Earl Love
Gifford Spaugh
Berneta Neese
Jack Richter
Doris Cathey
Darrel LaRue
Clena Wilson

Please pray for our church, that God would:

Enable us to be successful in achieving God's mission for our church to connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ.
Send laborers for the harvest (evangelism).
See Luke 10:2
Make clear God's vision for our church.
Enable Shawnee United Methodist Church to become a House of Prayer (See Isaiah 56:1-8).
Reveal any other prayer needs in the life of our church.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Please check the 2015 Flower Calendar posted outside the church office. Think of all the ways you can honor loved ones and family: birthday, anniversaries, graduations and memorials. This is a very special way of participating in the life of the church and the beauty of our worship experience. Pick a date, fill out an order form, and turn it in at the church office. It's that simple!!

BUILDING POLICY REMINDER

Groups/persons leaving the building after 8:00 p.m. are expected to insure that doors are secured and lights off. If it is before 8:00 p.m. and you are the last group/person to leave the building, make sure the doors are locked and the lights turned off. In that same thought mode, please remember to shut lights off anytime of the day or evening if you are the last one to leave a room, or a particular area of the building. High utility costs affect us ALL! Thank you.

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW....

Please let the office know when you move or when your mail is on "vacation" status. The post office does not forward bulk mail pieces such as *The Messenger*. When they are returned to us because someone has moved or is temporarily away, we must pay \$.49 for each one. There is also a delay of 2 to 4 weeks before the piece of mail makes its way back to the office and we receive notification, which means subsequent pieces of mail have gone out in the meantime that will also be returned. Thank you for helping us to be good stewards of God's resources!

ADULTS WHO WORK WITH YOUTH: "SPRING TRAINING"

Have you been working with our young people or might that interest you in the future? Join our Director of Student Ministries, Nancy Carson, for an overnight training event in Salina, KS provided by the Great Plains Conference. Our group will receive a bundle of materials, coaching by a pro and training for any role from Mentor to SS teacher to sponsor and more! "Spring Training" is April 17-18 and your fee & lodging will be taken care of. Contact Nancy at shawneeyouth@yahoo.com for more information!

Sympathy

To the family of James Glenn who died on March 21, 2015.

Newsletter News...

The ext *Messenger* will be mailed out on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. All articles need to be received in the office or email julie@shawneeumc.org by Monday, April 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m. **Keep in mind that all time sensitive articles need to be 10 days or more after the date of the newsletter**

CHURCH CALENDAR

April 12- 26, 2015

Sunday, April 12

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class to St. Mary's Episcopal Church
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Youth Brunch Bunch, Gym
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 13

11:30 a.m. Ambassadors, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3352 Tigers, Room 307
7:00 p.m. Prayer Team Ministry Meeting, Room 304ary
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Book & Jewelry Sale Setup, Gym
10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Room 305
6:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders Meeting, Library
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Rooms 304, 306
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout 3352 Bears, Room 300
7:00 p.m. *Lectio Divina* Class, Parlor
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Book & Jewelry Sale Setup, Gym
1:00 p.m. Mary Ruth Circle, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3352 Adult Committee Meeting, Room 306
7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, Room 307
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Revelation), Annex
7:00 p.m. Diabetes Group, Room 308

Thursday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Book & Jewelry Sale Setup, Gym (all day)
1:00 p.m. Martha Circle, Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Prayer Quilt, Room 307
6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Keystone Class Home Bible Study Group, Keling Home
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Romans), Annex
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Church Council, Room 304

Friday, April 17

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Book, Jewelry & Bake Sale, Gym
1:30 p.m. Youth Sponsors to Conference (Spring Training), Salina, Kansas

Saturday, April 18

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Youth Sponsors at Conference (Spring Training), Salina, Kansas
7:30 a.m. UM Men Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Book Jewelry & Bake Sale, Gym
9:00 a.m. Early Birds Circle, Room 307

Sunday, April 19, Children's Sabbath

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
8:30-12:30 Children's Sabbath
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Youth "Brunch Bunch", Gym
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class, Room 308
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Youth Basket Auction, Dinner & Show, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Esther Circle
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, April 22

12:00 p.m. Earth Day
6:00 p.m. Youth Physical Fellowship, Gym, Fellowship Hall, Lounge
6:00 Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 Scholarship Committee Meeting, Room 305
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Revelation), Annex

Thursday, April 23

1:00 p.m. Reading Group, Parlor
6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Keystone Class Home Bible Study Group, Keling Home
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Romans), Annex

Friday, April 24

5:30 p.m. Kenna Schneier & Derek Raines Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 25

4:00 p.m. Kenna Schneier & Derek Raines Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 26

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Youth "Brunch Bunch", Gym
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class, Room 308
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m. Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Youth Basket Auction, Dinner & Show, Fellowship Hall

Attendance

March 29, 2015		April 5, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	80	8:00 a.m.	149
9:30 a.m.	54	9:30 a.m.	135
11:00 a.m.	82	11:00 a.m.	176
Total	216		460
<i>Sunday School – 99</i>		<i>Sunday School – 93</i>	



UNITED METHODIST FAMILY NIGHT AT THE KANSAS CITY T-BONES AT COMMUNITY AMERICA PARK

Hosted By

**KANSAS GREAT PLAINS AND
MISSOURI UMM**

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

Game Starts at 7:00 PM

Kansas City T-Bones vs. Lincoln Saltdogs



- Free Parking
- Fireworks Show After The Game

UNITED METHODIST FAMILY DAY AT T-BONES

- Best tickets in our seating block will be allocated on a first come basis so get your ticket order in early.
Churches submitting orders on different days we cannot guarantee that all of your church group will be seated together



- 2015 Tickets Are \$10.00.
- Send Your Order Form & Money to Warren Livingston, GPUMM Treasurer

Order All Your Tickets through YOUR Church or UMM

FOR KANSAS INFORMATION:

WARREN LIVINGSTON 913-631-6818 Cell 913-302-6115 whlivingston@gmail.com

Shawnee United Methodist members make checks payable to Shawnee United Methodist Men (SUMM)

Name

Number of Tickets



Nancy Carson, Director of Student Ministries
Contact us on Facebook: Nancy SUMC
Facebook group: "Shawnee United Methodist Youth"
E-mail: shawneeyouth@yahoo.com

FRI. April 10- Beth Torah Synagogue Visit (Required for CC, open to all- Meet there & rides will be provided back to church afterward)- 6100 W. 127th St. O.P. (between Nall & Lamar)- Tour & talk, food w/ congregation then Worship, beginning 5:30, back to church approx. 8:30

SUN. April 12- CC to St. Mary's Episcopal for worship outing- Meet in Gym 9:00-12:00, Praise 9:30, Brunch 10:30, SS 11:00

WED. April 16 – No UMYF due to book sale set up; Schol App Deadline

FRI. April 17 – Adult Youth Worker Training, Salina, KS

SAT. April 18 – Adult Youth Worker Training, Salina, KS

SUN. April 19 – Praise Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Youth "Brunch Bunch", Gym, 10:30 a.m.; Youth SS Hour, Fellowship Hall, 11:00 a.m.; Dinner, 5:00 p.m. (setup at 4:00p.m.)

WED. April 22 UMYF Special Guest Speaker, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

(Bring in your basket auction items ASAP: CC- "Candles", SS- "Lazy Day", UMYF- "Art Supplies"- Collection bins are in the Gym! Please distribute flyers & posters for Lenten Fair & Basket Auction/Dinner/Show- invite others to come!)

ALL-CHURCH EVENT: SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 5:00 p.m.



Italian Dinner served by youth with
Chocolate Dessert Fountain



Basket & Silent Auction
for Youth Summer Trips



Entertainment by "Johnson Drive",
the Shawnee Youth Praise Band
& Illusionist KEITH LEFF!



FREE

(love offering to cover costs)

PLEASE INVITE OTHERS
& Take posters to advertise!

Proceeds support Youth "Mission Days" & trip to "Youth 2015- GO ON!", the UMC National Youth Gathering in Orlando, FL w/ work at "Give Kids The World"