



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

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015

Mark 16:1-8

"Good News from the
Graveyard"

April 12, 2015

John 20:19-31

"Locked Doors:
Keep Out!"

Rev. Edward English

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

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Hello Friends,

History is considered a vital link to the future. There are some who say, "Those who forget their past are doomed to repeat it." There are others who say, "Those who don't know their history don't have a sense of who they are."

Those are old quotes used by those for whom history has become a significant part of their lives. They are identifiers for peoples and cultures for whom their history has defined who they are. But just as there are those who claim the importance of history as a part of their identity, there are others who have a much different view of history. One person asks the question "What is history but a fable agreed upon?" Yet, another states it this way: "History repeats itself. That's one of the things wrong with history."

I guess we could try and recall all of the statements about history that proclaim its importance or the folly of it all. At some point it has a place in the grand scheme of things. I've come to understand that history answers more of the "what" questions than the "why" questions. It's the answers to the "why" question — that question that leads us to know and understand the "what" of it all. For instance, if someone asked us, "What are we?" How long would it take the answer "A child of God" to come into our minds? Or, would we start with the more fundamental human definition of what we are — a man, a woman, a boy, a girl, a doctor, lawyer, butcher, baker, or candlestick maker — before we got to a "Child of God"? You see, the "what" question gives us certain data, but it's the why question that gives definition to the what. To answer why we are a doctor, lawyer, or Christian can define for us and others how we became the what. That's where the heart of our decision is. That's where perhaps even our history becomes important.

Each year in the life of the church we have an opportunity to engage in several acts of faith history called the sacraments of the church. And both of those events have historical significance. Whenever we engage in and participate in Holy Communion, a liturgy is read that tells us why we are doing it. And each time we hear Jesus' words loud and clear, "**Do this in remembrance of me.**" The "why" of that sacrament is spelled out in Jesus' words that go much further than simply receiving Holy Communion.

The other sacrament also calls us to recall our history, but it is just as strong an invitation for us to revisit the "why" of that sacrament of the church. We are invited to engage and are invited to "**remember our baptism.**" We are invited to remember our baptism each time an infant, a child, or an adult is baptized. We are invited to go back into our personal history to remember why we became a Christian, the circumstances under which we became members of Christ's church as well as the covenant we made with God upon accepting our role as Christians in the rite of baptism — to be faithful to serve God with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Our covenant with God to honor our baptism is the thing that gives definition to what being a Christian is about. Yet, some of us have forgotten our history. Some of us have lost sight of "why" we were baptized and why church is important. Maybe that's why Jesus asked us to consider the seriousness of our whys when he said:

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' (Luke 14:29-30)

Perhaps it's time for some of us to study our history so that we won't forget who we are, or repeat the mistakes of our past.

Agape and Shalom,
Pastor Ron



Notes from Children's Ministry



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.

Lenten Calendar

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Family Fun Fair, April 4, noon

Easter Sunday Services, April 5, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

LENTEN FAIR OUTREACH TO YOUNG FAMILIES:

Help us reach out to families with young children, welcoming them into our church! The youth will be hosting a "Lenten Fair" with the intention of bringing young families to our church for a free hot dog lunch, seasonal crafts, stories and a giant egg hunt, SATURDAY, APRIL 4th at NOON! The congregation can help in the following ways:

* INVITE families with children 6th grade and below! We have flyers (one included in this newsletter) to pass out and post, advertising this event- please help spread the word!

* DONATE snack-size chips, Little Debbie Spring/Easter treats and toys or individually-wrapped candies small enough to fit inside Easter eggs (collection bin is below the youth bulletin board outside the chapel).

* VOLUNTEER at the event in the kitchen, with the egg hunt, or as a greeter to hand out information about our church and visit with guests, inviting them back!

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.

CROSS-LINES EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

We are now collecting the following items for the Cross-Lines food pantry: canned soups, canned vegetables, canned meats, diaper wipes, disposable diapers, Hamburger Helper. There is a collection box in the hallway by the Chapel.

From the library...a quiet ministry

Some possibilities for families with small children during Easter week: THE PARABLE OF THE LILY- A little girl throws away the ugly bulb given to her in the Winter and the next Spring is surprised by a beautiful Easter lily. Bible verses accompany the illustrations. THE EASTERVILLE MIRACLE - The people of Easterville have forgotten the meaning of Easter, amid all the Easter eggs and candy, but a wise old man and little boy help them remember. For families with older children: PETER'S FIRST EASTER begins with the Last Supper and is told from Peter's point of view. THE VERY FIRST EASTER begins with a family discussing the events of the first Easter, then goes back in time to follow the actual story. The timeless VELVETEEN RABBIT can be enjoyed by all.

Adults and teens might choose best seller KILLING JESUS, by Bill O'Reilly, THE DAY CHRIST DIED, by Jim Bishop, or might want to listen to our CD of "The Messiah".

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.

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.

Sympathy

To Brad Daniels and family on the death of his father, Bill Daniels who died March 14, 2015.

CHURCH CALENDAR
March 22 – April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday, April 5

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
 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 6

OFFICE CLOSED
 7:00 p.m. UMW Skit Meeting, Room 304
 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 p.m. UMYF, Gym, Lounge, Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Revelation), Annex
 7:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, Room 307

Thursday, April 9

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. UM Women Unit Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 10

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class to Beth Torah Synagogue

Saturday, April 11

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. 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
 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
 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

<u>Attendance</u>			
March 15, 2015		March 22, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	56	8:00 a.m.	55
9:30 a.m.	55	9:30 a.m.	74
11:00 a.m.	75	11:00 a.m.	71
Total	186		200
<i>Sunday School – 107</i>		<i>Sunday School – 110</i>	

**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.

Newsletter News...

The next *Messenger* will be mailed out on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. All articles need to be received in the office or email julie@shawneeumc.org by Monday, April 6, 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.**

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!

Reminder:

Minutes from monthly Church Council meetings and monthly financial reports are available for the asking in the church office.

**ALL-CHURCH (& COMMUNITY!) EVENT:
 APRIL 19!**



We hope you're planning to attend the all-church dinner, basket auction and show on Sunday, April 19th at 5:00 p.m.! You'll be in for a treat with a sit-down Italian dinner, served by the youth, followed by chocolate fountains for dessert. Enjoy perusing and bidding on the creative baskets to raise money for Youth Summer trips and missions, then enjoy a magic show by Christian Illusionist, Keith Leff, along with music by "Johnson Drive", the Shawnee Youth Praise Band! This event is FREE (love offering donations accepted for dinner and show), but we'd appreciate your generous bids on baskets! Please help us advertise this event in the community: take a few of the color posters and flyers from the Narthex and post them at work and at local businesses you frequent, hand out flyers and invite others to join us for this event!

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE T-BONES
 The Great Plains Conference UM Men is sponsoring a United Methodist Night at the T-Bones this year on Saturday night, May 23. Tickets are for the Select seats and are \$10 each. There will also be fireworks that night. The T-Bones will be playing the Lincoln Saltdogs so both teams are within the boundaries of the Great Plains UMC. We will have a table in the Narthex on April 12 and 19 to take ticket orders.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Please turn in this form to the office by Wednesday, April 1, with your payment.

I/we would like to contribute \$10.00 to the following:
 (please mark the one you desire)

- Easter Lily (to be taken home by the donator)
- Flower Fund (to purchase flowers for inside or outside of Church)
- Shawnee Community Services (67th and Nieman)

Make checks payable to Shawnee United Methodist Church and designate on the check for Easter Lily, Flower Fund or Shawnee Community Services.

I/we would like it to be:

Given by:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Weekly Prayer List

Please pray for our members:

Kathy Madison
Judy Petersen
Dennis Brown & Family
Bob Waller
Wilma McReynolds
Jess Clark
Gus Gosch
Family of Lois Higbee
Anna Italiano
Becky Russell & Family/Sterling Family

Please pray for our friends:

Gloria Benson
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

Please pray for our homebound members:

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), and
- Reveal any other prayer needs in the life of our church.

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!

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: birthdays, 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 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! Thanks.

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!

Shawnee United Methodist Church

FREE!

LENTEN FAIR

Saturday, April 4

NOON-1:30



Hot Dog Lunch
Seasonal Crafts
Easter Stories

Giant Easter Egg Hunt- 3 separate age-level areas!

10700 Johnson Drive- Just East of Nieman



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

WED. April 1- UMYF (Youth Group)- Open Gym & Lounge, Program, Praise, Snacks & Prizes! 6:00-8:00

THURS. April 2- Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00

FRI. April 3- CC Tenebrae rehearsal 5:00 (Wear all black, bring \$3 for pizza) Good Friday Worship 7:30

SAT. April 4- Youth set up for Lenten Fair, hide eggs 10:00, Lenten Fair- Hot dog lunch, crafts, stories & giant egg hunt 12:00

SUN. April 5- Happy Easter! Praise 9:30, Brunch 10:30, (NO CC) SS 11:00

TUES. April 7- DCYM- Monticello UMC 6:30

WED. April 8- UMYF 6:00-8:00

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

(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!)