



The Messenger

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Our mission: Connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ
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Hello Friends,

It's interesting to note how change affects people. Dependent upon where we are in our lives, change is either welcomed or resisted. If we've been unemployed and the possibility of work is on the horizon, we welcome the change. If we've been inundated with work and we find the change in the pace of work slowing down, we might also welcome the change. If we've had to relocate because of a new job opportunity, or a need to downsize our living space because of a reduction in our income level or health needs, the change may not be as welcomed as much as resisted or grieved. The idea of relocating, learning about new neighbors, losing old friends, and having to learn new travel routes, new stores, and other things may leave us less excited about change. Often what we prefer is to find a place in life where we're comfortable — a place where we can be physically and emotionally (maybe even spiritually) and not have to change. And yet being comfortable is not a Christian character trait. What we're called to do as people of God is to endure suffering for the sake of change — at least change that leads to a more Godly presence in our lives and in the world God has given us.

I've thought some about Paul's understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Paul states it this way:

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life— your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." (Romans 12:1-2, The Message)

Preacher and theologian, Harry Emerson Fosdick once stated that "Christians are supposed to not merely endure change, nor even to profit by it, but to cause it." Change is so important to our growth and development in our relationship with God that our ability to enter into the kingdom of God is dependent on it. Jesus said this.

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)

So, for those of us who belong to Christ, change is not an option that we can disregard as if it were a nuisance in our lives. We are invited to embrace change, not for the sake of change, but for the sake of becoming more mature in our faith, while growing stronger in our faith in Jesus. It's not that we change. Change for all of us is inevitable — the young become the old, the strong live into their weakness, the living die. But change is vital part of the transforming power of God working in our lives and through us that the kingdom of God might exist on earth as it does in heaven. Each of us can do our part if we allow the love of God to change us, so that we might become God's power and presence alive in this world. When we can do that, the true meaning of Christ's resurrection will become visible in our world.

Agape and shalom,
Pastor Ron

COME & WORSHIP
8:00 & 11:00 Traditional
9:30 Praise Worship

April 26 2015

Luke 13:1-9

"Stuff Happens"

May 3, 2015

Luke 8:40-56

"The Case of Natural Causes"

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

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Notes from Children's Ministry



Thank you to everyone that helped with Children's Sabbath! The kids did a great job decorating the sidewalk during Sunday School to welcome everyone to church, presenting what is precious to them, handing out bulletins, reading the "Call to Worship", the scripture, and collecting the offering at the 11:00 service.

A blessing to pray over your child:

May you know the Lord, the One worthy of your worship. May your heart overflow with praise to Him. May you worship the Lord with all that you are and with all that you have. Amen.

ROUND ROBIN BRIDGE

Calling all bridge players! The seasonal wrap-up for the Round Robin Bridge groups will be Friday, May 1 in Fellowship Hall. All interested players are invited to take part: members, visitors and guests. Table assignments and social time begin at 7:00 p.m. with play starting soon after. Bring a snack to share and please contact Warren Livingston at (913) 631-6818 by April 28 if you can come so that tables can be scheduled. See you there!

AMBASSADOR NEWS

The Ambassadors, a senior adult group, will be meeting Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Shawnee United Methodist Church located at 10700 Johnson Drive. The potluck luncheon begins at 11:30AM. The program will be Teri Waters showing slides of Guatemala Mission trip of 2015. Bring a covered dish, table service and \$2.00 donation. Bread and beverage will be provided. Remember to bring pop tabs. A free will offering for the community service will be accepted. The Johnson County Health Department Nurses will check blood pressure from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. All senior citizens are welcome. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food. For information, Call Fred Henik, 913-631-5804.

BOOK, BAKE and JEWELRY SALE RESULTS

All the teamwork, all the hours and all your donations have made a great and positive difference in work we will be able to do for mission giving. The book, jewelry, accessory and bake sale totaled nearly \$2,000. The wonderful volunteers who sorted books, fixed signs, created a beautiful display for the jewelry, brought home baked goods that were awesome to look at and the aroma---awe! You have made a great contribution. By us all giving a few hours-we can make a big impact. Our special thanks to Denea Blair for her expertise, props, sorting, bagging and advice. She is always eager to help. Thank You, Denea!!

Sympathy

To the family of Sue Martin who died on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

From the library...a quiet ministry

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Are you interested in the history of the church? Our library is a great resource for this fascinating subject. Here is short list of our books on this subject:

After Jesus, the Triumph of Christianity, 270.1 Aft

The Church of Our Fathers, 270 His

Religion in America, 270 H

The Reluctant Parting, How Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book, 236 Gal

AN APPETITE FOR AMERICAN, by Stephen Fried. Sounds like a recipe book? Actually, some recipes are included, but this book is a biography of the Fred Harvey family and the part their restaurants played in "civilizing" the west, by their association with the railroads. The Harvey family has deep roots in the Kansas City area (however, did you know that Fred himself was from England?) and name and place recognition make the story even more interesting. 398 pages may seem daunting, but the read is so interesting you may want to even read the Appendix! This is the SUMC's book for discussion this month and can be found in our library.

Women, Save the Date!

Women's Brunch

Saturday, June 13, 2015

10am - 12:30pm

SUMC Fellowship Hall

ALL Women of SUMC are invited. Come and enjoy a delicious brunch and wonderfully hilarious entertainment. SUMC Amazing Grace Players will perform "Amazing Grace Through the Century." You won't want to miss this humorous rendition of the beloved song, "Amazing Grace," as it was performed by various groups throughout each decade of the 20th Century.

Reservations are not necessary, but encouraged so we will be sure to have enough food.

Please call Nancy Nash at 913-268-5185

or Barbara Frederick at 913-669-0687

by June 7 to reserve your place.

Bring a friend, dress casual.

The event is FREE and sponsored by UMW

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
Goldie Belt & Family
Howard Laughton & Family
Curt Dixon
Family of Sue Martin

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
Kautz Family

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

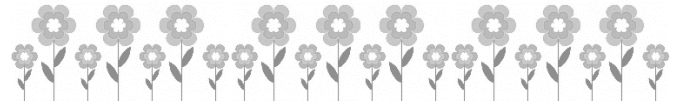
Please pray for our church, that God would:

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.

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, and sanitary goods. There is a collection box in the hallway by the Chapel.

SPRING DIG 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>

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!

Newsletter News...

The next *Messenger* will be mailed out on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. All articles need to be received in the office or email julie@shawneeumc.org by Monday, May 4, 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 26- May 3, 2015

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
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304

Monday, April 27

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3352 Den 2 (Tigers), Room 307
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, April 28

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Rooms 304, 306
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 3352 (Bears), Room 300
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, April 29

6:00 p.m. Youth Physical Fellowship, Gym, Fellowship Hall, Lounge
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Scout Day Camp Meeting, Room 304
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 Class, Room 307

Thursday, April 30

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, May 1

10:00 a.m. Friday Prayer List
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat begins, Camp Chippewa

Saturday, May 2

12:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat (con't), Camp Chippewa
8:00 a.m. Trustees' Meeting, Room 305
10:00 a.m. Gideons Meeting, Room 307
5:00 p.m. Family & Mentor Banquet, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 3

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service (Confirmation)
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday Ceremony, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Youth "Brunch Bunch", Gym
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304

Monday, May 4

All Day – Cross-Lines Hot Lunch, Cross-Lines
6:30 p.m. Library Committee Meeting, Room 305

7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting, Library

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

Tuesday, May 5

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304
6:30 p.m. CONALD Meeting, Library
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 a.m. Studying the Apocrypha, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Youth Physical Fellowship, Gym, Fellowship Hall and Lounge
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Room 304
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Revelation), Annex
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93 Parent & Scouts Meeting, Room 307
7:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Class, Room 307

Thursday, May 7

10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting, Room 308
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. Praise Team, Sanctuary

Friday, May 8

10:00 a.m. Friday Prayer List

Saturday, May 9

1:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Court of Honor (Neil Stimach) John Stimach, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 10

7:45 Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 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 & Kitchen
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304

Attendance

April 12, 2015

8:00 a.m. 58

9:30 a.m. 37

11:00 a.m. 77

Total 172

Sunday School – 119

April 19, 2015

8:00 a.m. 56

9:30 a.m. 60

11:00 a.m. 67

Total 183

Sunday School – 134



**THANK YOU SUMC...
FOR A TERRIFIC ALL-CHURCH EVENT!!**

We hope everyone had a terrific time dining, bidding on beautiful baskets and enjoying entertainment by the youth praise band, "Johnson Drive" & Christian illusionist, Keith Leff. Thanks to all who made this event possible via basket, food & other donations, volunteering in the kitchen, and for attending and buying! We're happy to report that the event was a financial success raising a great deal toward the expense of youth summer mission trips! Our youth will be attending the national UMC event "Youth 2015- GO ON!" in Orlando June 22-28 where they'll focus on John Wesley's acts of piety & mercy and also work at "Give Kids The World"- a charity who hosts children with life-threatening illnesses on "wish trips". Additionally, the youth will hold an in-town work camp called "Mission Days", staying in the annex and serving at many various local agencies July 12-15. Thanks again for supporting this ministry!

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP STOCK SALE

It's that time of year again- time to purchase stock in the summer trips, supporting our youth as they go out to serve in the name of Christ & SUMC! Please stop by the table in the narthex and purchase your shares today- \$30/share. The more shares you buy, the more you'll receive from our trip teams! All stockholders will be honored with a special reception Sunday, July 26 and receive special surprises from our trip teams. This year the youth will be traveling to Orlando to attend the "Youth 2015" National UMC event, "Go On!"- focusing on Wesley's acts of piety & mercy. They'll also be in service through workshops at the event and working one day at "Give Kids The World"- a charitable organization which fulfills wish trip dreams for children with life-threatening illnesses. Our local "Mission Days" will feature work in our own community including service at Shawnee Community Services, ReStart, Della Lamb, Crosslines, Spofford Home and MORE! Thank you for your support! Extra stock slips are available on the youth bulletin board outside the chapel.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Camp Chippewa, the United Methodist Camping Ministry area has brochures available with registrations for camps for children through High School "Institute"! Pick up a copy in the church office, Gym or from the Youth Bulletin Board outside the chapel. Scholarships available to assist with Institute!

UMCOR NEWS

First of all, thank you to all for the generous support of UMCOR through the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering last month. The total offering was \$1,376. That was a \$211 increase over last year's offering.

Now to change focus to that of providing school kits and health kits for UMCOR. We need the help of each adult Sunday School Class in whatever way best suits your particular group. The smaller classes might be willing to take the health kit listing and do at least one kit per person or couple. The health kits are the most simple to do because the items can be purchased and put into a one gallon plastic zip lock bags according to the directions provided. The school kits require a 14" by 16" bag made from a strong fabric such as denim, upholstery or drapery fabric. The closure at the top could be snaps, Velcro or gathered tie closure. I will leave a sample in the office. I will also leave a manila folder in the office with instructions for both kits. The large classes such as Keystone and Maranatha might divide up the list of items needed for the school kits and let some of the youth assemble them as a service project.

Someone will be visiting your class soon to answer questions and give instructions. You may also pick up instructions from the office in a manila folder that is labeled UMCOR KITS. There will also be a sample of the school bag. There is no definite time frame on the completion of this project, but it would good to have them completed and ready to ship by late spring or early summer. Questions? Call Kay Reid at 745-4802 or see in church.

**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.

FAMILIES WITH GRADUATING MEMBERS

Please notify the office if you have a graduating high school senior or anyone graduating from college or any higher education program this Spring! We'd like to recognize them on "Graduation Sunday", May 17!





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 29- UMYF (Youth Group) 6:00-8:00 **Deadline to register for "Mission Days" July 12-15!**

FRI. MAY 1- Confirmation Retreat 6:00 (Camp Chippewa)

SAT. MAY 2- Confirmation Retreat to 5:00 Confirmation Family & Mentors Banquet & Rehearsal 5:00-7:00 (Last year's class come help 4:00)

SUN. MAY 3- CONFIRMATION DAY! Praise 9:30, Cake receptions, SS (Sun. School) 11:00

WED. MAY 6- UMYF (Youth Group) 6:00-8:00

SUN. MAY 10- *Happy Mother's Day!* Praise 9:30, Brunch Bunch 10:30, SS 11:00

WED. MAY 13- LAST UMYF- Party! (Bring snacks to share!)- Open Gym/Lounge, free time celebration

SUN. MAY 17- GRADUATION SUNDAY! Praise 9:30, Cake receptions, SS 11:00, Grad & Family lunch w/ youth 11:30, "Senior Kickout" 12:00-2:00

(Note: Director Nancy will be on vacation May 18-25. If you have an emergency, please contact the church office. If you need scholarship reference letters, service hours sheets signed, etc please do so before 5/17!)