

The Connection

Country Club
United Methodist Church
September 2014

Coming Events

Mon., Sept. 1 – LABOR DAY
Office Closed

Wed., Sept. 3 – 7:30 pm Young
Adult Women, Fellowship Hall

Sun., Sept. 7 – 9:30 am Promotion
Sunday. NEW Sunday School
classes. Watermelon Feed from
the garden.

Thurs., Sept. 11 –
• 6:30 pm Disciple Bible Study
• 6:30 – 8:00 “12 Women of the
Bible”

Sat., Sept. 13 – 7:30 am DeFeet
Hunger: SERVE2014

Wed., Sept. 17 – 7:30 pm Young
Adult Women, Fellowship Hall

Sun., Sept. 21 –
• 9:30 am Danny O’Neill of the
Roasterie with Crusaders Class
• 12 noon Meet the Pastor –
Library

Tues., Oct. 7 – Circle of Friends
resumes

Sun., Oct. 19 – Annual Charge
Conference, First Independence
UMC

SUNDAY WORSHIP

More than just part of a sermon series, each weekly worship experience is planned around a common theme. When you come to church, notice how the hymns, special music, prayers and scripture all work together to touch your heart and your life.

Sun., Sept. 7 – B-I-B-L-E: What Does the Bible Say?
Holy Communion

Sun., Sept. 14 – “Gifted: Get Out of the Boat”

Sun., Sept. 21 – “Gifts: Fads vs. Trends

Sun., Sept. 28 – “Gifted: Grace Gifts”



Hands-On Opportunities

DeFeet Hunger: SERVE2014

Sat., Sept. 13, 7:30 a.m., walk or run a 5K fundraiser, and/or at 9:00 am help pack food for hungry kids with Harvesters. Meet at St. James UMC, 55th & Paseo. This annual state-wide event is a day of service in response to terrorist attacks of 2001. To participate go to: defeethunger.com

Second Saturday

Sat., Oct. 11 – 8 am. See details on p. 4

*Reaching, Growing, Caring, Sharing
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

"The Farm" Report

Carole Mehl and her Garden Team have been very busy the last year with our vegetable garden west of the church.

"We refurbished the soil with seven cubic yards of dirt from Missouri Organics in November of 2013 , and planted garlic then.

Spring 2014 plantings: were collards, kale, spinach, mustard, chard. Summer planting were tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, watermelon, okra and sweet potatoes. The Fall planting we will replant collards, kale and add broccoli, radishes

On Saturday, August 9 we picked 18 dozen tomatoes, 7 dozen cucumbers, 2.5 dozen okra, 6 dozen green peppers and the last of the kale.



We have taken most of our produce to St. James Place, a ministry of the Bishop Sullivan Center at 39th and Troost. We also have taken produce to Harvesters Kids in the Kitchen program.

We have begun to market our fresh, organic produce to our own neighborhood and passersby to make money for the Well in Mozambique.

Our last harvest of 2014 will be done on November 6 when we dig the sweet potatoes," Carole Said

The Garden Team includes Carole & Gary Mehl, Cathy Oesterling, Licia Crawford, Terri Norris, Whitney Miller, Kevin Huckaby and Ann Vernon.

To volunteer, contact Carole at tellmehl@kc.rr.com



Let Their Be (New) Light

Lisa Duncan, among her many skills, is a lighting expert. So when she worked with the Trustees to renovate the Sanctuary last month, she also tackled the improvement of our handsome hanging lights.

Lisa chose LED bulbs to replace all the burned-out lamps, and decided to go ahead and replace all bulbs while she was at it.

The LED bulbs are expected to last about 20 years, based on our pattern of use, and they have good color and are dimmable like former bulbs.

"They use 18 watts of electricity," she said, "but compare to a 100 watt bulb in lumen output."

While the scaffolding was up, the workmen cleaned the globes as well, removing a layer of dust that made a major difference in visibility.

Next time you are in the Sanctuary, be sure to notice.



Workmen climbed up scaffolding to the top of the Sanctuary to install new light bulbs.

Back to Sunday School September 7, 2014

CHILDREN

A new class for **Elementary School-Age** children will begin with Blythe Jones as teacher. The class will meet in a clean, new classroom on the third floor.

Pre-schoolers (Pre-K) will continue in the lower level classroom with Licia Crawford.

Jacob & Laura Lowry will still lead the **Children's Choir**, which meets in Licia's classroom downstairs from 9:30-9:45 as part of Sunday School. Kids of all ages are invited to join in. Rehearsals for a Christmas program will begin soon.

Come to an Open House Sun., Sept. 7 at 9:30 am to see the classrooms and meet the teachers.

ADULTS

Coffee time is in the Family Foyer from 9:15-9:30 Sunday mornings.

At 9:30 **Crusaders** will meet in the Upper Room beginning a new series of studies.

Stepping Stones (singles & adults with small children) will gather in the Library for a social time at 9:45 am.

C&C (Christ & Community/ College & Career) 9:30 am Class will discuss sermon topic each week. Leader is Kyle Whiston. Contact at Kjwhist247@yahoo.com

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Young Adult Women meet first and third Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. See Jamie Kapke for details. jamiikapke@gmail.com

Adult Women's Group gathers each Thursday evening at 6:30. Current topic is "12 Women of the Bible." Contact Ann Vernon. annmvernon@aol.com

Cursillo Reunion Groups meet regularly to unite Cursillistas and keep their spirit alive. To start a group, contact Pastor Klein. jenn@countryclubumc.org

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Fellowship – Family Foyer
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesdays

10:30 am Prayer Group
6:30 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.
Closed on Fridays & Sunday mornings

Call 816-444-1616 to speak to Office Manager Kevin Huckaby, or leave a message. When not in the office, Pastor Jenn Klein can be reached on her cell phone at 816-769-2164.





Class Gathers School Supplies

Members of the Crusaders Class gathered school supplies last month to help disadvantaged kids who are going back to school.

On Tues., Aug. 26, six of the Crusaders' women distributed the supplies to Newhouse, a shelter for abused women and their children.

Newhouse houses as many as 88 women and their kids, providing safe shelter, education, emotional support and legal advocacy for up to two years. They offer the wherewithal for the women to get out of bad relationship, but also help them gain the independence and security they deserve.

Newhouse also offers a one-room school for children K-6. Their teacher is versed in special education and is experienced in working with kids with psychological needs.

The school supplies will be well used.

"I Can Get By, With a Little Help from My Friends ..."

sang the Beatles. And it's true for so many of us. Sometimes we need just a little support.

The **Second Saturday** program at CCUMC offers opportunities -- just two hours at a time -- to give support to others.

It may be passing out water bottles or healthy snacks to homeless persons on a hot summers day,

Or it may be raking leaves, painting a porch rail or cleaning out gutters for a homeowner who cannot do it herself.

Would you volunteer on the Second Saturday of any month to help? Contact Rusty Klein at rkleinggl@gmail.com or call evenings 816-769-2748.

The Second Saturday Program will replace our Christmas in October mission day -- and unlike that annual event, will continue throughout the year.

Do you know a friend or neighbor who could benefit from these acts of kindness? Could you yourself use a little help with a project?

Call Rusty. He'll get the team together to see how they can help.

Disciple Bible Study Begins

Taylor Klein will lead a new Disciple Bible Study starting Thurs., Sept. 11 at 6:30.

The nine-week course is an Introduction to the Old Testament. It's a great starter-class for busy Christians who want to know the basics of how our faith began, and an informative reminder for long-time worshipers who want a refresher.

Contact Taylor (taykle012@gmail.com) or the church office (816-444-1616) to enroll.



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