

# Connections



August 2010



## August Sermon Series

Most of us have heard the slogan, There is No “I” in Team, which means that, for a team to accomplish its goal, the mission of the team takes precedence over individual wants and wishes.

Well, there is no “I” in church, either! What can it mean, in an individual-obsessed culture, to say that the church's mission takes precedence? What can we find in church that is available no where else? Join us this August as we look at ways to tap into God's power through church.

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| August 8  | There is No “I” in Church—The Power of Communion |
| August 15 | There is No “I” in Church—The Power of Service   |
| August 22 | There is No “I” in Church—The Power of Growth    |

## Upcoming GROW Groups

### How God Takes Our Little & Makes It Much

by Jim Moore will be offered at 9 a.m. on Sundays from August 15-September 19. This study uses key Scriptures to distinctively shape us as United Methodists with core terms and application topics to help us grow as faithful followers of Jesus. Cost of the book is \$10.

### Disciple I Begins Wednesday, September 8 at 6:15 pm

*Becoming Disciples through Bible Study* is an approach to Bible study that emphasizes disciplined Scripture reading (and listening). Many describe this unique study as a “life changing event.” It results in biblically nourished persons committed to live as disciples and many move to more in-depth studies like Disciple II (Disciple I is a pre-requisite).

During the course of four, 8-week segments, Disciple I groups read 70% of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. You are encouraged to make a commitment to daily or weekly preparation, and to weekly attendance and participation in the group sessions. Discussion questions and other aids will help you be transformed—not just informed—and *experience* Scripture—not just read it.

You are invited to attend the first 8-week session, “*Plants, Patriarchs and Parties!*” This segment includes readings from Genesis to Judges and will feature the DVD—*Walking the Bible*—with Bruce Feiler.

Sign the Connect Card on Sunday morning!

**Living Beyond Yourself—Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit** by Beth Moore is offered Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 9 through November 18. In this study you will be challenged to develop fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. Explore what it means to grow in the Holy Spirit. Cost of the book is \$15.

### Disciple II Begins Wednesday, September 8 at 6:15 pm

Disciple II—*Into the Word, Into the World*—encourages you to open yourself to hearing what God has to say through the Bible, and to be guided into service in the world by your study of Scripture.

This 32-week study selects specific portions of Scripture and delves deeper into them. Equal attention is given to both the Old and New Testament with concentration on four books—Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. You will read familiar passages, see them in fresh ways, and anticipate that God will speak through them.

Disciple II is for those who have completed Disciple I. It proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills to take you deeper into Scripture. *Into the Word, Into the World* approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

If you have completed Disciple I and are ready to experience the next step in Disciple II, sign the Connect Card on Sunday morning!

# From the *Pastor of Connections*



*Pastor Dave Conley is on vacation and his column will return in September. We welcome Jan Tucker, Pastor of Connections, to this month's issue.*

It's hard to believe that school begins in several weeks, and our fall routines are readying to move into full swing. There are lots of choices to make as everyone in the family looks at individual schedules and activities. How about you? Are you starting to look at your calendar and where you'll be spending your time this fall?

As you consider your schedule, I would challenge you to take a look at our **Grow Groups** and the multiple ways you can deepen your faith while meeting and getting to know great people just like yourself.

Being a part of a group is God's way of getting us to work in tandem with Him to experience transformation in one another's lives. Groups provide avenues for spiritual renewal. As we gather together with a small group, we find other passionate believers who are ready to invest in one another's lives.

Want to know more about the **Grow Groups** at The United Methodist Church at Wentzville? Please read on—there's information in the newsletter about upcoming options.

Don't let this fall's schedule fill up without saving time to join a **Grow Group!**  
Hope to see you in a group soon!

## Prayer Concerns

The family of Bob & Andrea Blunt upon the death of his mother; the family of Rich & Gail McQuiston upon the death of his father; Shirley Slinkerd, Gordon Davis, Joe Ellis, LaDonna Simmons, Dorothy Mills, Ginny Springer, Jim Singleton, Bea Medley, John Fulton, Nolan Swanson, Ina King, Glenna Head, Rebecca Smith, Jack Bunch, Olivia Tuffent-samer, Shirley Garrett, Kasondra Edmon-son, Charlotte Schuster, Mike Kirks fam-ily, Anne Selley, Peggy Webb, Helen Cot-ney, Sylvia Maitre, Erika Niles, Shirley Schauffler, John Hardeman

## Our Homebound

Charlene Duncan, Virginia Henson, Gene Hill, Eileen Homesley, Floyd Jennings, Ethel Powers and Madeline Ruhl

## Our Military

Brett Bowser, Michael Brown, Charles Carroll, Mylls Cheffey, Matt Cooper, Jeff Crowder, Scott Crowder, Neil Kostelecky, Jake McCullen, Scott Mesler, Travis Ned-der-son, Scott Rose, Robert Scherrer and T. J. Solet

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**Article deadline for the September 2010 Newsletter is Friday, 8/27**

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# Mission and Ministry Focus

## REVOLUTION

Are you a 6th-12th grader? Then Revolution is for YOU!

**August 5** is a summer outing to Six Flags. We invite kids entering 5th grade this year to join us for a 'sneak preview' of what Revolution will mean to you next year.

**September 1** is "First Night" for activities this school year. New 6th graders and their parents are encouraged to attend.

**On October 24** you're invited to help us with "Trunk or Treat" for kids of all ages.

And that's just the beginning. Each month you can participate in a service project with lots of time for fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for more details and information.

**Special Announcement:** Youth Director Kurt Parker will be taking a short leave to attend boot camp for the Coast Guard Reserve. Kurt will be gone from August 17 until October 5. In his absence, we thank the parents who will volunteer to keep Revolution running. Upon completion of boot camp, Kurt will be back with us for the remainder of the school year.



### Know Your Story—Confirm Your Faith—Live Your Commitment

**Confirmation** in the United Methodist tradition is a rite through which young Christians affirm the faith of the church, renew the vows of baptism, and commit to lives of discipleship as professing members of The United Methodist Church. **Credo Confirmation Curriculum** is newly released this summer, and we will hold classes in September, October and November. Details to follow. For more information, call the church office at 327-6377.



### Offering Envelopes: 1 for All and All for 1

For the past several years, we have provided **3 types** of offering envelopes: weekly envelopes mailed to members' homes, pink envelopes for contributions to the Building Fund (mortgage), and generic United Methodist envelopes. While each type has served a purpose in the past, it is no longer cost efficient to continue providing all three.

A new envelope has been created to meet all needs and is available in the pews and chair back pockets. If you want to have envelopes at home, sets of 4 are available in the Connections Center. If you currently receive offering envelopes in the mail, the last set for August was mailed in July. Questions? Trish Dalton at trishdalton@wentzville-umc.net or 636-578-6780.

**P.S. Remember, envelopes are not required.** If you are giving by check and your contribution all goes to one ministry, just write the name of the ministry (i.e. Ongoing, Building Fund) on the **Memo** line and place your check in the offering basket. The offering counters will appreciate having one less envelope to open!



### Mary Martha Thrift Shop

Mary Martha is a long-time mission

outreach which was initially begun by one of our church members. It is now operated by seven churches in the Wentzville area, and each church works every seven weeks. It takes about 50 volunteers each week to operate efficiently. After minimal expenses, all proceeds of sale items are donated to Wentzville-area charities and organizations such as Crisis Nursery, Earth Angel Aviators, First Step Back Home, Food Pantries and Green Lantern Senior Center. Last year Mary Martha donated over \$90,000! Included in this amount is a quarterly check to each of the seven churches for their "needy family assistance fund"—for our church this means our Pastor Discretionary Fund. We are able to help so many in the Wentzville area because of your generous donations of clothing and other items, and because we have volunteers who donate their time and effort. **On behalf of the Mary Martha Board of Directors—Thank You!**

**Next Mary Martha Work Schedule** is the week of August 23. We work in two shifts on Tuesday and Thursday from 8-12 and 12-4, and from 8-12 on Saturday. If you can help, sign the Sunday Connect Card or call Kay at 625-8821.



### Tennessee Thanks You

What a tremendous response! The cleaning items you donated went a long way in our Tennessee flooding clean up efforts. In addition to the supplies, Caring & Sharing Food

Pantry sent 8 crates and 2 large boxes of food. Thanks for making it happen!

# Get Connected!



The start of the fall semester is almost here for our college students—and we

want to keep in touch! **Please send us your mailing address and email** so we can stay connected! Information can be emailed to [church@wentzville-umc.net](mailto:church@wentzville-umc.net).

**Book Club** meets on **Wednesday, 8/25 at 6 p.m.** to discuss *“The Diaries of Adam and Eve”* as translated by Mark Twain. Come join us!



### Save The Date!

Mark your calendars for a **Fall Outing on Sunday, October 10**. Enjoy a 12:30 buffet luncheon at the Wine Country Gardens in Defiance. The fall colors should be spectacular! For those who wish to stay longer, a band concert

begins at 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, paid in advance by October 3. Watch the bulletins for Connect Card sign up and more information.

### For August Food Pantry

- ◆ Bathroom Tissue
- ◆ Canned Tuna
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce
- ◆ Tuna Helper
- ◆ Instant Boxed Potatoes

Place items in the Connection Center grocery cart. Please—NO glass containers. Thanks!

## moms' TIME OUT



Hey moms! We are sending you to Time-out! Come join us for the kick-off event for our new ministry, **Time-Out for Moms!** This ministry is for moms looking for fun, support, great information, and time away from your hectic life! **Join us in the café at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 12 for "Cooking Nutritionally in 15 Minutes or Less!"** Dr. Jennie Hodgen will present a great cooking demonstration to give you easy and nutritional meals for you and your family. You will leave with new recipes, new friends, and a chance to win the dishes we prepare! We will accept a \$5 donation to provide childcare—but you must RSVP in advance for childcare. **Sign the Connect Card** on Sunday morning or call the church office at 327-6377. We look forward to seeing you on August 12!

### August at a glance...

**Children's Ministry Group**  
Wednesday, 8/4 at 6:30 p.m.

**Return Adopt-A-Family "apples" and school supplies** by Sunday, 8/8

**Simple & Healthy Leaders**  
Sunday, 8/8 at 11:45 a.m.

**Church Council**  
Monday, 8/9 at 6:30 p.m.

**Time-Out for Moms!**  
Thursday, 8/12 at 7 p.m.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Sunday, 8/15 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adopt-A-Family Board**  
Monday, 8/16 at 6:30 p.m.

**4-H Club**  
Tuesday, 8/17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mary Martha Thrift Shop**  
August 24, 26 and 28

**Book Club**  
Wednesday, 8/25 at 6 p.m.

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