

Marshallton United Methodist Church

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SEPTEMBER CHATTER



*COME TO ME, ALL WHO ARE
WEARY AND HEAVY-LADEN, AND I
WILL GIVE YOU REST.*

MATT 11:28

Rev. Dan R. Dick, the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Wisconsin Annual Conference offers the following insights on the five membership vows that we take as United Methodists. (We vow to serve God and the Church with our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**)



“The vows of membership are not burdens loaded on the shoulders of the men and women who make them. **Prayer** is a spiritual discipline and a gift. It helps connect individuals to God and God’s will, and it helps strengthen the bonds of Christian community as people pray with and for each other. **Presence** is an invitation to be exposed to the teachings of Christ and the church that impact and shape values, priorities, desires, expectations, and life direction. Together we are stronger than we are apart. **Gifts** challenge us to invest in something larger than ourselves; to take what we have, connect it to the giving of others, and create something that will honor and glorify God. We give to make manifest what we profess with our mouths — our gifts become outward and visible signs of our inward and spiritual faith. **Service** is where we put ourselves on the line to do something — to be the body of Christ incarnate. We become the hands of Christ, comforting the anxious, healing the hurt, feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely and imprisoned, housing the homeless, clothing the naked, and giving hope to the hopeless. This is also our **witness** — and as we walk this earth as the incarnate body of Christ, we praise, glorify and worship our God with not only our actions, but also our words. We don’t just serve those who come to us, but we go forth into the world looking for the next person in need.” Rev. Dan R. Dick

Our continuing challenge is to focus on serving God and the Church in these five ways, as we grow in our discipleship, and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. How will **you** grow in each of these five areas over this next year? As your pastor, I challenge you to set specific goals for growing in each of these five areas. Write your goals down and refer to them often as you mark your growth in these disciplines. I also welcome any ideas you may have for growth in these areas that you feel will benefit the entire congregation. Shalom.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Joe

TRUSTEES

We certainly are blessed to have Pastor Joe, who delivers thought-provoking and spiritual messages to us. These messages certainly do fill our spiritual souls. However, I want you to realize that some of the warmth you feel may be because the thermostat on the heating system has caused us multiple problems, for which we have been seeking help through Hentkowski, the heating system installer.

Hentkowski's technicians have made several visits here (most of which we were charged). They recently were here for another service call last week. Steve Freebery was kind enough to fill in for me (doctor's appointment) to meet with the technician and review the problem and possible solution, hopefully different from which we have been doing. The solution resulted in the installation of a replacement thermostat, different in operational function (less complicated), and reinstallation of the locked covers. Therefore, we are earnestly looking forward to this replacement thermostat relieving the climate control problem.

Keys to the locked thermostat are in possession of Pastor Joe, Steve Freebery, Billy Snyder and a reserve key in the administrative assistant's office. Thank you to Hentkowski and Steve Freebery for their effort to resolve this problem. Please enjoy what I hope is controlled temperature for comforting the sanctuary and the soul moving sermons of Pastor Joe and Deacon Kymm.. The utility shed in the back parking lot which needed to be moved to make room for the extended playground of the school has been completed. The school will be scheduling the installation of the playground equipment shortly. Many, many thanks to Billy Snyder and Bill Binkley for all the effort they put forward to keep the foliage which encompasses the perimeter of the parking lot trimmed and looking good. We had a recent problem with the valve packing in the elevator for repairs which took a little longer than anticipated. Our repair company people had to send out of town to the supplier for the packing. Repairs will be completed for operation by this Sunday. As I had reported to the Administrative Council, our Vision Team will give way to a new spiritual planning group Pastor Joe is endeavoring to form. Much of the ground work has been done and Pastor Joe will be holding a planning meeting in early September. This will provide an opportunity for broad participation throughout the congregations. Please look forward to Pastor Joe's announcement and the kick-off.

Vacation Bible School was a big event for all three churches in the circuit for this summer. We particularly want to extend our thanks and appreciation to Cedars and Christ Churches for their participation. Having an event such as joint Vacation Bible School certainly demonstrates one of the opportunities realized through this new plan for the three churches. Thank you again to the congregations of all three churches and the wonderful food preparation and service. Sharon, Deacon Kymm and Annemarie and Chris really made this a unique learning experience. Thanks to all. We all jointly look forward to the months ahead wherein we'll have resumption of regular activities and new ideas presenting themselves for our growth and "CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY WITH GOD, EACH OTHER AND THE WORLD"!

Thank you again,

Betty Tull,
President, Trustees

WELCOME IN FALL WITH MORE MUSIC OUT ON THE LAWN!

Come join us for another fun and music-filled day on the lawn at Christ UMC on Saturday, September 26th! Bring a chair and several friends to enjoy a variety of musical talents. Specific bands are being invited now. If you'd like to help plan this event, contact Deacon Kymm Hockman at 302-379-5105 or kymm.k.hockman@dupont.com.

BETH MOORE - BIBLE TEACHER AND BEST SELLING AUTHOR

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST, SEPTEMBER 12

Hockessin United Methodist Church is serving as a host location for the upcoming Life Way Christian Resources simulcast with well-known Bible teacher and best-selling author Beth Moore live from Wichita, KS, on September 12! Join Deacon Kymm in attending! The event both challenges and encourages women to grow deeply in their faith. Join over 250,000 women around the world for this live, global, Internet streaming event. The simulcast gives you a front-row seat to one-of-a-kind Bible teaching and life-changing worship. For nearly two decades, Beth Moore has authored dozens of published Bible studies, books, and devotionals specifically for women. Dove award-winning musical artist Travis Cottrell, who also serves as worship pastor at Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, TN, is slated to lead worship for the event.

The Living Proof Live Simulcast kicks off on Saturday, September 12 at 10:30am and ends at 5:30pm. Registration is \$20 which covers a full day of music and worship; sessions led by Beth Moore; lunch and opportunities for fellowship with other women from our community. Women may register by coming by the church or by going to www.hockessinumc.org (there will be a small fee for processing). While registering, there will be an opportunity to order a copy of Beth Moore's newest book, Audacious, for \$15. This is a special opportunity because the simulcast teaching will be based on this book and it will not be released to the public until November 1st! Doors open at 9:30am and we encourage everyone to arrive no later than 10 am. Hockessin United Methodist Church is located at 7250 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE, right across from the PAL Center. If you have any questions contact Robalee Deike at deikerm@comcast.net or call the church office at 302-239-3030.

HOPE.... BEYOND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

9-4 on **October 10th** at Wilmington Christian School in Hockessin, DE. \$10 before October 1st. For more information and to register, go to BeyondWomensConference.com
Join Deacon Kymm in attending!

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MISSIONS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2015

The major Marshallton United Methodist Church missions supported by the whole congregation are six local missions and four global missions. The local missions are the MUMS School, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, the Food Closet, Family Promise, Camp PECOMETH Furnishing, and a new one for the three-church circuit, Urban Promise. The four global missions are Mulungwishi Seminary in the Congo, Colombia ministries, Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes, and South Sudan Medical Ministry.

FOOD CLOSET

The Food Closet operation continues to provide food supplies to roughly 30 families each week and expenses remain roughly level at about \$800 per month. Our capacity to sustain this mission financially currently is inadequate. Because Marshallton UMC has initiated austerity measures in other areas, we may need to change the frequency of the food closet operation from every Thursday to twice a month.

FAMILY PROMISE

MUMC has completed all six support host dinner and socializing evenings for which we have been committed for the year 2015. Our last two commitments were Wednesday August 12th and Thursday August 13th. We again provided dinner, meet and greet, and overnight staying in support of Family Promise network families at St. James Episcopal Church. Shelva Lewis's team consisting of Sherron Long, Lynn Barnett, Ed and Mildred King, and Debbie Quesenberry served Wednesday evening. Diane Freebery's team consisting of Pastor Joe Archie, his daughter, Niyah, friend Gus, Steve Freebery, June and Tom Pesickey, Karen Lester, Anne Thomas, Dianne Clark, Frank and Beth Panariello, Debbie Quesenberry, and Sharon O'Connor served Thursday Evening.

The annual "Pathway to Home" breakfast presentation is scheduled for Tuesday October 6th from 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. at the White Clay Country Club in Delaware Park. Everyone is invited to attend. But we must inform the Family Promise organization of the number of people we have committed to attend. Please contact Tom Pesickey or Deacon Kymm Hockman if you would like to attend.

Camp PECOMETH Furnishing

Our commitment of \$1 per giving unit per month plus UMW and UMM giving has fallen behind our commitment level. If you have not kept pace with your giving time table, please prayerfully consider helping MUMC satisfy our obligation to Camp PECOMETH. This year, 2015, is the last year for this mission.

URBAN PROMISE

All three churches in our circuit participated in the Urban Promise project to provide book bags and school supplies to Wilmington schools. A total of 62 filled book bags and other supplies were delivered to Urban Promise on Wednesday August 12th.

MULUNGWISHI SEMINARY

Our support to the Methodist Seminary in Mulungwishi, Congo continues at the \$1,200 per year level. This is the on-going support to the seminary where the missionaries David and Lori Persons have served. We fell short of our goal of \$1,200 in 2014. However, we hope to reach the committed level this year.

COLOMBIA MINISTRIES and SOUTH SUDAN Medical Ministry

Our commitment to COLOMBIA missions has been \$1,000 per year. We received a request from Matthew and Maggie Loftus to support their South Sudan medical ministry. To accommodate this request, we obtained Ad Council approval to divert \$250 per year from Colombia missions to the South Sudan Medical ministry for the next six years.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoeboxes

We again this year will be conducting operations as a Relay Collections center for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Campaign in November. We also have an open invitation to anyone who would like to either witness or participate in the Processing Center (packing and shipping) operations in Baltimore on December 5th. Interested individuals may contact Tom Pesickey for additional information.

**In His name and in His service,
Tom Pesickey
Mission Chair, MUMC**

FOOD CLOSET KUDOS

Many, Many thanks to all those volunteers, committees, and individuals who have given time, money, food and support to make the Food Closet a success and in keeping it open to assist those less fortunate. We continue to need the following foods:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Canned Fruit, Crackers, Cereal (Hot or Cold), Beef Stew, Chili, Dry Milk, Fruit Juices, Pasta, Marinara Sauce, Soups, Beef, Ham, Spam, Chicken, Turkey, Tuna, etc.

Bob Tull & Food Closet Ministry

The ladies from the Marshallton United Methodist Women would like you to know the Ice Cream Festival was a great success. We raised \$607.00 for church expenses.

**Thank you for your support,
Edith Hall**

THANK YOU

We thank you for your response to giving us your used stamps. PLEASE keep them coming.

June and Kappy

YOUTH GROUP

Greetings Everyone! Many thanks to all for your well wishes, cards, visits and prayers during my hospitalization in July! Your support means so much!

VBS would not have happened without YOU! For the second year in a row, a serious illness has knocked me down during the final planning phase of VBS. An AWESOME team stepped up to the plate. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to Chris and Ann Marie Cooper, Vicki Hetzell, Karen James, Adri Lewicki, Paige Pearson, Marcy Tull, Hope Schock, Susan Kreiss (Christ UMC), Mary Jane Graham, Ellen Scheib, Kathy Hudson (Christ UMC), Pastor Joe, Deacon Kymm (who came to the hospital to get the materials to run meetings in my absence), Betty Tull (who ALWAYS steps up to the plate), Peggy Roberts, Sean Kearns (Christ UMC...an AWESOME young man with many gifts), Rachel Raman, Debbie Quesenbury...I am sure I am missing someone...but my gratitude is sincere.

Because of VBS, and also my own recovery, we took off the month of July from youth group. We are now back, and the schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

8/23—Tempest (a curriculum based on supernatural events of the Bible

8/30 —Tempest

9/2---Tempest

9/2—Soul Surfer (movie, part 1)

9/13--Soul Surfer (movie part two)

9/20—No Youth Group meeting

9/27—Bible Study based on Soul Surfer

9.30—Bible Study based on Soul Surfer

If you know of any youth who would enjoy learning more about Jesus in a fun, relaxed and friendly environment, please let me know! I would be glad to contact them. Contact me via cell (302-545-3961) or email (sharon1960@hotmail.com) with any questions or with any information on a new member.

Also, if you are an adult, and would like to make a difference in the lives of our young members, I would love to hear from you.

In His name,

Sharon

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

If anyone who regularly attends the Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM would be willing to volunteer to come early once a month, or even every six weeks on a rotating basis, please contact me. At the present time, a few regulars have been keeping the ball rolling.



MUMS

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MUMS

We had a great summer! It was never dull around MUMS we stayed very busy. Now we are ready to start the new school year. The teachers and I took time to clean and prep for the school year. We had a great training that gave us great ideas to use in the classroom with the curriculum we are already using. So we are excited and ready to welcome our old friends and our new friends.

We still have a few openings so if you know anyone looking tell them to give us a call.

Miss Tashia

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2015



<i>September</i>				<i>October</i>	
1	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	17	<i>Tara Lowe</i>	9	<i>Tammy Hayden</i>
	<i>Heather Lowe</i>	21	<i>Billy Snyder</i>	13	<i>Rev. Donald Godwin</i>
5	<i>Ronald Iolono</i>	22	<i>Debbie Maguire</i>		<i>June Pesikay</i>
7	<i>Jennifer Binkley</i>	23	<i>Penny Thomas</i>		
9	<i>Win Matthews</i>	25	<i>Barbara Collier</i>		
	<i>Nancy McElwain</i>	26	<i>Jennifer Carlisle</i>		
	<i>Greg Schock</i>	27	<i>Dorothy Pine</i>		
12	<i>Debbie Tjaden</i>	29	<i>William Whisler</i>		
16	<i>Adam Binkley</i>		<i>Alexander Kirk</i>		

<i>September</i>				<i>October</i>	
3	<i>Joseph & Karen Swientochowski</i>	15	<i>John & Sharon Hayden</i>	4	<i>Craig & Vanessa Horstead</i>
13	<i>Joe & Fran Johns</i>		<i>Robbie & Peggy Roberts</i>	7	<i>Jerry & Barbara Cox</i>
				10	<i>Billy & Rowena Snyder</i>



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2015

GOD'S WISE WORD

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
1	James	1:1-27	16	Proverbs	9:1-18
2	James	2:1-26	17	Proverbs	10:1-32
3	James	3:1-18	18	Proverbs	13:1-25
4	James	4:1-17	19	Proverbs	14:1-35
5	James	5:1-20	20	Proverbs	15:1-33
6	1 Kings	2:1-12	21	Proverbs	16:1-33
7	1 Kings	3:1-15	22	Proverbs	18:1-24
8	1 Kings	3:16-28	23	Proverbs	22:1-29
9	1 Kings	4:20-34	24	Proverbs	23:1-35
10	1 Kings	5:1-18	25	Proverbs	24:1-34
11	1 Kings	6:1-14	26	Proverbs	28:1-28
12	Job	28:1-28	27	Proverbs	29:1-27
13	1 Corinthians	1:1-17	28	Ecclesiastes	3:1-15
14	1 Corinthians	1:18-31	30	Ecclesiastes	7:1-25
15	Proverbs	8:1-36	31	Ecclesiastes	12:1-14

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS TO MUMC!!

DEBBIE QUESENBERRY

JOANIE HAMM

Community and Trail Angels

My father-in-law, Pat Stith, recently completed a through-hike of the Appalachian Trail. He began in February in Georgia and completed the 2180 mile hike in Maine in July, just under five months of continuous hiking. He blogged about his journey (www.trailjournals.com/lucky2015) and shared some wonderful stories with us in person at a recent family wedding. As always, I found the parallels to the church fascinating.

Two aspects in particular resonated with me: the sense of community with strangers and the practice of trail angels. At the beginning of his hike, he encountered freezing rain and winds. Many of the shelters could only accommodate a few people. However, on these nights of howling winds and bitter chill, hikers squeezed into the shelters like sardines. I cannot imagine sleeping packed into a shelter with complete strangers. But, I did not share their experience and their struggles.

Those shared experiences and shared struggles, combined with a shared goal, created a community out of complete strangers. Along the trail, they looked out for one another. They helped one another. They shared resources with one another to provide for the needs that they had. They told stories. They ate together. They encouraged one another and shared their wisdom and tips.

Does this not sound like the early church? In Acts 2, Luke described the early church in these terms: "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved."

What inhibits our churches from living like this? What prevents you from expecting a sense of community from your church? What barriers do we erect to keep strangers from experiencing this sense of belonging? Are the common experiences of being saved and the common goal of going onto perfection not enough to create that bond?

The second aspect of the trail experience involved the practice of trail angels. These people keep connected with the hikers through blogs or other hikers and they bring gifts to the hikers on the trail. One person brought a cooler full of ice-cold sodas and handed them out to any hiker he encountered. Another angel, a woman, learned that my father-in-law, who was hiking with a lap band because of a hernia, had left his lap band in an overnight shelter by mistake. She took a day off of work, drove to the trail head nearest that shelter, hiked to retrieve the band, drove to the next shelter to intercept him and deliver the band! Others picked him up to take him to their home for a warm shower and comfortable bed or drove him to resupply stores.

All of these angels expected nothing from their efforts. It was pure grace, a free gift, unconditionally given. What can the church learn from these angels? How can we discover the needs of others on the journey and share freely with them to provide for their needs? How can we give to strangers and expect nothing in return?

As we adapt these trail lessons to our lives, I pray for the Holy Spirit to come down anew. I hope that we will devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to shared meals, and to prayers. I trust that, as we do so, we will continue to fulfill our mission: Cultivating Christ communities through our CALL (Connecting, Acting, Leading, and Loving).

Blessings on the journey,

Vicki

PATRIOT DAY

The observance of Patriot Day marks the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our nation. As you remember those who died, and the heroes who responded with sacrifices of compassion, take courage with these words of hope and comfort from Scripture.

Psalm 119:114 - *You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.* (NIV)

Psalm 147:3 - *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* (NIV)



SEPTEMBER, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00PM - UMW Mtg.	3	4	5
9:00AM - Praise & Worship 11:00AM - Worship Service 6:30-8:00PM - Youth Group	7	8 10:30AM - Alice Ball Circle Mtg. 6:30PM - Praise Team	9 10:30AM - Marian Rowe Circle Mtg.	10	11	12 Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast at Hockessin UMC
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