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Safford First United Methodist Church Newsletter ◇ July 2010



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YOUTH NEWS

The South District Jr. High Mission trip was such a blessing, and five of our young people got to be a part of it. Victoria Bigando, Sierra Stone, Haylee Lopez, Dylan Driver and Boen Schysm and I left Wednesday afternoon for St. Marks' UMC. They were among 36 young people from across the district who go to be a part of serving others. Among some of the service projects that we participated in were Ishkatakah Refugee Network picking fruit, cleaning chairs at St. Mark's preschool, washing and walking dogs at the Pima County Animal Shelter, World Care, Ben's Bells, and serving the homeless at Casa Maria and the transitional at Primavera. Our theme was "Get out of the Boat", and we looked at many Biblical characters who were reluctant to serve God. These young people were able to renew old and make new friendships and along with other young people their age got to be the hands of Christ serving the world.

Camping...

There are camp registration forms available in the office and in the youth room.

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Registration online is immediately available @ www.dsccamps.org. Follow the link to camp forms. You may also access the individual camp websites @ www.mingusmountaincamp.org or www.southdistrictcamps.org. Partial scholarships are available from our church as well as from the Conference.

South District Camping Dates for the rest of the summer
(Check site location for each camp)



Jr. High Camp—July 5-10
Youth entering grades 7-9
Site: Mingus Mt.. Prescott, AZ.

Super Camp—July 19-24
Children & youth entering grades 3-9
Site: Triangle Y Ranch, Oracle, AZ.

One young person has gone to the elementary camp at Mingus Mt. and I have three so far who will be going to the Triangle Y Ranch camp. Let's get those registration forms in so everyone can see the friends they've made at prior camps and mission trips.

This year's Acquire the Fire will be on Friday, December 3 to Saturday, December 4th. The cheapest tickets are \$40 but need to be purchased by August 17th. They must be paid in full so I need to know ASAP if you'd like to go so I can start getting a head count. We will be having some fundraisers to help with the cost. I want to get all monies in and tickets ordered right after I get back from Hawaii on August 4th. Thanks.

VBS...

Suspicious-looking pirates have been sighted near First United Methodist Church. Pastor Bob assures us that these pirates are the good-hearted sort. They've made port at the church in preparation for The Pirates Who Don't Do



Anything—A VeggieTales® VBS, scheduled for July 19 - 23. Kids from age four through those entering sixth grade next fall are invited for a fun-filled week of Bible adventure.

In Christ, Sherry

Kairos Update...

Red Rock Correctional Center Kairos Weekend Update: 23 men attended the retreat from May 13 - 16. At the end of the weekend, 13 men stood up and testified to a renewed relationship with God and the hope that a life in Christ has provided them.

Your prayers, your financial support, your cookies and the work of 9 volunteers from Safford UMC were truly instruments of God's love in this ministry.

Pray now for the sustaining of these men as we work to build a community of Christian men within the Prison.

July JJR News

All in the Family

Did you know that John's Joyful Ringers has had 15 members and 2 substitutes since they organized in March of 2008?

Did you know that 11 of the members were related to someone else in the chime choir?

Jenna and Stephany Caylor asked their mom, Karen, to fill in one day and she is still a member of the choir two years later.

Jesse Stone was driven to rehearsals by her mom, Tricia, who was persuaded to play chimes while she waited for Jesse, and now Sierra Stone also plays in the choir.

Kelly Capps brought her son, Mike, to help out when someone was going to be absent from

rehearsals and he has filled in at the last minute several times for performances..

Tim Franklin brought his nephew, Daniel Mabus, to chime choir while he was living in Safford for a short time.

Candace Brady's mom, Sherry Brady, filled in at the last moment on June 13 when Lisa was called way on a fire crew.

Did you know you don't have to have a family member in the chime choir to become a member? Lisa Angle, Erin Fly, Emily Gyger, Dick Spining and Dorita Vail have all played with JJR without the support of family members present.

Did you know that you, too, can become a member of the JJR family simply by showing up to rehearsal at 5:00 PM on Wednesday in the sanctuary?

Now You Know!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR LET'S CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY!

Saturday, July 3, 2010

6:30 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a potluck dish to share

Dessert will follow at

Steve & Barbara Haralson's

House

Homemade Ice Cream & Cookies

Watch the Fireworks



THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING SCOUTING AT 1ST UMC

Over 120 people joined in support of Girl Scout & Boy Scout Troops at the benefit steak fry on June

4th at the Fellowship Hall. Great steaks and a silent auction helped to make the evening a success.



Thanks to all who supported the event chaired by John & Sue Bonefas and Steve and Barbara Haralson. It was great to see the scouts and their parents chip in to make everything run smoothly.

Funds raised from the event will benefit FUMC Scout troops to purchase uniforms, camp expenses and other Scout outings. Special thanks to Lindsey Foods, Bob Borland, Pepsi, and all others who helped to make this a profitable, fun evening.

DID YOU KNOW...

- That all of our homebound members got visited last month?
- That in the fall we will be starting a teen/youth worship service on Sunday evenings prior to youth group?
- That talking has begun about the possibility of a middle of the week worship service?
- That the Mother's Day drive for Heifer Project International received \$450 in donations to support Heifer's WILD Women Project to support women and children living in poverty toward self-sufficiency and to purchase a pig?
- That various volunteers have agreed to take summer Sunday school classes for the children during the summer months in order to give our two usual Sunday school teachers a summer break?
- That there will be a kick-off event designed to introduce the new children's Sunday school year in August?
- That the education committee is trying to compile an accurate database of names and ages for children/students connected to the church?

- That plans are beginning to take shape for another **BIG EVENT** at the end of the summer?
- That twenty-four children graduated from our preschool on Friday, May 28th?
- That an Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class will continue through the summer months. This class is taught by Dick Spining every Sunday from 9:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. in the Friendship Classroom. Currently the class is studying the Old Testament working their way through Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. The only prerequisite is your willingness to open your heart and mind to the word. Those who have been attending Bob Fly's drop-in class are welcome to drop in while Bob is off for the summer!
- That you may request prayers from your fellow Christians using one of these methods:
 - a) notify the prayer chain by calling Judy Fisher or emailing her at: judyfisher_prayercare_request@yahoo.com
 - b) request prayers during the "Concerns" section of the worship service or
 - c) deposit a prayer request form in the box at the back of the sanctuary
- That you may become part of the prayer chain and be notified of those in need of prayer by calling Judy Fisher or emailing her at: judyfisher_prayercare_request@yahoo.com
- That the worship service is in need of acolytes?
- That if you are in the 4th Grade you can be an acolyte? Call Mrs. Foreman to learn more at 424-2220 or the church.



- That we can use more people as ushers, regardless of age or gender, on a rotating basis? Contact Robert Borland or Carrie Glaspie if you are interested.
- That you can be a greeter or liturgist by contacting Kathy Rhodes for greeter, Donna Wright for liturgist or Carrie Glaspie for either one?
- That FUMC has a contract for maintenance for the air conditioning/heating system which entitles the church to a discount on repairs and parts?
- That John Bonefas has spent a lot of time making repairs on the church campus?
- That 67% of the trustees attended the June Trustee meeting? These are your trustees in action.

Different Date!

Blood pressures and glucose monitoring on **July 18!**



Coupon Conundrum

It appears that there are very few coupon users who are utilizing the boxes in the Fellowship Hall. The project will discontinue effective July 1, but I would encourage those who enjoy saving money, to keep clipping and saving and sharing with friends, neighbors and relatives!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Have you ever felt like you wanted to do something to help someone in need, but you just didn't know what you could do? Are you looking for a way to help someone in need, but you don't know where to start?

Helping Hands for Graham County is a non-profit agency dedicated to performing home repairs for people who are physically and/or financially unable to do the work themselves.

What does that have to do with you? You might be just the person to help with a simple repair. Helping Hands is looking for individuals to partner in home repairs. We have many applications waiting for much needed home repairs. Are you willing to learn some new skills, work with other Christian friends, and be blessed in the process?

If you are interested in volunteering with Helping Hands, or if you would like to know about this program, please contact Barbara Haralson at 428-5466 or John Bonefas at 428-0275.

Annual Conference Mission Project 2010 "Partners in Community" School Nurse Supplies Drive

This year for our Annual Conference Missions Project we are going to be collecting supplies for the local school nurses. Budget cuts in our schools make supply shortages a reality that must be dealt with. Here is your opportunity to help out. Listed below are the supplies requested by the school nurses at local schools. Drop off your supplies in the Narthex.

Lafe Nelson School List

- bandaids
- cough drops
- children's chewable tylenol

- antibiotic ointment (neosporin)
- kleenex
- cotton balls
- ziploc sandwich bags (to make ice packs)
- tums
- children's underwear and pants/shorts for both boys and girls (sizes 6-8). We get a lot of young students who wet their pants and need a change of clothes.
- hand sanitizer
- hydrocortisone cream
- caladryl
- cough syrups



Ruth Powell List

- Band-aids-regular size
- Large cotton balls
- 3 oz plastic or paper cups
- Kleenex
- Bathroom weight scale
- Cough drops
- Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Neosporin ointment

Holy Land Tour Planned for October!

Have you always wanted to visit the Holy Land? In October of this year, Pastor Bob and Cheryl Holliday and Dick and Barbie Spining are planning to go on just such a trip. We'd love for as many of our church family to join us as are able! To help you plan, here are the specifics:

When: October 11 - 20, 2010

What: The tour, called "Holy Land Classic 2010", is conducted by *Educational Opportunity Tours*, a Christian based tour group that has been in operation since 1974. The educational theme of the tour will be "Jesus: His Life, His Time, His Land, His Hebrew Faith". A lecture series will include the topics, "Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus", "Jesus'



Ministry in The Galilee", "Impact of The Galilee on Jesus", "Geography and its Impact on the Bible". Sites visited will be Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem and Jericho.

Cost: \$3891 including airfare from Phoenix and taxes

Contact Dick Spining (428-1414) or Pastor Bob (28-4211) for more information.

Welcome...

This is the third of several interviews that the Vision will be printing to introduce new members to the congregation. The spotlight will be on members who joined during 2009 and 2010.



Scott Welbaum was welcomed into membership on January 31, 2010. Even though he grew up in Bowie, he has considered Safford home since 2001. At present he lives with his parents, Joyce and Clyde Welbaum, and across the street from his grandmother Dorothy Welbaum, for whom he works three days a week helping with house repairs, landscaping, and other responsibilities.

In September he graduated from RSI Refrigeration in Phoenix and is qualified in heating, ventilation, and electronics. His goal is to find a job locally where he can apply those skills.

In his spare time Scott loves outdoor activities such as hiking, target shooting, and walking. He especially enjoys walking his two-and a-half-year-old Husky named Juno.

Being involved in activities at the First United Methodist Church is another of his favorite activities. He sings in the Praise Team, participates in Kairos, and recently finished the Alpha course. When asked what he enjoys about the church in general, he says that attending activities is a very positive experience because the message is about the love of Christ. Welcome to our Christian fellowship, Scott!



The Month in Scripture

July 4: 2 Kings 5: 1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

July 11: Amos 7: 7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1: 1-14
Luke 10: 25-37

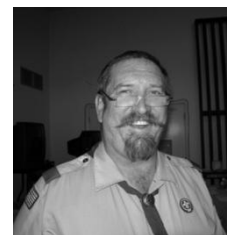
July 18: Amos 8: 1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10: 38-42

July 25: Hosea 1: 2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11: 1-13



Mission Moment

There has been Scouting connected to FUMC since at least 1917 according to an article in the Graham County Guardian. It started out as Safford Troop 1, later became Troop 23 and is now Troop 5023. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have been supported by FUMC. Some of the names that come up when you talk to folks about Scouting supporters are Don & Ila Wilson, Janice Tysoe, E. D. Householder, Jerry & Milly Sterr, Ruth Powell, and Ruth Ann Neff. Currently our leaders are: Bill Nidiffer, Dave Etter, and Polly Gyger. For more information, feel free to contact them or our Historian, Peggy Hunter.





View from the Pulpit...

We support the church through our:

PRAYERS: Activate the prayer chain by phoning Judy Fisher at 428-6485, or the church office at 428-4211. You can also write special prayer requests on cards in the pew racks, and turn them in Sunday during worship. We also invite you to take time each Wednesday to pray for the ministry of the First United Methodist Church.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS:

May 23	152	\$2,067.50
May 30	113	\$2,757.01
June 6	? & 85	\$4,063.94
June 13	121	\$4,996.00

SERVICE: THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING SCOUTING AT 1ST UMC. Over 120 people joined in support of Girl Scout & Boy Scout Troops at the benefit steak fry on June 4th in the Fellowship Hall. It takes a lot of volunteers to pull something like this off. Thanks to all of you!

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