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**FAMILY PICNIC  
FUN DAY!**

**August 8  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Saraland United Methodist Church is having a church-wide family picnic and fun day on August 8 at the Bay Minette Kids Park and Splash Pad. We have reserved the pavilion at the park from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch, swimsuits (family friendly!), and chairs. Grills are not available but can be brought in if desired. The Splash Pad has squirting water to run through and play in plus there is a playground beside it. For more info contact Crystal Couch or Kristin Jennings.

**Senior Adult  
BBQ Luncheon**

**Thursday, July 2  
11:30 a.m.**

COST: \$3 per person



We will join in some patriotic singing and then hear from speaker Phillip S. Brown, Certified Financial Planner. Mr. Brown will present a program titled "Veteran's Aid and Attendance Benefits" that will inform us about benefits for veterans and widows of veterans.

**Charge Conference Called**

There will be a "called" Charge Conference meeting on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. The Charge Conference is the principle decision making body of our church. This Charge Conference will be presided over by District Superintendent Rev. Tonya Elmore. The Charge Conference will deal with moving forward on Phase 1A of our master plan which includes the expansion of our parking lot and improvement of our church building's façade. All Church Council members, Board of Trustee Members, and Staff Parish Member are members of the Charge Conference. All church members (and visitors) are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**The Cornerstone**

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**The Nehemiah Principle**

When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem all he could do is walk around and look at the fallen down walls and broken gates and weep. Jerusalem was in bad shape and it was time to rebuild. He organized those left behind in Jerusalem and gave each of them a small part of the wall to rebuild. About half-way through the repair work (about 26 days) Nehemiah could tell that the people were losing heart. Some of them had lost sight of the vision and weren't quite sure why they were working so hard to rebuild a wall that would likely just be knocked down again. Nehemiah re-cast the vision and helped them remember God's plan for them.

Unless the vision is re-cast from time to time those of us following God can get tired, worn down, and burned out. We have to be reminded in the midst of our work why we're doing it and what we are working toward. This is the Nehemiah principle (a term used by several authors such as Andy

Stanley, Dale Galloway, and John Maxwell). God's vision must be cast clearly and frequently lest we forget what we're doing, where we're going, and what we're building.

On Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, I plan to re-articulate the vision, mission, and purpose of our church at both the Bold and Classic services. We will be looking at Paul's writing in Ephesians where he assures us that God can do far more than anything we could ask or imagine. I hope everyone that possibly can will make a point to be present on that Sunday. I sense the need for our whole church and especially me, your pastor, to be reminded of what God is doing and is going to do. This will be a great opportunity for our church to unite around His vision.

Peace,

Rob

**This Just In...Important Decisions from your Church Council**

The Church Council met on June 29th to discuss several important topics about the mission and ministry of our church:

**New Sunday Morning Schedule:** The Church Council has discussed our Sunday morning schedule on many occasions. The Council decided, approximately 2 years ago, to add the Bold Service and go to two Sunday School hours. Almost since the day of that decision persons have requested that we return to one centralized Sunday School hour. After much analysis and discussion, the Church Council decided to move to a centralized Sunday School, basically returning the church to its previous schedule from two years ago. The new Sunday morning schedule, which begins August 9th, will begin with the Bold Service at 9 AM, have one Sunday School hour at 10 AM, and conclude with the Classic Service at 11 AM. There were four primary reasons the Church Council made this decision: 1) to make our schedule simpler and easier to explain to newcomers; 2) to strengthen Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults; 3) to address overcrowding in the parking lot at the 9AM hour; and 4) to allow greater choice to persons when choosing a worship service to attend.

**Parking Lot Expansion:** The Church Council also voted to move forward with our parking lot expansion. This decision will now go to the Charge Conference meeting on July 13th.

**Mission Projects:** Several items from the Serving area were discussed. 1) Our church will participate with Habitat for Humanity as a partner in their "Interfaith House Build." Churches and Synagogues from around the Mobile area will partner to build a home in the Hillsdale community. 2) Celebrate Recovery, a recovery program designed to help people overcome their hurts, habits, and hang ups, will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. 3) A plan for a mission trip to Guatemala in Spring 2010 was enthusiastically discussed. Cindy and Phil Messer will help lead this effort in conjunction with the Mission Committee.

## 2009 Annual Conference Highlights



The 2009 Alabama–West Florida Annual Conference was held June 7-10 in Montgomery, Ala., with the theme “Partnership in the Gospel: Celebrating Together.” Bishop Paul L. Leeland, presiding over his first Annual Conference session since becoming the resident bishop of the Alabama – West Florida Area, set the tone for the conference during the opening worship service on Sunday evening. Speaking to those gathered, he reminded them of one of the central questions facing the conference: “Are we looking forward or are we looking backward?” He invited the conference to share his vision for the Alabama - West Florida Conference, where “the spirit of God dwells in the people of God.”

Prior to this year’s conference, Bishop Leeland urged the churches of the AWF Conference to fully participate in the Campaign for Blue Lake, which set out to raise \$3 million for the conference’s camp and assembly grounds. The people of the AWF Conference overwhelmingly responded by contributing over \$244,000.

Dr. Jason Borders, Professor of Religion at Huntingdon College, led the conference in morning Bible study, and Dr. Jim Harnish, senior pastor of Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, Fla., provided two teaching sessions focusing on “Transformed Leadership for Transforming Congregations.”

Two deacons and 10 elders were ordained as members in full connection; three provisional deacons, and 11 provisional elders were commissioned; and one associate member was recognized during a Service of Ordination & Commissioning on June 8 at First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. Bishop Joe Pennel (retired) delivered the sermon.

Fifteen clergy retiring this conference year were honored at a special time of recognition; together they represent 415 years of service to the United Methodist Church.

Thirty-four clergy and clergy spouses who died in the past year were remembered during a Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion, where Rev. Robert Spicer, pastor at Frazer UMC, Asbury campus in Montgomery, delivered the sermon.

In business matters, the Conference voted to adopt a proposal from the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits to move the conference to a method of directly billing churches for health insurance and pension costs beginning in January 2011. This action will significantly reduce the conference budget in coming years.

Conference members voted on 32 proposed constitutional amendments, only four of which received affirmative support from Alabama – West Florida representatives: VIII, IX, XIX, XXII In other business, the conference:

- established a \$17.6 million budget for mission and ministry for 2010, up 3.9 percent from 2009;
- celebrated the ministry of the laity at the annual Laity Banquet, which this year established the *Mary Ellen Bullard Leadership Address*;
- adopted a resolution dealing with tax fairness issues in Alabama;
- received an impromptu offering of over \$5,700 for the Central Conference Pension Initiative; and
- witnessed Caitlin Beidler paint a live interpretation of Bishop Leeland’s opening sermon. That artwork, along with three others, were auctioned to raise \$1,600 to be divided among Alabama Rural Ministries and the Blue Lake Campaign.

Membership stands at 149,868, down 63 from the previous year. Worship attendance stands at 69,163 up 836 from the previous year. Average Church School attendance stands at 30,829 down 914 from the previous year.



Current Alabama West Florida Conference Cabinet  
 Back row from left: Frederick G. Outlaw, Bishop Paul Leeland, Ronald Ball, Randal Woodham  
 Front from left: J. Walker Epps, Phillip E. McVay, Michael G. Roberts, Tonya L. Elmore, John Bonner

# July 2009

Saraland United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Attention Chancel Choir!</b> The Chancel Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, July 8, at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. We will be singing during the Classic Service on July 12. All are welcome! Please join us!			<b>1</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> NO Project 2819 (Youth)	<b>2</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>11:30 AM</b> Sr. Adult BBQ Lunch <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed YMCA Summer Day Camp	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service & Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> The Crossing <b>10:30 AM</b> Classic Service & Sunday School	<b>6</b> Monday Middle School Madness YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>6:30 PM</b> Trustees	<b>7</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>5:30 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>8</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Project 2819 (Youth) <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>9</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp	<b>11</b> <b>6:40 AM</b> St. Francis Street Breakfast	
<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service & Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> The Crossing <b>10:30 AM</b> Classic Service & Sunday School <b>3:00 PM</b> Youth Love Out Loud Event <b>4:30 PM</b> Discovery 101 <b>5:00 PM</b> 3.0 Mission Intern Meal	<b>13</b> Monday Middle School Madness YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>6:30 PM</b> Called Charge Conference	<b>14</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>5:30 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>15</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Project 2819 (Youth) <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>16</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp	<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b> JUMP! Youth Mission Week <b>7:00 AM</b> UMM Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service & Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> The Crossing <b>10:30 AM</b> Classic Service & Sunday School <b>4:00 PM</b> Youth Leadership Meeting	<b>20</b> JUMP! Youth Mission Week Monday Middle School Madness YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>21</b> JUMP! Youth Mission Week YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>5:30 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>22</b> JUMP! Youth Mission Week YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> NO Project 2819 (Youth) <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>23</b> JUMP! Youth Mission Week YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> JUMP! Youth Mission Week YMCA Summer Day Camp	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service & Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> The Crossing <b>10:30 AM</b> Classic Service & Sunday School <b>4:00 PM</b> Youth Leadership Meeting	<b>27</b> Monday Middle School Madness YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council	<b>28</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>5:30 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>29</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Project 2819 (Youth) <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>30</b> YMCA Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> Elementary Summer Day Camp <b>8:30 AM</b> MDO Summer Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>31</b>		

# News from The Bridge Student Ministry

## Monday Middle School Madness

- July 6** Swim Day 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
This is a FREE event! "Appropriate" swim wear only!
- July 13** Movie Day 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
This is a FREE event!
- July 20** No MMSM (It's JUMP week!)
- July 27** Skating 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
The cost is \$7 plus extra money for food.

**Project 2819** - During the summer months, we'll be going to different houses in our church community for Project 2819. Check out where we'll be going for this month:

- July 1** NO ACTIVITIES (Brian's Vacation)
- July 8** Joyce & David Boshell
- July 15** Ann Carter and Gwen Waltman @ the Carters
- July 22** NO ACTIVITIES (JUMP Mission Week)
- July 29** Dick & Judy Callen

We'll have games and Bible study each week. Grow closer to God and your friends at Project 2819!

## Coming in July...

**Love Out Loud** - On July 12, We will be serving the 3.0 Student Interns that are helping reach those less fortunate in the Mobile area during the summer. We will meet at the church to prepare the food at 3:00 p.m. Be there to help prepare food and learn about what 3.0 students are doing to impact the Mobile area for Christ!



## JUMP - Get ready for this high impact mission experience!

Our local mission outreach will be July 19-July 24. Here are some other details:

- July 19** 5-8 p.m. Fellowship & Worship
- July 20-24** 8a.m. - 12 p.m. We Serve
- 12 - 1 p.m. Lunch
- 1 - 4 p.m. We Serve
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Supper
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fellowship & Worship



## You need to turn in your paperwork by Wednesday, July 15th!

This promises to be an opportunity of a lifetime as we seek to be Disciples of Christ by serving others in truly meaningful ways!

*Tools are needed! See the list on page???? For details.*

## JULY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- July 5 Zac Everett & Martha Simison
- July 12 Katie Leaird & Emma Leveritt
- July 19 Bret Crooker & Dalton McFarland
- July 26 Martha Simison

## Just a reminder...

There is **NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** during July. Children's Sunday School is being held during both worship hours. Children are encouraged to attend worship with their families and go to Sunday School during the other hour. The same lesson is taught each time.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the summer months we will be offering Children's Sunday School at both 9 and 10:30 a.m. Classes will be offered at each hour for Ages 2 & 3 Yrs, 5 Yrs—5th Grade Boys, & 5 Yrs—5th Grade Girls. Parents & grandparents are needed to lead these classes. Please see Betty to sign up.



# Children's Ministry

## Elementary Summer Day Camp

We have another month of Elementary Summer Day Camp to go and we are having a great time! During July, our weekly topics will include space, the arts, the Bible, cooking and the ocean. Children that have completed Kindergarten through 5th grades are welcome to attend. The cost is \$10 per day. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center.

## End of Summer Cleaning Day Tuesday, August 4 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WOW! It is amazing how much "stuff" can accumulate in cabinets, closets and drawers. We'll be cleaning everything out and getting ready for a new school year. Come and help!

## The Early Learning Center at Saraland UMC

We are excited to be in our second year of service to the community! Our program began in the fall of 2009 as a mother's day out program; however, we quickly evolved into something much more. We strive to provide a place that children love to come to...a place where they feel safe and loved...a place where parents know that their children are well cared for. We use The Creative Curriculum and will begin using the Sounds & Symbols Early Reading Program in the Fall. Music and sign language are also a regular part of our program.



We are currently accepting registrations for our fall program. We have classes for toddlers - 5 year olds. Registration packets and information brochures are available at the Welcome Center at the church. Please contact either Michelle McDaniel, Early Learning Center Director, if you have any questions. The Early Learning Center number is 675-2904.

## Spotlight on McKemie Place

By Rev. Tonny Algood, Director



In September 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed the only shelter in Mobile specifically for single homeless women. The mayor of Mobile formed a task force to find another site for the shelter. The chair of the task force was Jamie Praytor, an amazing woman who was guided by her belief in God and that everything possible should be done to find a shelter for the least of these. The task force, under her leadership, diligently searched for another location. There were problems either with the structures or zoning codes. Another problem was community opposition with people not wanting these "strangers" in their community.

In November 2006, I went to Jamie Praytor and told her that I knew we could not use the upstairs of the Mobile Inner City Mission because of fire codes, but we could temporarily put beds in the downstairs assembly room where there were two showers and a kitchen. The Mission would serve as the temporary site because the task force had two other possible sites and they were hoping that one of them would be the permanent location for the shelter.

Money was raised to hire staff and purchase beds. There were enough funds committed to operate the shelter for three months. We were all walking in faith that God would provide the resources for this ministry. By March 2007, the United Methodist Inner City Mission opened McKemie Place, which is the name given to the shelter.

The other two possible sites for the shelter did not work out and in June 2007, the United Methodist Inner City Mission became the permanent site. Our capacity is only 25 women each night because that is all our small downstairs assembly room can hold. We are in the process of raising funds and renovating the upstairs of the Mission to increase our capacity and shelter more women. We have now provided shelter for 611 women and they have ranged in ages from 19 to seventy three. God is so good! There have been hundreds of success stories and the following is only one of them:

*One Christmas Eve, Joanne was struck by a drunk driver. She suffered debilitating injuries that would plague her for years. Eventually, unable to work or continue living with friends, she became homeless. McKemie Place was her only hope of getting back on her feet. Here, the staff and volunteers gave her dinner, a bed and assistance getting the medical treatments she needed. More importantly, they gave her inner strength. When Joanne underwent surgery, they wrapped her in reassurance. And, a new, blue robe. Today, she wears it proudly as a reminder of the warmth of strangers.*

The United Methodist Inner City Mission is an extension ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are not a church with a congregation to support us. We depend on other churches, groups within the churches and the kindness of strangers to support our ministries with their gifts and prayers. Our hope is that you will continue to keep the Mission in your prayers and remember us with your gifts.

For more information about McKemie Place, visit their website at [www.mckemieplace.org](http://www.mckemieplace.org) or call Rev. Algood at 251-432-1122.

Do you want to know more about the United Methodist Church?

Join us at **DISCOVERY 101** Sunday, July 12 4 p.m.



Discovery 101 is the primary path to church membership at Saraland UMC. During the hour and a half long session, you will learn about the history and future plans of Saraland UMC as well as Methodism, Christian beliefs and church membership. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to reserve a space or complete a registration sheet at the Welcome Center in the lobby. A nursery will be provided if requested.

## School Uniform Drive

*Did you know that many students in Saraland City Schools have only one school uniform?*

*Did you know that many students come to school in dirty and/or worn out uniforms each day?*

**We are having a uniform drive!** You can help with this uniform drive any of three ways: donate used uniforms (clean and in good condition); purchase uniform items (a flier with uniform details is available at the Welcome Center); or make a donation for the purchase of uniforms. Let's help students in Saraland dress for success for the next school year.

PLEASE NOTE: Uniforms are also being accepted for other area school systems. They will be taken to the appropriate school before the beginning of the next school year.



**JUNE 2009 STATISTICS**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
WORSHIP	96
SUNDAY SCHOOL	148
<b>GIVING</b>	
2009 MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS:	
	\$ 26,206
<b>RECEIVED IN APRIL:</b>	
General Budget	\$ 19,410.70
Season of Growth	\$ 4,606.33
Visionary Shares	\$ 40.00
Child Care Ministries (MDO)	\$ 2,002.50
Helping Hands	\$ 13.50
Children's Ministries	\$ 86.82
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 130.00
Aimee Remiersma Fund	\$ 15.00
Blue Lake (5th Sunday Service)	\$ 75.00
School Uniforms	\$ 25.00
Rent	\$ 725.00
UMM Scholarships	\$ 50.00
Celebrate Recovery	\$ 150.00
Facility Usage Fee	\$ 181.68
Cassie Moore Fund	\$ 845.00
Summer Day Camp	\$ 570.00

PLEASE NOTE: Reimbursements and pass through funds are not shown.

**July Hosts/Hostesses for The Crossing**



July 5	Scott & Shauna Crenshaw
	Bobby & Pam Sasser
July 12	David & Joyce Boshell
	Pat & Therese Brown
July 19	Jay & Lara Stephens
July 26	Chuck & Kim Whisonant

If you cannot serve on the date you are scheduled, please contact Jennifer McFarland (802-7510).

PLEASE NOTE: The Bold Service is currently meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please do your prep work for The Crossing before 9 a.m., during the beginning worship music for the Bold Service, and/or after the sermon. The kitchen doors should be closed during the sermon to cut down on noise.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Special Concerns:** Eunice Addison, John Aikens, Vernon Capps, Gerald Cargile, Kathy Cave, Antony Embley, Jean Faggard, Noah Faggard, Diane Finklea, Louise Fox, Janie Gilbert, Diana Grant, Tommy Harbour, Mary Huff, Linda Jennings, Lillian Jepko, Wendell Kennedy, Myrtle Lewis, Eunice McAleer, Cassie Moore, Kenneth Mowery, Stephanie Moye, Abbie Myers, Bonnie Ramsbottom, Joe Simison, Joseph Toomey, Linda Vaughn, Rebecca Walker, Francis Wiggins, Kathryn Williams, Dick Wilson, Hazel Yarbarough

**Shut-ins:**

- Carrington Place:** Sim Clark
- Eight Mile Nursing Home:** Herbie Clifton
- Gordon Oaks Retirement Center:** Bill Rodgers
- Westminster Village:** Dan Mason



Please continue to pray for all of our men and women in the military.

**United Methodist**

**Sunday, July 19 7:00 a.m.**

ALL men are invited to join us for a great fellowship and a hearty breakfast.



**New Coffee Station for the Sunday School Area**

Do you need a cup of coffee before, during or after Sunday School? It is now available close to your Sunday School room! A coffee station has been set up in the lobby at the top of the stairs. Coffee will be available there every Sunday morning from 8:45 until 11.



**July Birthdays**

Best wishes to each of you!



- 07/01 Willie May, Sr.
- 07/02 Doris Adams  
Thomas Cook  
Jillian Johnson
- 07/03 Clister Helveston  
Brent Hart  
Alexander Everett
- 07/04 Angie Givens
- 07/05 Beth Rodgers
- 07/06 Matthew Rodgers
- 07/07 Mary Parnell
- 07/08 Pat Simison  
Ronnie Outlaw  
Kyle Douville
- 07/14 Carolyn Siley
- 07/15 Julie Epperson
- 07/18 Donna Eberly  
Audry Childers
- 07/19 Jackie Brown
- 07/21 Dot Salter
- 07/23 Vallee Trotter  
Radley Rawls
- 07/24 Alice Willis  
Jordan Stephens
- 07/25 Nicholas Knott  
Buddy Lindley
- 07/27 Gladys Thompson
- 07/28 Doris Harveston
- 07/30 Therese Brown  
Tiphani Clearman

Is your birthday missing? If so, please call the church office so we can update our records.

**Special thanks from the Chancel Choir...**

The Chancel Choir would like to offer a heartfelt THANK YOU! to Crystal Couch, Pat Hopper and Judy Callen for filling in as director (Crystal) and pianist (Pat & Judy) this summer. We greatly appreciate you sharing your gifts and talents with us!

**You Can Help With JUMP Youth Mission Week July 19-24**



Our youth are not going on a mission trip this year. Instead, they are participating in a local mission week. Youth from several area United Methodist Churches are joining them to make this a great experience...They will all become the hands and feet of Christ as they serve in our community!

Ways you can help:

1. Pray for the youth, their leaders & chaperones and the people they are serving each day;
2. Volunteer to give some of your time during the week. We need work site help as well as help with meals (set up, clean up, preparation, packaging and delivery).
3. We need items for lunches. (i.e. brownies, cookies, individual packages of chips, 12-pack cans of soda, bottled water and fruit)
4. We need tools. The following is a list of tools that are suggested for our local mission week. This is a suggested list based on experience, but probably does not cover everything. If you have something that you think might be useful, let us know. If you would like to purchase any of these items and donate them, that would be great! However, if you have these items and are willing to loan them to us, we will make every effort to care for them properly so that we can return them when JUMP is over.

Hammer, level, Phillips screwdriver, flat-head screw driver, skill saw, 50' extension cord, hand saw, 50' tape measure, crow bar, paint brushes, paint rollers, paint roller covers, paint scrapers, paint sticks, drop clothes (plastic), rake, post hole digger, claw (framing) hammer, square, t-square, snap line, electric drill with bits, hacksaw & extra blades, wheelbarrow, carpenter pencil, shovel, pitchfork

Contact Brian Hasty or the church office (675-2728) for more information.



**Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study** will kick off on August 19. Rob Couch will be leading a large group study of the book of Revelation throughout the Fall. Supper will be served at 5:45 p.m. and Bible study will begin at 6:15 p.m. The cost of supper is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child for children and youth over the age of three. The maximum cost per household is \$15.

**Wednesday Night Cook Needed**

If you have a knack for cooking and enjoy working in the kitchen, you may be interested in cooking for Wednesday Night Suppers beginning August 19. There is compensation for this position. If you are interested, please contact Crystal Couch (675-1750) or Kristin Jennings (679-0809).

