

## PERRYVILLE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

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I GAVE UP PLAYING CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO. I gave up playing touch football about 15 years ago. I gave up mountain climbing about 50 years ago. I gave up climbing stairs about 2 weeks ago. Someone said to me, "That's what happens when you have a birthday."

Climbing a flight of stairs, the knee started popping, then it started hurting. I had told the Doctor that I was climbing a flight of stairs when this happened. She asked if this was the stairs of the Washington Monument or Empire State Building in a stair-climbing contest. No--just one flight of stairs! I used to take the stairs when I would visit in the hospital, rather than the elevator. I would almost always take the stairs down and usually take the stairs for up to four stories when going up. Now, I suppose I will take the elevator both ways, no matter how many floors I need to go.

If the average age of the United Methodists in Arkansas is about 58, then we need to make sure that we have as few stairs as possible. I am certainly not saying that everyone should quit climbing stairs, but I am glad that our church does not have classrooms upstairs. Maybe we ought to try to pass a stand-



October 2—16th Sunday after Pentecost—World Communion Day—Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46. The Circuit Riders from the Wesley Foundation at Arkansas Tech will lead our worship. Potluck Dinner following worship.

October 9—17th Sunday after Pentecost—Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14. "A Golden Calf." What are the golden calves we worship?

ing rule at the next Annual Conference Session in June, 2012, that there shall be no upstairs meetings unless there is an elevator available for all persons. What do you think? Could I get a second for that motion? If I could get a second to that, I would like to speak to it. (That is the way it goes at Annual Conference when a motion is made.)

Part of our work with our local church Imagine Ministry Team has been to think about how we can meet the needs of persons in our church and our community. Maybe there are things like ramps that we need to build in order to meet the needs of the people.

One Sabbath Day as Jesus and his followers were traveling along, they got hungry. So they took some of the grain from the field, rubbed it between their hands to get the husks off, and ate it. Legally this was defined as work on the Sabbath. When challenged on this, Jesus answered, "The Sabbath was made for humankind" Mark 2: 27 (NRSV). It was unlawful to harvest the grain on the Sabbath.

There are some reasons to do work on Sunday. There are some reasons for our church not to do the Service Sunday work on Sunday mornings. The purpose as we set it in the Imagine Ministry Team meeting is to take the church into the world. Our question was: "How can we be the church?" "How can we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?" That second question is, of course, the mission statement of the United Methodist Church. Maybe that means taking the mission and ministry of the church into the world—even on Sunday.

God Bless Us, everyone. Amen.

Bro. David

October 16—18th Sunday after Pentecost—Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22. "God's Part." To Caesar or to God. What is God's part of our lives?

October 23—19th Sunday after Pentecost—Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46. "Love the Lord your God with ..." Jesus reminds the Pharisees that this is the greatest commandment, and the second is like it.

October 30—20th Sunday after Pentecost—Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 23: 1-12. Pastor to attend class for Certification as Spiritual Director.

### Welcome and Announcements at 10:55 on Sundays

For several years, our worship service has begun with the Prelude, Lighting of the Altar Candles, Choral Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and so on.

Starting on September 18th, we started having the Welcome and Announcements at 10:55 am. The Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Candles began at 11:00 am.

The reason for this is that concern was expressed through the Nurture Committee that there had been a lot of movement, talking, and that sort of thing during the beginning of and throughout the worship service.

We gather in the Sanctuary to worship the Lord our God. We enter the Sanctuary to lift up our praise and worship to our Lord. Remember that worship is our way of praising our Lord.

Also, please note that the Ushers will not be gathering the Registration Pads following the offering. Those may be left in the pew to be gathered at a later time. Please continue to complete the registration pads and encourage newcomers and visitors to fill-in the information for follow-up through our church office, the pastor, and the Outreach Committee.

# Stewardship is HEART WORK

*I will be loyal to U.M.C and support it by my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness."*



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

Carmon Anderson, Opal Boshears, Annie Dodson, Mandy Gill, Moose Griffith,  
Tom Kelley, Ronnie Lacy, Dona Laywell, Mike Martin, Connie McNeal, Ritchie Ohlsen,  
Donna Phelan, Diane Robertson, Coach Taylor, Joe Tipton, Johnnie Mae Ware, Don  
Weiss, David Womack, Lyman Womack, Patsy Womack, Penny Wegner

CHURCH ATTENDANCE & FINANCES

**PRESENCE:** During the four week period of August 28th, through September 18th, we averaged 35 people in Sunday School and 74 in Worship Service. Last month's reported total reported was incorrect. We averaged 70 people in Worship Service.

*We'd like to welcome our newest member, Leslie Smith, to our Church family!*

## GIFTS



Month of -8/28 - 9/18

Operating Fund

\$10,639.13

Building Fund

\$4,121.27

Designated Giving

\$174.27



### **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of the Perryville United Methodist Church is to make followers of Jesus Christ through Bible Study, Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Witness, and we are to serve as a Connection Center between God, Church, and Community.

## SERVICE & WITNESS

### Cluster Charge Conference, October 23, at Morrilton

We will continue to have Cluster Charge Conferences. This year's will be a little different. Our charge Conference will be held in First UMC, Morrilton, on Sunday October 23rd, at 2:30 pm.

We will meet with the following churches: Adona, Wye, Mallet-town, Springfield, Plumerville, Cleveland, Overcup, Mount Zion-West and New Zion.

Our reports will have to be turned in on October 10th (two weeks ahead of Charge Conference date).

The following committees have a report to complete to be turned in on this date: Trustees, Finance, Lay Speaker reports, and Nominations. The membership report must also be included.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has recommend the Pastor's Compensation Package. The Finance Committee has made their recommendation to the Church Council. The Church Council has approved the Finance Committee recommendation. There are some reports which will need to be approved by the Church Council before the reports may be turned in on the 10th.

We will have to have a called meeting of the Church Council on October 9th, following worship, to approve a couple of additional reports.



Join the UMW for a special mission study:

### **FOOD AND FAITH**

How Food Touches Our Lives

**SAT. OCTOBER 1ST**

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share at lunch.

## **Church council met September 15, 2011 with 10 members present.**

### **UMW:**

- the cookbook has been submitted to the printer for proof reading
- will have a combined meeting and brunch Sat., Sept. 17, 2011 at 9:30 AM
- waiting for additional funds to finish the playground (needs mulch, border and landscaping fabric)
- fried pies cooking and sale Nov. 7-11, 2011

### **Hospitality:**

- we will have potluck Oct. 2, 2011 after Sunday service. Circuit Riders will also perform that day
- an Advent meal is planned for Dec. 20, 2011
- hotdogs and chili will be prepared and served for Trick or trunk

### **Trustees:**

- drain pipe has been painted yellow for better visibility
- church garden has donated okra and purple hull peas to Partners for Progress
- the fan over the kitchen stove in the Connection building is not working
- water fountains are out of order

### **Nominations Committee** has added the following people:

- Church Council at-large members until 2014:  
Ida Rose, Nancy O'Such, Tom Musselman, Palmer Myers and Ana Gudahl
- Outreach committee: Jennifer Langston and Mandy Gill
- Nurture Committee: Becca Willard
- Grounds Committee: Charles Tipton
- Board of Trustees: Gerald Johnson and Arnie Jester are members until 2014
- SPRC: Kate Cole and Brenda Reeder are members until 2014
- Finance Committee: Robert Lee and Josh DeWeese are members until 2011
- Nominations and Leadership Development Committee: Jay Sprig and Ruth Ann Smith are members until 2014

### **Finance:**

- we are meeting our payments for the Connection center but funds are needed to meet other expenses. We are juggling our funds to meet our financial obligations
- after much prayerful consideration and discussion, the Finance Committee recommended to cut Bro. David's compensation and salary package to help our budget. Bro. David and the council accepted the recommendation.

### **Nurture:**

- announcements will be at 10:55 before the church service - Sunday service will start at 11:00

### **Outreach:**

- a meeting is scheduled for Sept. 25 after the Sunday service -Trick or Trunk will be discussed

### **Pastor's report:**

- we received two new members: Becca Willard and Charles Tipton
- confirmation class is planned for spring
- Oct.28-30, 2011, March 9-11, 2012 and July 6-9, 2012, Bro. David will be attending Spiritual Director Classes
- the District Conference and Workshop for the north Central District will be held Sunday Sept. 18,2011 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Cabot first UMC
- Oct. 1, 2011 will be the start of a short class on Methodism
- in Advent, there will be a 4 week Advent study
- two short term classes will also be planned after Christmas. The first will be a study of a book of the Bible and the second will be a Lenten study. Both will be on the lectionary scripture passages for each Sunday leading up to Easter.
- the Scriptural director's class on Oct. 29, 2011 will coincide with the Annual Conference. Bro. David has written and asked the Bishop for an excused absence.
- Bro. David and Lynn are planning to take a vacation in February
- Fellowship group will have a get together at the Reeder's on Saturday Sept. 17, 2011 at 5:30 pm
- Blood Drive will be on November 4, 2011 in honor of Tom Kelley

### **Other Business:**

- Melinda Collins, Ida Rose and Lester Rose attended a Disaster Relief Training in Conway.

Next meeting: November 17, 2011 at 7PM

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# FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

## Fall Festivities at P.U.M.C.

Invite Someone



*Sunday Night Live*

*Contemporary Worship Service*

*The last Sunday of every month 6pm*



The Circuit Riders will be here Sun. Oct 2nd. There will be a potluck lunch afterwards.



We will be sponsoring singing on the Court House square on Sat. Nov. 19th

Our Choir will be singing at the Perryville High School on Mon. Oct. 17th

### Tailgate Party



Before the Perryville home game on September 30 against Cedarville, we invite you to come to the tailgate party in the Perryville High School parking lot. We have invited the students from 7th to 12th grade to register for a prize or gift to be given away during half-time of the game. We need help to offer some food items to share with the students and to invite the students to register for our gift. Do the students know you? Then come to invite them to sign up. Do you have a heart for the mission and ministry of youth ministry? Then come to invite the Youth to our church?

### Blood Drive, Nov. 4

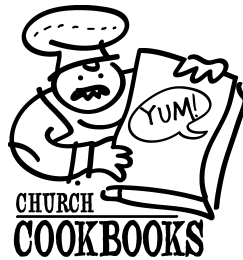
Save your blood until November 4— meaning do not give blood until then at our church from 9-2. If you have not given blood recently, then you can give on November 4.

As we did before, this Blood Drive will be in honor of Tom Kelley.



Fried Pie Week

Nov. 7th - 11th



COMING  
IN  
NOVEMBER

We will help in presenting the Living Nativity at Heifer Project Ranch this year. The dates are Friday and Saturday December 2nd & 3rd.



Community Thanksgiving Service

November 20th

7:00 PM

Community Meal for the Advent

Season. Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 PM



Saturday

Oct. 29th

5:00-7:00pm



**Meals On Wheels**

Perryville UMC is actively involved in delivering Meals on Wheels and we are in need of more volunteers. *If there is anyone interested in volunteering their time to this cause, please call Katherine Keough at 889-3271.*

**Delivery Schedule-**

**Meals on Wheels**

Oct. 3	B. Hyatt
Oct. 4	B. Hyatt
Oct. 5	R. A. Smith & A. Munn
Oct. 6	M. Collins
Oct. 7	R. A. Smith & A. Munn
Oct. 10	K. Keough
Oct. 11	I. & L. Rose
Oct. 12	I. & L. Rose
Oct. 13	B. Camp & D. Baker
Oct. 14	K. Keough

**September food offering** - We donated 56 pounds of misc. items this month to Partners for Progress.

**OCTOBER ACTIVITIES**

- Sat. Oct. 1 9:00 - 2:00am - UMW
- Sun. Oct. 2 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
*Potluck Lunch*
- Tue. Oct. 4 1:30 pm - Intercessory Prayer
- Wed. Oct. 5 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Oct. 6 9:00am - UMM Coffee
- Sun. Oct. 9 9:45 am-Sunday School  
11:00am- Worship Service  
12:00pm - Called Church Council Meeting
- Tues. Oct. 11 1:30pm-Intercessory Prayer
- Wed. Oct. 12 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Oct. 13 9:00 am UMM Coffee
- Sat. Oct 15 9:00 am PUMC Work Day
- Sun. Oct. 16 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Tue. Oct. 18 1:30 pm - Intercessory Prayer/
- Wed. Oct. 19 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Oct. 20 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee
- Sun. Oct. 23 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
2:30 Cluster Conference
- Mon. Oct 24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Tues. Oct. 25 1:30 Mary Marthas Meet
- Wed. Oct. 26 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Oct. 27 9:00am U.M.M. Coffee
- Sun. Oct 30 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
*6:00 PM - SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE!*

Our children are on the move through the Bible! The Followers and Little Followers have just completed a series about Joseph, and how God can bring about good even from bad things that happen. The group is growing and growing. This is a wonderful thing and we need more teachers. Is God asking you to help?



**BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY**

Kevin Chambers	10/1	Robert Wyatt	10/16
Courtney McKendree	10/5	Ruth Ann Smith	10/16
Jennifer Denn	10/7	Blair Langston	10/19
Zack Hill	10/7	Kim Pennington	10/20
Jody Hibbard	10/8	Rebi Blazi	10/24
Cindy Hopper	10/9	Ida Rose	10/24
Katherine Keough	10/10	Amy Jester	10/25
Bob Dugan	10/12	Carolyn McCallister	10/26
Amy Chambers	10/12	Mimi Tarvin	10/26
Wade O'Such	10/14	Brenda Reeder	10/27
Landrey Langston	10/14	Carmon Anderson	10/28
Jay Langston	10/16	Autum Hayes	10/31
Jan Doughty	10/16	Justin Malin	10/31

<i>Bob &amp; Janice Rankin</i>	<i>10/1</i>
<i>John &amp; Liz Lee</i>	<i>10/8</i>
<i>Cliff &amp; Brandy Smith</i>	<i>10/31</i>



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**Our Staff:**

**Pastor..... Rev. David E. Baker**  
**Minister of Music..... Steve Collins**  
**Pianist..... Lee Kelm**  
**Secretary..... Becky Camp**  
**Custodian..... Nate Spinks**

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*  
*Sunday School 9:45 AM*  
*Worship service 11:00 AM*

**Watch for the Zumba party!**

Soon the Perryville Assembly Zumba group will move and sweat along with the PUMC Zumba class for a purpose. The "Zumba Party" will raise food for Partners for Progress and funds for the Race for the Cure. Stay tuned on how you can be a sponsor.



**OCTOBER WORKERS ARE:**

USHERS

Nick & Jessica Spinks  
Andy & Mandy Gill

GREETER

Melinda Collins

C.H.I.M.E.S

Carla Kelley  
Charla Edwards

LITURGIST

Oct. 2 Dan Gudahl  
Oct. 9 Jenn Langston  
Oct. 16 Dixie Martin  
Oct. 23 Tom Musselman  
Oct. 30 Nancy O'Such

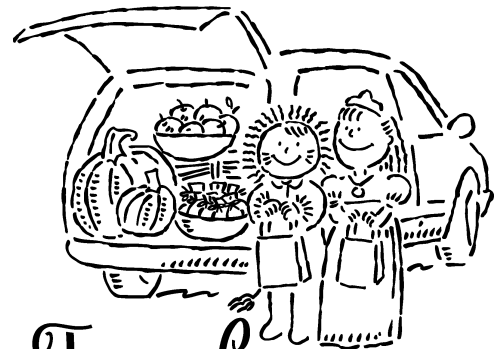
COMMUNION WORKERS

Ana Gudahl, Katherine Keough,  
Cindy Langston

*October's Bread Angel is Ana Gudahl.*

MOWERS 8th - Steve Collins 15th - Jay Langston (work day 15th)  
22nd - Arnie Jester 29th - Troy Denn

Snacks for October - 2nd - Cindy Langston 8th - Jester  
16th - Sprigg 23rd - Spinks 30th - Baker



*Trunk  
or Treat*

**SATURDAY**

**October 29th**

**5:00 - 7:00 PM**