

FAIRFAX MESSENGER

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Sunday Worship:

Sunday School - 9:30 am

Worship - 10:30 am

Channel 61 Broadcast - Tues.
4:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Promise Keepers - 6:00 am

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Pastor's Corner

- Pastor Roger

The Color of Change

Albert Outler once said, "Give us a church whose members believe and understand the gospel of God's healing love of Christ to hurting men and women. Give us a church that speaks and acts in consonance with its faith-not only to reconcile the world but to turn it upside down! Give us a church of spirit-filled people in whose fellowship life speaks to life, love to love, and faith and trust respond to God's grace. And we shall have a church whose witness in the world will not fail and whose service to the world will transform it."

Fall is quickly coming on us and with it comes cooler temperatures and a change of colors. Leaves change to red, gold, yellow, and yes, brown. Corn is drying out and its color is changing from green to brown; soy beans are doing the same also. Change is inevitable. It affects each and every creature on earth. We grow older and one day we pass from this life on to the next. We cannot stop it even though many have tried. One way we keep life in our name is to have children; a chance to provide a life and lineage that will speak to future generations just as our past has to us.

For churches this may mean embracing music or a translation of scripture that makes us uncomfortable. It requires that we think and act "out of the box" in order to reach the many lost, oppressed, and disengaged of the world around us. Jesus did this exact same thing in his ministry. It is no surprise that he was ridiculed, taunted, arrested, and even crucified for his teachings and leadings. His life was lived among the marginal and outcast, it was not a testament to tradition and comfort. At one point his disciples told him his mother and brothers were waiting for him. Jesus looked out over the crowd, pointed to his disciples (remember they were a scruffy lot of tax men, fishermen, even a thief and betrayer) and said, "Here is my family." (Matt 12:46-50)

Change is difficult; it requires we leave our comfort zone and enter the world. In order to do that we must learn the language and the customs of the people we encounter if we are to have an impact. It requires us to become vulnerable and trust in God for providence and not on our own understanding or liking.

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We end this newsletter with a prayer;

“God of all that surrounds us, help us to become a people that recognize that in changing the world through your son Jesus Christ, we have the same chance to change the world through our love as Jesus loved us. It is difficult to let go of our past and move into the future but we realize the importance of it if we are not to be hypocrites of your word. Help us to face our fear of change, our self-interest, and our comfort zones. Lead us into a transformational life with you just as Jesus transformed our lives. Amen.”



God Squad

a Community After School Faith-Based Program for all Children K-6th Grade!

God Squad will meet after school at the Fairfax Baptist Church
every Wednesday for eight weeks.

Wed. September 28
Time: 2:18-4:00 pm

Wed. October 8
Time: 3:05-5:00 pm

Wed. October 12
Time: 12:15-2:00 pm

Wed. October 19
Time: 3:05-5:00 pm

Wed. October 26
Time: 2:18-4:00 pm

Wed. November 2
Time: 3:05-5:00 pm

Wed. November 9
Time: 12:15-2:00 pm

Wed. November 16
Time: 3:05-5:00 pm

Children will be escorted from the school to the church.

Ways you can help...

If anyone would like
to volunteer,
please contact
Mary Ellen Oswald
660-686-3556

If anyone would like
to help provide
snacks, please call
Lisa Mitchell
660-744-4848

If you have any questions,
please call the Fairfax Baptist
Church at 660-686-2794
or Mary Ellen Oswald
at 660-686-3556.

God Squad is sponsored by the
following Fairfax churches:
Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian
and United Methodist.

God Squad Advisory Council: Sarah Osburn, Marissa Hedlund, Beth Graves, Lisa Mitchell,
Deanna Beck, Ann Martin, Marilyn Reed, Stephanie Smith and Mary Ellen Oswald.

United Methodist Women Evening Edition

The UMEE met Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 with Michelle Hawkins, Charla Graves, Sandy Burke, and Lois Wiley present.

Michelle gave the devotion titled "Now and Then" which was taken from "The Upper Room". Charla read the bible verses from Hebrews 12:1-11. The main thought was that serving God is not always about now; sometimes it's about later.

The Tuesday night study group meetings were discussed; Charla explained what its purpose was and invited all to come.

Michelle presented information about the "Backpack" program. There is to be a meeting Wednesday, September 21, with UMM and others that may be interested in it. Discussion followed.

The Beth Moore Simulcast was discussed. It was decided that we meet and discuss the simulcast for next year, which will be held September 15, 2012. The sooner we sign up, the cheaper it will be. We would discuss what changes need to be made for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

On September 10, 2011, I attended the Pony Express District United Methodist Women's Mission Study held at the Westboro United Methodist Church, Westboro, Mo. Mary Ellen Jensen was the Study Leader on Haiti. There were nineteen in attendance and her program was well received by all. It's always good to be with other women in the district who share your hopes, faith and love. I always believe we renew each other.

Smiles and Christian Love, Barb Jones

Serving our church in October will be:

Ushers: Ralph & Gale Ball

Acolyte: Jesse Graves

Communion Stewards: Tony & Lisa Mitchell

Flowers: Ronnie & Jayne Martin

Lay Reader: Mary Combs

Bulletins: Oct 2 - Roger & Suzanne Southard

Oct 9 - Dorothy Davis

Oct 16 - Jon & Beth Graves

Oct 23 - Dorothy Davis

Oct 30 - Dorothy Davis

Web Site Sponsor: Jon, Beth, Jesse, Jaycee
and Braden Graves



What Is Missing In This

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CUB4 Long... We Hope!

"Praise God in his sanctuary" --Psalm 150:1



Growing, Sharing Celebrating God's Abundance

October 15th, 2011
Missouri State Fairgrounds
Sedalia, MO
<http://www.umocm.com>

Suggested Donations:

- **Adult sized blankets or quilts for use in Missouri.**
- **36"x45" quilt or blanket for preschool to 6th grade children to place in Missouri "Backpacks of Love".** Do not sign handmade quilts, initials may be added.
- **Money towards the purchase of a P.E.T. (Personal Energy Transportation)** There are some 21,000,000 persons in the world suffering from leg-handicaps. \$250 will give the gift of mobility to one person.
- **Gently used reading glasses.**
- **Missouri Readin' & Writen' Pack:**
6 new pencils w/erasers; 2" eraser; 2 ink pens (med pt);
1 bx 24 crayons; 1pencil holder;
12" ruler; 6 folders w/ pockets;
1 pr metal child scissors; 2 spiral/tape bound notebooks (total 140 pg).
Place smaller items inside the pencil holder/ Place all in a 2 gallon zip lock bag.
- **Health Kit:**
1 hand towel (16"x28"); 1 wash cloth;
1 wide-tooth comb; 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper);
6 Band-Aids; 1 toothbrush (in original packaging);
1 metal nail clipper (no metal files or every boards).
Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Do not add toothpaste, this will be added by Church World Service.
- **Safe Motherhood Kit:**
1 Receiving Blanket; 1 New Born Cap;
1 Jacket or Tunic (handmade or purchased).
Place items in a zip lock bag. IMA World Health will add other items.

Deadline:

Your items need to be at the church by Sunday, October 2nd!!

Church Council Meeting

Monday, October 10th at 7:00 pm

Prayer Group

Will be meeting at 10:30 am on Tuesdays here at the church. All are welcome!

October Birthdays

Bob Sefrit	10/01
Jack Fries	10/05
Tyler Brown	10/06
Kattie Beck	10/06
Roger Pennel	10/06
James Bennett	10/06
Carrie Bradfield	10/08
Ed Taylor	10/10
Harold Gomel	10/12
Haley Shepard	10/13
Susan Gomel	10/15
Brandee Hawkins	10/17
Jason Kemerling	10/17
Caleb Morris	10/18
Mary Combs	10/19
Emma Jones	10/19
Reed Smith	10/19
Jesse Graves	10/19
Jaycee Graves	10/19
K.R. Pennel	10/20
Suzanne Southard	10/21
Darrell Wiley	10/22
Cory Bungenstock	10/27
Trevor Brown	10/29
Leslie Smith	10/30
Joann Whittington	10/31

October Anniversaries

Lelan & Andrea Hall 10/07

If you or your loved ones are not on the list, contact the church office: umc@fairfaxmo.net or 686-3314 with your info and we will get our records updated.

Thank You So Much. God Bless All of You for cutting the trees behind our shed. Thank Esther Southard for telling us about your ministry to clean up Fairfax. Bless all the ones who helped. I cannot walk back there and see it because of my leg and Ben does not mow the lawn anymore so we had no idea the not wanted seedlings had grown so large. Thank you to Gary and Jan Taylor for the ministry!

Love, Deb Hitt

HOTLINES:

Child Abuse and Neglect ----- 1-800-392-3738

Elderly Abuse and Neglect --- 1-800-392-0210

Gambling Addiction-----1-888-BETSOFF
----- (1-888-238-7633)

Mental Health Crisis Line ----- 1-800-392-0280

Missouri School Violence ----- 1-866-748-7047

Poison Control ----- 1-800-392-9111

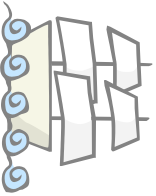

Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence
----- 1-800-548-2480

Suicide Prevention Lifeline --1-800-273-TALK
----- (1-800-273-8255)

Thank You

October

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<p>Pastor's Hours 8:00 am—12:00 pm Tues—Fri 660-623-0427 (cell) fairfaxumc@fairfaxmo.net</p>	<p>Worship Schedule Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 10:30am Channel 61: 4:00pm Tues</p>	<p>Office Hours 8:00 am—12:00 pm Mon—Thurs 660-686-3314 umc@fairfaxmo.net Fax: 660-686-9505</p>				1
<p>2 Guest Speaker: Rev Peggy Jeffries World Communion Sunday: special offering Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 Basement reserved afternoon: Sorosis</p>	<p>4 Prayer Group: 10:30am at the church Worship Design Study Group: 7:00pm @ The Graves' (210 N Center)</p>	<p>5 Promise Keepers: 6:00am</p>			8
<p>9 UMC has the service at Pleasant View at 3:30pm</p>	<p>10 Columbus Day Church Council Meeting 7:00pm </p>	<p>11 Prayer Group: 10:30am at the church Worship Design Study Group: 7:00pm @ The Graves' (210 N Center)</p>	<p>12 Promise Keepers: 6:00am UMW E.E.: 7:00pm</p>			15
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<p>30 Charge Conf: 2:00pm @ Mound City UMC</p>	<p>31 Halloween </p>		<p>Office Angels will be needed in the afternoon</p>			

Every Tuesday Evening:

A Worship Design Study Group will be meeting Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the home of Phil and Charla Graves (210 N Center, Fairfax) We are still needing more people!

If you'd like to be involved in the planning of our worship or if you have ideas you'd like to share...please join us!



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Pleasant View Nursing Home

Fairfax UMC is scheduled to
give the worship service
at the Rock Port
Nursing Home on
Sunday, October 9th
at 3:30 pm.

**We need volunteers
to help!**

Please contact the church
office and/or Pastor Roger
if you are able
to help out that day.



The Importance of Trust

Trust is an important part of a relationship between spouses, between parents and children, between employers and employees, and between friends. To illustrate the importance of trust, I will share a story from former President Eisenhower who described an event from his earlier days on a Kansas farm.

“An older farmer had a cow we wanted to buy,” the President said. “We went over to visit him and asked about the cow’s pedigree.”

“Don’t know,” replied the farmer.

“Well, how’s her butterfat production?” we asked.

“Don’t know.”

“Let’s see,” my dad finally said. “How many pounds of milk does she give each year?”

“Don’t know that either,” said the farmer shaking his head. “But I do know she’s an honest cow and she’ll give you all the milk she has!”

“Well,” Ike concluded. “I’m kinda like that old cow. You can always trust me to give you everything I have.”

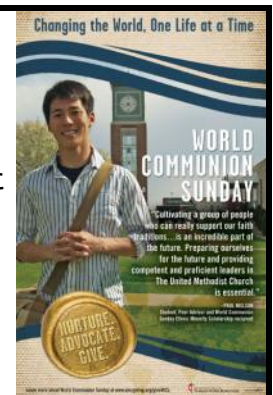
Life would be so much easier if we could take people at their word. It doesn’t take long to discover that talk is cheap, so we are forced to decide whom or what we will trust. Where do we place our faith and confidence? Do we trust God as our source of life and things? Trusting is not an easy thing to do. We may trust God in some things but not all things. By nature, we are self-reliant, and we live in a society that admires self-reliance and discourages trust in anyone other than oneself.

Trust knows that God loves us and wants the best for us. Complete trust in God is seeking God himself, rather than his gifts. Knowing God, through Christ, brings about a self-surrender and total trust in him. Then our trust is not dependent on what he gives, but who he is.

In the same manner that God proves he is trustworthy, God wants us to prove our trustworthiness. The apostle Paul wrote, “*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful*” (1 Corinthians 4:2). How blessed we are that our God can be trusted totally and that he loves and trusts us enough to be his ambassadors and representatives here on earth. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we can be faithful to his trust.

World Communion Sunday

World-wide Communion Sunday was established in 1940 as a global, interdenominational event in response to the impact of World War II. The Methodist Church received an offering on this Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. In 1971 the United Methodist Church changed the name of the observance to World Communion Sunday and redistributed the offering to support the Crusade Scholarship Program (established in 1944), the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program, and the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. Today the World Communion Sunday Offering continues to assist racial- and ethnic-minority students pursuing various avenues of ministry. When you open your heart and give to the World Communion Sunday Offering you are giving people around the world a chance to open their minds through educational opportunities they otherwise could not afford. These opportunities transform the lives of the scholarship recipients and the communities in which they live and work. Joel N. Martinez experienced the call to ministry as a teenager. With the help of the Crusade Scholarship program he followed that call at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, TX. Today Joel serves as a United States Bishop of the United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday will be observed the first Sunday in October. Please consider investing in your brothers’ and sisters’ education. Who knows they may grow into one of our church leaders or they may save the lives of countless others.



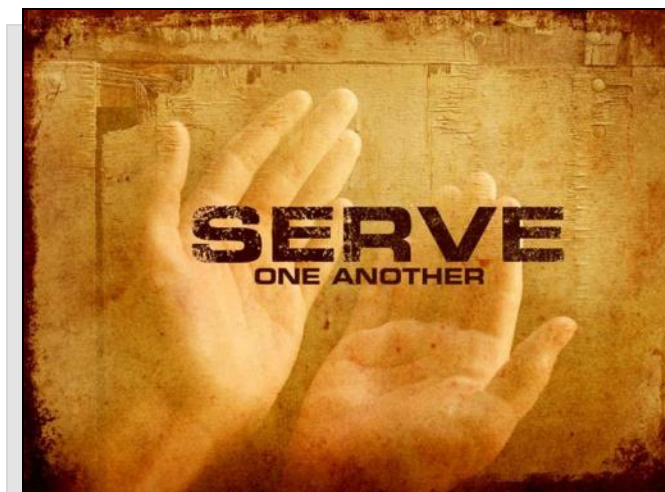
**On Sept. 11,
Fairfax UMC
participated
in Serve2011**



There were around 68 people who worshiped in the park and enjoyed the fellowship of a great BBQ meal on September 11th. The youth put on a skit to add to the enjoyment of the service and around 25 people cleaned up two yards in our community. It was a wonderful day spent worshiping and serving our Lord!

Opportunities to Serve:

- ♦ **Nursery/Children's Care:** Provide a welcome to families by caring for their infants and children as they enjoy worship. Contact Office to schedule or sign up in back of church.
- ♦ **Prayer Group:** We are beginning a group of prayer warriors that will meet on Tuesday's at 10:30 am, at the church, to pray for the requests and needs of our community. Join us if you can!
- ♦ **Would you like to help in the design and development of "great" worship?** If so, contact Jan Taylor or Pastor Roger as we continue to reach out to the seekers of this community. We will be having a Worship Design Study Group on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Phil & Charla Graves' home. (210 N Center) All are Welcome!
- ♦ **We need volunteers to tape the Sunday services!** This would also include the projection system. Neither one of them is difficult, one person can do both! Charla or Lois would be glad to guide you through it. It would probably take 15 minutes at the most to learn. Please contact Lois Wiley if you can help!



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