

FAIRFAX MESSENGER

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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

9/11 what a number! It is connected with so many things in our life today; terrorist attacks in our own country 10 years ago that took the lives of almost 3,000 individuals. The casualties from those days and the ones immediately following are easy to count, but one must wonder how many lives have been lost due to effects of the attack in the years that followed? Suicide, cancers, breathing disorders and many other quiet deaths have never been numbered among those that are honored at this time and yet we hear daily of those suffering and in some form of distress from those attacks.

It is easy and common for us to take the actions of a few and blame a whole group. The fact is that we don't just blame, we tend to hold grudges; to keep the hate and the ill-feelings alive and fed within our own self. Jesus knew this and spoke about it in a parable of the unforgiving servant. He had already told Peter that one must be willing to forgive another "not just seven times, but rather as seventy-seven times" (*Matt 18:22 CEB*). Think about that, forgiving one person so many times for the same thing? Why it will never happen: "hurt me once shame on you, hurt me twice shame on me" becomes our standard thought.

Forgiveness is one of those actions that can only be accomplished in the active sense. It is something that is intentional and requires each of us to do something that makes us uncomfortable. True forgiveness requires that we go to the person or persons that hurt us and say we understand you are hurting, let us become friends again.

Many are sitting around today waiting for Jesus to return, expecting wrath to be rained down on those we try and make our enemies. What if we made them our friends through forgiveness and reconciliation? God did that for us in the person of Jesus Christ; can we do anything less and call our self Christians?

As we remember the tragedy of 9/11/2001 reflect on what the real tragedy is; is it that we have let others down through judgment and non-acceptance? Hope comes in the form of active forgiveness and an openness to become friends even with those we do not agree with. Holy conversation begins and the Holy Spirit is allowed to become involved. Let your life speak to forgiveness and reconciliation rather than harboring hate and judgment. Amen.



This is a period of time in which we, as United Methodists participate in an intentional period of sharing what God has done for each of us through Jesus Christ with those in our community. How often are we fearful to witness to others?

Often in New Testament Scripture we find that witness was done through helping others as much, or more so than in preaching. In our own life we remember those whose stories have been an inspiration to us. Often we only heard these stories as we labored along side others. Serve 2011 has a two-fold purpose:

1. Move us outside of the walls of the building we call a church. In this way we move back to the missional church that began at Pentecost and was critical to our founder John Wesley.
2. Opens our eyes to the real needs of our community and the people we live with. In this way our own sense of importance is removed and we become one in partnership with the community.

Because of this we have the following projects happening on September 10-11, 2011:

September 10, 2011-9:30 am to 4:15 pm our UMW Evening Edition will host the Beth Moore simulcast here at the church. This event is now **free** to all attendees in response to the area disaster and economic situation many of our friends are experiencing. *(Thank you ladies-Pastor Roger)*

September 11, 2011-10:30 am till ? Our "9/11 Remembrance Service" will be a "Worship in the Park" experience followed by a community offering of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, whatever salads and desserts are made and offered, along with a variety of cold drinks. Once we have finished lunch we ask you to join us as we go around the community offering a helping hand to clean up any remaining storm damage of general clean-up of yards.

**Please wear your fluorescent yellow "Serve 2011" t-shirt
and let's make a difference in Fairfax!**

Community Worship-in-the-Park

August 21, 2011



Red Cross to Open Flood Recovery Centers In Northwest Missouri

August 17, 2011 - As flood waters slowly recede, the American Red Cross is opening Flood Recovery Centers in Northwest Missouri to provide families affected by flooding the opportunity to receive information and resources as flood clean-up and recovery is beginning.

Flood Recovery Centers will be open at the following locations:

Rock Port , MO - United Methodist Church , 211 Opp Street , Rock Port , MO
Tuesday, August 23, Wednesday, August 24th and Thursday, August 25th
12:00 noon to 7:00 pm each day.

Rushville , MO - Rushville Christian Church, 306 Main Street , Rushville , MO
Friday, August 26th, Saturday, August 27th and Monday, August 29th
12:00 noon to 7:00 pm each day

Mound City , MO - United Methodist Church , 7th and Mound Street , Mound City , MO
Tuesday, August 30th, Wednesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 1st
12:00 noon to 7:00 pm each day

Amazonia , MO - Lions Club Building
Friday, September 2nd and Saturday, September 3rd
12:00 noon to 7:00 pm each day

Or appointment by contacting the Red Cross at 816-232-8439 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Families will need to bring proof of residency such as photo identification or a utility bill with the disaster-affected address on it.

The Flood Recovery Centers will provide an opportunity for flood victims to talk with a Red Cross volunteer caseworker about resources available for clean-up and recovery. The Red Cross will have clean-up supplies that will be distributed to families. A nurse will counsel families on health concerns and safety on returning to flooded homes. Disaster Mental Health volunteers will provide resources on coping with the stress of disasters and the availability of community resources.

The Recovery Centers will be the first step to assist the families with recovery plans. When waters recede and areas open up for families to return, the Red Cross will continue to support these families with resources. Red Cross volunteers will set-up distribution sites in the affected areas for residents to receive clean-up supplies and resources for recovery.

Emergency Response Vehicles will travel into flood devastated areas to provide a noon-day meal for families cleaning up. The Red Cross is anticipating serving and delivering 13,000 meals in 4 counties over a 21 day period. Red Cross disaster nurses, mental health volunteers and caseworkers will be in areas counseling and supporting families when they return to their devastated homes.

The Red Cross had estimated its budget for this recovery effort at \$289,000, but that is expected to increase when water recedes.

You can help people affected by disasters like Northwest Missouri Floods, as well as countless crises at home and around the world, by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters. Visit www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Contributions may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter at 401 North 12th Street , St. Joseph 64501 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243 , Washington , DC 20013 .

Kevin Kirby, CFRE, Executive Director American Red Cross

Midland Empire Chapter, 401 North 12th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501, Work: 816-232-8439, Cell: 816-383-1991

Helping Hands of Friendship



The Fairfax United Methodist Church would like to extend a hand of friendship by helping members of the Fairfax Community.

If you are in need of some help with a small project that you cannot, or should not, do yourself, please call the church office (686-3314) and give a brief description of the job/jobs you need completed, your name and address, and phone number and someone will call you back to discuss details and let you know if it's a project that our team can successfully handle.

TALK, AND YOU SAY WHAT
YOU ALREADY KNOW;
LISTEN, AND YOU LEARN
SOMETHING NEW.

Serving our church in September will be:

Ushers: Bob Sefrit and Gary Taylor

Acolyte: Gena Mitchell

Communion Stewards: Jim & Mary Brown

Flowers: Danny & Alice Kemerling

Lay Reader: Roger Ball

Bulletins: Sept 4—Gary & Jan Taylor

Sept 11 - Dixie & DeAnna Coggin

Sept 18 - Barb Tubbs

Sept 25 - Darrell & Lois Wiley

Web Site Sponsor: Brenda McLaughlin

Fairfax Friends!
Judy Keith

Dear Friends,

August 2011

"Separation anxiety" is taking on a whole new meaning for many global servants and their college-age children! Summer family travels to churches and supporters are drawing to a close, the "drop off" and final, dreaded good-bye is at hand. Luggage will be moved into the dorm. Roommates will be met. Parents will be silently pleading for grace and strength to get through the parting. Will my child survive in this "jungle" of the U.S. culture that is so new and unfamiliar to them??? The same question will be echoing in the heart and mind of the "dropped-off" one.

I love the way a friend articulated the heart-wrenching challenge of missionary parents releasing these young adults...that we [parents/ grandparents] spend a lot of energy wanting our kids and grandkids to fit in and do well and think well of themselves and look to God for these things. How much more difficult this would be if they were a continent away and we would see them in six months, maybe!

So as you remember your own loved ones heading off to college, please do pray for missionaries who will be going through this. **Please pray for two Calebs:** Caleb 1 is a sophomore and very well adjusted. But his folks have been in the States and are now heading back to Asia, not to see Caleb again for two years. He is soooooo dreading that separation! Caleb 2 is terrified of his new college journey. *"I don't know anyone in the area [of my university]. I feel like I'm going to the jungle without a map – and I don't feel like I can navigate myself."* (Praise: I was able to connect him with a friend of mine who is on faculty at that university – and who is also an MK!)

Thankfully in His Service with you,

Judy

judykeith@juno.com MU KAPPA MINISTRY www.mukappa.org



UMW Evening Edition

will be meeting on Wednesday,
September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Office Closed

Monday, September 5th
for Labor Day

September Birthdays

Brenda McLaughlin	09/03
Joanna Crane	09/04
Tabitha Wintz	09/08
Harry Combs	09/10
Patty Kemerling	09/10
Randall Sly	09/11
Roger Cary	09/11
Missy Hecker	09/12
Donna Ray	09/12
Jenea' Salmond	09/13
Melanie Riley	09/16
Dave Kemerling	09/17
Kaylyn Sly	09/17
Pam Davis	09/22
Dustin Graves	09/23
Julie Cary	09/23
Dennis Bowlin	09/25
Alice Kemerling	09/27
Janet Morton	09/29
Brendon Bruns	09/30

September Anniversaries

Scott & Holly Swinehart	09/01
Jim & Judy Holtz	09/03
K.R. & Mary Anne Pennel	09/06
Gregg & Lori Smith	09/27
Mike & Pam Monk	09/29

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.

*Dear Ladies of the UMW Evening Edition,
Thank you all for the lovely 'Praying for You'
card. I really enjoyed receiving it. It made my
day lots better. Thanks again and God Bless.
Love, Florine*

*A big "Thank You!" goes out to H.A. Sly,
Jim Schooler, and Rob Resler for putting back
up the Welcome to Fairfax churches sign at the
south end of town. The sign looks great!*

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

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!



**Fairfax UMC is once again
hosting the
Live Simulcast with Beth Moore
and...**

Tickets are FREE!!!

(lunch is provided free also!)

Saturday, September 10th

9:30 am–4:15 pm

(doors open one hour before)

Your Reservations are Requested

in order for us to have an accurate Lunch Count!

**Please call the church office at 660-686-3314,
mornings 8:00-12:00, M-Th.**

(Already paid for your ticket?)

We will offer you a refund the day of the event.)

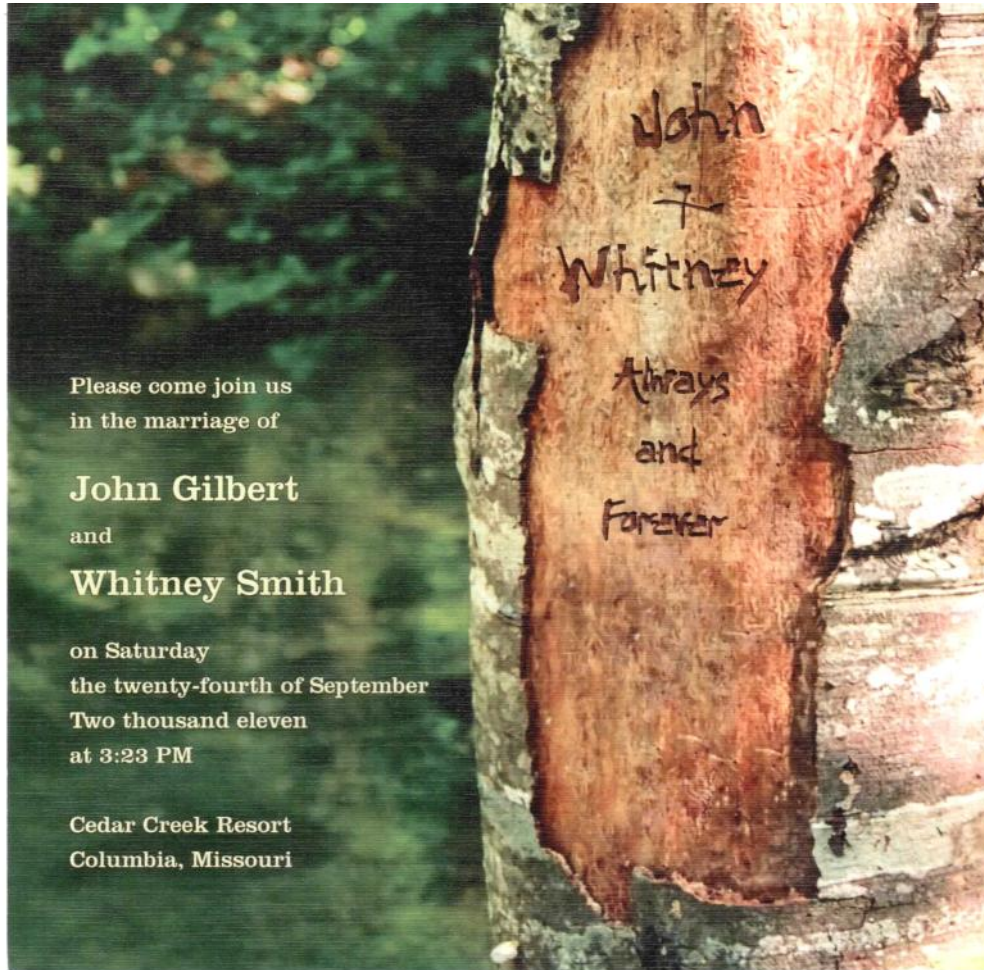
**Ladies, are you ready to have your
heart replenished by God?**

A freewill offering will be taken during the event.

Last year, more than 100,000 women, representing 8,400 churches, participated in the *Living Proof Live* simulcast event. This year's event provides the same inspiration, though with a new, unique message.

We also need volunteers to help on committees.
Please contact Charla Graves or Gale Ball if you would like to help or if you have any questions!

To our family at Fairfax UMC...



We are registered at the following stores:

www.walmart.com

www.target.com

The simplest way to find the registry at the websites is to just search Whitney Smith or John Gilbert and it will appear.

Thank you and cannot wait to share our special day with you!!!

Please RSVP at our wedding website at:

<http://www.ewedding.com/sites/gilypad23>

This will help us plan accordingly for our special day.

The password you will use to RSVP is:

jwgilbert

Thank you!!!

Directions to Cedar Creek Resort

3251 Pine Tree Drive
Columbia, MO 65201

Coming from Kansas City/Columbia

1. Take I-70 east to the Route J/Millersburg Exit 137.
2. Turn Right onto Rout J and go 1/2 mile.
3. Turn Right onto Country Road 256.
4. Go 1/2 mile to the end of the road where you will enter into the Cedar Creek Resort property.
5. At the entrance of the property there is an intersection, go left and go to the parking lot.

Graceful Generosity

Published to help you grow as a steward of God's grace.

Labor Day

The Labor Day holiday is a day that is set aside to recognize and give thanks for the blessings that work gives people. We receive a day of rest from our labors. Most of this newsletter will focus on the gifts and abilities that God gives us for work as well as the desire and ability that God gives us to work.

God Blesses Us with Talents and Abilities

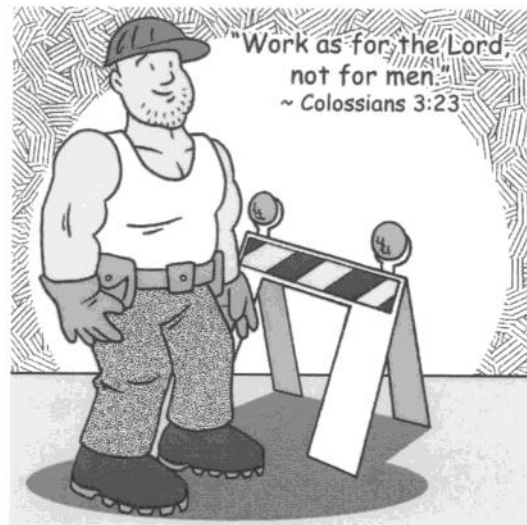
God has created us in his image (Genesis 1:26). He has given us tremendous talents. We are given intelligence, organization skills, creativity, decision-making powers, problem-solving capabilities, leadership abilities, and mechanical abilities, etc. God has given us labor so that we can use our God-given talents and provide for our needs. *"The Lord God took [Adam] and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it"* (Genesis 2:15). Work is part of God's master plan for all people. Through our work, we not only take care of our needs, we receive fulfillment and growth as well as the joy of accomplishment.

Have you ever stopped to consider the differences in people? There are thousands of occupations in today's world, each requiring special talents. There are needs for carpenters, cooks, mechanics, tailors, pastors, teachers, farmers, servers, students, police officers, etc. The important thing to note here, however, is that, for every need, God has given to someone the ability to fulfill that need. Some people are able to take apart engines of cars, while others hardly know where to add the oil. Some can build houses, while others can barely nail boards together.

Some women sew fashionable clothes for their family and buy their bread at the store,

while others cook and bake beyond compare but don't even own a sewing machine. God has made us all unique. Along with all of our talents and abilities, God adds to them our desire and ability to work.

As Christians, we need to remember that our talents and abilities have come from God.



"You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today" (Deuteronomy 8:17-18).

Financial Equation

Earning income at our work is an essential part of the following financial equation:

Earned income = giving, saving, and spending.

From the income that we earn, we give, save, and spend. For the financial equation to balance, we need to earn an income.

The Blessing of Work

Working is a blessing that God gives his people. God is not pleased with laziness or an indifferent attitude toward work. Solomon wrote, *“Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.”* (Proverbs 10:4). We are encouraged to be as ambitious, wise, and industrious as the ant. *“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest”* (Proverbs 6:6).

God is concerned with our quality of work. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men”* (Colossians 3:23). Because we are serving the Lord in all that we do, including our work, we are to give our very best effort. When we add value to our employers, we not only put ourselves in a position for promotions and raises, God is glorified.



The Apostle Paul reminds us, *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously”* (2 Corinthians 9:6).

This sowing and reaping principle that Paul shares applies to our work. What is your attitude toward your work? Are you there to receive as much as you can while putting out the least amount of effort? Do you begrudge the hours your employer asks you to work, or are you willing to come in early and stay late at times? Are you learning more than you have to and doing more than you have to?

Another question to ask yourself about your work is how you plan to use this “wealth” that your “diligent hands” bring you. Is it your purpose to hoard it like the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21), so that you can *“take life easy; eat, drink and be merry”*? If you’ve read the parable, you know that plan is not pleasing to the Lord.

Our work is a gift from the Lord. As good stewards of that gift, we will work to the best of our ability so that we can care for our needs and give to the Lord by helping others in need. Paul talks about the service we can provide through our work: *“At the present time your plenty will supply what [others] need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality”* (2 Corinthians 8:14).

Besides providing for ourselves, God gives us two additional reasons for work:

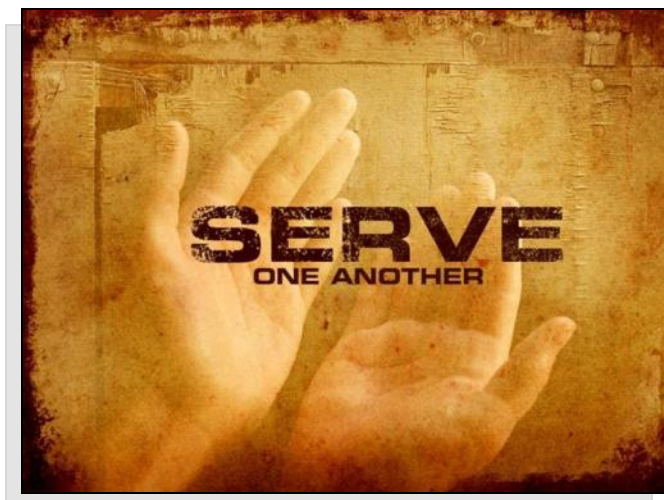
- ✦ Provide for our families: *“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever”* (1 Timothy 5:8).
- ✦ Provide for the needy: *“[He] must work . . . doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need”* (Ephesians 4:28).

Give thanks to God for your work. Work to the best of your ability. Share with others the rewards of your work.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

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 Warriors:** We are looking to begin a group of prayer warriors that will meet twice a week to pray for the requests and needs of our community
- ♦ **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 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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