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ATTENDANCE REPORT – AUG 22

Current Membership	1307
New Members Year To Date	23
Baptisms Year To Date	8
8:30 Worship Service	95
9:30 Worship Service	81
10:45 Worship Service	201
TOTAL MORNING WORSHIP	377
9:30 & 10:45 Sunday School	242
6 PM Worship Service	14

STEWARDSHIP REPORT – AUG 22

Budget Offering Sunday	9,412.00
2010 Wkly Requirements	19,205.61
Bdgt Offering To Date	557,394.70
Bdgt Offering Year Ago	15,246.12
Bdgt Off Yr Ago to Dt	541,110.95
Building Fund	820.00
Building Fund This Year	59,926.00

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Gary Chapman	Senior Minister
Rev. Allen Gibson	Associate Minister
Rev. Jan Johnson	Associate Minister
Denise Carrizales	Business Administration
Kristie Logsdon	Children's Ministry
Jean Grimes	School-Age Childcare
Leisa Benningfield	Pre-School Childcare
Sandra Kuerzi	Director of Music
James Sperry	Organist
Dewey Cruze	Youth & CLC
C. J. Lennon	Media Technology
Chuck Coffey	Food Service Director
Mary Craig Haley	Office Manager
Wayne Funderburk	Bldg Superintendent

Parson to Person

These are interesting (even challenging) times to be a disciple. We swim in a culture in which people are less and less sure what it means to be a Christian. We live in a time when many doubt that a person with a vigorous mind would (or could) also have an active faith. What's more, our society no longer seems inclined to hand the Christian faith complimentary servings of good will. Did you know that a recent survey in this country (of young people between the ages of 16 and 29) found that the primary words that this demographic would use to describe Christians are "judgmental" and "hypocritical"? Certainly, a good bit of our bad press has been deserved. Christian institutions and Christian figures have produced more than our fair share of scandals, mean-spiritedness, and just plain loopiness.

Still, people continue to follow. Across the world, Christianity continues to grow. Why? Well, perhaps the Christian faith really is more than a laundry list of our most prominent mess-ups. Much more.

When you get past cultural motives for being a Christian ("I was born and bred a Methodist. What other choice do I have?"), I think the primary reason that most of us have stayed within the faith is an appreciation for the basics. When Jesus summoned disciples, he asked them to follow. Then, he traveled around and did stuff. He healed. He taught. He forgave. From time to time, he would turn to the motley crew who was tagging along behind him and say, "Go and do likewise."

Maybe it's that simple. Maybe life, the Christian life, depends on this basic protocol. Tag along behind Jesus. Try to do likewise.

Gary

Worship at Memorial ♦ August 29, 2010

8:30, 9:30, and 10:45 am Luke 15:1-3a; 11b-32 Rev. Gary A. Chapman

Series Series: And He Told Them a Parable

Homecoming

The Father's banquet is for anyone – anyone, that is, who is reconcilable and will come in to the party.

Our Church Family...

♥ We extend **sympathy** to the family and friends of Naomi Frances Sanders, who passed away on August 21.

♥ We **rejoice** with Brian and Raj Axelsen on the birth of their second daughter Somya Rae on August 23. The Axelsens now reside at 1475 Tunisia Rd., Seaside, CA 93955-7425.

What's Happening...

Methodist Home 5th Sunday

This **Sunday, August 29**, is a designated day for **special offering** to support our **United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth** with campuses in Owensboro and Versailles. An **insert in Sunday's bulletin** will give more details about the services of our Homes. **Please prayerfully consider how you might support this important ministry.** Your special gift will make a difference in the lives of children and youth in need!



SS Fellowship This Sunday

Join us in **Fellowship Hall** anytime between **9:15 am and 10:45 am** this **Sunday, August 29**, for coffee, snacks, and fellowship with other members of your MUMC church family.

SAFE SANCTUARIES for Children

Parents of **children 5th grade and younger...Don't forget** our new **SAFE SANCTUARY procedures!** Be sure to bring your child to his or her classroom, **sign in**, and then return to **sign out** at the end of Sunday School. Thank you for your help as **we increase the level of careful attention we give to the children** who attend our programs.



FROGS and Tadpoles

FROGS and Tadpoles, our **Sunday evening children's ministry**, meets from **5:30-7:30 pm**. Join us!

United Methodist Women

The **Unit Meeting** for **United Methodist Women** will be held on **Monday, August 30**, at **7 pm** in the **Chapel**. The **guest speaker** is Betty Rush, from Owensboro, KY, who will speak about a **mission trip to Serbia**.

Tuesday Noon Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon Bible Study** will not meet this week while Rev. Gibson is on vacation. The study will **resume on Tuesday, September 7**.

Women's Study on Tuesday Nite

A new **6-week women's study**, "The Virtuous Woman: Shattering the Superwoman Myth," meets **Tuesdays at 6 pm** in the Conference Room. **Childcare** is provided. You may pick up the study book at Lifeway. Check out Facebook for more info - "Women For Christ-Memorial UMC" or e-mail lauramgreen@yahoo.com.

WOW on Wednesday

WOW, our Wednesday evening fellowship meal and activity night, begins each week at **6 pm** with a delicious meal and activities for all ages. To make your reservation, please **fill out the WOW insert in your Sunday bulletin** and place it in the offering plate, or **phone the church by 4 pm on Monday** to let us know you will be there.

WOW Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with food preparation in the kitchen for our WOW meals. Only 2 people per week will be needed to help our new staff person prepare the meals. Staff will offer them adequate direction and oversight.

We hope that more groups in the church will sign on to help with the needed volunteer tasks. The more groups we have sign up the less often they will be needed to work the job.

If you want to volunteer or get more info, please call Rev. Gary or Denise in the church office.

'Walk for Life' with Friends

Doing Life Together Class will once again participate in the **WALK for LIFE** on **Saturday, September 18**. This is a fund-raising event for Clarity...Solutions for Women located in E'town. They **welcome other members of our MUMC congregation to walk** with them. The walk begins at Elizabethtown Christian Academy at 9 am. If you would like more information, to donate or walk, please contact Teresa Welch @ 270-234-4308.

Picnic & Auction at Wesley Hilltop

On **Sunday, September 19**, Memorial UMC will have its **annual picnic at Wesley Hilltop House** located at 1001 Skyline Drive. A **new addition to the festivities** will be a fund-raising **auction**. Sunday School classes, individuals, and small groups are encouraged to put together an item or service that could be auctioned off at the picnic. Suggestions include: homemade baked or canned goods, dinner and/or dessert preparation and delivery, labor to paint a room or do some household chore, a theme basket, athletic tickets, etc. For more information, contact Betty Lou Williams at 737-7276 or Marilyn Maffet at 872-7104. Let them know how you or your group can help. Thanks in advance for your support of Wesley Hilltop House by making this fund-raising event at big success!

10:45 Teacher Needed

We have an opening in our **10:45 am children's Sunday School** for a **teacher** in the **4th-6th grade class**. Contact Kristie Logsdon or phone the church office if you can help!

New Women's Bible Study

Join us for a **new women's Bible study** on Monday mornings beginning **September 20** from **10 am til noon**. "One in a Million – Journey to Your Promised Land" by Priscilla Shirer will open the scriptures for your faith journey. Out of two million adult pilgrims who left slavery in Egypt, only two made it safely to the Promised Land. Learn how the next one-in-a-million could be you! Books are available at LifeWay Bookstore. Contact **Sherry Pile** to register at 862-4462.

KY Annual Conference

2010

Laity Day Apart

"Down Home"

with Bishop Lindsey Davis
and His Wife Jennifer

Saturday, September 25, 10 am til 2 pm EDT
Memorial United Methodist Church
Elizabethtown, KY

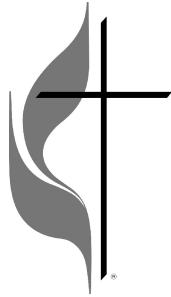
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GET TO KNOW OUR RESIDENT BISHOP
AND LEARN ABOUT THE STATE OF THE CHURCH:
VISION AND FOCUS OF KENTUCKY METHODISTS

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Register online only at kyumc.org/laitydayapart.

Registration deadline: Friday, September 10.
Childcare available. Lunch provided.



Square Dance & Potluck

Want a new way to exercise or just have fun? On **Saturday, September 25 (please note date change)**, we will be having a **modern western square dance demonstration** and, afterward, those who want will be able to give it a try! We will meet at **6 pm** in the **Bible and Love** classroom for a **potluck dinner (bring what you like)**, and then go into the gym so the fun can begin! Fun for ages 7-100! No prior dance experience is required. Wear casual clothes and sneakers. Bring a friend! Questions? Call Jan Johnson at the church or Emily Willis at 982-5628.



Multi-media Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to run the video and audio on Sunday mornings. Work one Sunday a month. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Contact CJ Lennon (lennon17@comcast.net) or the church office if interested.

New Group: Memorial Young Adults

If you're interested in a **new group for MUMC young adults**, check out Facebook, "Memorial Young Adults - UMC" or send an email to gdspears@gmail.com for more information!

Scrapbook and Couponing Groups

This fall, we're planning to start two new small groups... **scrapbooking** and **couponing**. If you'd like to participate in either group, **please contact the church office**.

MUMS Senior Activities

Pick up a copy of the newest **MUMS Senior newsletter** at the Welcome Center for details on upcoming events. **Advance trip reservations** are needed, so sign up now in the office.

- **Sept 10 – Lindsey Wilson College Tour/Lunch**
- **Sept 17 – National Quartet Convention**
- **Sept 21 – MUMS Gathering**
- **Sept 25 – Potluck and Square Dancing**
- **Oct 19 – MUMS Gathering**
- **Oct 22 – Boggstown Cabaret Trip**
- **Nov 6 – Carl Hurley Tour Trip**

Memorial Deployed Military

We are **updating our list of deployed military members** in our congregation. If you know someone in our church family who is deployed, **please phone the church office** with their name and address (if available). We want to provide updated information for our prayer lists and correspondents.



Elizabethtown Mission Team

Thirty members of the **Elizabethtown Mission Team** will be working in **Tennessee** the week of **October 25-29**. For information or to sign up, contact Johnny Scott at 877-1450.

Find Us on the Web

Have you checked our **website** lately? Each week you'll find a copy of the **weekly newsletter**; each month, the **church calendar with a birthday list**. **Sermon audio** from Gary and Allen is posted regularly. We've also added **links** to specialized **newsletters for our youth and senior adults (MUMS)**. There are also **lots of photos** of ministry activities. Check us out at www.memorial-umc.org and find out what everyone else is discovering about our church!

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Service Broadcast on Comcast Channel 2 at 3 PM and 8 PM on Sunday
and on Brandenburg Telecom Channel 1 at 3 PM on Monday
10:45 AM Service Broadcast Live Over WRZI 101.5 FM

This newsletter was mailed on 8/25/10.

This Week at Memorial

Sunday, August 29 – Methodist Home Fifth Sunday

8:30 am Blended Worship
9:15 am SS Fellowship (FH til 10:45 am)
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:45 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Sunday School
5:30 pm FROGS & Tadpoles (til 7:30 pm)
5:30 pm UMYF Youth Group
6:00 pm Worship Service (Chapel)

Monday, August 30

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
6:00 pm UMW Mission Team (Conf Rm)
7:00 pm UMW Unit Meeting (Chapel/FH)
7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Mtgs (dwnstrs rms 1,3,4,7,10,12,17 til 8:30 pm)
7:00 pm BS Troop 233 Patrol Mtgs (Scout Rm til 8:30 pm)

Tuesday, August 31

Noon Bible Study Will Not Meet
11:15 am Weekly Prayer Ministry (Prayer Chapel til noon)

Tuesday, August 31 (continued)

6:00 pm 9:30 Band Practice (Sanctuary til 7:30 pm)
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Conf Rm)
6:30 pm WOW Planning Meeting (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 1

6:00 pm WOW Meal
6:30 pm JAMS (Jesus and Me!) for Children (til 7:30 pm)
6:30 pm UMYF Youth Group (til 8 pm)
7:00 pm Bible Study (Chapel)
7:30 pm Cathedral Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 2

5:30 pm Zumba® Class (Gym til 6:30 pm)
7:00 pm Heartland Men's Chorus (Choir Rm)

Friday, September 3

Saturday, September 4

7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH/Kit)
7:00 pm Emmaus Gathering (Sanctuary/Gym til 10 pm)

Worship Attendants for August 29:

Scripture Readers: (8:30) Ron Myers; (10:45) Johnny W. Howard. **Ushers:** (8:30) Tom Brumfield, Jean Grimes, Larry Light, Rick Stickel, James Wimp; (9:30) Youth; (10:45) 5th Sunday Usher Team. **Greeters:** (8:30) Danny & Ellen O'Brien; (10:45) Ernie & Abby Skaggs, Ken Yates.

Welcome Center: (8:30) Brenda Myers; (10:45) Pat Cowan. **Van Driver:** Reggie Stone. **Bread Ministry:** Don Appler.