

Looking to the Future of the Mooresville First UMC



During the summer of 2010, a few members of Mooresville First UMC met for three sessions to explore where our church has been, where it is currently and

future dreams these members have for the church. The group was small and diverse so dialogue was able to flow and a variety of ages and length of membership were represented. The group's final challenge was to explore and brainstorm where our church could be in ten years. This required an in-depth look at four areas: ministry broken down into age groups, work areas, facilities, and staff needs.

The group hopes that all leaders of our church can use this outline as a resource to help examine where their area

has been, where it is currently, and what the next steps could be to continue growth. Growth of any kind -- whether spiritually, numerically, or financially -- requires intentional steps. The group's dream is that after examination, all areas of our church will develop clear goals to help them move forward in fulfilling the church's mission; fulfilling the Great Commission in our church community. The group also suggests the use of measurable objectives, within each area, to better understand strengths and weaknesses in ministry and work.

To read the *Vision and Dream* document, visit our web site and select "Current Events":
www.mooresvillefumc.org

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SonBurst Will Be Going Green!

The Communication Committee has made a recommendation that the monthly newsletter be put online. This will save postage and paper. Our target date for the first Sonburst to go online will be **May of 2011**. Go to the church website www.mooresvillefumc.org, click on the link "Current Events" and sign up to receive the monthly newslet-

ter. So you don't have a computer, what should you do? I will be printing some Sonbursts and you may pick them up at the church the first of every month on the table in the narthex. We will only mail Sonbursts to our shut-ins.



Associate Pastor's Notes

As we enter the season of sanity (or silliness, whichever you prefer) I pray that we pause to consider the meaning and purpose of All Hallow's, Thanksgiving, and Christ's Mass. I had thought that, perhaps this year, we could re-enact some famous martyrdom scenes for All Hallow's but no one volunteered. I thought that, perhaps this year, we could serve traditional dishes for Thanksgiving (like 1600's, traditional) but no one was interested in crane or seal, eel or liverwort. I prayed that we could, perhaps, possibly, maybe this year, have celebrated an old fashioned Christmas but prison time and drunken, brawling crowds did not seem the mood I wanted to strike (Christmas was illegal in many countries because of the violence displayed at the holiday... New York doubled its police force for Christmas season....) so maybe this year we might do something different....

Honestly, we often look at the holidays and think, "Why don't we do _____ like we used to" often forgetting that the roots of some of the holidays are far more violent and vile than the current expressions of them. I will not defend the rampant over-eating that comes with thanksgiving nor the gruesomeness of our current Halloween and in no way would I defend the sickening gorg-

ing of material goods that marks an unholy Christmas. I am thankful, though, that Christmas is not a season of violence as once it was, and that Halloween no longer involves sacrificing enemies in fire, and that Thanksgiving is no longer occasion for eel-leek stew. Oy.

I think the better question for us than, "Why can't it be like it used to" is, "How can we make this holiday holy and significant, memorable and meaningful?" What are the things you might incorporate into your family times? What if you read some of the martyrdom stories or visited some of our elderly saints as part of Halloween? What if your family started a thanksgiving log that tells the story of God's blessing upon your family? What if you started traditions of blessing the poor or welcoming family and friends into your house and reading the Christmas story or.... Make the day meaningful.

God bless you as you plan these seasons.

Shalom,

Rev. Kurt

Youth Group Notes

Youth have a busy fall upcoming including confirmation starting in October, a pretty packed November, and Caroling in December. See below for dates.

October
3 Youth
10 Confirmation 2.1.1 (Session 1, Year 2) Youth
16 3rd Saturday—Mission Day
17 Confirmation 2.1.2 Cookout at Lydia's 5-8 p.m.
23 Confirmation 2.1.3 Youth
31 Youth

November
6-7 Congregational Healing Seminar
14 Youth
20 3rd Saturday—Mission Day followed by lock-in???
21 Spiritual Discipline's with Congregation
28 Hanging of the Greens

December
5 Youth
12 Children's Concert—Youth meet earlier
17 Christmas Break begins
18 3rd Saturday—Mission Day followed by Progressive Dinner
19 Christmas Cantata—"sledding" in the parking lot, followed by choir cantata
26 NO Youth

Power of Prayer

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love.
The greatest of these is Love.

Great scripture to live by in your daily walk with God. Love is the greatest of all human qualities. It involves unselfish service to others; therefore, it gives evidence that you care. Faith is the foundation and content of God's message, hope is the attitude and focus, love

is the action. When faith and hope are in line, you are free to love truly because you understand how God loved. Love is an attribute of God himself. Loving others is the key to being like Christ. Enjoy your walk with God this fall. Jump into a Bible Study, join a church committee & always answer God's call to share his word with another.



Our Ministries Reporting

WWW Kitchen info.com

Here we are, Lois and I, beginning our third year as WWW servants. The first year we made some changes; but this past year has brought very few changes in kitchen procedures, storage and arrangement. These changes have been made in order to better comply with Indiana State **Board of Health** regulations. While we are still far away from total compliance, we are closer than we were. That said, I would like to encourage anyone using the kitchen to follow our current procedures. **WE DO!** *(I probably wash my hands 8-10 times on a Wednesday afternoon!)* **All these measures are meant to provide a safe, clean environment in which to prepare and consume food. Please help maintain a clean, safe, orderly kitchen by participating cooperatively.**

Basic Kitchen Procedures to Keep in Mind:

1. Anyone working in the kitchen (serving or preparing food) is to wash hands before, during, and after work done. (B.O.H.) [After you sneeze, blow your nose, clean up someone else's dirty dishes, handle your hair, or handle raw meat: wash your hands!]
2. NOTHING sits on the floor. (B.O.H.) [Places have been established in the pantry for large and small items. ie: large drink containers & coolers]
3. All work surfaces need to be cleaned before working begins. [Who was here before you? What did they set on the work surface? Who sneezed w/o covering their face?]
4. Clean silverware, plates or glassware are only to be handled by the "non-eating" end. (B.O.H.) **(ie: Drinkware boxes are to be opened so that the bottom of the cup comes out first.)**
5. The large prep sink at the work-tables is to be used for food prep; the triple sink/dish machine area is to be used for clean-up. (B.O.H.) [A dishpan will be in the clean-up area for your *small clean-up* use...right below the soap!]

6. Clean up after yourself. (B.O.H.) Food leftovers, dirty/used equipment left out (toasters, dirty dishes, large drink containers), and messy surfaces (sinks, griddle, countertops) all breed germs. The WWW crew is not responsible for cleaning up your mess; we don't have the time nor the energy to spend an extra 45 minutes cleaning and searching for equipment before we can start to work! (Would you?)

Back pantry: paper goods (unused plates, bowls, etc) are to be stored in their bags. At the very least they should be stored UPSIDE DOWN to keep them cleaner. (B.O.H.) Please DO NOT just "poke" them someplace (like the coffee shelf?). *[Everything has an assigned place.]* When you do that, storage organization is thrown off and chaos takes hold.

**** Many of these procedures you already practice at home! If you think about it, these guidelines are mostly just common courtesy & common sense.**

****When a lot of people are involved, procedure is absolutely necessary. When using the FUMC kitchen, finding the equipment you need when you need it is very important! That's why returning things to their assigned place after you use them is a primary concern.**

****PLEASE DO NOT place purses, books, coats, or the seat of your pants on work or eating surfaces. Think: What kind of yucky stuff is on the bottom of it? Where did I sit earlier today? Where did I lay my books? Did I put my purse on the floor?**

School and work are the 2 germiest places there are—next to hospitals!!!

Thanks a Bunch!!!

Sandy & Lois

A Note to Witness Wonderful Wednesday

PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE COMING TO THE WWW MEAL. When you handle the serving pieces with your dirty hands, you pass the germs you have collected all day on to others.....elderly, children, caregivers, kitchen helpers.....think about it.

WWJD???

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:00 Pre School 8:00 AA 8:00 Alanon	2 2:00 Baby Shower
3 8:15-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 SS 11:10 MORE 3:00 Cluster 4:00 AA 4:30 Women's Study 5:00 Youth	4 9 & 12:15 Pre School 7:30 AA	5 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Quilting Sewing	6 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 WWW Meal 6:30 Classes Children's Choir	7 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Mom's Connection 6:30 Adult Choir Band Practice K I A R O S	8 9:00 Pre School 8:00 AA 8:00 Alanon U S E	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 8:00 New Member Class K I T C H E N
10 8:15-9:45-11:10 9:45 SS 11:10 MORE Kiaros Kitchen/12 4 AA 4:30 Women's Study	11 9 & 12:15 Pre School 7:00 Sewing Guild 7:30 AA	12 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9 Quilting & Sewing 6-Lay Leader, Comm. 6:30 Mission 6:45 Party 7-Adult & Child Ed	13 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 WWW Meal 6:30 Classes Children's Choir	14 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Mom's Connection 6:30 Adult Choir Band Practice	15 9:00 Pre School 6:00 Pre School Fall Festival 8:00 AA 8:00 Alanon	16 5:00 Wedding & Reception
17 8:15-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 SS 11:10 MORE 4 AA Confirmation Class 4:30 Women's Study 5:00 Youth Cook Out	18 9 & 12:15 Pre School 7:30 AA	19 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Asbury meeting 7:00 Girl Scout Leader meeting	20 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Bible Study NO WWW Fall Break	21 NO Pre School Fall Break 6 Staff Parish meet- ing 6:30 Adult Choir Band Practice	22 NO Pre School Fall Break 8:00 AA 8:00 Alanon	23 2:00 Birthday Party
24 8:15-9:45-11:10 Wor- ship-Miracle Sunday Brunch 9:45 SS 11:10 MORE 4:00 AA 4:30 Women's Study 4 Confirmation 5 Youth	25 9 & 12:15 Pre School 7:30 AA	26 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9 Quilting Sewing 2:00 UMW Exec. Meet	27 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 WWW Meal 6:30 Classes Children's Choir	28 9 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Mom's Connec- tion 6:30 Adult Choir Band Practice	29 9:00 Pre School 8:00 AA 8:00 Alanon	30 6:30 Halloween Hike at Pioneer Park 
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Preschool News

The preschool will be hosting a Fall Festival on October 15th from 6 – 7:30. Families are invited to play games, make a craft and have something to eat. Children can wear their Halloween costumes, just no scary ones. Hope to see you there.

The preschool will be selling candles from September 27 – October 18th. Sample candles are located on the cubbies in the children's hallway. Candles are \$10. Please call Lydia Rychtarczyk @ 834-1787 or 838-5946 with questions.



Meals on Wheels

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John do you truly love me?" "Yes, Lord, he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said Take care of my sheep." "Feed my sheep." John 21:15-16

In the early 70's First United Methodist Church became one of 5 churches involved in the Meals on Wheels program. Today there is still a faithful group that every Mon-

day take meals to those who are sick or home bound in our community. Help is needed! Are you retired? Do you have a few hours on Monday's? Then this mission is for you. We need drivers to deliver meals. Want to know more? Ruth Ellis is the contact person from our church for this worthwhile mission in the Northern Morgan County (Mooresville) area. Please contact Ruth at 831-2247 and volunteer your time.



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