

The Parish Visitor

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Church News

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Once again, our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every member and friend of First United Methodist who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, culminating in members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Dave Larimore, Church Council Chair

Coffeyville First UMC Choir Concert — From the Pastors' Blog, October 22, 2009

On Sunday, November 22, 2009, the choir here at First UMC will be having a concert at 1:00 p.m., immediately after our Great Thanksgiving dinner on Consecration Sunday. You are invited to stay after our wonderful dinner together to hear a variety of music from our choir. The concert will feature many of the favorites done by the

choir this year, plus a new one or two, including several with different instruments such as drums, guitar, string bass, violin and brass. Please join us up in the sanctuary after our Great Thanksgiving dinner and let your food settle as you sit back and enjoy some beautiful music as we give thanks for all that God has given us.

L3 Incubator — From the Pastors' Blog, October 22, 2009

I had a question about the L3 Incubator event that can now be found once a month on the church calendar. The shortest explanation is probably that this is an intense, year-long continuing education event. For a longer description, I'm going to excerpt an article on the Kansas East Conference website:

The L3 Leadership Incubator system, key to the Kansas Area's plan to strengthen existing congregations, is a sustainable, peer-group-based, mission-driven, leadership development programs that will include 212 congregations across the state over the next three years.

L3 Leadership Incubator creates an environment where spiritual leaders and ideas are born, nurtured, and developed by using cutting-edge technology and prayerful dialogue. L3 stands for three levels of development: love, learn and lead. L1, loving God and neighbor; L2, learning personal gifts and abilities for the future through investigation of current context and congregation; and L3, implementing an Incubator Ministry Action Plan with others in the church setting.

The Incubator meetings are led by our District Superintendent Janet Maxwell and are being held in Parsons from 9 am to 4 pm. Attendance is a high priority, in fact, Janet has asked that we not even schedule funerals on these days. Because Jenny is not taking the Incubator, she will be available for pastoral care (and funerals) on those days when I'm in attendance.

We Need Soap — From the Pastors' Blog, October 21, 2009

No, not Jenny and I personally, not the church in general, but rather the food pantry in particular needs soap. At one point someone gave us a large number of bottles of shampoo/body wash, but now all of those have been given away. My thought was that if members and friends of the church could donate (unopened) soap or shampoo samples from a hotel or motel stay we could give those away. I'll take this opportunity to thank you in advance.

Food Pantry Diversifies — From the Pastors' Blog, October 20, 2009

With the support of the Witness Committee our food pantry ministry is being expanded to include the distribution of Bibles to those who don't have one. I'm especially excited about this because the Bibles we're handing out are The Faith-Sharing New Testament with the Psalms. I'm especially excited for two reasons: 1. the translation is the NRSV, which is the most literal translation and 2. this edition is sponsored by the World Evangelism World Methodist Council and The Foundation for Evangelism which means that the materials on the "Basics of Christian Conversion and Discipleship" included in this edition are fully compatible with United Methodist beliefs and doctrines.

Trunk-or-Treat — *From the Pastors' Blog, October 14, 2009*

Trunk-or-Treat has been scheduled for October 31, 2009, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We'll be handing out toothbrushes and toothpaste in addition to hot dogs, popcorn, juice boxes and—of course—candy. If you can't

make it in person but want to make a contribution (in cash, or in kind) that would be very much appreciated, as we always seem to run out. We're looking for volunteers to hand out the toothbrushes and toothpaste, cook the hot dogs, etc. Let the church office know if you are willing to help. If you know some little ones who would enjoy this event please let them know.

Platform Lift Contributions — *From the Pastors' Blog, October 12, 2009*

As I announced yesterday (Sunday, October 11, 2009), we've accepted a quote to install a platform lift (much like an elevator) from the main lobby to the sanctuary for a cost of \$7,555.36. The trustees have funds available for this project, but are more than happy to receive contributions from anyone who would like to participate in this project.

Prayer Concerns

Please Note: due to privacy concerns, the prayer concerns are not included in the downloadable version of the parish visitor.

Our Giving

September 6: General Fund - \$5,340; Board of Trustees - \$75; Sunday School - \$35; Emergency Assist Fund - \$6; Genesis - \$20; CCC Scholarship - \$50

September 13: General Fund - \$3,313; Board of Trustees - \$5; Sunday School - \$30; Emergency Assist Fund - \$2; CCC Scholarship - \$175

September 20: General Fund - \$4,132; Board of Trustees - \$8; Sunday School - \$39.75; Genesis - \$35; Pack Their Packs - \$8.40

September 27: General Fund - \$3,817; Board of Trustees - \$23; Sunday School - \$34; Emergency

Assist Fund - \$302; CCC Scholarship - \$300; Food Pantry - \$10; Bridges to the Future - \$8

October 4: General Fund - \$4,642; Board of Trustees - \$73; Sunday School - \$25.50; Emergency Assist Fund - \$2; Genesis - \$5; Food Pantry - \$20; World Communion Offering - \$58.50; Bridges to the Future - \$4

October 11: General Fund - \$4,279; Board of Trustees - \$66; Sunday School - \$39; Emergency Assist Fund - \$2; Genesis - \$25; Food Pantry - \$60; CCC Scholarship - \$50; Chair Lift Fund - \$50

October 18: General Fund - \$2,560; Board of Trustees - \$38; Sunday School - \$37.50; Emergency Assist Fund - \$2; Food Pantry - \$10

November Birthdays

- 1 Michael S. Banta
- 2 Carla Herring
- 8 R.E. Layton and Danny Waddell
- 11 Dolores Johnson
- 12 Gertrude Ward
- 14 Sherill Johnson and Mark Hurlbutt
- 15 John Keith
- 17 Virginia Hoppock and Dale Maxson
- 18 Bill Ketterman
- 19 Betty Mielke and Ron Levis
- 22 Fred Brown
- 26 Betty Merriman
- 28 Mildred Nichols and Nancy Derryberry
- 30 Roger Gossard

December Birthdays

- 1 Marilee Unsell
- 9 Ann Hughey, Philip Neely and Betty Nellis
- 10 Cheryl White
- 15 Rosemary Hofferber and Pat Criswell
- 18 Marjorie Ray
- 20 Marla Larimore
- 21 Bill Jones and Barbara Neale
- 23 Betty Strom and Jon Eck
- 29 Dorothy Conklin and Elizabeth McCoy
- 30 Charles Gann
- 31 Lue Barndollar

We are listing birthdays for two months so that additions can be made before a birthday passes. Please let us know of any additions or corrections that are needed.

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday	8:10 am	Worship in the Chapel (Small Worship Area)
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Coffee Time
	10:50 am	Worship in the Sanctuary (Large Worship Area)
	5:00 pm	Youth
Monday	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Choir Practice

Church Calendar

Sunday, Nov 1	Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday, Nov 2	5:15 pm Church Council Meeting
Thursday, Nov 5	5:15 pm PPR Committee Meeting
Monday, Nov 9	1:30 pm Matinee Musicale meeting in parlor
Tuesday, Nov 10	7 pm PEO meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Nov 11	Veterans Day
Sunday, Nov 22	Consecration Sunday 12 Noon Great Thanksgiving Dinner 1 pm First UMC Choir Concert
Thursday, Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day — Church Office Closed
Friday, Nov 27	Day after Thanksgiving — Church Office Closed, work load permits
Sunday, Dec 6	2 pm Matinee Musicale Christmas Concert in Sanctuary
Tuesday, Dec 8	6:00 pm PPRC meeting prior to Charge Conference
Tuesday, Dec 8	6:45 pm Charge Conference
Thursday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve — Office Closed

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