

The Parish Visitor

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Giving to the General Fund Down

Editors Note: The following letter appeared on the Pastors' blog on April 29, 2009 and in the "Announcement Insert" the following Sunday. It is reprinted here so that everyone might have the same information.

We want to begin by thanking everyone for their continued faithful stewardship during this economic downturn. But we also think you should know that as of last Sunday, receipts in the general fund were down \$4,300 for the year 2009 as compared to 2008. We're aware that tough economic times may have necessitated cutbacks in giving for some and we want everyone to know that the church is cutting costs as well.

We also want everyone to know that none of the recent improvements to the church building and grounds have come from the general fund (the fund into which your offerings go). They have come from money received from memorials, bequests, and special, designated giving. In short, the improvements have not been paid for out of the church's operating budget and the money spent on them could not be used for general purposes. The general fund keeps the lights on, pays the staff and covers the day-to-day expenses. It is also what funds the various ministries of the church, such as VBS, Sunday School, and our mission projects in the community and around the world. The general fund that supports these ministries is where we're hurting and that's where we need your continued support.

Thank you,

Dave Larimore, Church Council Chair

Kathy Wood, Finance Committee Chair

John and Jenny Collins, Pastors

VBS Preparations

Vacation Bible School will be held July 13-17 (M-F), from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Our theme this year is Camp E.D.G.E.: Experiencing + Discovering God Everywhere.

If you have camping items that you would be willing to loan to the church to help decorate for VBS, please let Pastor Jenny or the church office know. Items need to be at the church by July 5, in order for us to decorate the week prior to VBS. We will be decorating several rooms in the church to help create the camp environment.

Suggested camping items include: artificial Christmas trees without lights, camp chairs, tents, backpacks, small grills, outdoor cooking items, canteens, sleeping bags, etc.

2009 Graduates

Nicolas Anthony Berry graduated from Bemidge, MN High School in May. His parents are Jody and Ami Berry, Grandmother Joyce Berry and his Great-Grandparents are Paul and Arlene Griffiths.

Ric Brown graduated from the University of Kansas on May 16, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Engineering. His parents are Fred and Sarah Brown. Ric plans to stay in Lawrence and continue with the work he is doing for the University until the end of July and then on to work in his chosen field.

Brandon Helkenberg graduated from Field Kinley High School on May 21, 2009. His parents are Kendall and Nancy Garton and he is the grandson of Charles (Pug) and Jackie Clough. Brandon will continue his education at Coffeyville Community College to finish the required courses for college and will then go on to finish at a four year college not yet decided upon. His intended major is in the field of Athletic Training.

Rachel Elizabeth McMurray graduated from the University of Oklahoma on May 16 with a Bachelor of Science in English Literature, sumi cum laud, She plans on going to Kansas University in the fall to obtain her Masters. Her parents are Kevin and Becky McMurray; her Grandmother Charlotte McMurray; and Aunt Cindy Baldwin.

Matthew Dean Mitchell graduated from Kansas State University in Manhattan on May 16, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Milling Science and Management. He is currently employed at Bartlett Milling Co. in Coffeyville. His parents are Dean and Sherry Mitchell from Liberty and his grandparents area Keith and Sonya Rigdon.

Prayer Concerns

In the interest of privacy prayer concerns are not available for download you may request the latest copy by email (linda@coffeyvillefirstumc.org) or phone (620-251-3240).

Church Photo Directory

We are trying a new way of doing a church photo directory. Instead of having a professional company put a directory together for us, we are taking snapshots of folks that we can put together in a directory ourselves. This will allow us to add to the directory more easily as new people come to the church. We hope to have this available in both digital and print formats.

Tony Wood will be helping us take photos of people for the directory on June 14 and 21 from 9 am to 10:50 am at the church. If you have a non-professional photo that has been taken recently of you or your family that you would rather have us use, please let us know.

Our Giving

April 26, 2009: General Operating Fund — \$5,158; Board of Trustees — \$20; Sunday School Offering — \$35; Bridges to the Future — \$308; Emergency Assistance Fund — \$2; Food Pantry — \$100

May 3, 2009: General Operating Fund — \$5,040; Board of Trustees — \$336; Sunday School Offering — \$32; Emergency Assistance Fund — \$4; Genesis, Inc. — \$35

May 10, 2009: General Operating Fund — \$2,831; Board of Trustees — \$28; Sunday School Offering — \$37; Elevator (Platform Lift) — \$50

May 17, 2009: General Operating Fund — \$4,900; Board of Trustees — \$7; Sunday School Offering — \$33; Food Pantry — \$100

May 24, 2009: General Operating Fund — \$4,681; Board of Trustees — \$11; Sunday School Offering — \$33; Emergency Assistance Fund — \$4

May 31, 2009: General Operating Fund — \$6,350; Board of Trustees — \$508; Sunday School Offering — \$35; Emergency Assistance Fund — \$2; Food Pantry — \$125; Bridges to the Future — \$10

Cost-Saving Measures Implemented

The last four years have seen a number of cost-saving measures put into place here at First. Among them:

- New Heating and Air Conditioning units installed in both the church building and parsonage.
- The number of phone lines has been dropped from three to two.
- More affordable (and yet faster) internet service has been found.
- Lights are left off until needed on Sunday morning.
- Small meetings moved to the pastors' conference room.
- Compact florescent bulbs have been installed in both the church building and parsonage and some more efficient florescent fixtures have been installed in the church.
- Switched to an online fax service (we can still send faxes for you).
- High-efficiency windows and more energy efficient appliances installed in the parsonage when replacements were needed.
- Began the use of regular white paper for the bulletin and newsletter. (Making them easier to read).
- New lobby doors installed (the old ones let in drafts that could be felt in the basement).
- One of two water lines to the church disconnected. (No, we don't know why we had two.)
- Hand out *The Parish Visitor* to those present on Sundays to save on postage. (The rest will be mailed out the following Monday.)

June Birthdays

- 1 Jewel Hunt
- 2 Henry Millen
- 4 Bev Lawson
- 5 Louise Hopkins
- 7 Dave Larimore and Margaret Lyberger
- 11 Anne Ketterman and Rex Williams
- 15 Marjorie Fuller
- 16 Pat Layton
- 17 Sonya Rigdon
- 18 Norma Alter
- 20 Susan Tuggle
- 22 Bert Lanning and Jim Lawson
- 25 Paul Griffiths
- 27 Larry Hiner
- 28 Steve Rauch
- 30 Betty Gearhart

July Birthdays

- 3 Gayle Lank
- 4 Audrey Tuggle
- 5 Charles Cornett
- 6 Lucille Williford
- 8 Danny Funk and Maxine Hostetter
- 10 Phyllis Pevehouse
- 11 Max Williams
- 14 Betty Sullivan
- 17 Judy Hiner
- 19 Joan Shearhart
- 20 Rowene McClure
- 21 Kay Henderson and Karen Hendryx
- 25 J. L. Hunt and Mary Neely
- 27 Tom Ingram and Nolan Luhn
- 28 Cornelia Davis
- 29 Pratt Barndollar and Gene Hughey
- 30 Dorothy Durkin and Betty Hayes

We've started 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)
Monday	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting in the Library

June 2009 Church Calendar

Sunday, June 7		First Sunday After Pentecost — Peace with Justice Sunday
	4:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Meeting
Wednesday, June 10	5:15 pm	Vision Team Meeting (Room 102)
Sunday, June 14:		Second Sunday After Pentecost
	9:00 am -	Photos taken for the Church Pictorial Directory
	10:50 am	
	4:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Meeting
Wednesday, June 17	5:15 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting (Room 102)
Sunday, June 21:		Third Sunday After Pentecost
	9:00 am -	Photos taken for the Church Pictorial Directory
	10:50 am	
	2:30 pm	Asbury Village Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Meeting
Wednesday, June 24	5:15 pm	Vision Team Meeting (Room 102)
Sunday, June 28		Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
	4:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Meeting

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Quotable

This month's quote from Benedict of Nursia, author of *The Rule of St. Benedict* can be found at all the major entrances to First United Methodist Church, where we hope it stands as a welcome to visitors and friends and a reminder to members: "All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."



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