

MAPLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**MESSENGER *EXTRA***

AUGUST 2014

# Rally Day this Sunday...be there!

## Calling all Superheroes!

Superheroes, unite for the most important mission yet. We have noticed your skills and called **YOU** into action!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is the help celebrate ...

### MUMC'S RALLY SUNDAY AUGUST 24

Please report to the training location  
(Fellowship Hall) at 9:45 AM

We hope you decide to accept the mission and join the **Superhero League** for a **power packed breakfast, games and FUN!**

## Come join us for Sunday School at Maplewood UMC

Preschool – Pre K and Kindergarten  
Elementary – Grades 1 through 3  
Older Elementary – Grades 4 through 5  
Tweens – Grades 6, 7 and 8  
High School & College  
Adult – finishing up a study on the book of James

Classes start at 9:45 AM.

## New Sunday school class to start

A new class will start this fall for the 4 and 5 grade children at Maplewood UMC. The classroom is next to the younger elementary classroom. Just follow the signs. The class will have activities, music, and videos to help learn about our faith.

Come to the Rally Sunday for the kick off of a new Sunday School year. The first class for all Sunday School classes will be Sunday, August 31.



**A Welcome magnet for your refrigerator to remind new and old Sunday School children to come to Sunday School each Sunday. Available in each class.**



## **“From A Day To A Way”**

“From a day to a way” is our focus this year for SERVE2014. In the spirit of service to our community, and to answer the call to feed the hungry, the congregation has an opportunity to help with the Immaculate Food Pantry. The Pantry supplies food to people in our community every Saturday morning. The number of people served keeps growing. They are even considering adding a weeknight to meet the needs of folks. Jobs available are helping distribute food on Saturday morning (with a possible evening added), sorting food on a week morning and driving a van on Friday morning to pick up food from Operation Food Search.

If you are interested in working one day a month please sign up on the Communication Card in the bulletin or talk with Jerry Blackwell (314-822-4719) or Jan Harsh (314-781-3960). We will continue to use the food we donate to Weekend on Wheels for MRH and paper products for Joe’s Place.

## **SERVE Kick off day...a day of events, fun and food.**

From A Day To a Way" is our focus this year for SERVE2014. The kickoff for the year will be Saturday, September 13th. This will be our fourth year of participation and we look forward to opportunities to share God's love. Listed below is a tentative schedule of events. Please look over the list and choose where you would like to serve. Be sure to sign up on the Communication Cards in the bulletin that you will participate and indicate the size t-shirt you need. **THE LAST DAY TO ORDER A SHIRT IS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH.** If you are not at church this Sunday please email me at [bjharsh@att.net](mailto:bjharsh@att.net).

### **Saturday, September 13th**

**"Second Time Around Shop"** open 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**L'Arche** - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Casserole Preparation for Shalom House** in church kitchen. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Yard Work in the Community** - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. At present we have one yard with a possibility of more.

**MUMC Lawn Party** - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Lawn Party to feed all our workers with hot dogs, chips, drinks and snow cones. There will be activities for the kids and bagging beans and rice for Kingdom House. Our neighbors will be invited to join us.

**Sunday, September 14th - SERVE2014 Celebration in worship.**

**Saturday, September 20** - Assist with Mosaic 5K Run at MRH Senior High Track.

## A Message from Bishop Robert Schnase

*Dear friends,*

**People have asked about what the United Methodist Church is doing in response to the events in recent days in Ferguson, Missouri,** and so I'd like to lift up a few significant points of engagement and offerings of ministry.

The Missouri Conference launched a new church start in Ferguson two years ago after identifying the community as underserved by the United Methodist Church. **Wellspring United Methodist Church is located two blocks from the area seen frequently on television news in recent days.** The congregation has offered services of prayer and reconciliation and provided meeting space for community and church leaders. Under the leadership of Rev. Willis Johnson, the church has been on the forefront of efforts to ease tensions, offer consolation and prayer for those who grieve, and to seek the truth about the events that led to the death of Michael Brown. Let me strongly suggest that you **listen** to the following National Public Radio interview with Rev. Willis Johnson for the program All Things Considered. The interview and the accompanying photograph are powerful, and they bear witness to the courage and faith of United Methodists on the front lines as they engage issues of race, anger, fear, and a longing for reconciliation.

<http://www.npr.org/2014/08/14/340422502/ferguson-pastor-this-is-not-a-race-issue-this-is-a-human-issue>

**I would also draw your attention to the article** by Heather Hahn of the United Methodist News Service. Her article highlights the involvement of other United Methodist Churches in the St. Louis area and from across Missouri that have reached out with volunteers to help with educational ministries for children and youth during the time that the Ferguson schools have been closed. The Missouri Conference Office of Mission, Service, and Justice has also offered support and volunteers to help with such basic tasks as clean up and support for those businesses that have been looted or suffered damage. Heather's article can be found at <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/church-leaders-strive-to-be-peacemakers-in-ferguson>

**United Methodist voices**, including that of the Missouri Governor Jay Nixon (an active United Methodist himself), **have sought to de-escalate rather than to intensify, to work toward peace and justice rather than to avoid, blame, or ignore.**

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who have most personally and painfully been affected by the violence, and we continue to look for opportunities to serve and to bring a ministry of healing to a community that has been deeply hurt.

We ask for your support. **If you are looking for a way to engage positively, I invite you to correspond directly with Rev. Johnson at Wellspring United Methodist Church in Ferguson:**

[fwjohnson@wellspringchurchstl.org](mailto:fwjohnson@wellspringchurchstl.org)

314-521-4217

Facebook: Wellspringchurchstl

Twitter: WellspringSTL or FWillisJohnson

You may also contact the Missouri Conference Office of Mission, Service, and Justice Ministries: 573-474-7155 or [office@umocm.com](mailto:office@umocm.com).

Yours in Christ,

*Robert Schnase*, Bishop

Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church

## Again this year MUMC will help support Joe's Place ...

... with donations of the following items: trash bags, toilet tissue, napkins, paper towels aluminum foil, sandwich baggies, saran wrap, Lysol wipes, Kleenex and dryer sheets.

For folks who are new to the congregation, Joe's Place is a home for young men who are homeless. They attend MRH High School and are provided a home setting with house parents. There are currently three young men living at Joe's Place and soon will have one more young man with the maximum of four young people. Any help MUMC can give helps maintain the home and provides an opportunity for the young men to graduate from high school.

Items should be brought to church and left in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks you for your support of this project.



A can of food was what it took to get in the door for a dance to welcome the MRH middle schoolers back to school. The dance was sponsored by Maplewood UMC and the food will go to the "Weekend on Wheels program at MRH. Thanks to all who helped make this a exciting and fun event.

## Bits 'n' Pieces

*Please keep Mike O'Laughlin in your prayers* as he goes for further tests, and awaits those test results. Pray that the doctors will reach a definitive diagnosis and treatment. Pray for complete healing and strengthening for Mike, and God's peace and love for Mike and Juanita each day. Love from your friends at MUMC

My friend **Kendall Gilliam is a freshman at Lincoln University** this fall (some of you helped prepare him for this move.) His grandmother is illiterate and Kendall is a first generation college student from an impoverished, single parent home. College will be a sea change in his life. I know MUMC folks are loving and generous. Would you consider sending him notes and cards this year---and perhaps a care package or two? Here is his contact information, just in case:

Kendall Gilliam  
Lincoln University /  
Perry Hall - Room 104  
820 chestnut Street  
Jefferson City MO 65101

Thank you and blessings,  
*Elaine Kidwell*



Special music shared by Liston Jent and Amy Cordeal

# Week-end on Wheels Grocery List

*This grocery list is provided by the Maplewood UMC Mission Team to make it easier for you to shop for the Week0end on Wheels Program for the Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School. This program sends backpacks of food with students whose families are in need of extra help food wise to get them through the weekend.*

Romen Noodles - all flavors

Tuna Helper

Chicken Helper

Canned Tuna

Canned Chicken

Canned Corn

Canned Green Beans

Canned Pineapple

Canned Peaches

Canned Fruit Cocktail

Fresh Apples

Fresh Oranges

Fresh Bananas

Fruit Snacks

Boxed Mac and Cheese

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Boxed Au Gratin Potatoes

Boxed Hash Brown Potatoes

Oreos - Family Packs

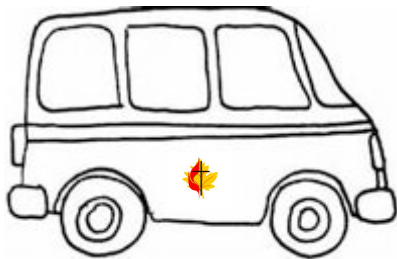
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Oatmeal Cookies

Pancake Mix (mixed with water)

Peanut Butter

Jelly



Bread

Cheerios Cereal

Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

Instant Oatmeal Cereal

Cheez-its

Pretzels

Wheat thins

Popcorn

Tortilla chips

Dips for above chips

Bagels

Fruit Juice (not frozen)

Special K bars

Granola Bars

Spaghetti

Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Soup (including chunk variety)

Chili

Beef Stew

Chicken and Dumpling

String Cheese

Lipton, Knorr, Uncle Ben, Rice a Roni ,  
Pasta Roni and other brands of flavored  
rice and pasta packets

**Needs for Joe's Place:** trash bags, toilet tissue, napkins, paper towels, aluminum foil, sandwich baggies, saran wrap, lysol wipes, kleenex and dryer sheets.

Kim Shirar, Pastor  
Pastor's Office Hours:  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
Cell Phone: (314) 651-9999  
E-Mail:  
[pastor@maplewoodumc.org](mailto:pastor@maplewoodumc.org)

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Sally Noel, Secretary  
Secretary will be in the office:  
Tues. & Thurs. - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Maplewood UMC phone  
(314) 781-5902  
Maplewood Official Website:  
[www.maplewoodumc.org](http://www.maplewoodumc.org)

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### **Mission Statement of Maplewood UMC**

**GATHER** as God's people  
**GROW** in faith, love and service  
**GO** into the world to do God's work



\***Openly invite** all people to experience God's transforming love and grace through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

\***Grow spiritually** in ways that strengthen our relationship with God: worship, preaching and teaching, fellowship, prayer, evangelism, giving and caring for others.

\* **Do God's work** by sharing our faith, working for justice and serving the needs of those in our community and world.

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Every Sunday  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship