

MAPLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# MESSENGER

MAY 2013

**THIS IS YOUR  
OFFICIAL  
INVITATION**



**to the**

**MUMC All-Church Picnic**

(be sure to bring this with you for admittance?)

**Sunday, May 5 – right after church  
at the park right up the street,  
right on Sutton,**

Hot dogs, burgers, buns, drinks  
and table service will be provided.  
YOU bring side dishes, games to  
share and  
lawn chairs.

**WILLING TO HELP WITH SET-UP?  
SHOPPING? GRILLING? Be sure  
to contact Jason Watkins,  
814-0142**

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**Josie Cammaraata's  
senior art show is this  
Friday**

Friday, May 3 is Webster University's Senior Art Show. Josie's art work will be display along with other student's work. The BFA show is at 3407 California Ave., off Cherokee Street from 6 to 10 p.m. You are invited to attend.

**How about some "Pentecost Pasta"?**

The youth mission trip to Appalachia is just a little over a month away ... on Sunday evening, May 19, MUMC will be hosting a pasta dinner from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. All proceeds will go to help pay the expenses involved in sending 6 youth and 3 adults alllllllllll the way to Flat Woods. West Virginia (oh, and back.)

Advance planning will, in this case, save you a bit of cash; there are ADVANCE and AT THE DOOR ticket prices:

**Adults:** \$8.00 in advance \$10.00 at the door  
**Children (4-11)** \$5.00 in advance \$7.00 at  
the door  
(3 & under) FREE FREE

**SPREAD THE WORD. INVITE YOUR  
NEIGHBORS.  
BRING A FRIEND. BRING SEVERAL  
FRIENDS.  
ASK YOUR RELATIVES. ASK  
SEVERAL RELATIVES.**



**Pastor Kim introduces Maplewood UMC's newest members, Dave & Suzi Ward and Skip and Donna Reynolds. Welcome aboard!!!**

# SAVE THIS DATE

## SUMMER FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 2013

9 A.M. – NOON FOR KIDS

12- 3 P.M. FAMILY FESTIVAL

(INCLUDES BBQ LUNCH)

BIBLE STORIES, GAMES, CRAFTS, WATER FUN & BBQ  
SUTTON BUS LOOP PARK

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

**(GROUP LEADERS, STATION LEADERS (GAMES & CRAFTS), GRILLERS)**



### MAY

- 1 Andrew McDonough
- 4 Madaleaze Cramer
- 8 Mike Shirar
- 10 Mike O'Laughlin
- 19 Diane Watkins
- 19 Ben Shirar
- 21 Isabella Ward
- 26 David Phelps
- 27 Charlotte Phelps
- 27 Tony Kunce

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1/04 – Gary & Rachele Holt
- 5/22/94 – Tom & Amy Cordeal
- 5/28/76 – Dave & Suzie Ward
- 5/30/64 - Jerry & Shay Blackwell

#### **WOMAN'S PLACE presents Self-Compassion**

**A free workshop for women  
Saturday May 18, 9:30am to**

**11:30am at our new location behind  
St Mark's Catholic Church in Affton.**

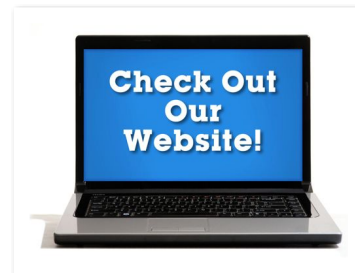
*If compassion is good for others, it is also good for the self. Learn to cultivate self-compassion in this creative, interactive workshop, finding more energy and stability in the process!* Open to all women. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Call by May 15, 314-645-4848



[www.womansplacestl.org](http://www.womansplacestl.org)

Woman's Place is a safe and welcoming drop-in center helping women break the cycle of violence and facilitate their transition toward safety, healing and personal empowerment.

***Made possible by donations, grants and our on-going cell-phone collection.***



#### **Keep up to date!!!**

Check the website to see what is happening at Maplewood UMC. There is a link to the church calendar on the website.

**[www.maplewoodumc.org](http://www.maplewoodumc.org)**



#### **Like us on Facebook....**

just go to....

<http://www.facebook.com/mumcstl>

## Here's another way to support the youth mission trip

*(sorta - VERY sorta - to the tune of Cotton Ginny)*

There's a map / in the back

It will show you where our youth are gonna go

And while they're there / they will work hard

They will play AND learn more about the Way

They will need help / to make this trip

To West Virginia AND back home again ...



**Actually, just walk into the Narthex, look at the map and go from there.**

(The miles for this mission trip (round trip) add up to over 1,000. YOU are invited to adopt/sponsor as many as you choose at only \$1.00 per mile!)

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### **Date for adult mission trip is July 28 – August 3, 2013**

Do ya wanna go? Do ya? Do ya? Do ya? Hope the answer is yeah,yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah!

We don't have all the details but there is enough information for you to decide whether or not you want to commit to this effort. Of course, you have the date. The location will be 'somewhere' in Southeast Missouri: Sikeston, Poplar Bluff or Piedmont. The task will be building/repairing houses (destroyed or damaged in the 2011 flood.)

This trip is for persons 16 years and older. If you are interested, have questions, please contact Shay Blackwell ([shaybwell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shaybwell@sbcglobal.net)) Participants can expect to be asked to share the cost of the trip in an amount ranging from \$50-\$100. Some assistance will be available if needed.

Now it is time for you to decide that you are willing and ready to go.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around Shoppe**

**First Saturday of the month help is needed**

The Second Time Around Shop needs assistance (in the form of warm bodies) to be open on the first Sat. of each month\*. Just sign your name on the un-dotted line; the schedule is posted in the Narthex (you know-where we have coffee and visit.)

In an effort to make it more convenient for folks to give a part of their Saturday for Shoppe coverage, the day has been split into 2 shifts: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. By being there by 8:30 a.m., this allows for putting signs up and getting out the money for change and getting everything set to open the shop at 9 a.m. Two people are needed for each shift.

**\* Being open on Saturday has permitted us to serve a part of our community which cannot be here on Thursdays**

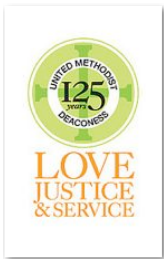


## sate sanctuary certification

### This is reminder #3

It's NOT three reminders and you're out; but folks, let's get moving here. This program has been designed to protect the people resources we treasure: our children, our youth, our adults AND the people who work with them.

As of May 30, 2013, all Safe Sanctuary certifications at MUMC will be **OUT OF DATE**. The current process allows for certification to be done by computer, from your own home, on your own schedule BUT you need to contact Shay Blackwell ([shaybwell@sbcglobasl.net](mailto:shaybwell@sbcglobasl.net)) so she can initialize your process. If you are involved in any way with our children and youth, you really should be Safe Sanctuary certified; if you anticipate becoming a part of the cadre of folks who work with our children and youth, you will need to be Safe Sanctuary certified. Have questions? Give Shay a call (822-4719) and she MIGHT come up with answers.



**125<sup>th</sup> birthday to be celebrated for the entire year!!**

### **Do YOU know a deaconess?**

During 2013 the Office of Deaconess, Home Missioner and Home Missionary are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the deaconess movement in the Methodist tradition. The theme is "Love, Justice, and Service," echoing the ongoing commitment to cutting-edge ministries by deaconesses and home missionaries.

Deaconesses are laywomen who are called by the Holy Spirit to devote their lives to Christ-like service and are in a continuing relationship with The United Methodist Church through United Methodist Women. In 2004, laymen received an equal opportunity to this relationship through the creation of the office of home missioner. Deaconesses and home missionaries are approved through a process established by United Methodist Women and are consecrated, commissioned, and appointed by a bishop. They are trained professionals engaged in full-time vocations of servant ministry as laity, approved by the bishop of their annual conference.



### Imagine no malaria

## **Malaria is NOT one of the nightmares with which WE live**

When the Missouri Annual Conference meets in early June, all congregations will be encouraged to take part in the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. "Imagine No Malaria" which will be a mission focus for our entire annual Conference from June 2013 through June 2014.

More information will be shared after annual conference, BUT if you want to get an early start with "Imagine No Malaria" you can learn more by watching the documentary, "Killer in the Dark: An Extraordinary Effort to Combat Malaria" which describes about The United Methodist Church's work to help make the world malaria-free. Actress Pauley Perrette, who stars in the top-rated TV series "NCIS," narrates. This program will be aired on NBC stations across the U.S. beginning May 5 through November 3.

**Also, for a wonderful way to honor the women who have impacted your life go to [imagineenomalaria.org/sharethelove](http://imagineenomalaria.org/sharethelove) to purchase a mother's Day card or make a donation in honor or memory of your mother or another woman who has nurtured you.**





## Person-2-Person

*Dave Phelps*

If this were like previous years, it would be time for my nineteenth annual column about the balloons that used to decorate our church on Easter Sunday morning. It would have been nice to make it to twenty. But I said "used to." The balloons are no more. Last year was the final year for them. I didn't even reach nineteen years. This year, there was talk about "something special" to replace them but there were no balloons. After church, there was a slide show of past years' balloons and previous balloon launches but that was all.

As often happens, though, the really important thing happened before church. Someone asked young Henry if he knew what Easter was about and he replied that it was about "Jesus and the big thing." "The big thing" was Henry's way of describing the cross. And of course he was right. From Henry's perspective, the cross is physically "big" but for us it's also big—in fact, huge—in its significance.

The balloons aren't "the big thing" or the central thing about Easter, even at Maplewood United Methodist. They're an old, beloved and important tradition. But human traditions can't deliver us from sin and death. Jesus criticized the religious leaders of his day for giving more weight to their human traditions than obedience to God (Matt. 15:1-9; Mark 7:1-13). Paul wrote to the Galatians that he had been "extremely zealous . . . for the traditions of my fathers. But . . . he . . . called me by his grace, [and] was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles," (Gal. 1:14b; 15b-16a ESV). We don't remember Paul for the way he observed the traditions of his ancestors but we do remember him for what happened when he turned away from those same traditions and "preach[ed] him among the Gentiles". And he warned the Colossians, "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ." (Gal. 2:8 ESV). Any tradition that doesn't glorify Christ in some way isn't worth following.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians that ". . . the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1:18 ESV). The message of the cross is nothing to the world around us but to us it's "the big thing." Christ "is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility." (Eph. 2:14-16 ESV).

There was hostility between us and God. It was a natural result of our sinful nature (Eph. 2:1-3; 2 Pet. 1:3-4). Because of this hostility, the message of the cross is a "stumbling block" to those who don't believe but to us it's the message of salvation (1 Cor. 1:23-24). Of course, traditions can cause people to stumble too (Matt. 23:15) but only the message of the cross can lead us to salvation. We couldn't bring about reconciliation but God could and did.

Sure, I miss the balloons. I've learned a great deal because of them over the last eighteen years, and if you've been reading my humble efforts I hope you have too. I like all our other Easter traditions

at Maplewood United Methodist and I'd miss any of them if we couldn't observe them any more. But the traditions aren't important. The cross is. We're not called to share our traditions but to share the message of the cross, "the big thing."

"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. . . . you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." (Gal. 2:8-10; 12b-14 ESV).

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news about our family

**Bits 'n' Pieces**

\* A mere 95 years ago Ray Norris (faithful member and wonderful friend of many at MUMC) came into this world. He has been celebrating this past week with family and friends at his home, 8660 Grant Road, 63123 (the Crestview retirement community) If would be great to stretch those happy greetings throughout this NEXT week with word from MUMC folks.

\* Please pray for Allen and Stacy McCarter who recently lost Allen's Grandmother, Ora McCarter *and* his Aunt Faustina Smith. They were laid to rest on Monday.

\* Hold the family and friends of Ann Clark in your prayers. Ann died last week on April 24 after an extended illness. A private service was held Monday with family and close friends in attendance. Ann first became part of the Maplewood UMC congregation when she was in high school. Her father, Rev. Howard Conner, was appointed to serve as the pastor for the congregation. Maplewood became Ann's home town and Maplewood UMC continued to be her faith community. Many of you know her children, Scott and Leigh Ann, both of whom currently reside in Maplewood. For those of you who might be interested, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Please keep Scott and Leigh Ann, and Ann's brother, Larry, in your prayers.

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## Special dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 2,*
  - Christian Family Week, *May 6-12,*
  - Mother's Day, *May 12, 2013*
  - Armed Forces Day, *May 18, 2013*
  - Pentecost, *May 19, 2013*
  - Memorial Day, *May 27, 2013*
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This picture of Tim McDonough and Jason Watkins was in the recent edition of *The Missouri Conference Review*. Our church's picture was featured along with pictures from other churches in our conference in a article about how Easter was celebrated through out the Missouri Conference.



**Middle school class still going strong. There are some really neat kids in this class.**

# Feed and Be Fed Grocery List

*This grocery list is provided by the Maplewood UMC Mission Team to make it easier for you to shop for the Feed and Be Fed 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.*

- \_ Ramen 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

## Joe's Place Needs:

- \_ trash bags
- \_ toilet tissue
- \_ napkins
- \_ paper towels
- \_ aluminum foil
- \_ sandwich baggies
- \_ saran wrap
- \_ lysol wipes
- \_ kleenex
- \_ 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)**

**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)

## **Church camp signup is OPEN!**

If you are interested, here are some things you need to do:

1. Check out [www.mocamps.org](http://www.mocamps.org) to learn about camping opportunities.
2. Get in touch with Julia Schaffner ([merlinsc@att.net](mailto:merlinsc@att.net)) if you want to coordinate dates and rides with other kids from Maplewood UMC.
3. The Administrative Council has committed funds to assist with camp fees. Again, let Julia know your plans so that arrangements for camp scholarships can be made.



If you have questions, it's best to talk to the kids who went last year: Samantha Schaffner, Jon Schaffner, Noah Buxton, Paige Watkins, Brooke Watkins, and Maggie Pole.



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7409 Flora Ave.  
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**Every Sunday**  
**9:45 a.m. Sunday School**  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**