



The Searchlight

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Worship Services
September 2013
Services begin at 10:30 a.m.

September worship theme: **Our Mission**

Sunday, Sept. 1
**“Inherent Worth
and the Living Wage”**

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

Did you know that the “living wage” for a single adult in Columbia, Missouri is over \$15 an hour, while the minimum wage remains at \$7.35 an hour? On this Labor Day Sunday we’ll explore human worth and the value of work.

Sunday, Sept. 8
**“Radical Welcome
and Deep Connection”**

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

This will be the first in a series of services reflecting upon various phrases from our new mission statement. What does this statement mean for us, and how can we bring it to life through the work of the church?

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First potluck of the church year is Sept. 1

On the first Sunday of each month from September through June, we gather for our “First Sunday Potluck” immediately following the worship service. We invite all guests to join us, whether or not they have brought food. Everyone pitches in, making light work of setup, serving and cleanup. We ask those attending to bring a main dish or side dish sufficient to serve six-eight people so we will have plenty of food.

In the spirit of courageous love, we forge a community of radical welcome and deep connection that moves us together to heal the world.

This is no lukewarm statement. This is a bold proclamation of faith – faith that we have a healing message of love for the world and faith that we have the courage and capacity to live out that inclusive message.

I hope through the summer you have had a few moments to reflect on this mission, which we endorsed and proclaimed at our May congregational meeting. I hope you have mulled over what the words might mean to you and where they challenge or inspire you.

Now I invite you to take a step into embodying our mission in your life. What can you do to show someone radical welcome this week? Where are you finding connection, and how can you take it deeper? And what little piece of the world is yours to heal today?

Take courage... Be bold... And we can make this mission live and breathe.

See you in church!
Rev. Molly

Local Harvest Supper scheduled Sept. 28

Our annual Local Harvest Supper on Saturday, Sept. 28 will be an opportunity to consider how we can express the congregational desire to “grow in environmental consciousness and advocate for the health of the earth and all living things.”

Please contact Lisa Guillory or Corinne Mann if you are interested in volunteering. It’s always fun, and a great way to get to know fellow UUs.

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September Worship Theme: Our Mission

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Wise words...

“Hospitality is the virtue which allows us to break through the narrowness of our own fears and to open our houses to the stranger, with the intuition that salvation comes to us in the form of a tired traveler. Hospitality makes anxious disciples into powerful witnesses, makes suspicious owners into generous givers, and makes close-minded sectarians into interested recipients of new ideas and insights.”

– Henri J. M. Nouwen

“I welcome all creatures with grace.”

– Hildegard of Bingen

“If everything is connected to everything else, then everyone is ultimately responsible for everything. We can blame nothing on anyone else. The more we comprehend our mutual interdependence, the more we fathom the implications of our most trivial acts. We find ourselves within a luminous organism of sacred responsibility.”

– Laurence Kushner

“We have to heal our wounded world. The chaos, despair, and senseless destruction we see today are a result of the alienation that people feel from each other and their environment.”

– Michael Jackson

“Community means strength that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done. Arms to hold us when we falter. A circle of healing. A circle of friends. Someplace where we can be free.”

– Starhawk

Want to learn more?

Check out these books...

Radical welcome

Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love by Lonni Pratt & Daniel Homan

Hospitality – The Sacred Art: Discovering the Hidden Spiritual Power of Invitation and Welcome by Nanette Sawyer

Deep connection

The Dance of Connection by Harriet Lerner
The Power of Vulnerability: Teachings on Authenticity, Connection, and Courage by Brene Brown

Healing the world

How Can I Help? By Ram Dass & Paul Gorman
Be the Change: Poems, Prayers, and Meditations for Peace-Makers and Justice Seekers by Stephen Shick

Worship Services

September 2013

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Sunday, Sept. 15

“Healing the World”

Lay-led by the Festival of Sharing Group

Join our Festival of Sharing group to learn about how you can engage with their work to heal the world through service to society's most vulnerable both at home and abroad.

Sunday, Sept. 22

“Moving Together”

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon and

Director of Religious Education Lisa Fritsche

In this intergenerational service, we'll learn about the Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot – also known as the Festival of Booths. Many hands will make light work as together we build a traditional Sukkah structure.

Sunday, Sept. 29

“Forging Community”

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon and Friends

In this multi-voice service we will consider how we forge deeper community through listening and sharing our stories. Several lay leaders will reflect on the meaning our mission statement can have in their lives.

Minister's Message

New! Community Office Hours!

In order to further our congregation's goal to spread our ministry beyond our walls... and in the hopes of seeing some of you over lunch breaks... I am trying out a new program of "community office hours." Every Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., I'll take up a table at Kaldi's or Lakota downtown and make myself available for conversation. Stop by if you're downtown and join me for a chat!

Of course, I also encourage you to be in touch whenever you'd like during my regular office hours or by appointment to talk about life, church, spirituality and more.

Office Hours:

Mondays: 1-5 p.m.

Tuesdays: Community Office Hours – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3-7 p.m.

Talk to you soon!
Rev. Molly

Forum Schedule for September 2013

9 a.m. Sundays

The UU Forum, an adult discussion group open to the public, meets on Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m. Conversation and light refreshments are offered along with the discussion. Childcare is offered at no charge in our nursery. If you have ideas for a program or would like to make a presentation at Forum, contact the coordinator, Bill Clark, at 573-474-4510.

Sunday, Sept. 1

Anthony Alioto, Columbia College professor of religious studies and philosophy, will discuss his recently published book *The Ninefold Path*, which gets its title from Buddhist beliefs and shows how this knowledge helped him survive a serious illness. Alioto is well aware that his own experience doesn't speak for others' battles, but he hopes his religious views and breakdown of what happened to him—both scientifically and emotionally—might help or comfort others who have dealt with a disease in the past or are currently doing so.

Sunday, Sept. 8

Psychologists Carla and Wayne Anderson will discuss how billionaire Alice Walton and innovative architect Moshe Safdie created Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Ark. As

a setting she chose the 120 acres of native Ozark forest which her late father, Sam Walton, had owned and that had been her playground as a child.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Author Carolyn Mulford will present "Reading for Life," about how her life as a writer started when she became a reader in a one-room schoolhouse and how those books influenced her writing. She will reflect on how reading affected her writing during her formal education, her work as a magazine editor and freelance writer, and her novels today. She will share short excerpts from *The Feedsack Dress* (chosen Missouri's Great Read at the 2009 National Book Festival) and her *Show Me* mysteries to illustrate her points.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Carla and Wayne Anderson, who recently visited the Norman Rockwell museum in Stockbridge, Mass., will present on America's most famous illustrator whose works now bring the prices of great works of art. Rockwell said, "I showed the America I knew and observed to others who might not have noticed." They will emphasize how the details he observed contributed to the strong emotional impact of his works.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Wayne Anderson will present "India: Trains, Beggars and Sacred Cows." This is a highly personal account of six weeks of riding trains 5,000 miles with only a backpack and visiting many of the major sights of India including the Burning Gnats, Taj Mahal, and Caves of Ajanta.

Policy governance – why are we doing this?

By Steve Scott, 2013-14 President

“Why are we doing this?” was the very good question asked by Ellen Thomas at our Aug. 18 Leadership Breakfast about our board’s effort in the past couple of years to implement policy governance.

As the starting point for an answer, contrast the following statements:

- “Vision Statement of Our Church: Pay the Bills.” [From a fake but all-too-accurate church sign found online.]

- “If souls are not transformed and the world is not healed, the congregation fails ... no matter what the treasurer reports.” [From Dan Hotchkiss’ book *Governance and Ministry*.]

Our members elect the Board of Trustees to lead the church so that together we can join in striving to transform souls and heal the world, not just make sure the bills are paid. The board has moved toward policy governance as a way of ensuring that our members receive the leadership they expect.

Before policy governance, our board functioned as the global decider of almost all issues in our church. Past board members often were frustrated because this role left little or no time to deal with larger issues – in other words, they were having trouble seeing the forest because their focus had to be on the individual trees.

In contrast, policy governance enables the board to 1) focus on large issues, 2) delegate with clarity, 3) hold the minister, staff and volunteers accountable for achieving the church’s ends without meddling, and 4) rigorously evaluate the accomplishments of the church – in other words, to truly lead the church. Simply stated, under policy governance, the board develops policies and goals and delegates to the minister as chief of staff the direction of the day-to-day operations of the church.

Under policy governance, the board’s most important job is to articulate the church’s ends based

on the church’s mission and vision statements as discerned by the congregation, and to demand accomplishment of the ends. The board delegates to the minister, staff and volunteers the job of developing and carrying out the means by which the ends are accomplished, and the board provides the resources for this work.

Delegation to the minister, staff and volunteers is accomplished by the adoption of policies which only limit the available means to those which do not violate the board’s standards of prudence and ethics.

This leads to more nimble decision-making by those charged with the day-to-day work and ministry of our church because they do not need to have every action pre-approved by the board.

We have come a long way toward implementing policy governance since the process began a couple of years ago. Three major policies covering “Governance Process,” “Board Management Delegation” and “Executive Limitations” were adopted this past April and can be

seen at http://uuchurch.net/board_policies.htm.

More work remains, however. We are now starting to develop our church’s ends statements based on the mission and vision statement adopted by the congregation at the annual meeting in May. Once the ends statements are completed, we will develop a strategic plan and define how the board will exercise oversight to ensure that our ends and strategic plan are accomplished.

As this year’s President, I am honored to follow in the footsteps of the visionary predecessors who worked so hard on the move toward policy governance, including Gregory Brown, Rexanna Ipock-Brown, Stephanie Dorman and Maria Oropallo. Our current board is committed to following through on their work so our congregation can receive the leadership it expects and deserves.

Contrast:

“Vision Statement of Our Church: Pay the Bills.”

“If souls are not transformed and the world is not healed, the congregation fails... no matter what the treasurer reports.”

Programs and Events

UUCM Men's Group

The UUCM Men's Group meets on the second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays of each month at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. The group is open to all men. There are no fees and no reservations are necessary. The agenda is an open discussion of whatever is on the minds of those in attendance – and breakfast! For more information contact Mehdi Farhangi at 445-6325.

Conversations, Etc.

Conversations, Etc. will meet at the church Wednesday, Sept. 11 at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch and a snack to share if you wish. Contact Melinda Farhangi at 445-6325 if you have questions.

UU Book Discussion Group

The UU Book Discussion Group will meet at Upper Crust, 3107 Green Meadows Way, at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Bring a book you have read to discuss briefly. Call Pam Springsteel at 445-0642 if you have questions.

UU Book Table – Fall Sale

The UU Book Table will be open again this fall on the second, third and fourth Sundays of every month. To clear the way for new arrivals there will be a 10% markdown on ALL books on the Book Table.

Suggestions are most welcome for additions to the Book Table.

Meditation in Nature

Come into the peace of wild things...

Meditation in Nature takes place at Gans Creek Wildlife Area every third Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m. Its purpose is to build a connection between spiritual practice and environmental consciousness, and it is open to all people who love nature. For more information, contact Peter Holmes at 239-7789 or naturemeditation@yahoo.com.

Fair Trade Sales

Sales of fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate are sponsored by the Green Sanctuary group every first Sunday of the church year.

UU Life Writers – Fall 2013 theme is 'Home!'

We begin again – to write marvelous life stories starting on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Centering Room downstairs at church.

Historians study the past in order to understand the present and, perhaps, predict the future. Writing memoir helps us understand our past and present – and maybe our future. In this group we write and share. One does not have to be a published or accomplished writer, just someone who would like to explore their life through writing. This is a no-critique group, only positive feedback given!

This fall the theme we will explore is “Home!” Is home a place, a person, a tangible or intangible abode – or something else?

Please bring paper and favorite writing tools. We will meet on the following dates:

- Sept. 7 and 21
- Oct. 5 and 19
- Nov. 2 and 16
- Dec. 7

For further information contact Fran Reynolds at freynolds@centurytel.net or 443-4336.

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

Peter Holmes will once again offer an eight-week Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction class at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 10 in the Sanctuary at church.

Goals of the program are to:

- Reduce stress
- Improve health and well-being
- Enhance thinking
- Feel calmer and happier
- Make better choices

There is no charge for the program, but donations will be accepted. Everyone is welcome.

For more information and to register, contact Peter F. Holmes, Ph.D., 3201 South Providence, Suite 204, phone 875-0077 or pfholmes63@yahoo.com, or call the church office at 442-5764.

Our Presence on the Web
Go to
<http://uuchurch.net>
for complete information on church
activities and our
online calendar of events.

Additional News and Events

The Membership Team wants you!

The mission of the Membership Team's is to make visitors feel welcome, to guide people into membership, and to facilitate the integration of new members into the life of this congregation.

We hold monthly question & answer sessions ("Discover UU") for visitors after services on the second Sunday of each month and quarterly classes ("Membership 101") for people interested in joining our church community.

We assist the minister with quarterly "in-gathering" services in which people who have decided to join our congregation are formally recognized and welcomed.

Each Sunday we have at least two volunteers staffing the Visitor's/Guest Table.

In addition to assisting with these programs, there are opportunities to call, email, and send postcards to visitors and new members.

The Membership Team would appreciate help in making our congregation a warm and welcoming place. If you are interested, then please speak with any of the current team members or contact Kevin Fritsche at 289-4536 or fritschek@missouri.edu.

– Kevin Fritsche, Barb Carter,
Jan Swaney, Sue Bader,
and Linda Lou Brown

Need a Ride? Do you need a ride to church on Sunday, or a church function at another time? Margaret Tyler is coordinating rides as part of the Caring Ministry. Please call the church office at 442-5764.

Chalice Circles



Joining together for deeper connection and spiritual growth

Are you looking for a place to build deeper connections with the congregation and with your own spiritual journey?

Well... the search is over!

This year marks the beginning of a new program at the church – a network of small groups called **Chalice Circles** that will meet monthly to connect and grow from further reflection on our worship themes.

Chalice Circles will be formed based on availability and will be led by trained and supported facilitators. **Chalice Circles** are open to anyone age 16 or older, will be made up of 7-10 individuals each, and will be open to newcomers. Groups will begin meeting in October.

Registration will begin Sept. 8. For more information, visit with our team in the greeting area during any Sunday in September, or contact Rev. Molly for more information at minister@uuchurch.net.

Important Membership Team Dates

Sept. 8 at noon: Discover UU (Q & A session)

Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.: Membership Team meeting at church.

Sept. 22 from noon to 2 p.m.: Membership 101 class (registration required)

Oct. 6 at 10:30 a.m.: New member in-gathering during the worship service.

Friday Pie-Day is back!



Now with special programming...

Gather with us on the fourth Friday of the month for pie, conversation, and further learning about our month's worship theme.

Join us for pie at 7 p.m., and stay for our program beginning at 7:30. All ages are welcome. Pies will be provided.

Our Friday, Sept. 27

Pie-Day Program is...

Practicing Radical Welcome: A Welcoming Congregation Refresher with Stephanie Dorman

Expanding Heart, Mind and Soul

Committee on Ministry: Radical Actions

What is the most radical or courageous act you have taken lately? Bungee jumping off a bridge in Costa Rica? Submitting a story to a magazine? Leading a summer service? While all of these definitely take courage, sometimes it can take even more courage to simply talk to one another honestly and deeply.

We come back together this fall with our new mission and vision to love and connect deeply, courageously, and radically. This is going to take nerve and work. The Committee on Ministry's charge is in part "to cultivate open and appropriate communication among the minister, the board, church teams and the congregation." We ask you to use us: speak to us courageously and let us know what is in your hearts and minds about our church and where we are going.

Together we can transform lives both within and without our church walls. We can bootstrap each other and our community to live in right relationship with ourselves, our families, our colleagues and our neighbors. We can challenge the idea that morality simply means following the rules. To do all this we must talk and listen to one another.

The Committee on Ministry is looking forward to hearing and sharing with you all. We will be gaining three new members. For the time being, we are Howard Hutton, Rebecca Graves, Todd Iveson, and Rev. Molly. If you have any questions – or especially any answers – please let us know.

– Rebecca Graves

Mark Your Calendar

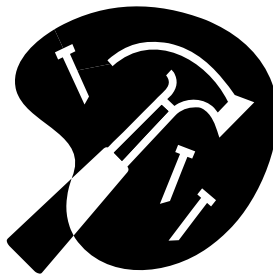
Worship Workshop with Rev. Molly Saturday, Oct. 5 9 a.m. - noon

Do you love leading worship services? Are you interested in leading a service for the very first time? Join us for this workshop!

The workshop will be for seasoned and prospective lay worship leaders alike, as we explore such mysterious topics as liturgy, homiletics, and more... answering questions such as: What makes for a sacred space? How does one make a service "flow"? And what is this "preaching" thing, anyhow?

The workshop is open to all. Childcare will be available upon request. Email Rev. Molly at minister@uuchurch.net or call the church office at 442-5764 to enroll.

Volunteer opportunities



There is work that must be done!

Peter Holmes, Tom Ratermann, and Larry Lile need your help with some maintenance tasks and seasonal projects.

Please join us for a workday on Sept. 7. We will be at church from 8 a.m. to noon, but would be glad to see you for any part of the morning.

Peace Building Team: 'Are you listening to me?'

The answer for most of us most of the time is, "Kinda, sorta . . . not really." In the rush of life, we mostly hear what others are saying, but we seldom offer our undivided attention to really listen to one another, to engage in what is sometimes called active listening.

We have been doing a lot of listening at UCC the last few years. First, in preparation for the search that brought us Rev. Molly, the Search Committee conducted numerous individual interviews and small group meetings to find out what we were looking for in a minister and what we were prepared to offer as part of the ministry of the church.

Last year, the Listening Campaign again sought out through a number of individual interviews where the burning passions of our membership are focused. This project resulted in our new Mission and Vision.

And this year, we will begin a new adventure in listening as we launch Chalice Circles. These will be small groups committed to sharing with one another and listening, really listening, as others share.

With all this listening going on, we on the Peace Building Team felt it would be a good time for us to share some of the skills that can help us all truly listen to one another. We look forward to a year when each of us can say with feeling, "Yes, I am listening to you. Tell me more."

Social Action News and Events

CROP Hunger Walk and 5-K Run 2013 on Sunday, Oct. 6

This year's CROP Hunger Walk and Run will be on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m., starting and ending at the Missouri United Methodist Church at Ninth and Elm streets. A CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk is an annual interfaith event that combines fun and fundraising to raise money for hungry people in Columbia and throughout the world. There will be a 0.8-mile and a 2.2-mile walking route to choose from, and the run is a 5-K. Walkers and runners invite friends to sponsor them with contributions of \$5, \$10, \$20, or more. For more information on CROP Hunger Walks, please visit www.churchworldservice.org or the local site <http://columbiacrophungerwalk.webs.com>.

Look for the CROP Hunger Walk and Run table in the greeting area throughout the month of September where you will be able to pick up the sponsor forms and get more information, or contact Allie Gassmann of the Social Action Committee at 447-3629 or alliegassmann@socket.net.

New project: Household goods for refugees

The local office of Refugee and Immigration Services works tirelessly to welcome folks who have often traveled a very long way to arrive in Mid Missouri. They then provide expert assistance for employment, driver's training, English language instruction, health care facilitation, and other family support. UCC volunteers worked with the RIS twice in the past years to help settle a family from Bosnia and a family from the Sudan/Africa.

The UCC Social Action Committee has endorsed a new effort to collect furniture and household goods for new arrivals being placed by RIS. Most needed are gently used furniture, linens and kitchen items. If you have items that you are willing to donate, contact Kathie Bergman who is serving as our liaison to the RIS. Kathie will arrange for pickup of items, if needed, or will deliver items that are brought to her at the church. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Kathie at 442-5764 or uuchurch@uuchurch.net.

2014 Honduras service trip in the planning stages

The Honduras Service Trip group is gearing up for the next trip which is planned for the summer of 2014. The first \$427 was raised at a tamales lunch after the service on Aug. 11. Projects the group will be involved in depend on the needs of the impoverished rural community near La Ceiba in Honduras and the abilities and interests of the group. Latrine building will almost certainly be part of the project again.

All who are interested or thinking about joining the group are invited to the next meeting on Sept. 21. The group meets monthly to prepare for the trip by learning about Honduras, by growing spiritually, by strengthening the ties between each other, and by planning for fundraising.

Fundraising is an important part of the process in order to fund the materials needed for the projects, to pay our coordinator in Honduras and to help the UCC group members pay their way. In the past, the trip has cost about \$1,000 per person. This price includes almost all meals, all lodging and transportation and the flight.

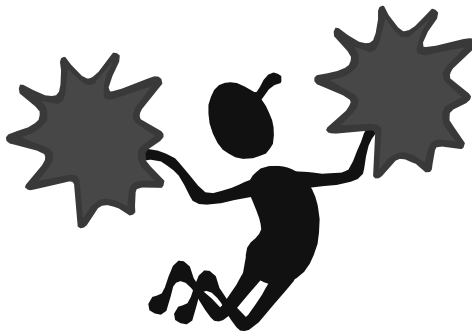
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Reflections

It's Time for You to Come on Back to Sunday School!

We hope that your summer has been a good one, and that you are excited to discover all of the exciting things planned for this church year. On Sept. 1 we will all start upstairs in the sanctuary. Before you know it, the kids will head on down for either Service Sunday or Sunday school. Please join us!

Fun Planned for Intermediate School Kids



It's time for the start of our Jr. Youth group! If you are in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, this is the club for you. You can look forward to social activities, service projects, pizza parties, etc., etc., etc. Get-togethers with other UU churches will also be planned. Our first meeting will be at the church on Friday, Sept. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There we will plan activities for the upcoming year. Watch your mailbox for a special invitation, and be sure to bring your good ideas!

September, 2013
Lisa Fritsche,
Director of Religious Education
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Office Hours:
Wed. 9-3 and Sun. 8-12

Important Dates:

Sept. 1 - Service Sunday

Sept. 6 - Jr. Youth Group meeting (6:30-8:00)

Sept. 7 - Facilities Work Day

Sept. 15 - 3rd Sunday Lunch

Building 911!



Our Facilities Team has set aside Saturday, Sept. 7 to do a bit of fixing up around out church. Please drop by at 9 a.m. to lend a hand. We'll be working both inside and out, so dress for the weather! Remember... many hands make light work!

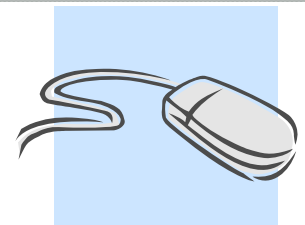


Time to Register Those Kids...On-line!

It is time to update our records! You can help by going to the church website and completing a form for your children. Thanks for your help with this important project. http://uuchurch.net/re_registration.htm

...And Check Out Our Website

Click on "Religious Education" on the church's website top menu at <http://uuchurch.net> to find out what's going on downstairs at church. Check often, as changes are promised!



Beans to You at 3rd Sunday Lunch

After church on Sept. 15 the 3rd Sunday Lunchers will gather at the picnic tables for a light meal. We will then scoop and package beans for Festival of Sharing. Won't you join us? Please RSVP to Lisa Fritsche. We want to make sure that we have enough food for one and all.



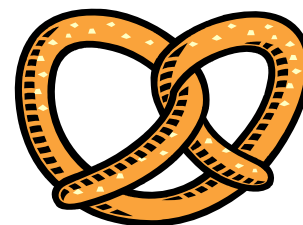
Think About This.... Our New Mission Statement



"In the spirit of courageous love, we forge a community of radical welcome and deep connection that moves us together to heal the world." How can we incorporate this world view into our everyday lives? Think about ways to do that at home and at school.

Hungry, Hungry!

Can you provide some healthy snacks to our Sunday school kids this year? We can always use pretzels, crackers, Nilla wafers, etc. Cut up fresh fruit or veggies are popular as well....just let Lisa F. know in advance that you'll be bringing them in. We will also be needing unhealthy snacks for our YUUTS class....age has its privileges. Lisa can sign you up for a Sunday to bring brownies, sweet rolls, cookies, etc.



Baby on Board

Our monthly potlucks will be much more family friendly now that we have a bunch of booster seats! No longer will little Susie have to sit on Daddy's lap as the family shares a meal with church friends. The seats will be brought out on Potluck Sundays and any other time they are needed.

Don't Forget!

The more often your child comes to church, the more friends s/he will make, and the more excited s/he will be to come the next week!



FESTIVAL OF SHARING PROJECT

Adopt a Kit

Two ways to participate:

Provide everything for one or more kits, or add the items that are missing from some partially complete kit(s).

1. To create a complete kit: Select a kit that has meaning for you. Secure a list of the required items at the Festival of Sharing corner display table. When your kit is complete, return it by Oct. 1 or before.

2. To complete a partial kit: Choose an incomplete kit(s) from the Festival of Sharing rectangular display table. Each of these kits will have a label showing what additional items are needed. Please sign out the kit(s) you want with the information requested on the Sign Out clipboard. Take the kit(s) home with you to complete and return by Oct. 1 or before. Put your completed kit(s) beneath the rectangular table.

The following kits are partially completed and need a few more specific items before going to the Festival of Sharing Ingathering in October:

- Missouri Baby Bundle Packs
- Missouri Backpacks of Love
- Missouri Readn' & Writin Packs
- Church World Service (CWS) School Kits
- CWS Health Kit
- Missouri Student Dental Pack

HINT: I have enjoyed shopping for kit items with someone else. Often the best price comes from multipacks. We are required to include only the requested kit items, so extras may be shared or sent to the Ingathering where they will assemble more kits from the leftovers. It has also been fun to ask questions of other shoppers with children, when you are unsure about sizes, colors, etc.

QUESTIONS??

Contact Marian Hjelmfelt at hjelmfeltm@yahoo.com or 449-5118.



CWS School Kit



CWS Health Kit



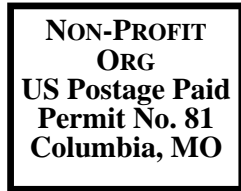
Missouri Baby Bundle



Backpack of Love

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Return Service Requested

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