

## Monday Night Women's Bible Study

On Monday night, February 6th a new Women's Bible Study is being offered featuring Beth Moore's Study "Breaking Free" (updated version). This will be a 10-week Bible study focusing on freedom in Christ. The themes will flow from Isaiah. A Workbook will be provided for this study which will run from 6:00-8:00pm in the Rasche Room. Format of this study will begin at 6:00 with discussion of the weekly homework assignment followed by the DVD presentation from Beth Moore to conclude our week of study. Child care is provided. This is an exciting and informative study and we hope you can join us by signing up on your Attendance Sheet on Sunday or contacting Barb Kinsey at 335-4346 or 576-1663.

## Food, Fun, Fellowship

On February 4th the group from Food, Fun, Fellowship will be going to the Grecian Steakhouse for dinner. *If you need a ride, sign up on the bulletin board and meet on the church parking lot at 5:30pm.* If you plan to attend please contact Roy Davault & Janet Gross at 335-0314. We will eat at 6:00pm.

## You Are Invited!

Food, Fun, Fellowship is opened to anyone who would like to join them on the first Saturday of every month at 6:00pm. For more information contact Janet Gross & Roy Davault at 335-0314.

## United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The February men's breakfast meeting will be Saturday, February 11th at 8:00am in Fellowship Center. All men are invited to attend.



## Basic Lay Speaking Course

The Southeast District Lay Speaking Team proudly offers the **Basic Lay Speaking** course on **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** from **8:00-5:00**. The course will help guide you to discover your gifts for the ministry of Leading, Caring & Communicating. Cost for this course (\$25) includes the training, text and lunch. The training will be held at the **Southeast District Office (6 North Clark, Cape Girardeau)**. For more information or to register pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. **Deadline for registration is January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## Advanced Lay Speaker Training

Of course, February would not be complete without the **Lay Speaker/Laity Training event**. This spring's event will be held at **La Croix UMC** in Cape Girardeau (3102 Lexington), on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Come one; come all to learn how to realize and reach out to those in our midst. Presenters are: Karen Hayden (*Missouri Conference-Center for Pastoral Excellence*) and Jim Blue (**Senior Pastor, SunRise UMC, O'Fallon, Missouri**). Cost for this event is \$30 and includes materials and lunch. For more information and to register, pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

## Collecting for FISH

During the month of **February** Grace will be collecting **soup** for the local FISH pantry. Please check the expiration date on the cans before placing them in the bin outside the sanctuary. *There is still time to bring in cereals for the month of January.* Thank you for supporting the local FISH pantry.

## CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS and BOX TOPS for EDUCATION can help!

Please remember to bring your **Campbell's** product labels and **Box Tops** labels and put them in the basket in the narthex. The Campbell's labels **must** contain the UPC codes. They will be used to get educational equipment for McCurdy School in New Mexico, a project related to the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

### Sunday Worship Attendance

	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
9:00am	258	134
11:15am	_____	55
	258	189

	Dec. 25
9:00am	102
11:15am	_____
	102

One service on Dec. 11 & 25

## Grace United Methodist Women

**February 7, 2012**

9:30am	<b>General Meeting</b>
	Hostess: Morning Circle
	Program: Adelaide Parsons

**Circle Meetings**

**February 21, 2012**

9:30am	<b>Morning Circle of Grace</b>
	Hostess: Marge Hildebrand
	Co-Hostess: Lorrie Propst
	Program: Jean Sander

7:00pm	<b>Evening Circle of Grace</b>
	Hostess: At the home of Barbara Miller
	Program: Debbie Cato



## UMW Reading Program

We now have our new books in for our reading program for 2012. Some changes have been made to the reading program for this year. There are 5 categories now:

1. Education for Mission
2. Leadership Development
3. Nurturing for Community
4. Social Action
5. Spiritual Growth

**Plan I** requires you to read 5 books per year  
One in each category

**Plan II** requires you to read 10 books per year  
Two in each category

**Plan III** requires you to read 15 books per year  
Three in each category

The new books this year are:

- ◆ The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (New York Times Best Seller)
- ◆ It's Easier to Reach Heaven Than the End of the Street (A Jerusalem Memoir)
- ◆ Women Lead The Way
- ◆ I am Nujood. Age 10 and Divorced
- ◆ The Death of Josseline (Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands)
- ◆ Laugh Your Way to Grace (Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor)

Sound interesting? Drop by the library and check one out. We are on the top shelf to the left. Easy to find.



Sympathy is extended to the family of Michael and Ivonne Goodin in the death of Ivonne's father, Enzo Solarino on Saturday, January 14, 2012.

## DAVID'S HARP . . .

In January 1966 the Reverend Jeff Marsh, superintendent of the Fayette-Marshall District, visited me at Central Methodist College. It was the beginning of my second semester as a sophomore. He asked me if I would be available to go as a lay speaker to the Higbee Methodist Church for two Sundays. Their pastor was ill and had requested two weeks away. I knew as a college student that I could use some extra money and I did have two sermons I had used previously so I agreed. Within two weeks the pastor resigned due to health and I was the new student pastor at Higbee, a small community near Moberly, Missouri. The time I spent sharing ministry with the members confirmed my call to ministry. A year later I was asked to move to the Pilot Grove Circuit – Pilot Grove, Wesley, Pleasant Green – where I served until I graduated from college. The year 1968 included my graduation from Central Methodist, marriage to Mary, and beginning seminary at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. I was ordained a Deacon in the Missouri West Conference in 1969; an Elder in 1972.

It is now January 2012 – 46 years from the time I took the first step toward ministry. And again January brings change to my life. I have sent my official letter to Bishop Schnase and the Board of Ordained Ministry requesting the retired relationship at the 2012 Missouri Annual Conference session. In that letter I expressed my appreciation to Bishop Schnase for his trust in me and support during the seven years it has been my privilege to serve as superintendent of the Southeast District. It is not my privilege alone for the time for serving has been shared with Mary to whom I have been married for almost 44 years. It has been our privilege to serve with you in ministry in the Southeast District. Over the past year we have been involved in building a retirement home in the Blackwater/Arrow Rock area (west of Boonville, east of Marshall) in Central Missouri. We purchased seven acres from our youngest daughter and son-in-law. We will live one-half mile from them and an hour from our older daughter and her family. Our house is to be finished by the end of March. We will begin the moving process in April so the district trustees have time to handle maintenance issues before a new superintendent arrives in mid-June. We will still be very much involved in the district in the months between now and June as appointment season begins in February. I will continue to serve as superintendent until the newly appointed one arrives in mid to late June.

As we begin a new year we know that one chapter in ministry will bring an ending while the next chapter will offer new beginnings and possibilities. And in the ending and the beginning we will experience God. For this and for all God's blessings we are grateful.

Praying with you and for you,  
*David D. Norbury, Southeast District Superintendent*

## Fish/Chicken Strips Dinner At New McKendree

The **United Methodist Men of New McKendree** share this news and invitation to an upcoming event: The UMM of New McKendree are taking a new approach to their Fish/Chicken Strips Dinners. Our proceeds will be designated to a specific mission. This month we have chosen HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME located at 709 E Main Street in Jackson. Additional information about Hope Children's home is available at this link <http://www.roomforonemorechild.org/Foster%20a%20Child.aspx>

The January meal will be served at the New McKendree South Campus - 1770 S. Hope St. - Jackson, MO. We will be serving from 4 pm to 7 pm on Saturday, JANUARY 21ST. Meal prices (for all you care to eat) are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5 -12, and under 5 are free.

The menu consists of Cat Fish, Chicken Strips, Spiral Fried Potatoes, Baked Beans, Slaw, Drinks and Desserts. Donations will also be accepted for this worthwhile ministry.

For additional information contact Gene Speight by calling (573) 204-3411 or emailing [genesp8@charter.net](mailto:genesp8@charter.net)

*Thank You!*

Our Friends at Grace United Methodist Church, Thank you so very much for the items you collected for our Holiday Store. The support and kindness from our community has been overwhelming. We appreciate your help in spreading much Christmas love.

*The Blanchard School Family*

## Foster Kit Bags

We are in immediate need of Book Bags, Backpacks or large bags similar to what the kids would carry to school. Questions? Contact Margaret Zieba (334-7888).

## Kids of the Kingdom Game Day

Calling all 4th-6th graders! Game Day, February 3rd early school dismissal to 4:00pm. Is your school out later? Come when you can. Games, snacks and talk time. Bring a friend. Safe Sanctuary trained personnel to supervise and lead. RSVP the church office (334-1321) for planning purposes. Questions? Contact Adelaide Parsons (339-8521).



## Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2012 is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please sign up on the preferred Sunday.



## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

To help keep up with one another as a church family, we are publishing a list of known birthdays and anniversaries of church members. If you know of a birthday or anniversary which is not on the list, please contact the church office to help us complete our records.



02/01	Justin Sitze	02/16	Nathan Beardslee
02/02	Shannon Ledbetter	02/17	Ruth Ann Meyer
02/03	Gary Gilbert	02/18	Daniel Ellinghouse
02/04	Nathan Shadron	02/19	Troylee McClanahan
02/04	Diane Sides	02/20	Mildred Foster
02/04	Terri Leray	02/20	Richard Welter
02/04	Becca Bliss	02/20	Mallory Cook
02/05	Mary Jane Statler	02/21	Ruth Wilson
02/05	Madelynn Shoemake	02/22	Linda Bollinger
02/05	Kristen Eichholz	02/23	Herbert Nance
02/06	Jean Sander	02/23	A.J. Stembel
02/06	Eric Rainey	02/23	Payton Young
02/06	Erica Goodin	02/26	Fred Vogt
02/06	Jayden Rainey	02/28	Evelyn Ritchie
02/07	Bob Francis	02/29	Don Hunt
02/08	Steve Hoernig	02/29	Jerry McClanahan
02/09	Duane Kinsey		
02/10	Marjorie Risha		
02/12	Jesse Dunavan		
02/14	Patsy Kimbrel		
02/14	Madison Eller		
02/15	Juanita Crites		
02/15	Bonnie Masterson		
02/16	Bethany Statler		
02/16	Sophia Wilson		



02/11	Bob & Merle Deneke
02/16	Jeremiah & Diane Jamieson
02/20	Jerry & Barb McClanahan
02/20	Ray & Mary Ann Pense
02/21	Bob & Rosalie Francis
02/25	Jim & Carolyn Goodin
02/26	Al & Joan Mason

## February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			February 1	2	3	4
			6:30am Men's Small Gr... 7:30am Upper Room P... 9:00am Sewing Group 10:30am Women's Sm... 1:30pm Women's Smal... 6:30pm Grace Notes 7:30pm Chancel Choir	Groundhog Day 7:00pm Eagle Review ...	1:00pm Kids of the Kin...	1:00pm Shadron Birthd... 6:00pm Food, Fun, Fell...
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