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a Welcoming community, Growing in God's grace, Seeking to be
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10 Years In

So we begin a new decade! I can't imagine that the first decade of the 21st century has already passed. It was just yesterday that we were all concerned with our computers making it through the change in calendars! Stop for a moment to consider all that has come to pass in this decade. In addition to Y2K, we were also introduced to Windows 2000, *Survivor* debuted and brought us into the age of "reality" TV shows. We experienced the Bush/Gore; Bush/Kerry and McCain/Obama Presidential campaigns. We saw our nation attacked on Sept 11, 2001 and two wars begin in Afghanistan and Iraq in response. We voted for our favorite *American Idol* and learned about globalization. We saw the devastation of the massive Tsunami of 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The human genome was unraveled and we entered an age of bio-science that included things like stem cells and cloning. So much in just 10 short years this short writing cannot possibly do it justice!

In our church we have seen many dear saints enter into their heavenly home and new and old friends come and go as life moves us all along the path. At the new year and as the calendar changes it is always a time to take stock of all there is to be thankful for and the many ways that God has brought us grace and comfort. My prayer for all is that you will know - in the depths of your heart- that peace which passes all understanding that can only come from God. And may you rest in the knowledge that God calls you "child."

**"For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations."
Ps 100:5**

Pastor Chris

Mid State District Training;

January 17, 2010 at First UMC Jefferson City
2:30 - 5 p.m. with featured speaker,
Bishop Robert Schnase

Come to hear Bishop Schnase and participate in the breakout training sessions regarding Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Extravagant Generosity.

This training event will be a good resource for our Trustees, SPRC and Finance Committee members. All church members are invited. This is a rare occasion to hear our Bishop and to participate in the latest training information by our Missouri Annual Conference Directors.

We have an usher crew assembled and need 6-8 greeters to assist visitors making their way into First Church from nearby parking lots through the facility to our Christian Life Center.

Contact Pastor Mark to be of help.

Changes in Newsletter

The FUMC Newsletter will have a new look and format beginning in February. The newsletter will be published the first week of each month. Submissions to the newsletter will be due

by the end of the third week of each month. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please call the church office at 635-6886 and leave your e-mail address, or send the address to tschaefer@jcfumc.org. The newsletter is also available on line at jcfumc.org

Bells of Christmastide Concert

Saturday, January 9 2:00 p.m.

Wesley UMC 2727 Wesley Drive, J.C.

There will be 3 Jefferson City
Bell Choirs participating.

Free Admission with one canned food item to benefit the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

For more information, please call Wesley United Methodist Church at 893-2556 or e-mail: www.wesleyumcj.org

Lenten Devotion

Yes, Christmas and New Years have just passed and we are already talking about Easter...but there is a little more time before we start seeing chicks and bunnies! There is time for you to consider what you would like to share with your church family about your faith. Ash Wednesday is Feb 17 and we would once again like to offer a Lenten Devotion book that comes from YOU! Last year we had art work, poems, devotions, and stories that told of your faith and how God was at work in your life. This was a blessing to all who shared in it. So be thinking and writing and praying and the deadline for devotions will be Feb 10. Send devotions to: jcfumc@gmail.com

Christian Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest Christian sympathy to the family & friends of:

Jim & Rosalie Little on the death of their son, Andrew;
Martha Hicks on her death; Virginia Noble on her death;
Bob Sochinski on the death of his mother;

Tammy Goben & Shirley Goben on the death of their granddaughter and great granddaughter; Lois Estep on the death of her brother; R.G. and Peggy Palmer on the deaths of their mothers.

FUMC

Foundation Grant Application Due January 31

The FUMC Foundation Board of Directors is now accepting grant applications for the 2010 calendar year.

Grants in the maximum amount of \$1,000 are awarded to projects which reach beyond the church's operation budget and are consistent with the Foundation's mission of supporting FUMC and its Methodist heritage.

Any church volunteer or staff member who is the chair or leader of a church committee is eligible to apply. Applications are available in the church office, and on the web site and must be submitted by January 31, 2010.

For more information, please contact the church office at 635-6886.

Neighborhood Dinner

Thursday, January 28

6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

Volunteers requested. contact Rick Facemyer at rfacemyer@juno.com

Last Chance to sign up for New Studies

A new brochure listing all the studies will soon be available, but here are some highlights.

"Questions of Truth," a book review that compliments the January sermon series "Science and Religion." This book review will begin Tuesday, January 12 for three weeks. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Led by Daniel Hilty.

"Believing God: Experiencing A Fresh Explosion of Faith"
By Beth Moore. Beginning Jan 19, Tuesday afternoons 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Led by Sandy Wolfgang.

"Bad Girls of the Bible" By Barbara Essex. Thursday afternoons 3:00 - 5:00, led by Mark Dumas. Starting January 14

"The Way of Forgiveness" Companions in Christ study on Monday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.; shared leadership in the group. These are only a few of the studies being planned, but hopefully you can begin now to find some time in your calendar to take up a study or join a small group - remember your commitment to *"belong, believe, become a blessing!"*

LOCAL CHURCH OFFICIALS FOR 2010

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Jim Baumgartner, Eric Jaegers, Julie Baker, Lu Lockwood, Gwen Blotevogel, Phil Mummert, Bruce Bates, Jeff Grosvenor, Mayme Miller

***Lay Member to Annual Conference:** Pauline McElroy Gart Pollard

Lay Leader: Creighton Cox Elaine Wehnes

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Betty Sundermeyer, Dave Harris, Ed Hughes, Mark Brunner, Bob Kraus, Jan Englehardt, Tom Cairo, Carol Galloway, Jay Shelton

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CHURCH COUNCIL: Chairperson: Angela Pool Secretary/Church Historian: John Finley President, UMW: Juanita Rampy
Sunday School Sprtd: Beckie Gierer Drew Parmley, Dustin Warbritton, Dean Cooper, Lauren Cameron,
Dianne Gillespie, Terry Higgins, Tiffany Jaegers, Julie Burcham, David Striegel

MINISTRY AREA LAY REPRESENTATIVES: *Radical Hospitality Mike Straub *Passionate Worship N/A

*Intentional Faith-Development Lynn Facemyer *Risk-Taking Mission Mel Sundermeyer

*Extravagant Generosity Laurel Dunwoody

FIRST UMC FOUNDATION: LeRoy Heman, Debbie Mathes, Greg Slinkard, James Klahr, Dee Dee Shelton, Dave Meyer, Patrick Meyer, Jerry Kelly - Liason

The Third Annual Women's Retreat

Our retreat is scheduled for March 5 – 7, Friday through Sunday; at Windermere Retreat Center in Roach, Mo. Each retreat has been filled with many laughs, good reflection and worship, and tasty food and we are looking forward to this retreat. Planning is just beginning on our theme and our entertainment options but always there is Saturday morning free to do what YOU would like...shopping at the Outlet Mall, reading in bed, or taking a Spring hike. Cost is just \$50.00 for the weekend. If you would like to join us please email Pastor Chris at cdumas@jcfumc.org or call her at the church office to make your reservation!

Wanted: Door Stop Visitors

Dedicated crew of individuals who enjoy looking up addresses after worship on Sunday afternoon and delivering a thank you bag of gifts to visitors from Sunday morning worship. Pays nothing other than a heart felt thank you from your pastors and a warm smile from the recipient. Most Sundays there are 2-4 visitors and delivery time is up to you. Benefits, fresh air and discovering parts of Jefferson City you may not know.

Please see Pastor Mark for scheduled dates.

High School events:

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Youth Center

Renew Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. CLC

Sunday Night Youth: 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Center

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:45 p.m. Youth Center

Middle School events:

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Room 357

Middle School games and Bible study

Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Center

Youth Group events

Youth Devotion

When I was in high school, I had a group of friends that weren't Christians. I constantly found myself jealous of them. They spoke and acted however they wanted. It was during times like these that my faith seemed more of a hindrance than a help. Why do we insist on following rules?

In the beginning of Genesis, God tells Adam and Eve not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Why? Because they'll die. You know how the story goes... Eve ate from it. Imagine for a moment, taking that first bite, looking around, waiting to see if you'd actually die. Yes, things looked different. But she didn't die!

Not immediately, that is. It took years.

That's the thing. Human beings are absolutely terrible at long-term planning. We love living in the moment - and sacrificing the future. The reason we live a certain way, the reason we follow certain rules, is because we're learning from the mistakes of others. We're attempting to live life in the most fulfilling way possible!

This isn't about keeping you from enjoying life. It's about making sure there's a good life for you to enjoy! Thank God.

Chris Abel

New Sermon Series



January 3 - January 31

FUMC staff serving lunch at Salvation Army on December 16.



December Youth Events



Children's Choir
Rehearsals will resume on
Sunday, January 10

Cherub Choir (Pre K-2nd Grade)
9:15 am

S.W.A.T. Team Choir (3rd-6th Grade)
5:00-6:00 pm