



## CAMP NORWESCA

Summer is just around the corner. Camp schedules are available in the narthex for you to look over and find a time that will work for your children to attend camp this year! (Registration forms are in the camping folders along with more details about each camp.)

Preschool-Kindergarten		
Guardian Angel	June 20-21 & July 18-19	
Grades 1 – 2		
Sonshine	June 20-22 & July 18-20	
Grades 1 – 3		
DaySpring	June 29 – July 2	
Grades 3 – 4		
God's Notes	June 23 – 28	
Girls Only	July 7 – 11	
Mission Impossible	July 21 – 25	
Grades 5 – 6		
God's Notes	June 23 – 28	
Girls Only	July 7 – 11	
Pine Ridge Riders	July 14 – 18	
Mission Impossible Too	July 21 – 25	
Survivors	August 4 – 8	
Grades 7 – 11		
Expressions in Music	June 23 – 28	
Girls Only Too	July 28 – August 1	
Saddle Up and Ride	July 28 – August 1	
Survivors Too	August 4 - 8	
Backpacking the Pine Ridge	August 11 – 14	
Camp Hope		
Youth and adults with developmental challenges	June 16 – 19	

You can also register online beginning February 1,  
[www.umcneb.org/register](http://www.umcneb.org/register)

## LOST AND FOUND

Many of the items on the "lost and found" table have been there for some time. Please check again as we will be clearing the table at the end of the month.



Jared and Joshua Fernau, sons of Scott & Rebecca Fernau were baptized on Sunday, March 9.

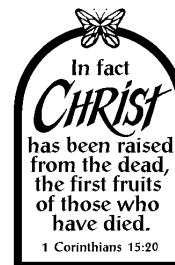
## NEW MEMBERS

Kate Anderson  
Rebecca Fernau  
Scott Fernau  
Tammy Seidel

We welcome these new members who joined our church on Sunday, March 9.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, May 3 – Chadron State College Graduation  
 Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day  
 7:00 pm – Chadron High School Baccalaureate  
 Sunday, May 18  
 2:00 pm – Chadron High School Graduation  
 Sunday, May 25 – Summer Worship Schedule Begins  
 8:00 am – Worship at Camp Norwesca  
 (Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)  
 8:30 am – Fellowship Time at Camp Norwesca  
 10:00 am – Coffee & Conversation in the Church  
 Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 am – Worship at the Church  
 (Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)  
**NO** - Summer Sunday School  
**Mark your calendars:**  
 Vacation Bible School – July 27-31 from 6-8 pm



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Men met Sunday, March 16, 2008, at 7:00 a.m. at the Church with 13 present. Breakfast was served by Glen Kotschwar and Justin Murdock.

The social hall rug needs cleaning at a cost of probably \$300 to \$400 and we were asked to help. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we contribute \$100.00 to that cause. The check was sent in and a very nice "Thank you!" received.

National General Commission on United Methodist Men suggests that we hold a Bowl-A-Thon as a fund raiser for the National Foundation. I know that some Eastern Nebraska groups do this but we have many other projects and interests. No motion or suggestion was made for that project. However, Seth Leypoldt said we may get a Church bowling group together and have a periodic (alcohol free) bowling night at the alleys.

The Sidney Church had contacted Stacy Swinney for advice and help in forming a Methodist Men's group there. He went there to visit and five men came to the meeting. He gave them information about our group and the projects we do and offered more help so perhaps something will develop from that. Thank you, Stacy, for your time and effort.

The men spent some time stuffing plastic Easter eggs with miniature wrapped candy bars and about 13 of the eggs contained the new gold dollar coins. Russ Harford and Stacy Swinney had purchased the eggs and candy, Allen Alderman contributed most of the coins.

After the Sunrise Service and breakfast at Norwesca the children had a great time with the egg hunt. The breakfast brought about 90 service attendees who generously contributed to slightly over \$250.00 in the free will offering. Our expenses have not yet been received but we should be OK.

The next meeting will be April 20.

Ed Bieganski  
UMM Secretary/Treasurer

**... I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly.**

**John 10:10 NASB**

## GREAT WEST DISTRICT- UMW Spring Event

### RESURRECTION WOMEN April 26, 2008 at Camp Norwesca

Pastor Linda Parson of Mullen UMC will be the guest speaker for the UMW Spring Event taking place from 9 – 3 pm. Check-in begins at 8:30. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board. The registration fee of \$10 should be sent in with the form by April 20. Send the forms to: Trish Naprstek, 715 N Hall St., Valentine, NE 69201.

Set aside some time for this gathering: a time of rest and renewal in a beautiful setting.

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!



**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**“Be the Change”**

- The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Festival on the Chadron Courthouse Lawn will begin with a **Community Clean-Up** (8 a.m. - 11 a.m.)
- The **Earth Day Festival** (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.) continues with creative activities for kids, live music and performances in the gazebo, exhibits to show how we can be the change we wish to see in the world, a friendly recycling competition, inflatable play area, and more. Please bring a picnic or support our local food vendors.
- **And** . . . don't miss singer, songwriter and storyteller **Walkin' Jim Stolz**, who will be performing at **1:00 p.m.** Walkin' Jim has roamed over 26,000 miles through America's wild places and performed in 49 states. In case of inclement weather, we'll see you at the First Congregational Church.

*(Thanks to Keep Chadron Beautiful and Thrivent Join Hands Project for sponsoring event!)*

## LIGHTER FARE – Enchilada Cassrole

1 pound 97% lean ground beef  
½ small onion, chopped  
4-oz can taco sauce  
2 oz. chopped green chilies (½ can)  
¾ cup 2% milk  
1 can low-sodium cream of mushroom soup  
8 oz. no-added-salt flour tortillas  
1 cup low-fat mild cheddar cheese, shredded

Brown the meat and onion. Drain, then add the taco sauce, chilies, soup and milk. Bring to a boil then simmer 8-10 minutes. Tear the tortillas into fourths and place around the bottom and sides of a 1½ qt. oven-proof dish. Layer half of the meat mixture, then half of the cheese. Tear up more tortillas and repeat layers of meat mixture and cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or in the microwave 10-15 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

*Nutrition information per serving:*

387 calories; 24.3 g protein; 18.6 g total fat (7.4 g saturated fat); 63 mg cholesterol; 27.5 g carbohydrates; 695.3 mg sodium; 1.58 g fiber.

## REMEMBER!

Our website is up and running! There is so much information available now at the touch of a button. All events are posted so you can quickly find meeting times and place, summer camps are listed, quick connections can be made to find information about the United Methodist Church, as well as maps and directions to locate our Chadron Church. We continue to add and update our pages, so take a look—it's fun to check things out! (Pictures are included and are always changing—if you have pictures of our church events be sure to get them to us so they can be included for all to see and enjoy.)

**When I want to speak let me think first:**

- **Is it true?**
- **Is it kind?**
- **Is it necessary?**

**If not, let it be left unsaid.**

**Babcock**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for March	\$14,271.
Spent in March	\$ 9,603.
To The Good	\$ 4,668.

Thanks to some special contributions to help eliminate our “carry-over-debt” from 2007, this was a very good financial month for our church. This is the first month we have been able to make a dent in that negative balance. Thanks to all, and here is what we have yet to incur:

We are currently \$14,372 in the red. (Cash balance)

We are behind in apportionment payment in the amount of \$6,651. However, we have designated contributions in the amount of \$3,231 which can be forwarded as soon as we can eliminate the negative cash balance mentioned above. So, really we are just \$3,420 behind, which is just a little over a one-month payment.

Our immediate goal is to eliminate that \$14,372 negative balance. If everyone could find it within their budget to put in an extra few dollars this month, we can find our way out of the red and into the black.

Chuck Cressy, Treasurer



Congratulations to Ted and Susan Vastine on the birth of their granddaughter, Marin Rose. She was born on February 26. Her parents are Coral and Jeff Dickau and she has a brother Vaughn.

Randy and Doralie Lawson are also new grandparents to Daniel William Maher, son of Jodee Mosher. Daniel was born on February 11. Congratulations!



April 19 – April 20 will be the annual work days at Camp Norwesca. Lodging at the retreat center is available and meals will be served. Call Norwesca at 308-432-3872 for more information or to register.

## **VOICES OF THE FAITH ARE HEARD TODAY IN ONLINE ARCHIVE**

Imagine going online to hear the history of the United Methodist Church as it happened. Some of that is possible now, thanks to a new Historical Audio Digitization Project from United Methodist Communications and the General Commission on Archives and History.

One of the most remarkable pieces in the collection is the actual session in Kansas City in 1939 at which three denominations came together to form the Methodist Church. Listening to that clear and historic audio brings you right back to the moment. The drama of that history is reprieved in the sounds of the 1968 session, when narration and musical presentation detail the history of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches in England and the U.S.

The collection includes more than 300 programs and is growing.

The goal is to preserve the audio of the United Methodist Church. All tapes and other materials are put into digital form in the studios of United Methodist Communications in Nashville and an identical copy is sent to the Archives and History offices in Madison, NJ.

You can hear the audio at <http://audio.umc.org> which is part of the UMC.org Web site of the United Methodist Church.

Some of the other audio to be heard on the website includes:

- More than 30 "Night Call" radio programs from 1965-66. This social outreach project of the Methodist Church was the first national call-in program in the U.S.
- A 10-part series on American Methodism and a 5-part series on John Wesley's Methodism by Earl Kent Brown for the Methodist Bicentennial in 1984.
- Faith story interview with Walter "Buddy" Williams, former Negro League pitcher; Cal Turner, the CEO of the Dollar General; singer Judy Collins; the Montana Logging & Ballet Company; and many others.
- Three Drew faculty members discussing their then-recent participation in the March 1965 civil rights march in Selma, Alabama.
- Sermons delivered at Marsh Chapel at Boston University by Bishop F. Herbert Skeete, Bishop Judith Craig, the Rev. William Willimon, the Rev. Peter Gomes and many others.
- A collection of 1960's lectures by Methodist Theologian Carl Michalson of Drew Seminary.

Anyone with historical audio of the church that might become part of the collection is urged to contact the project director, Mike Hickcox, at [MHickcox@UMCom.org](mailto:MHickcox@UMCom.org) or 615-742-5100.

## **THE UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) administers more than 50 scholarship programs funded through Special Sunday offerings, wills, annuities, and other designated gifts.

Scholarships are awarded on an academic-year basis. A student is eligible to receive only one United Methodist Scholarship during any single academic year from GBHEM.

Scholarships are awarded to United Methodist students from various backgrounds, working toward higher education degrees. Applicants may be enrolled at any accredited institution within the U.S.

### **Who may apply?**

All scholarships require that an applicant must be:

- an active, full member of a United Methodist church for at least one year prior to applying
- a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. for most programs
- admitted to a full-time degree program in an accredited college/university
- maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or above
- International student applicants must be members of the United Methodist Central Conferences AND enrolled in a United Methodist-related institution to be eligible for any scholarship program.

### **How does one apply?**

Scholarship applications are accepted January 2 through May 15 each year. Students may apply through the Web site [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org) during these times.

### **The United Methodist Loans Program?**

New loan funds are available : \$5,000 per year at 5% interest. Contact the Loan Department through the Web site [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org) for more specifics on the loans program offered through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

### **For detailed scholarships and loans information, contact the:**

Office of Loans and Scholarships  
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
The United Methodist Church  
PO Box 340007  
Nashville, TN 37203-0007

Scholarships: 615-340-7344 [umscholar@gbhem.org](mailto:umscholar@gbhem.org)

Loans: 615-340-7346 [umloans@gbhem.org](mailto:umloans@gbhem.org)  
[www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org)



## **HELP SAGER BROWN DELIVER KITS OF HOPE**

In Georgia, happy faces, smiles and hundreds of voices filled a room when children saw the arrival of school kits, health kits, and sewing kits donated by United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) last September. UMCOR Georgia and a local partner, the Fund to Support Disable IDP Children, jointly distributed the kits to 300 displaced children, including 55 physically and mentally disabled children from Abkhazia who live at the Collective Center for Internally Displaced Persons. Seven-year-old Gio said excitedly, "This is the happiest day in my life. Thank you for this."

Every day lives around the world are touched by the gifts you give to UMCOR. Large tangible items like food, clothing, shelter and clean water are gifts of survival. But it's also the smaller everyday gifts—a needle, thread, a ruler, a pen, a pillow or sheet—contained in a UMCOR supply kit that is bringing hope in a more personal way.

Supplies are low: UMCOR's relief supply warehouse, the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA, needs your support to provide much-needed bedding, sewing and layette kits for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Sager Brown has received fewer kits over the last year and stocks are becoming alarmingly low.

Sager Brown is especially requesting donations for 33,000 layette kits, 64,000 sewing kits and approximately 1,000 bedding kits to meet upcoming needs. Donations for all kits are needed to prepare for uncertain times and future relief efforts. The Sager Brown Depot is accepting complete kits as well as items in bulk.

Kits supply everyday needs: In places like Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, people who are sick, elderly, women, children, refugees, and other vulnerable groups are being cared for through the distribution of these material resources. The kits are delivered to primary healthcare facilities and the institutions that serve the people in need. Whether they are school supplies to help a child return to school, fabric and thread to help make a dress, or a baby blanket to help a mother care for her child, these kits are meeting personal everyday needs.

Please visit UMCOR's Relief Supplies Web page to learn about the specific kits contents, the estimated value, the cost of processing and shipping, and shipping instructions. Please give generously to UMCOR Advance #901440, Material Resources. (Kits brought to the church are taken to Annual Conference in June to save on shipping.)

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S PROCESSOR**

Last year at Annual Conference I was elected to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference held in Dallas between July 16-19. I am a part of the Nebraska Conference delegation and will not be attending General Conference later this month. As a delegate I have been receiving many letters and emails concerning legislation to be discussed at General Conference. However, due to the order of the election I may go as a reserve delegate, but I would have to pay my own way. General Conference will be held April 23-May 2 in Fort Worth, Texas and you can receive day-to-day reports about this international body at [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org).

As a member of the Nebraska delegation (there are 22 of us, 11 clergy and 11 laity), we have met monthly. Part of our discussions revolved around General Conference issues: legislation, changes to the structure of the church, church politics, and what to expect. Since I will not be attending the Conference in Fort Worth I feel a little fortunate. Delegates receive two huge books called the *Daily Christian Advocate* (DCA) that contain reports and proposed legislation. In total, 1600 pages are devoted to this material. Any full member of The United Methodist Church can submit legislation and thus change the direction of the church. Looking at the DCA I believe that many have taken advantage of this suggestion. Each piece of legislation is grouped together into 13 committees. Delegates will spend half of the time at General Conference in legislative committees pouring over these proposals. A majority vote advances legislation to the floor where almost 1000 delegates will decide its fate. The United Methodist Church is comprised of 11 million members world wide. Each area is assigned a delegation total based on how many members reside in its area much like the U.S. House of Representatives. For example the Nebraska Conference has 4 voting members to General Conference representing 80,000 members in the state.

Another fortunate issue for not attending this year's General Conference is the hotel space. When The United Methodist Church first signed the contract with Fort Worth to host this year's General Conference, the city had plans to accommodate over 1000 people in or near their downtown Convention Center. Since that contract was signed, the economy of Fort Worth has not fared well. One of the planned hotels was never built and many of the other hotels in the downtown area have remodeled and reduced

available rooms. At our last gathering many of the delegates talked about this anxiety. People will be spread all over the city and will be shuttled back and forth to the Convention Center. As an observer not attending General Conference it sounds frustrating.

Last month I reported that I would discuss the election and assignment of Bishops, however, with General Conference taking place this month I felt it was best that I give you my impressions of this important body. If any of you would like to look at the 1600 page DCA I have these books in the church office. If you would like up-to-date information on General Conference and what takes place make sure to check out our web-site:

[www.chadronumc.org](http://www.chadronumc.org) and click on the link for The United Methodist Church.

Next month I will talk about the most important role that each Jurisdictional Conference plays is the election and assignment of Bishops within each Jurisdiction.

--Seth



## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Sunday, April 6 at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

## **NUMB is coming**

It's cold outside but planning is underway for 2008. The Thirteenth Annual Circle Bicycle Tour of Nebraska is scheduled for June 28 through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting and ending in Wahoo, NE. NUMB stands for Nebraska United Methodist Bike Ride for Hunger. NUMB has contributed over \$330,000 to alleviate hunger all around the world since the first ride in 1996. NUMB benefits the hungry in Nebraska and around the world and is sponsored by the Nebraska Annual Conference Board of Mission Outreach Hunger Committee. More information and a registration form is available in the church office. NUMB is limited to the first 135 riders so get your registration in early!

## **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY** **April 6**

Church-wide Special Sundays with offerings enable United Methodists to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency, and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

Six times throughout the year, United Methodist congregations celebrate church-wide Special Sundays with offerings. Your support is critical to the survival of these important ministries and for sharing God's around the world.

One of the direct recipients of this offering is our own Sunrise Community Services, Inc. (SCSI). This non-profit organization was birthed from our own community and through the faithful efforts of several within this church family. Currently, three members of this church serve on SCSI's Board of Directors. In the past two years, the Native American Awareness Sunday offering has granted to SCSI almost \$10,000. This money is used for housing vouchers for the homeless, treatment counseling for substance abusers, and the establishment of after care services for drug and alcohol related issues. SCSI is an independent organization that works to serve the unique clientele of Northwest Nebraska but has its roots deep within The United Methodist Church. Give generously as the neighbors we serve are the neighbors in our area.



## **HI NEIGHBOR LUNCHEON**

The Women's Group – "Hi Neighbor" luncheon will be on Thursday, May 1 at 12 noon. We would appreciate your help with salads. Our invitations will be sent to all Methodist Women's groups in the area. An interesting program will follow the luncheon. Call 432-5689 if you can contribute a salad. Our church is the host, everyone is welcome.