



THE UNITED MESSENGER

Newsletter of The United Church of Moscow
an American Baptist/Disciples of Christ congregation
Roger C. Lynn, Pastor

- SUMMER 2005 -



Notes From The Journey . . .

We have a great congregation. The phrase we use in our advertising describes us well -- "A caring congregation where people are respected and questions are encouraged." We have something that people are looking for. And we have a challenge. Our numbers are dwindling, particularly young families with children. The board recently discussed this challenge and is committed to making a serious effort to address several specific needs, including hiring a Children's Church coordinator and planning monthly activities specifically geared towards children. But this is a challenge which requires the participation of every single person in



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the congregation. Your best efforts are needed. Think hard about the people you know -- at work, at school, at the grocery store, in your activity groups and civic organizations. If you know someone who isn't going to church anywhere, invite them to join you here. You don't have to be pushy -- simply let them know that this is a church where you have found meaning and they might appreciate it as well. It's not likely that things will turn around overnight, but it is vitally important that all of us begin making serious and significant efforts now. What we have it too important to let it dwindle away.

- Roger

Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 5th

During the summer Morning Worship is at 9:30 a.m. Faith Exploration Classes are on hiatus until fall. Summer often includes travelling for many people, so worship attendance can be sporadic. Please plan to join us for worship whenever you are in town.



Denominational Assemblies

Both of our denominations are holding their biennial Assemblies this summer. The American Baptist Churches USA will be meeting in Denver July 1-3. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be meeting in Portland July 23-27. If you are interested in attending either of these events as a representative from our congregation, please contact Roger Lynn ASAP.

Personal Glimpses. . .

Congratulations to *Kezia Schrag*, who earned her Masters degree from the U of I this spring.

Please keep *Bob Means* in your prayers. He continues to experience health problems with his lungs.

Congratulations to *Bruce & Lois Bradberry*. They became grandparents again with the birth of *Carl & Lorianne's* second child, *Chole Jade*.



— Summer Activities —



Ethnic Food Potluck & Travelogue Pictures — Sat., June 25th @ 6 p.m.

Bring your favorite ethnic food to share (or try a new recipe you've had your eye on). And if you have some pictures of an interesting trip, plan to share them as well.

Ice Cream Social — July 10th at 2 p.m.

Our annual Ice Cream Social will be at the home of Dirk Vanderwall & Allison Willoughby (1050 Abbott Road in Viola). Maps will be available and carpooling will be encouraged. There will be a sign-up list for people to bring ice cream (homemade if possible). Everyone else is invited to bring your favorite toppings.



All Church Camp-Out & Outdoor Worship — August 13 & 14th



Once again we will be at Robinson Park (just east of town) for an evening around the campfire and a morning of worshipping in the great outdoors. The event begins with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by an evening spent relaxing around the fire (assuming that fires will be allowed then) telling stories, singing songs and enjoying each other's company. Some of us will pitch our tents and spend the night. Others will return to their homes and their nice, soft beds. Either way, we get back together for breakfast, followed by worship at 9:30 a.m. We are trying it a bit earlier in the month this year. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative.

*** Please note that there will not be a worship service at our building in Moscow on this Sunday ***

Celebrating Birthdays . . .

7th - Bob Leonard
7th - Kevin Cooper
16th - Vergie Reed

. . . *In June*
18th - Thomas Leonard
19th - Vanessa Suquet
19th - Merle Butler

22nd - Annie Cooper
28th - Roger Lynn
29th - Brenda Bradberry

6th - Royce Manning
8th - Cheryl Hatch
9th - James Leonard
11th - Zoe Lassen-Purser

. . . *In July*
18th - Barbara Hisel
19th - Jason Hawley
21st - Donna Deerkop
23rd - Helen Tribble

24th - Casey Lynn
27th - Cliff Grove
31st - Rita Boyd
31st - Steve Talbott

1st - Immaculee Mukakalisa
2nd - Chris Talbott
4th - Amy Macy

. . . *In August*
11th - Viva Grove
12th - Jason Martling
15th - Douglas Mbabaliye

15th - Daniel Macy
18th - Brent Bradberry
21st - Dorothy Roberts

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <i>Fellowship Fund</i> Summer Schedule Begins. 9:30 AM, Morning Worship 	6 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	7 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	8 12:00 PM, CancerSupport	9	10	11
12	13 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	14 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Father's Day.</i> 2:00 PM, Care Center Worship (Clark House / Good Sam)	20 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	21 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	22 7:00 PM, Elders & Deacons	23	24	25 6:00 PM, Ethnic Food Potluck & Travel Pictures & Stories 
26	27 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	28 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	29	30	1 American Baptist Biennial in Denver July 	2 American Baptist Biennial in Denver
3 <i>Fellowship Fund</i> American Baptist Biennial in Denver	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	6 7:30 PM, Watercolor	7 6:00 PM, Church Board BBQ @ Cooper's	8	9
10 2:00 PM, Ice Cream Social 	11 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	12 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	13 12:00 PM, CancerSupport	14	15	16
17	18 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	19 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	20	21	22	23 Disciples General Assembly in Portland 
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Summer Special Music

If you play a musical instrument or sing, and would like to provide special music for worship some Sunday this summer, please contact Kezia Schrag.