

Briarwood United Methodist Church Newsletter

October, 2009

Pastor's Corner

I thought I'd share with you some of the things we've got up on our new church website. What follows is the Pastor's Welcome. Some of you have read this already, others of you may not have had the chance yet. So here it is. See what you think:

"It's all about you, Jesus." That's the refrain to one of my new favorite songs, *The Heart of Worship*. And every time I hear it, I'm reminded of where my focus should be as a Christian. No matter what else is going on in my life, it really should be all about Jesus.

That's our vision here at Briarwood United Methodist Church: **It's All About Jesus!** Our hope and prayer is that in everything we do Jesus will be at the center of it. So we seek to **Love** God and one another with all of who we are, to **Grow** deeper in our relationship with God in community together, and to **Serve** one another out of the abundance of God's love for us all. If Jesus is at the center, we all really should love more fully, grow more fruitful, serve more unselfishly. **Love. Grow. Serve.** That's how we keep Jesus at the center. Come join us on the adventure as we keep it *all about Jesus!*

Love. Grow. Serve.

The more we love Jesus, the more we love one another ...

The deeper we grow in our relationship with God ...

The more we serve one another unselfishly out of the depths of God's love for us all.

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"It's All About Jesus!"

Sermons in October

October 4 – Genesis 48:12-20: Jacob's Blessing
A Mixed Blessing

October 11 – Genesis 3:20-24: Rev. Hardy Nall
On Starting Over

October 18 – *Can I Get a Witness?* (series)
Laity Sunday: Two Testimonies

October 25 – *Can I Get a Witness?* (part 2)
Acts 26:9-23: *O What a Difference!*

November 1 – *Can I Get a Witness?* (part 3)
All Saints Day – *The Saints Before Us*

October Anniversaries

October 9 Martie & Jerry Taylor
October 15 Morris & Elaine Yates
October 19 David & Shannon McKee

Shut-ins of Briarwood

At home: Dan Williams
 Olive Windels
 Gloria Davis
 Jones & Shirley Robertson
 Barbara & Jeep Clark
 Wayne Milsted
 Ruth Paine

Manhattan Nursing

Julia (Bill) Heflin
(Martha Cowser's sister)

St. Catherine's

Bob Gibson
S 126, Sienna Hall

Wisteria Gardens

Louise Luper
(Jo Finch's friend)

October Honorees

October 4 Jimmie Riles
October 11 Jones & Shirley Robertson
October 18 Lavine Rogers
October 25 Bob Russum

UMW News

Meetings

The Fidelity Circle will meet in the church parlor on October 24th with Nell Ward & Miriam Ighoavodha serving as hostesses.

The Ethel Bailey Circle will meet on October 27 in the church parlor. Barbara Renton, Ella Dee Lamb and Martha Wilson are hostesses.

Record of our September Givings

Needed Weekly	\$3,808.00
Total received to date	\$102,784.70
Received in September	\$12,017.00

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met on August 30. The Council voted unanimously to rename the "Hut" the **Wilson Hut** in honor of Earl and Martha's service to the church through the years.

The Administrative council met on September 27. The next meeting will be November 15.

Family Night at Briarwood

We are returning to the practice of assigning Family Night hosting duties to the Sunday School Classes. The Decorating Committee will continue to decorate the tables and put out the napkins and flatware. The Sunday School Classes will be responsible for certain tasks **before the meal is served: 1. Providing two gallons of sweetened tea and one gallon of unsweetened tea. 2. Providing rolls or bread for 50-60 people, and 3. Filling tea glasses with ice and placing these on counter at service window. The classes will also be responsible for cleaning up after the meal** including washing the flatware and any serving dishes that were used.

The following schedule with the October Family Night:

Oct. 21	Asbury
Nov. 18	Friendship
Nov. 16	Seekers
Jan. 20	Wesley
Feb. 17	Asbury
Mar. 17	Friendship
Apr. 21	Seekers
May 19	Wesley

October Family Night Supper

October 21, 6:30 PM: Dr. Gray Wiggers

November Family Night Supper

“Thanksgiving is our time to give thanks for all the good folks at Briarwood who labor behind the scenes (and otherwise). It’s time to get your nominations for Awards night. The most important “thank you” is the P.W. Cowser Award, which goes to someone who exemplifies “God’s Servant” in our church. When someone goes “above and beyond”, we need to recognize that person, so other awards will be presented for all kinds of good deeds Put your thinking caps on and please turn nomination in to the church office by end of October.”

Dot McElroy

Baby Shower

Ladies of the Church are invited to a baby shower for Jana Hodges Shephards’ little one on Saturday, October 3, 2:00 PM at the church.

Member Update

Linda Anglin enjoyed talking to the Poriah family who were members here several years ago before moving to Chicago. She especially enjoyed talking to her “best buddy” Shalem, who is now almost 11 years old.

Sympathy

Briarwood extends sympathy to the family of Kathryn Alker, who died this past month. Paul and Kathryn had attended our church for many years. Paul died this past April.

Boy Scout Plaque

If you have not seen the Boy Scout Plaque lately, go by and see the latest name of an Eagle Scout-Jared Letson. He is listed next to his uncle’s name, Chris Carpenter, who received his Eagle Scout Award in 1977. Thanks to Mars and Steel Co. for this nice addition. The wall plaque is in the hall across from the choir room.

Promotion Campaign

An ad appeared in the September 17 issue of the Northside Sun inviting people to worship with us. We will continue to put notices in the paper and take other steps of invitation in the future. If you would like to contribute to this project, make your check out to the church and indicate Promotion Campaign.

Laity Sunday

October 18th is Laity Sunday in the Methodist Church. Mike Knight, lay-leader, has planned a special program. Please make your plans to attend.

Notes from the Past

Two cemetery plots in Lakewood are available for purchase. Contact Tommy Dyson for details.

We are still saving Labels for Education to purchase supplies for schools. Brookshires will double all coupons through Nov. 13.put labels and envelopes and leave on the library table.

We still need a Sunday School teacher for the five-year-old-class.

Outreach/Witness Committee Update

The renovation of the Wilson Hut is on schedule. John Nall and Tommy Dyson are again working their magic which is a sure fire guarantee that the project will be finished on time and that the results will be amazing.

If you would like to contribute to this project, make your check out to the church and indicate The Wilson Hut.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is currently being planned for the first part of November. More information on this later as details are finalized.

The Wilson Hut, when opened, will be a community location for 12 Step programs, AA, Al Anon, etc. This will meet the needs of the community around us, thus being a vital part of our Outreach/ Witness program.

Virginia McGrane & Jen Macy
Co-chairmen of the Committee