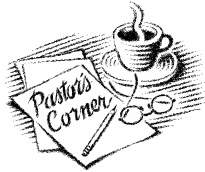




# Midway Messenger

The Good News of Midway United Methodist Church

August 2010



## *“Just a Thought”*

Hello Midway UMC family,

Each year I offer a course in United Methodism to those who may be interested in learning more about our church and denomination. After all, you have found a home here and it seems a good idea to get better acquainted with the family. Please look at the information below and consider joining us for a six-week course (the sixth is reserved as a final class, but we may not need that Sunday’s class).

It is important to understand the practices of an organization to most positively be able to glorify God through that organization. The format of the class will be a presentation of information and then discussion of the day’s topics. I hope you will find this discussion helpful.

*Methodism 101; Sunday, September 12, 2010 through Sunday, October 17, 2010; 9:45 AM in the Library:*

Sunday, September 12 - Orientation

We will consider the following: where the name Methodist came from, what makes us United, who established Methodism, what shapes a Methodists faith?

Sunday, September 19 – Organization

Why can’t I do it my way, what is the difference between congregational and connectional church structure, what is the

Wesleyan concept of “holy conferencing” and what is meant by the Wesleyan concept of “think and let think,” how are pastors assigned to churches? What are The Book of Discipline and The Book of Worship?

Sunday, September 26 – Sacraments and Beliefs

What is Communion and why do we only use grape juice? What is Baptism? What is Second Blessing or how does the Holy Spirit operate in our lives?

Sunday, October 3 – Membership Vows and Stewardship

What is the difference between Tithes and Offerings? What are apportionments and how does the United Methodist Church fund its programs? What mission work does the United Methodist Church do?

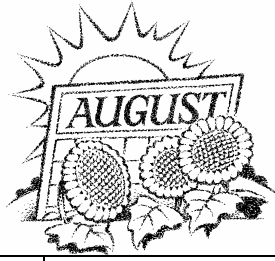
Sunday, October 10 – Issues of the day

What is the position of the United Methodist Church on the issues of the day and how are they determined?

Sunday, October 17 – Overview and conclusion

Please give prayerful consideration to being part of this session. For those new to Methodism it will be an opportunity to develop a most effective foundation for ministry and service. For those long familiar with Methodism, it may be fun to “re – hear that which we already know!” At least that’s just a thought.

In Covenant,  
*Lee*



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 5:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 SNL	<b>2</b> <b>Cherokee County Schools Begin</b>	<b>3</b>  ESL 6:30-9:00	<b>4</b> 7:30 Adult Choir Resumes 8:30 Praise Band	<b>5</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30  ESL 6:30-9:00	<b>6</b>  7 am Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b> Toastmasters 10-12
<b>8</b> 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 5:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 SNL	<b>9</b> <b>Forsyth County Schools Begin</b>  SPRC 7pm	<b>10</b>  ESL 6:30-9:00	<b>11</b> 7:30 Adult Choir 8:30 Praise Band	<b>12</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30  Toastmasters 6:45  ESL 6:30-9:00	<b>13</b>  7am Men's Bible Study	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O (Small Group) resumes 10:30 Living H2O (Large) 2:00-5:30 Confirmation Class Pool Party 5:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 SNL	<b>16</b> Council of Ministries 7pm	<b>17</b> Men of Midway 7pm  ESL 6:30-9:00	<b>18</b> 7:30 Adult Choir 8:30 Praise Band	<b>19</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30  Finance 7pm  <b>We Wonder Open House 9:00 – 1:00 (See Notice Below)</b>  ESL 6:30-9:00	<b>20</b>  7 am Men's Bible Study	<b>21</b>
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## We Wonder Preschool

**Open House is Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.** Times are as follows:

9 am – 11 am: Tues/Thurs Classes

11 am – 1 pm: Mon, Wed, Fri Classes

9 am – 1 pm: 5 Day Classes

The **first day of school for We Wonder is Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. May God bless the staff, students, and parents during our 2010-2011 school year.

Felicia and Beth

## Children's Fall Consignment Sale SEPTEMBER 18, 19 & 20, 2008

Bargain hunters – excellent selection of children's fall and winter clothes/accessories, maternity clothing, nursery items, toys, books, games, sporting equipment and furniture.

Volunteers who help at least 4 hours get to shop early. To help, contact Susan Keyser at [c\\_s\\_kyz@lycos.com](mailto:c_s_kyz@lycos.com).

Volunteers are needed for set-up, take-down, sorting clothes, etc.

For more information email Kim Kenny at [kimkenny@bellsouth.net](mailto:kimkenny@bellsouth.net).

### CONFIRMATION CLASS - Pool Party -

Last year's Confirmation Class will host a swimming party for the incoming Confirmation Class on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 PM until 5:00 PM. It will be held at JB Brink's pool. Dinner will be served. Though the party is for the kids, parents are welcome. It's a good time to talk about the curriculum or ask questions.

Confirmation Class is for **all rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders** or other middle schoolers who have not been confirmed. If you are one, have one or know of one, please come. Class will begin on August 29<sup>th</sup> and run through the school year. Class will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30 until 7:30. Call the church office or JB @ 770-569-1897 if you have questions.

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8/1 1 Corinthians 14:1-25	8/17 Philippians 3:1-11
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8/4 2 Corinthians 2:5-17	8/20 Colossians 2:6-19
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8/7 2 Corinthians 5:11-21	8/23 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
8/8 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	8/24 1 Timothy 4:1-16
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8/10 Ephesians 2:11-22	8/26 2 Timothy 2:14-26
8/11 Ephesians 3:1-21	8/27 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8
8/12 Ephesians 4:1-16	8/28 Titus 2:1-15
8/13 Ephesians 6:10-20	8/29 Acts 16:1-15
8/14 Philippians 1:12-30	8/30 Acts 16:16-40
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**MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
AS OF 6/30/10**

<b>Report Month</b>	<b>June</b>				
	<b>Actual MTD</b>	<b>Budget MTD</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>
<b>Total</b>					
<b>Receipts</b>	\$38,031	\$56,509	\$239,935	\$329,852	\$659,705
<b>Total</b>					
<b>Expenses</b>	\$47,353	\$56,509	\$256,570	\$329,852	\$659,705
<b>Conference Obligations</b>					
<b>Expense</b>	\$3,500	\$6,313	\$14,031	\$33,517	\$67,034
<b>Program Council</b>					
<b>Expense</b>	\$80	\$3,146	\$487	\$12,625	\$25,250
<b>Salaries</b>					
<b>Expense</b>	\$25,560	\$24,146	\$144,485	\$146,208	\$292,415
<b>Admin</b>					
<b>Expense</b>	\$918	\$3,196	\$9,294	\$19,175	\$38,350
<b>Bldgs &amp; Grds</b>					
<b>Expense</b>	\$16,700	\$19,200	\$87,500	\$115,278	\$230,556
<b>General</b>					
<b>Expense</b>	\$595	\$508	\$774	\$3,050	\$6,100
<b>Average Attendance</b>	223		248		
<b>Cash on Hand</b>		\$29,967			
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		\$4,339			
<b>Designated Fund Liabilities</b>		\$79,913			
<b>Balance on Building Loan</b>			\$790,723		



## CHOIR NEWS

Adult Choir Practice resumes at 7:30 pm on August 4<sup>th</sup>. All joyful voices (no experience needed) are welcome to join us. We meet in the room across the hall from the Youth Room.

## ***LIVING H 2 O EXPLOSION (FOR 2 YEARS TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE) RESUMES ON AUGUST 15.***

Small Group meets at 9:30 am and Large Group - HIGH ENERGY Worship meets at 10:30 am. Register downstairs in the Preschool hall. For more information please check

[www.midwayumc.org](http://www.midwayumc.org).

**Children's Ministries**

**Living H 2 O Explosion!**



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