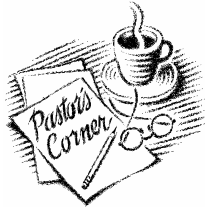




Midway Messenger

The Good News of Midway United Methodist Church

May 2010



"Just a Thought"

Homecoming: Roots and Wings

We are doing Homecoming a bit different this year to facilitate all the schedules we have involved. Our 2010 Homecoming will be Sunday, May 16. As always, we will have both services. Our "Preacher of the morning" will be the Reverend Martha Aenchbacher, now on staff at Athens First United Methodist Church.

While on staff here Martha did an excellent pastoral job and many will remember the quality of her voice. I have had the privilege of conducting services with Martha and have been touched by God's Presence in/with every reaction. I am told that she will be singing with the Praise Team at 10:45 so I am sure that "Power" will be involved in some form. Please make your plans to be welcome her on that day. There will be a covered dish dinner after the 10:45 service. Please invite family, friends, and anyone you encounter to come celebrate Homecoming with us that day.

On that Sunday, we will also be honoring our graduating seniors at the 10:45 service. **Please remember to submit names of graduating seniors to the office by May 2, 2010 to ensure that proper recognition is extended.**



There is an old saying that the best gift we can give to those children entrusted to us is a two fold gift; roots and wings. The first gift – the roots we will celebrate in the context of our Homecoming celebration. It will be a way to remind those who are entering into a new phase of their lives that there is always a home for them at Midway UMC. As one who has called a number of places home; to have a place that is recognized as home; or the place where I was grounded. The poet wrote that home is "that place that when you go there, they have to take you in."

The second arm of the gift is wings. It is our job to inspire those entrusted to us with the knowledge that they can dream and accomplish those dreams. We need to build a core value system that can be taken to other places and make those places better. The building of just such a legacy is essential to the work that we do as a church. When we recognize our seniors, we recognize that one part of their journey on the way to who they are is established. The next step is beginning to stand independently, though not without a solid foundation. Letting go can be challenging, so help us to inspire the ones who are letting go to trust the foundation they have laid.

This will be a uniquely special day. It will be a day of remembrance and celebration. Do not let it be a day without you. I'll see you at Homecoming 2010 on May 16th at Midway UMC. Ya'll come see us now; ya hear? At least, that's just a thought for May.

In Covenant,
Lee



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2 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O (Small Group) 10:30 H 2 O (Small Group) 5:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL 5:30 Disciple I 5:30 Disciple III 5:30 Companions in Christ	3 Moms in Touch 10am SPRC 7 pm	4	5 10:00 Adult Bible Study 6:00 Beth Moore Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	6 National Day of Prayer  Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm	7 Men's Bible Study 7am	8
9 Mother's Day 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O (Small Group) 10:30 H 2 O (Large Group) 5:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL NO Disciple Classes	10 Moms in Touch 10am Trustees 7 pm	11 Finance 7 pm	12 6:00 Beth Moore Study 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	13 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Toastmasters 6:45-8:00	14 Men's Bible Study 7am Relay for Life at Cumming Fair Ground 7 pm	15 Smith-LaFountain Wedding 5pm
16 Graduate Recognition and HOMECOMING 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services Covered Dish Dinner 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O (Small Group) 10:30 H 2 O (Large Group) 5:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL 5:30 Disciple I 5:30 Disciple III 5:30 Companions in Christ	17 Moms in Touch 10am Church Council 7 pm	18	19 10, 11am, 7pm We Wonder End of Year Program 6:00 Beth Moore Study 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	20 10, 11am, 7pm We Wonder End of Year Program Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm	21 Men's Bible Study 7am Last day of school for We Wonder & Fulton County 10:30-2:00 CHICKEN BBQ AND BAKE SALE	22 10:30-2:00 CHICKEN BBQ AND BAKE SALE
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VBS IS JUST AROUND THE BEND...

**AND... SHIVER ME TIMBERS
WE NEED YOU!**

**HELP SPONSOR A BUCCANEER!
SPONSORSHIPS ARE \$25.00**

**YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR MAP OF
INSTRUCTIONS IN THE TREASURE
CHEST OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

**QUESTIONS? CALL FIRST MATE, MARILEE
AT 770-475-5230!**

**ARR, ME HEARTY....WE KNEW WE COULD
COUNT ON YOU!**

**Midway UMC Afterschool Program
Register Now for the Summer**

Fees for the program are:

Registration fee per family - \$125 (new students)
\$ 50 (current students)

Full-time care (4 or 5 days/week) - \$125/child per week

Part-time care (2 or 3 days/week) - \$100/child per week

Drop-in - \$50/child

T-shirt fee - \$10 per child

There is a 10% discount on the second child and a 15% discount on the third child from the same family.

This program is designed to keep children happy and active during the summer break. In addition to weekly Bible lessons, your child will participate in weekly fieldtrips, arts and crafts, group games, and Vacation Bible School. Please feel free to call Amy Barfield, Director, at 770-475-0909 with any questions.

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5/1 John 3:1-21	5/17 Joel 2:28-32
5/2 John 14:1-14	5/18 Acts 2:1-13
5/3 John 14:15-31	5/19 Acts 2:14-36
5/4 John 15:18 – 16:15	5/20 Acts 2:37-47
5/5 Galatians 5:16-26	5/21 Acts 3:1-10
5/6 Ezekiel 36:16-38	5/22 Acts 3:11-26
5/7 Ezekiel 37:1-14	5/23 Acts 4:1-22
5/8 Acts 1:1-11	5/24 Acts 4:23-37
5/9 Acts 1:12-26	5/25 1 John 5:1-12
5/10 2 Corinthians 3:1-18	5/26 Acts 5:1-11
5/11 2 Timothy 1:1-18	5/27 Acts 5:12-42
5/12 2 Timothy 2:1-13	5/28 Acts 6:1-15
5/13 2 Timothy 2:14-26	5/29 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
5/14 2 Timothy 3:1-9	5/30 Ephesians 4:17-32
5/15 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8	5/31 Ephesians 5:1-20
5/16 1 John 4:1-6	

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION
SUNDAY, MAY 16**

Graduate Appreciation Day is coming up! So if you are a graduate, or know a graduate, please call the church office or e-mail the graduate's name and school information to office@midwayumc.org. **DEADLINE is MAY 2.**

Forsyth Relay for Life

MUMC is sponsoring a team in the Forsyth Relay for Life. Relay For Life[®] is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people worldwide to:

- CELEBRATE the lives of those who have battled cancer. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight.
- REMEMBER loved ones lost to the disease. At Relay, people who have walked alongside people battling cancer can find healing.
- FIGHT BACK. We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease.

Forsyth Relay for Life is being held at the Cumming Fairgrounds on **Friday, May 14th at 7 pm and goes through the night to Saturday at 7 am.** This event is open to all ages – youth through seniors – and one does not need to stay up all night to play on our team. Join our team now to raise donations prior to Relay, and help us sell famous Midway BBQ chicken at Relay on May 14!

Debbie Mills is our team captain. Interested participants can reach Debbie at debralynnmills@yahoo.com or call her at 770-883-3956, or call the church office. More information on the event will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. For now, you can find out more at www.forsythrelayforlife.org. Plan to make a difference by joining our Relay for Life team and you will be blessed!



May 21 and 22, 2010
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Midway UMC Annual Chicken Barbeque will be held May 21 and 22 and it is "*the best you ever ate*". We will take business orders for Friday for pick up and delivery in the Alpharetta/Cumming area. Individual tickets will be sold for Sat. Please pick up an envelope; each has 10 tickets and business order form along with instructions. We'll be passing these out in the next couple weeks- please take one and help support our barbeque. Mary Jones is looking for **VOLUNTEERS!** If you will be willing to help, email Mary at marymcjones18@yahoo.com. If not enough people volunteer, Mary will be seeking you out!! There will also be a **Bake Sale** headed up by Karen Hosier. Give Karen a call (770-886-9125) if you can help.

**MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
AS OF 03/31/10**

Report Month	March				
	Actual MTD	Budget MTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2010 Budget
Total					
Receipts	\$51,907	\$56,509	\$134,311	\$164,926	\$659,705
Total					
Expenses	\$48,342	\$56,509	\$128,020	\$164,926	\$659,705
Conference Obligations Expense	\$3,531	\$6,313	\$7,531	\$16,758	\$67,034
Program Council Expense	\$6	\$3,146	\$365	\$6,312	\$25,250
Salaries Expense	\$23,773	\$24,146	\$71,055	\$73,104	\$292,415
Admin Expense	\$2,372	\$3,196	\$4,933	\$9,588	\$38,350
Bldgs & Grds Expense	\$18,669	\$19,200	\$43,946	\$57,639	\$230,566
General Expense	-\$9	\$508	\$189	\$1,525	\$6,100
Average Attendance	244		248		
Cash on Hand		\$38,669			
Accounts Payable		\$11,324			
Designated Fund Liabilities		\$62,955			
Balance on Building Loan			\$796,187		

ALL HANDS ON DECK!



Join us as we begin the
Voyage of a Lifetime!

VBS - June 7-11, 2010

9:00am – 12:30

All children 4 years through 5th grade

Register NOW!!

Cost: \$25.00 per child, maximum of \$50.00
per family

Please complete the Registration Form, available on the Information Table in the Narthex or print a copy from the church web site, and turn it in to the church office with your check or cash. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** – forms also on table in Narthex.

Each year we are blessed with an amazing VBS and hundreds of energetic kids! Due to rising costs, this year we must ask for a minimal fee from each family. It is not our intention to cause a hardship for anyone.

Please call the church office for scholarship information.

If you have any questions or need more information please call Ms. Linda through the church office, (770)475-5230 or via e-mail; lcaudill@midwayumc.org



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