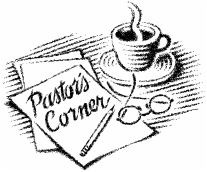




Midway Messenger

The Good News of Midway United Methodist Church

October 2009



“Just A Thought”

The past 15 months at Midway UMC – Alpharetta have been quite an experience. You rose to challenges and provided hope for others in desperate times. You have supported family, friends, and neighbors; you have supported individuals you have never met. You have done that graciously and I appreciate that generosity.

As we finish out this final quarter of 2009, it is important that we build on the successes and graces already given to us by God. I believe that God has laid on my heart a mission of the highest calling. The Scriptural passage (pericope) that forms the basis of the direction is John 12: 20-28:

John 12:20-28 (NLT)

²⁰ Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to attend the Passover ²¹ paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.” ²² Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. ²⁴ The truth is, a kernel of wheat must be planted in the soil. Unless it dies it will be alone—a single seed. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. ²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who despise their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them. ²⁷ Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from what lies ahead?’ But that is the very reason why I came! ²⁸ Father, bring glory to your name.” Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, “I have already brought it glory, and I will do it again.”

But the thought is encapsulated in John 12:20-21:

John 12:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰ Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to attend the Passover ²¹ paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.” (emphasis mine).

We have that last passage inscribed on the pulpit in the chapel. Each time I stand in that pulpit I am struck by the size of the task in which God is involving us.

We are living in difficult, challenging times. Truths we once took for granted are being challenged on many sides. People are searching for something vital and real in which they can put their trust. I believe, with all my heart, that the only sustaining, enriching, and unfailing relationship we can find is with God through our connection and relationship with Jesus Christ and having that relationship affirmed and sealed by the Holy Spirit. I believe that there are still people who are saying “We want to meet Jesus” but they do not fully know Who it is they seek.

We need to be intentional about creating “avenues and doorways” through which we and others can enter into such a wonderful relationship. The support we give one another is fine, the discipleship that we strive for is admirable, but in 2009 we need to pursue a deeper relationship with God. I would invite you to consider 3 questions in planning and preparing for your ever deepening journey:

1. How does this (activity, event, program, etc.) allow people to see Jesus?
2. How does it allow people to see themselves as Jesus sees them?
3. How does it allow people to see themselves as what Jesus knows they can become and that it is achievable?

Not only for ministry ideas, those questions might be useful in considering any activity in which you might become involved. It is time that people in our community, through our membership and ministries, do in fact get to meet Jesus. To do that, it is essential that we have met Jesus. Ministry will be great in 2009! At least, that’s “just a thought.”

In Covenant,

Lee



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 Upward Reg.	2 7am Men's Bible Study Upward Reg. Youth Retreat	3 At Horn's Creek
4 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Pastor's Study 9:30 H 2 O Explosion (Small) 10:30 Living H 2 O (Large) 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	5 Moms in Touch 10 am Upward Reg.	6 ELS 6:30-9:00 Upward Reg.	7 10:00 Bible Study 2:00-7:00 Blood Drive 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Beth Moore Study 7:00 Youth Praise Band 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band Upward Registration	8 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 ESL 6:30-9:00 Upward Reg.	9 7 am Men's Bible Study Upward Reg.	10 Super Saturday Teacher Training 8 am
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18 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Pastor's Study 9:30 H 2 O Explosion (Small) 10:30 Living H 2 O (Large) 2:00-4:00 Upward Evaluations 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	19 Moms in Touch 10 am Upward Evaluations 6:30-8:30	20 ESL 6:30-9:00 Upward Evaluations 6:30-8:30	21 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Beth Moore Study 7:00 Youth Praise Band 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	22 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 ESL 6:30-9:00 Upward Evaluations 6:30- 8:30	23 7 am Men's Bible Study	24 Upward Evaluations 10:00-12:00
25 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O Explosion (Small) 10:30 Living H 2 O (Large) 5:00 Guest Dinner 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 6:30 Trunk or Treat	26 Moms in Touch 10 am SPRC 7 pm	27 WOW 7pm ESL 6:30-9:00	28 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Beth Moore Study 7:00 Youth Praise Band 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	29 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 ESL 6:30-9:00	30 7 am Men's Bible Study	31 MAKE UP Upward Evaluations 10:00-12:00



UPWARD

BASKETBALL/CHEERLEADING SEASON is just around the corner! Registration has begun – Ages: Kindergarten (5 years by September 1, 2009) through 6th Grade. Cost per child for basketball and/or cheerleading is \$100. Forms are available on the Information Table outside the Church Office, in the Narthex near the Sunday School rooms, downstairs in the Preschool Entrance and in the Fellowship Hall. Completed Forms should be turned into the Church Office, Monday through Friday, 8 to 4. The **Deadline for Registration is October 16**. Practices will begin the week of November 30 and the season will be January 9th through February 27th, 2010.

COMING IN NOVEMBER.....

Life Line Screening will be at Midway on Monday, November 23, 8:30 to 5:00. Please see the *Life Line* flyer on the Information Table in the Narthex. **Pre-registration is required.**

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| 10/1 Exodus 20:1-21 | 10/17 Psalm 15 |
| 10/2 Exodus 23:1-13 | 10/18 Psalm 34 |
| 10/3 Leviticus 25:35-38 | 10/19 Psalm 85 |
| 10/4 Deuteronomy 26:1-15 | 10/20 Nehemiah 5:1-13 |
| 10/5 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 | 10/21 Ezekiel 34:1-10 |
| 10/6 Isaiah 2:1-4 | 10/22 Ezekiel 34:11-31 |
| 10/7 Isaiah 2:5-22 | 10/23 Amos 5:1-27 |
| 10/8 Isaiah 3:1-15 | 10/24 Obadiah 1-21 |
| 10/9 Isaiah 5:8-30 | 10/25 Nahum 1:1-15 |
| 10/10 Isaiah 32:1-20 | 10/26 Micah 2:1-13 |
| 10/11 Isaiah 42:1-9 | 10/27 Micah 6:6-16 |
| 10/12 Isaiah 58:1-14 | 10/28 Zechariah 7:1-14 |
| 10/13 Isaiah 59:1-21 | 10/29 James 3:13-18 |
| 10/14 Isaiah 61:1-11 | 10/30 James 4:1-10 |
| 10/15 Psalm 9 | 10/31 Psalm 46 |
| 10/16 Psalm 10 | |

WOMEN OF WONDER

WOW is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 7 pm. Please contact Jenna Hand at jhandfsu@yahoo.com or 678-513-7817 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday evening, October 25th.

Come dine with us and experience the hospitality of the MUMC family. Just \$3 per person. The spaghetti and meatballs will be tossed out starting at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a guest to dine with us, see what Midway is all about and meet God's family at MUMC.

RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend. You can RSVP online at www.midwayumc.org. Follow the links to the spaghetti supper!

Following dinner, JB Brink and our Pastor, Lee Almy, will host a Welcome to Midway UMC presentation at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. We encourage you to attend this informative and entertaining discussion that presents the history of our church and the current day life and ministries of MUMC.

At 6:30 pm, be on the look out for trick-or-treaters in our parking lot for "Trunk or Treat".



TRUNK OR TREAT

Children and those adults who just will not grow up, will have the opportunity to wear their costumes and "trunk or treat" among the cars in the parking lot. All participating cars should be parked in the front parking lot by 6 pm. At 6:30 pm, decorations should be complete, the parking lot will be closed off to through traffic and the fun will begin.

5:00 - 6:00 Spaghetti Supper (All are Invited, \$3.00)
6:00 - 6:30 Guest Welcome to Midway UMC
6:30 - 7:30 Trunk or Treat

Also during the month of October, the Boy Scouts will have their Annual Pumpkin Fund Raiser. The pumpkins will be outside all around the Chapel. Check out all the neat pumpkin sizes and shapes and help out the Scouts!!

**MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
AS OF 8/31/09**

Report Month	August				
	<u>Actual MTD</u>	<u>Budget MTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>
Total					
Receipts	\$36,969	\$56,509	\$342,451	\$452,074	\$678,111
Total					
Expenses	\$40,652	\$56,509	\$360,094	\$452,074	\$678,111
Conference Obligations Expense	\$0	\$6,313	\$10,100	\$50,503	\$75,755
Program Council Expense	\$252	\$3,146	\$1,896	\$25,167	\$37,750
Salaries Expense	\$24,824	\$24,146	\$193,233	\$193,171	\$289,756
Admin Expense	\$1,307	\$3,196	\$11,847	\$25,567	\$38,350
Bldgs & Grds Expense	\$14,169	\$19,200	\$141,842	\$153,600	\$230,400
General Expense	\$99	\$508	\$1,176	\$4,067	\$6,100
Average Attendance	214		245		
Cash on Hand		\$16,794			
Accounts Payable		\$8,607			
Designated Fund Liabilities		\$43,623			
Balance on Building Loan			\$808,623**		
**Light the Fire consolidated with building loan in August 2009					



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 7, 2 PM - 7 PM, GYM

Every two seconds a patient needs blood.
Your donation can truly save a life!

It is safe!

- Donating is quick, safe and easy. Needles, bags and tubing are used only once.
- Donating rarely hurts. You will feel a short sting in your arm near your elbow.
- If you feel tired after donating, it should pass in a few hours.

Preparing to Donate:

- Drink extra water and non-caffeinated fluids.
- Make sure you've eaten before you donate.

To Reserve your Spot: Call the Church office.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH REGISTRATION OR THE CANTEEN – ANY AMOUNT OF TIME WILL BE APPRECIATED. CALL FELICIA BROWNING (770-752-0440).



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