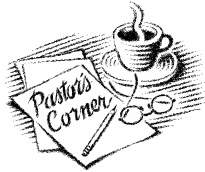




Midway Messenger

The Good News of Midway United Methodist Church

September 2010



"Just a Thought"

Who are my friends? What season of my life am I in? Do I make a difference to tomorrow? What footprint will I leave? As the new school year rolls into effect (with football season); these are four questions that I think about. Would you think about them with me?

[Who are my friends?](#)

The internet has offered me a moment to consider this question. I have reconnected with some friends and family I have not seen since I left Eatonton over 35 years ago. In my mind, they are still in their late teens or early twenties (as am I). I remember us as we were, full of dreams, hopes, ambitions, promise, frustrations, and emotions. I remember how we desperately planned our lives of being "adults" and that we would never change. Now, many of my friends are grandparents, retired school teachers and administrators, and to my knowledge not a single Jimi Hendrix or Janice Joplin among us.

I remember that as we journeyed, we tried on different belief systems. We were open to those with a different perspective. Now, we are all believers, churched, responsible, and arthritic (in some way). How can I invite anyone to be part of the faith if I only know those in the faith? Maybe my viewing horizon should be larger. Maybe I should try to meet someone new to whom I can say, "come to my church and be blessed."

[What season of my life am I in?](#)

I am in a season of perspective, of having lived long enough to know that life is more than what happened to me today. I have lived long enough to comprehend that there is no reason for me to "reinvent the wheel" so maybe I should enjoy the ride. I cannot fix everything, so maybe

it's time to enjoy some things. I have learned that nothing is as serious as I can let it become in my head; and I am grateful. I am not in control; but I can be connected to One who is. I can trust that One to handle things as they need to be and use my willingness to turn a corner to hope in many situations. I am in a season to enjoy God's presence.

[Do I make a difference to tomorrow?](#)

I really don't know. I hope I have; but I have learned this with age and experience: it is very seldom that I can truly gauge the effect I have had on others. I have learned to live with the doing, and leaving the results to God. I have learned that Paul told the truth; at times in my life I have planted, tended, and harvested but only God gave the increase. It is enough that I have been part of the process; that is where I know my success lies.


[What "footprint" will I leave?](#)

In the media today, many stories reference a footprint; there are "carbon footprints", "economic footprints", "ecological footprints" and footprints of many descriptions. I hope that I can leave a footprint of prayer and kindness. If that is what I leave to prove my presence here on this planet; my life will have been well served.

How about you? Are you living in the fullness of God's saving grace and purpose? Do you understand that we all go through ages and stages and that it is what we did in connection to God that will make the difference? Do you seek to know those who believe differently than you in order to share the peace of Christ? In my "middle age" I fear that my fingerprints are on too many of the things I have done. I hope that as my life continues; rather than my fingerprints, the footprints of God will be my legacy. At least, that's "just a thought."

In Covenant,
Lee



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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sept 15th, Lee and Jane will lead our Wednesday morning Bible study, *The Forgiveness of Jesus*. The class will begin at 10am and conclude around noon. We meet in the 3rd classroom on the left on the Sunday School Hall. All are welcome. Please call the church office to sign up so that books can be ordered. They are \$9 each.

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

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9/1 Psalm 1	9/16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
9/2 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	9/17 Psalm 119:1-16
9/3 Ecclesiastes 9:13 – 10:20	9/18 Psalm 119:17-32
9/4 Proverbs 3:1-35	9/19 Psalm 119:33-48
9/5 Proverbs 8:1-36	9/20 Psalm 119:49-64
9/6 Proverbs 15:1-33	9/21 Psalm 119:65-80
9/7 Proverbs 16:1-33	9/22 Psalm 119:81-96
9/8 Proverbs 17:1-28	9/23 Psalm 119:97-112
9/9 Proverbs 18:1-24	9/24 Psalm 119:113-128
9/10 Proverbs 22:1-29	9/25 Psalm 119:129-144
9/11 Proverbs 23:1-35	9/26 Psalm 119:145-160
9/12 Proverbs 24:1-22	9/27 Psalm 119:161-176
9/13 Job 28:1-28	9/28 James 1:1-18
9/14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	9/29 Psalm 19
9/15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16	9/30 Isaiah 28:23-29

Moms in Touch meet for prayer at 10:00 am in the Library on Tuesday morning when school is in session. While the group is geared towards Midway Elementary, anyone wanting to learn more about what *Moms in Touch* is or how they too can become involved is welcome to join us! If you have any questions, contact Lisa DeCarlo at lcdecarlo@gmail.com or 678-566-1663.

**MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
AS OF 7/31/10**

Report Month	July				
	Actual MTD	Budget MTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2010 Budget
Total					
Receipts	\$50,153	\$56,509	\$290,088	\$384,828	\$659,705
Total					
Expenses	\$48,740	\$56,509	\$305,879	\$384,828	\$659,705
Conference Obligations Expense	\$750	\$6,313	\$14,781	\$39,103	\$67,034
Program Council Expense	\$793	\$3,146	\$1,280	\$14,729	\$25,250
Salaries Expense	\$24,536	\$24,146	\$169,022	\$170,575	\$292,415
Admin Expense	\$1,701	\$3,196	\$11,163	\$22,371	\$38,350
Bldgs & Grds Expense	\$20,959	\$19,200	\$108,859	\$134,491	\$230,556
General Expense	\$595	\$508	\$774	\$3,558	\$6,100
Average Attendance	189		240		
Cash on Hand		\$13,721			
Accounts Payable		\$8,292			
Designated Fund Liabilities		\$64,051			
Balance on Building Loan			\$788,883		

**FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE
SEPTEMBER 16 – 18th, 2009**

It's time again for the Fall Children's Consignment Sale. We are one of the most established sales in the area! You can buy children's toys, clothes, (Fall & Winter only for this sale), furniture, and much more!

**PUBLIC SALE DATES AND
SHOPPING TIMES:**

Thursday, September 16 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, September 17 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 18* 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
*SAVE SAVE SAVE!!! On Saturday many items are ½ price!!!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! If you volunteer for 4 or more hours, you get to shop early on Wednesday (September 16) and pre-shop on Friday, (Sept. 18) when many items sell for ½ price. To volunteer, contact Susan Keyser via E-MAIL at c_s_kyz@lycos.com. If you can't volunteer for 4 hours, volunteer 1 hour or even 30 minutes. **WE NEED YOUR HELP ALL WEEK OF THE SALE!!**



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