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### Mark your Calendars:

- Sunday, June 10th thru Thursday, June 14th, Vacation Bible school 5:30-8:00pm
- Tuesday, June 12th, 7:00pm Women's Book Club, Library discussing *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin
- Sunday, June 24th, 11:30a Meeting for International trip June 2013 at the youth house

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# The Home Envoy

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## Letter from the Pastor- Charity Goodwin-Rosario



### A BIG DAY IS COMING SOON

A big day is "an all-out push toward a single Sunday for the purpose of breaking the next growth barrier and setting an attendance record...in order reach as many people as possible for Jesus Christ." *Ignite: How to Spark Immediate Growth in Your Church* by Nelson Searcy p. 25.

Let's get ready to have fun and reach our community at the same time. This fall we will host a BIG DAY. The theme is Life's a Circus. Date (almost firm...)

Naturally, big days in our Christian calendar are Easter and Christmas. What would happen if we had that many people in worship on a "regular" Sunday? That is our hope! With prayer, invitations and advertising the pastors and staff believe we can bring 500 people to church for the big day. Can we do it? Maybe.

Can God do it through us? Definitely!

We've got work to do to get ready. Everyone has a role to play. First, pray daily with great faith that we people receive our invitations and show up. Pray also that we will have the courage to invite people. Second, let me know if you desire to serve on a team. The teams are prayer, promotions, inviting, worship, hospitality, and outside fun. Third, contact me for a time to share with your ministry more about the big day!

I'm so excited to be serving God with you here. May we reach the hundreds, no thousands more people whom God loves and desires to be in relationship with. What a blessing that God uses us!

---Pastor Charity

*"It is for us to pray not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks, to go forward with great desire forever beating at the door of our hearts as we travel toward our distant goal." Helen Keller*

## Get Ready for a New Worship Series

In addition to the journey through book of James worship series is a weekly small group to discuss the sermons and the Bible, imagine that!

We're better together. Studying and learning in groups creates new friendships and new perspectives. Join Pastor Charity Wednesdays from June 20th through July 18 at 6 p.m. to continue your journey.

Can't come every week? No big deal. Never studied the Bible before? This will be a safe place to discover how to do it.

Not sure of God's presence or grace in your life? Open the word of life with others...Christ was, is, and will be present with us!

Questions? Contact Pastor Charity at [Pastorcharity@blueridgechurch.org](mailto:Pastorcharity@blueridgechurch.org) or 816.695.2644

# Children & Family Ministry

Director— Tammy Bartley [tbartley@blueridgechurch.org](mailto:tbartley@blueridgechurch.org)

**CROSS TRAINING SUNDAY SCHOOL** will continue through the summer. We are studying the "Miracles of Jesus" for 12 weeks this summer at 9:00 a.m.

We still need leaders and shepherds to work one 3 week segment for the summer.

How can you serve this summer?

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Praise! V.B.S. begins Sunday, June 10th at 5:30 p.m. Kids love the music of the Go Fish Guys and every night time is spent in the Word of

God! Please register your child ASAP at [www.blueridgechurch.org](http://www.blueridgechurch.org) or call the church office at 816-353-1435. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend or invite a neighbor's child to our church and to spend time learning about Jesus!

## Int'l Mission Trip

There will be a meeting on Sunday, June 24th, 11:30 at the youth house to finalize plans for an international mission trip in June 2013. This trip is open to youth completing 9th grade thru college. Adults are welcome to come too.

Our initial meeting in May narrowed down the trip location to either Guatemala or Puerto Rico.

Contact Anne Norton for more info. [anorton@blueridgechurch.org](mailto:anorton@blueridgechurch.org)

## Music Ministry

Director of Music—  
Linda Mann 353-4826  
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Thanks to our video team! They do a great job preparing all the information we show on the screen on Sunday mornings. To help them, we are asking that you do the following if you have a DVD or Power Point presentation: Send it to Linda Mann at the above e-mail no later than the Monday before it is to be shown and keep the length under 90 seconds. We appreciate your help.

We have a youth in the church who would love to have a piano. If you have one you would like to give away, please contact me. It will go to a loving home and will be well used.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 19, at 3:00 pm. High school senior Elizabeth Brock will present a violin concert in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow. You won't want to miss this!

## Summer Schedule Children and Youth

### Sundays:

*Cross Training Sunday school*  
ages 4 thru 11 (5th grade)  
9:00 to 10:00  
Meet in Fellowship Hall

*Sunday school*  
Toddler's & Twos, 3 year old class  
9:00 to 10:00  
Classrooms in children's wing

*Youth Sunday school*  
Grades 6th-12th  
10:30-11:30  
Meet at the youth house combined mid high and senior high

*Youth Nights*  
6th-12th grade  
4:00-5:30p  
Meet at the youth house  
See Youth Newsletter for specifics

## Adult Sunday School Study

On June 17 the Covenant Class will begin a five week study on the book of James. This will follow the sermon series that Rev. Freese will be doing at the Sunday worship service. Following this series we will be studying the book Fearless by Max Lucado. The subtitle of this book is Imagine Your Life Without Fear.

Everyone is invited to join us for these studies at 9 AM each Sunday in the Covenant Class room. The class meets on the lower level past the kitchen and through the small dining room. We always have a lively discussion and great fellowship together.

If you have questions, please call Charlotte Robinson at 816-353-4946.

## United Methodist Family Day at the "K"

21st Annual United Methodist Family Day at the "K" sponsored by Kansas and Missouri United Methodist Men  
Friday, July 13th Game starts at 7:10 KC Royals vs. Chicago White Sox

- Buck Night— hot dogs, small soft drinks & peanuts are only \$1
- Reduced Parking Pass for \$9
- Game tickets get admission into Royals Hall of Fame
- Outfield Place Activities
- Fireworks show after the game

Tickets \$12 plus \$2 handling fee per order.

Order forms available at the Welcome Center. Forms are due June 22nd.



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## Old Cell Phones

The UMW is collecting old Cell Phones to give to the battered women shelters in the Kansas City, Area. A container marked Cell phone are at the south end of the Narthex.

Thank you for recycling.

## Labels

Convert your trash into cash by saving the Campbells UPC Labels for Spofford and Best Choice for Della Lamb. You may deposit these UPC labels in the Campbell Label Container in the south end of the Narthex.

If you do not know what to save, deposit the whole label. Also you can put the Box Tops for Education in the same container.

## Golden Key News

The Golden Key Club will meet at noon, June 14th, for a potluck luncheon in the downstairs dining room. Guests are always welcome.

The program following lunch will be a video presentation of "The Twelve Tenors from Branson". It comes highly recommended. Don't miss it!

## Local Mission Focus

### Camino Verdad y Vida United Methodist Church

#### Local Mission Focus for June

June started off with an *authentic* Mexican meal cooked by their members on site here at the church. A variety of plates were available for the meal as well as Tamales available to take home for later. The meal featured flautas, gorditas, and taco plates all served with beans and rice. The pastor at the church is Gustavo Morales and his wife, Diana, is the lead custodian at Blue Ridge.

Camino Verdad y Vida is an active church serving the Spanish speaking community as well as the neighborhood around them. They offer a cooked meal every Thursday evening for the homeless; have a food pantry that can be accessed Monday through Wednesday and fresh food on Saturdays. They offer a clothes closet for the needy and homeless as well. Another piece of our focus for the month will include bringing clothes, shoes and such for their clothing area as well as help stocking their food pantry that they use so well.

We hope to be able to offer an opportunity to help cook and serve a meal at their church for the Thursday night meal, much as we do for reStart, and help sort and clean their clothes closet. Look for more information in the Sunday Envoys later this month to find out about the work that we can do to help them this month.

The fourth Sunday, we will have a Mission Impact offering that will go to our local ministry focus, Camino, Verdad y Vida and the global impact ministry of the United Methodist Church. Please make your checks out to Blue Ridge Church and *impact* noted on the memo line.

Having a local mission focus each month is a great way to reach out to others and continue to grow into a church of *discipleship*, not just members.

### Harvesters Community Food Network

#### Local mission focus for July

As this area's only food bank, Harvesters is a clearinghouse for the collection and distribution of food and related household products. Most people think of Harvesters simply as collecting and distributing food items donated from the community and industry sources. However, they also provide nutrition services and offer leadership and education programs to increase community awareness of hunger and generate solutions to alleviate hunger. Harvesters' mission is to feed hungry people today and work to end hunger tomorrow.

The Harvesters network includes more than 620 nonprofit agencies in a 26-county service area, including emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, children's homes, homes for the mentally disabled and shelters for battered persons. Harvester provides food assistance to as many of 66,000 different people each week!

The local portion of our July monthly mission offering will go to Harvesters. Other than donating money, we invite you to also time. Blue Ridge will be volunteering at the Harvesters warehouse, located at 3801 Topping, KCMO, on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11 am. Volunteers must be at least 6 years old. Since we will be working in the warehouse, please wear closed toed shoes. Please meet in the Blue Ridge church parking lot by 8:40am if you would like to carpool. Or, meet us at Harvesters just before 9am. To schedule adequate volunteer activities, Harvesters needs to have an estimated number of volunteers. If you are planning to join us, please call the church office or email me at [sjwsmile@aol.com](mailto:sjwsmile@aol.com) by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sherry Ott  
Service & Mission Team

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**Mission:** As a United Methodist Church our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Strategy:** Our strategy is to become a biblically-based community focused on *training new disciples for Jesus Christ* so that lives, churches, and the world are transformed.

The article deadline for the next issue is June 28th.

### Thank You's

\* The United Methodist Women would like to thank you for supporting our Spring Pulled Pork Dinner. The Proceeds will go to Mission projects of the Church.

\* The Service and Mission Team would like to thank everyone who supported our recent service week end at Wilderness Camp. We had 22 participants including adults and youth who completed many tasks including swim beach clean up and repairs, clearing brush from trails, installation of solar lighting in the tree house village and the assembly of park benches.

Participation in these monthly service opportunities is a great way to reflect the blessings God has given us and to have a lot of fun in the process.

-Larry Blair

### Recycling

The youth at Blue Ridge continue to collect and recycle aluminum cans. Please drop off your cans on the youth house patio. (No tin, aluminum foil or other)

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts appreciate your recycling. Bring your papers to the green and yellow recycling bins on the east side (back) of the parking lot. No cardboard or phone books, please.



### Invitation

Earl and Alice Wehmhoener invite the congregation to join them in the celebration of 50 years of marriage. Open house June 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

NO Gifts Please. Your presence will be the greatest gift.

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Bill and Laveta Stiles in celebration of their 60th anniversary on June 22nd.