



THE NEWS AT BLUE RIDGE

Blue Ridge Boulevard United Methodist Church

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Intentional Faith Development

There was a time when Jesus' followers called their lifestyle "the way." Others knew them by the way they behaved, by the way cared for each other, and by the way they cared for others. The way of Jesus was a special life for which people practiced, and trained, and studied, and lived.

Most of that practicing and training and study and living was done with a focus on Jesus Christ. To follow The Way of Jesus was to be a disciple.

Our mission is to train new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Yet, if someone were to ask, "how do you train disciples?" up to now we wouldn't have a specific way. We will soon.

We now have a group that is working on defining a specific path to discipleship. While our way may not be the same as the ancient way, it will be designed to match our times. What activity do you consider to be essential to becoming a disciple? Do let me know, so your input can be considered by the Intentional Faith Development Team.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Barry

Friday, June 20th, 2014

Family Movie Night!

8:30 pm Lot (Doors) Open

9:00 pm Movie Starts

Blue Ridge Blvd. United Methodist Church
5055 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO

FREE POPCORN & SODA

BRING LAWN CHAIRS &/OR BLANKETS

PRIZE DRAWINGS:

GRAND PRIZE: GOLD FAMILY MEMBERSHIP to the KC ZOO

OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE: PASSES FOR SUPER SPLASH & COOL CREST

Please RSVP to Kennedy at 816-509-9989. If weather is bad, the "Family Movie Night" will be moved inside. Please check with the church office at 816-353-1435 by Thursday, June 19 for any updates on this activity.



Summer Lunch Program Progress

Our Summer Lunch program starts July 7th –August 15th. We are serving at the Kenagy Park Shelter house as last year, but we will be part of the Kids Café Program through Harvesters. This means we will have the food delivered to us by Harvesters, at the site. We need to be there by 11:30 at the very latest to meet the delivery people. There are also many dates that we can help Raytown Christian Church before the program starts, and there will be a training date for us in the Kid's Café program, we all will need to attend. There is record keeping for the Harvesters program and other information that is not available to us at this time. I will send out specific dates to those who have signed up, of all the opportunities that we can help with, but if any have questions please call me and I will get back to you.

The Harvesters program gives the church a chance to buy some supplies they use, from them, which reduces the cost of the meals served overall. As Kids Café, we are asking them to sit with us at the shelter house while they eat their meal, which gives us a chance to interact with them and learn a little more about them. This is just a talking/sharing time. There will be some record keeping we will need to do, thus the need for special training on June 30th.

At this time I have people for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. So we need at least 2 people for Mondays and Fridays and our team will be complete. If you can only do a couple of times and perhaps on different days, we welcome you also. It is not a difficult job, but it does involve time, having love and interest in children, and a caring attitude with those you are with. For me it was a heartwarming time, met some interesting kids, and some of the parents and care givers, that I still think of today. It is a way to show God's love to some that may not know Him yet, but they see what we are doing, and they can learn by example and that may be the biggest blessing of all. - Sue Klotz (See calendar below)

Raytown Summer Lunch Calendar

Friday, June 27th- Bulk Delivery/Flyer Delivery- 10:00 am- Raytown Christian Church. We need folks to help unload the Hy-Vee trucks and to deliver flyers to our locations.

Sunday, June 29th- 1:00 pm-Packing Party, 3:00pm - Prayer Service, 4:00 pm-Driver Meeting

Monday, June 30th- 4:30 pm Kids Café site training (all team members should attend if at all possible- there is

Children's Rotational Sunday School at Blue Ridge



School is winding down and we are moving into summer which is a busy time for vacations and sports activities. We are going to suspend Children's Church from now till after Labor Day. Children will remain in the Sanctuary with their parents. We will continue to have rotational Sunday school at 9 AM for children 4-5th grade. We continue to seek nursery volunteers. You can sign up on the sheet at the welcome center. We will also be having vacation bible school in July so be on the look out for more information about that and will be looking for volunteers for this as well. -Callie

Identity Theft Workshop

If you are concerned about **Identity Theft** and other areas of consumer protection such as how to reduce telemarketing calls, reducing junk mail, checking charities before making a contribution and more, mark your calendars to attend a workshop addressing these concerns.



On **June 2nd**, Tom Durkin, Public Education Director with the Missouri Attorney General's office, will be at Blue Ridge Blvd. United Methodist Church to educate us on these subjects and more. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm and feel free to bring your friends and family.



The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 pm in the Library discussing *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. This discussion will be led by Lisa Schwarzkopf. All are welcome!

some record keeping that we need to do) 6:30 pm- Driver meeting/t-shirt distribution- Raytown Christian Church (ours will have been picked up earlier)

Friday, August 8th- 12:45 pm- CELEBRATION LUNCHEON FOR ALL- Raytown Christian Church (this is before the lunch program is done, but all are invited to attend, have a nice meal, and time to share our experiences)

DELIVERY DATES- Monday thru Friday- July 7th thru August 15th.



Blue Ridge Youth News:

The youth have been busy this spring. In addition to serving our community through our church on our Service Blitz day on April 26th, several of the youth traveled to the United Methodist Wilderness Retreat the weekend of May 10th and 11th. While at Wilderness they worked to get the camp ready for summer by setting up the games in the fields (which was harder and took longer than one would think just looking at the games). They also removed all the pool furniture from the pool area, hosed down the pool deck, scrubbed algae off the side of the pool, power washed all the pool furniture, cleaned both bathrooms and scrubbed the shower curtains. Then they returned all the pool furniture to its place and rehung the shower curtains. I am very proud of all the work done to help Wilderness get ready for summer camp. But it was not all just work - we camped out in the "treehouses", played volleyball, dodged a tornado (yes, the sirens went off but the tornado hit 20 miles south of us) and had good times together. And, then, this past weekend 3 of the youth helped an older, long time member, get her yard ready for the summer. So proud of all of you!!

Several of the youth are now working for the summer, in addition to the 2 who already had jobs so we may not be seeing much of them in the near future and I ask that you to keep them in your prayers. We appreciate the continued donations of cans and ask that you ensure that is all that is in the bag. If water bottles or trash are in the bag the recycling company gets angry with us and greatly cuts the price he gives us for the cans. - *Kennedy DeMoss*



Dr. Gene Lowry, Special Guest Preacher, June 1.

The Rev. Dr. Gene Lowry (eugenelowry.com) is known nation-wide as a preacher, teacher and musician. He will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 1. Through the years he has preached in hundreds of churches and regional events in over 20 denominations as well as lecturing in 50 graduate theological seminaries across North America.

His writings include six books on narrative preaching and over twenty journal articles and book chapters on preaching, worship, Biblical study, educational philosophy and creativity. His keyboard lecture/concerts relating jazz and Christianity have resulted in four recordings in the blues/jazz mode.



Golden Key

The Golden Key Club meets on the second Thursday of every month at Blue Ridge Blvd. United Methodist Church in the Dining Room on the lower level at 12:00 noon. This month we meet on June 12th. The menu this month is potluck! (Bring your favorite dish). The entertainment will be a musical program by our own Worship Arts Director, Kevin Hershberger. Come join us for fun and fellowship! Enjoy great friends and make new friends. The food is great...and the entertainment is fantastic.

DeFeet Hunger: Serve 2014



Registration is now open for the United Methodist's DeFeet Hunger 5K and volunteer event on September 13, 2014. The 5K run/walk starts at 8:00 am, and like last year, volunteers are also needed, whether you participate in the race or not, to pack sack lunches for Harvesters to give to high school guidance counselor's offices across a 26 county area in Western Missouri/Eastern Kansas. This allows high school students, who

want to be discrete, to get something to eat. Last year 8,000 lunches were packed by 300 race participants and volunteers. This year the goal is to have 500 participants and volunteers and pack 10,000 lunches.

Sign up at <http://www.defeethunger.com/raceinfo/> Ages 19+: From now thru 7/31 - \$25. From 8/1 to 8/31 - \$30. From 9/1 to race - \$35. Ages 7 to 18 - from now thru 8-31 - \$5. From 9/1 to race - \$35. Volunteers are free; however, if you want to purchase a t-shirt, it is \$20.

I have registered. Will you join me? Send questions to ctseed@ymail.com.



HARVESTERS
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

Sale of the Century!

Saturday, June 21 Hobbs Hall

**8:00am -
5:00pm**

We're emptying out Hobbs Hall on July 21. We're excited about it and we need your help! Volunteers are needed to help work the sale and see that as much as possible leaves the building. Our goal is to get it empty! There's an ad running on Craigslist throughout the end of May and in June and we're hopeful we'll get everything sold. If you can help please call the church office and get your name on the list or stop by the office and sign up on the clipboard at the desk. We're asking for volunteers to sign up for two-hour increments between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. Feel free to sign up for as many of those two-hour increments as you like.

THE REASON FOR THE SALE: To put God's Assets back in to play where possible. To clear Hobbs so we can assess the possibilities of repurposing the area into a community center that will serve the needs of the surrounding Mission Field.

Many items for sale:

CHURCH PEWS • CHURCH ORGAN • PIANO • CHALK BOARDS • WHITE BOARDS
PIN BOARDS • FURNITURE • OFFICE EQUIPMENT • OLD PROJECTION EQUIPMENT
LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR CONSTRUCTION • ELECTRICAL

Must be able to pick up items when purchased. Cash only! All sales as is and all sales final.

Any questions please call the church office 816-353-1435

Church Family News

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to:

- Wayne Hamilton and family for the loss of his brother in April.
- Sam Fisher and family for the death of his wife Cyndy on May 15. Services will be held at Blue Ridge Blvd UMC on Saturday May 31st

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Cyndy Fisher on Saturday, May 31, at Blue Ridge United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 10 to 12 with the service at 12 noon. Cyndy served our church in many capacities, but especially in the music department. Over the years she directed almost every choir in the church at some time. Her husband, Rev. Sam Fisher, and their children and grandchildren thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers over the past months.

Mark Your Calendars:

Identity Theft Workshop	7:00pm, Fellowship Hall	Mon., June 2
Breaktime	9:30am, Dining Room	Mon., June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
UMW: EVening Circle	6:30pm, Dining Room	Mon., June 2
Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	7:00pm	Mon., June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Church Council	6:00pm	Tues., June 3
Prayer Shawl	10:00am, Beatitude	Tues., June 3, 10, 17, 24
Women's Bible Study	10:00am, Library	Thurs., June 5, 19
HOPE Group	3:00pm, Room 201	Thurs., June 5, 12, 19, 26
Men of Blue Ridge	7:00am, Ginger's	Sat., June 7
Girl Scout Troop 305	6:30pm, Dining Room	Mon., June 9, 23
Girl Scout Troop 4027	6:30pm, Dining Room	Mon., June 9, 16, 23
Women's Book Club	7:00pm, Library	Tues., June 10
UMW: Unit Meeting	10:00am, Dining Room	Wed., June 11
Golden Key	12:00noon, Dining Room	Thurs., June 12
UMW: Ruth Circle	1:00pm, Library	Thurs., June 19
Grief Care	10:00am, Conf. Room	Wed., June 18
Family Movie Night	8:30pm Parking Lot	Fri. June 20
Hobbs Hall Sale	8:00am-5:00pm	Sat. June 21
UMW: Priscilla	10:00am, Room 201	Wed., June 18
UMW: Connecting Hands	12:30pm, Room 203	Wednesday, June 25
Pantry Sunday		Sunday, July 6

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