

Charge Conference:

Our Fall Charge Conference will be Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 at 2:00pm at our St. Luke's Church at the corner of James A. Reed and Bannister. (See page two for "What is a Charge Conference?")



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Right Before Our Very Eyes...

Seeing with our spiritual eyes is powerful. It's also harder than it looks. If it was easy, we wouldn't need Jesus. Yet with Jesus Christ in our very being we can see with spiritual eyes because the spirit is God's. (Isaiah 32.3)

I've been blessed to have experienced seeing things with God's eyes on occasion. Recently I've seen young people excited to participate in worship. They frequently bring the light of Christ into our worship, lighting our candles. As worship ends they take that light toward our mission field. Have you seen the dedication on their faces? They take participating in worship seriously.

They also have been doing skits so we have an additional way to understand God's claim on our lives and how we can respond. They've given us pause. They've given us smiles! And laughter!!

Whatever picture you get when you think of God smiling, of Jesus smiling, I'm confident that there are holy smiles when young people like these are excited to participate in worship. Your prayers and support make these smiles and this worship possible.

Right before our very eyes the lives of these young people are being transformed. They will forever carry with them the experience of being excited to worship Jesus. I'm thankful that you and I are also being transformed as we serve Jesus by making these experiences available to young people. Thank you!

Deep Dive Into Scripture: Hospitality

Beginning Sunday, October 12, we'll start a worship series focused on holy hospitality. A deep dive means that we'll be focusing on one story for the entire series; we'll be guided by the story of the good Samaritan in Luke 10.25-37. Jesus tells this story to illustrate loving. It's a story of hospitality which begins in Jesus agreeing that to inherit eternal life we must love God and love neighbors.

The biblical balance of loving God *and* loving neighbor is key to my confidence that the world needs our particular approach to training disciples. For one thing, Jesus gives us a clear example of how to do it.

For another, it's a great match for the spiritual hunger so prevalent today. It's a great match for today's spiritual hunger because it includes the priority of serving others. This priority counters the all-to-common view of Christians as people who focus on themselves first.

Loving God while loving others connects people to God's very essence: eternal love. Combining eternal love with earthly service is transforms lives!

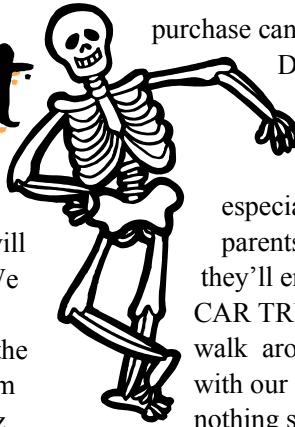
[Jesus] "answered. 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10.27

I look forward to worshipping with you!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Barry

Trunk or Treat



We are very pleased to announce we ARE moving forward with our plans for the next Bridge event. We have secured the location and are currently working on the details. We will be meeting a 6:15 on Oct. 13, & Oct. 27 for final details. We welcome all participants to join at either of these meetings, but particularly the last one to be sure we are *all* ready for the big night. If you have questions you can call any of the team with your concerns or questions: Andy Wanager, Sue Klotz, Dona Meyer, or Connie Turnipseed. Those of your that signed up earlier to either participate with your car or donate candy will be receiving reminder phone calls.

Location: Blue Ridge Plaza Shopping Area (parking spaces in front of vacant building next to McDonald's)

Date: 10/31/2014 Time: 5:30pm-7pm, (longer if supplies and participation allows).

Details: We'll be distributing candy from at least fifteen cars parked in a ring to create a border separating us from standard traffic and our event. Our guests will register for three Wal-Mart gift cards valuing \$50.00 each filling the need of food, clothing or whatever is most needed.

Needs: 1) Candy, and lots of it, as we hope to have a great number of children come to our event. If you prefer to not

purchase candy, consider trinkets from the Dollar Store/ Dollar Tree where you can get plastic rings, bracelets, stickers etc. McDonald's and most fast food places sell coupons/books for food items and treats and they're especially good to give out for Trick or Treat - the parents know they're safe and it's something they'll enjoy. **BE SURE TO DECORATE YOUR CAR TRUNK IF POSSIBLE!** 2) "greeters" (who walk around with registration clipboards and visit with our guests) could be in costume if desired, nothing scary and prefer no masks. If you'd like to be a greeter, we can provide a ride if needed. 3) donations for the gift cards. If you'd like to place your donation in the collection plate be sure it's marked for Trunk or Treat and has your name on so you get credit for your donation. 4) happy faces to help the spirit and fun of the event - as many as possible! All participating are welcome to wear a costume, but please, not scary and suggested NO masks.

We are *very excited* about this fun way to reach out to the children and our community! We are looking forward to what we will be doing for God with our children and youth on Halloween!! Will you join us in this effort to meet our neighbors, and to let them know who and where we are, and to show them we would love to see them in worship with us?



What is a Charge Conference?

A charge conference is the basic unit in the connectional system of The United Methodist Church. It is organized from the church or churches in a pastoral charge. Membership of the charge conference is all members of the church council or other appropriate body, together with retired ordained ministers who elect to hold their membership in the charge conference. The district superintendent (DS) sets the time for the charge conference. The DS or an elder designated by the DS presides at a charge conference. Members of the charge conference who are present make up a quorum.

Duties of the charge conference are many, including electing church officials, buying or selling property, setting pastoral compensation and recommending candidates for licensed or ordained ministry. For details about a charge conference, begin with paragraph 246 in *The Book of Discipline Of The United Methodist Church, 2012*. A copy is in the adult library; turn right when you enter the room and look on the top of the first blue book case. Or read online at our website: <http://www.blueridgechurch.org/4480-2/> After you follow the link, click on READ on the first book shown, begin on page 169, paragraph 246.

A charge conference may be convened as a church conference, extending the vote to all professing members of the local church present at the meeting.

Radical Hospitality

Everyone likes to be greeted by a friendly face on Sunday mornings! Sharing smiles and extending arms to welcome others are a few of the instructions for us to do!

In Romans 12:13 it is stated: *"Share with God's people who are in need."* (food, a place to stay, a listening ear, acceptance). *"Practice hospitality."* And in 3 John:5 it tells us, *"Dear friend, you are faithful I what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you."*

You are invited to be a blessing to others as they enter our doors on Sunday mornings. The sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Four persons to serve as greeters are needed each Sunday morning.

For those of you who feel called to share a snack in the Blue Café on Sunday mornings, may also sign up on the sheet available at the Welcome Center.

A huge THANK YOU for all of the groups and individuals who are helping with both greeting and snacks. And THANK YOU also to Edna Scahill, Beverly Scalet, and Phyllis Harrel for serving as 'connectors' (hostess) to persons who visit our church. (We still would love to see a couple of more persons serve as connectors.)

If you have any questions or need more information about hospitality at our church, please contact Donna Teachman, Edna Scahill, Barbara Parrent, Ruthie Schwieterman or Barbara McCready.

Wednesday Night . . . Kids on a Mission

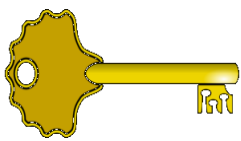
Each Wednesday night starting Sept. 24th to Nov. 19th from 6:00 – 7:30, the children’s ministry at Blue Ridge Boulevard United Methodist Church will host a mission’s event designed to fulfill the vision of our church:

CREATING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE MISSION FIELD SO THAT ALL EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Each week, we will meet in the Beatitudes area of the church for a short worship/devotion time (approximately 6:00 – 6:15). Then, we will head out to the mission field to share the love of Jesus Christ. We invite all of the youth and members of the congregation to join us! We will have everything planned and ready to go. All you need to do is show up and serve!

Proposed Schedule:

Date	Event	Needed	Facilitator
09/24/14	Cleaning up the neighborhood	Trash bags	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
10/01/14	Free Car Washes	Hoses, rags, soap, buckets	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
10/08/14	Bread of Life	Loaves of bread	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
10/15/14	Washing windshields at area gas stations		Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
10/22/14	Trunk or Treat flyers	Flyers	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
10/29/14	Bus Tables at McDonalds on Blue Ridge		Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
11/05/14	Hand out “doggie bags” at Petco on Noland Road	Ziploc bags with dog treats	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
11/12/14	Bus Tables at McDonalds by Walmart		Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
11/19/14	Combined evening of worship?	Invite church groups up and down Blue Ridge	Andy, Callie, Missy, others



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’re meeting on October 9 for a PIZZA Party! Cost for the meal is \$5.00/person - pay on arrival. Our entertainment program will be “Trees of the Bible” presented by Anna Brown. Bring friends... they will enjoy the great food and really good entertainment.

Blue Ridge: YOUTH NEWS

The youth had a great turnout for the Movie "God is Not Dead" on September 5th, with several new friends attending. This opened the door for interesting discussions regarding faith and standing up for your beliefs. On Saturday they cleaned the youth yard then sorted the cans and took them to the recycling facility. For many this was their first trip to Langley Recycling and they were surprised to see the quantity of metal objects (beyond cans) that could be recycled - and how many people participate in recycling. Several of the youth also attended the kids' movie (Ice Age) and hide and seek night. The youth had fun playing this game with the kids and believe me the adult sponsors had fun as well!

By the time the newsletter comes out we will have served the community by raking, sweeping and picking up trash at the strip mall located near the corner of Blue Ridge and 47th on Wednesday 9/24 where Blair's Foster Socks office is located. And on Friday the 26th we will watch and review the movie "Heaven is For Real". Our service activity for October is assisting at R.E.A.P. on the 25th when the scouts bring in their many bags of food.

In case you have not noticed, the youth are our greeters the 3rd Sunday of each month. In September Pastor Barry was our guest leader for Sunday school on greeting day, October is Ms. Connie and November is Mr. Andy. The youth really enjoyed having a lesson led by someone other than me - you know, most of them either live with me or see me fairly often! So it was a fun and interesting change to have another adult involved. If you would be interested in leading one Sunday for the youth please contact me. If you lead on a greeting Sunday then it need only be a short lesson as we are scheduled to be at the doors shortly after 9:30. We will even make you breakfast! Pastor Barry got biscuits and gravy.....

Kennedy DeMoss, Volunteer Youth Coordinator
816-509-9989 - *In Christ's Love - Kennedy (aka Deborah)*

Sculpture of Last Supper

Please join the United Methodist Women’s outing on Wednesday, October 8th, as we go to Country Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway, to see Domenic Zappia’s life-sized sculpture of the Last Supper. Mr. Zappia’s daughter will be there to tell about the experience of her father’s work being done in their home. The church has asked that I give them a count of those attending so please let me know if you plan to go. We will be at the church at 11:00 a.m.



The Women’s Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Library discussing *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. This discussion will be led by Darcy Mercer. All are welcome!

Q: What does **GPS** stand for?

A: **G**od's **P**eople **S**inging!

Do you love to sing praise to the Lord?
Choir rehearsals resume Wed. Sept. 3 at 7:15pm

*Share your love of singing with others
as we lift our voices in praise to God together!*

Bread of Life

Jesus said "I am the bread." A simple gesture can lead to extreme generosity! Pick up an invite label from the Welcome Center, read the instructions provided, purchase a loaf of bread, go into our mission field and then pray. If you have questions contact the church.

Did you know . . .

Golden Key Club has a 'Florence Hartman Breakfast'? It is a gathering of seniors meeting for fellowship and a great breakfast, on the first Thursday of each month, at 8:00am, at Gingers Restaurant in Woodson Village at 63rd and Woodson. Reservations are needed thru Roy Erwin to provide the restaurant with a count. It is a most enjoyable experience. All are welcome!

Church Family News

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to:

- friends and family of Emma Newland whose sister and nephew died Sept. 2.
- friends and family of Karl and Arlene Welsh whose son Paul died Aug. 27.
- friends and family of Wally Meyer whose father Alvin died Sept. 11.
- family and friends of Sandra Howard who died Sept. 13.

A Big Thank you:

I would like to thank the ministers, the UMW, the office staff and everyone in the church for all of your support for Alice & I during our time of need. Our 49 years in this church has been wonderful!

-Earl Wehmhoener

Recipe Search Ends!

A couple of months ago I asked in the Home Envoy if anyone had a copy of a 1949 cookbook that was published by the UMW of Blue Ridge Methodist Church. I had received a request from a professor at Middle Tennessee University who was writing a book about the Truman's. He understood there was a recipe from Bess Truman was in the book. I called a number of people who had connections to folks who would have been in the church at that time, but had no luck finding the book. I then received a call from Cherie Petre saying she believed she had the book for which I was searching. She and Carrol had purchased the cookbook several years ago at an antique shop. It did turn out to be the correct book. I sent the professor what he needed and made a couple of copies of the cookbook--one for the church archives and one for the UMW. Thanks to Carrol and Cherie for being so observant and for being interested in the history of our church. - Charlotte

Mark Your Calendars:

Kids On a Mission	6:00-7:30pm	Wed., Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Golden Key Breakfast	8:00am Ginger's Restaurant	Thurs., Oct. 2
Girl Scout Troop 23	5:30-6:45pm	Oct. 2, 16
Women's Bible Study	10:00am, Library	Thurs., Oct. 2, 16
Men of Blue Ridge	7:00am, Ginger's Restaurant	Sat. Oct 4
Pantry Sunday		Sun., Oct. 5
Breaktime	9:30am, Dining Room	Mon., Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	7:00pm	Mon., Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Church Council	6:00pm	Tues., Oct. 7
Prayer Shawl	10:00am, Narthex	Tues., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
UMW: Unit Meeting	10:00am, Dining Room	Wed., Oct. 8
Golden Key	12:00noon, Dining Room	Thurs., Oct. 9
UMW: EVening Circle	6:30pm, Dining Room	Mon., Oct. 13
Girl Scout Troop 4027	6:30pm,	Mon., Oct. 13, 20, 27
Girl Scout Troop 305	6:30pm,	Tues., Oct. 6,13,20,27
Women's Book Club	7:00pm, Library	Tues., Oct. 14
UMW: Priscilla Circle	10:00am Room 201	Wed., Oct. 15
Grief Care	10:00am Conference Room	Wed., Oct. 15
UMW: Ruth Circle	1:00pm Library	Thurs., Oct. 16
UMW: Connecting Hands	12:30pm, Room 203	Wed., Oct. 22

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