



# South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

***Anchored to the Rock***

***Relevant to the Times***

***Reaching to the Future!***

August 2007

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## Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*  
-Matthew 28:19-20

One Saturday night, a couple of weeks ago, I was in the supermarket when I overheard a conversation between two men. One man asked the other what his plans were for Sunday. Alas, the conversation did not include attending church. I guess I shouldn't be surprised. Church attendance is now just one of many alternatives offered to Americans on Sundays. For too many people, worship has become an optional activity.

Had this same conversation taken place in Latin America, Africa or parts of Asia, chances are the answer would have been different. Christianity is experiencing explosive growth in many developing countries. Approximately 125,000 people are coming to Christ every day around the world. In fact, we are experiencing the 70-70-70 effect. Seventy percent of all Christians who ever lived came to Christ in the last hundred years. Seventy percent of those have come to Christ since World War II. And, most heartening of all, seventy percent of that number have come to Christ in the last three years!

The United Methodist Church is seeing tremendous growth overseas, particularly in Africa. For instance, in 1992 there were 10,000 United Methodists in Nigeria. Today there are over 400,000! Those of you who have participated in our annual mission trip to Costa Rica can attest to the growth of the Church in Central America.

Jesus said, *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* How can you be a part of this great missionary effort? Consider volunteering for our 2008 Costa Rica mission team or another United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team. You can also designate monetary gifts for the Costa Rica mission or another missionary outreach. Above all you can pray for the worldwide missionary effort.

"Come, follow me." Let's see where Jesus leads our church.

Blessings,

Lance

## Honors and Memorials



**Budget:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of my father, Charlie Morris, for Father's Day. Given by Virginia Fyffe.

**Costa Rica Farm:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Ed & Cheryl Spears on their birthdays and anniversary. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

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**Hospitality Committee:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by Carl & Stella Pennington.

**Music Fund:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by:

- Lou & Bev Moore
- Spurge & Jean Mason
- Marilyn Wellman

**Prayer Garden:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by:

- June Childers
- Randy & Cynde Elkins
- Dick & Trish Wheeler
- Bill & Martha Rice
- Stephen & Nancy Jackson

**Puppet Ministry:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by Harold & Jared Watson.

## Deaths



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Curtis Toombs in the death of his wife, and Don & Mary Blanton and family in the death of her mother, Esther Toombs.

## Needed: Church History Material



Please bring any pictures, articles or history items pertaining to our church. We are in the process of furnishing a "Heritage Room" to be filled with items of our church history. You may leave them in the church

office. Thank you.

Charlene Cooper and Rudy Dunnigan



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**AUGUST 25, 2007 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**CAMP RUGGLES SCHOOL OF MISSIONS**

**Costa Rica Mission Update**



It is hard to believe that I am writing about 2008, but it is and has been planning time for next year's mission trip. The dates are February 2-10, 2008. The cost should remain the same as it has the past few years: approximately \$1000.00. I have spoken to Marion Woods a few times during the last few months but at this point we're still not sure exactly which projects the team will be working on. I know we will have a construction project and we'll lead one or more Vacation Bible Schools.

Marion Woods is trying to arrange his travel schedule so he can come and visit us along with his wife, Mary. For any of you who have not met Marion, you will be in for a real treat.

It appears we will be traveling from Charleston, West Virginia. I have secured 20 airline tickets for the trip. I will be asking for a deposit of \$250.00 per person in the near future. Please call me either at home 739-6035 or work 325-1414, if I can answer any questions concerning the trip.

In His Service,  
Eduardo Spears



**South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report June 2007**

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 77,441.12	\$41,675.89	\$ 0.00	\$119,117.01
Receipts	40,777.56	2,370.38	2,316.00	45,463.94
Disbursements	(35,856.78)	(2,961.38)	(2,316.00)	(41,134.16)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 82,361.90	\$41,084.89	\$ 0.00	\$123,446.79
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 89,070.02	\$56,047.80	\$ 0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	242,514.33	23,953.21	15,323.00	281,790.54
Disbursements	(249,861.55)	(38,916.12)	(15,323.00)	(304,100.67)
Transfer	639.10	0.00	0.00	639.10
Closing Balance	\$ 82,361.90	\$41,084.89	\$ 0.00	\$123,446.79

## Library News

It hardly seems we pass one month before we are ready for another. My husband has this theory that after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, it is not very long before it is Christmas again. And it seems to be true every year. I hope everyone had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July and now are looking forward to August and the gifts that August will bring. August always seems to me to be the settling of Summer getting ready for the beginning of Autumn. So I am always looking forward to the beginning of August.

I know in the warm days everyone has had a difficult time staying indoors with their books. Take your beloved book out under a nice shade tree and in the cool of its breeze, relax and let the book take you to other lands, meet other people; you're on a magic carpet ride. Just you and your book .....ENJOY!!!

This month your Library recommends:

**RAHAB** The story of a woman of Jericho, renowned for her beauty in Canaan; a privileged member of the wealthiest family and the powerful priestess of the pagan Goddess Astart. She had everything to lose and yet, she risked all and was saved from her life of sin at the hands of the Israelites because of her faith in the one God and the help she gave to Joshua. Read this book to find out more about Rahab and her life. This book is written by Gloria Howe Bremkamp.

**A HANDFUL OF HEAVEN** A story about Paige McKaslin, a single mom who worked hard to provide for her and her family. Learn about her, her challenges, where life leads her. A book well worth your time. Lillian Hart writes this book.

**COLOR ME DARK BLUE** This book is about two girls who have been best friends since kindergarten. By their sophomore year, one of them begins to hang out with the "cool" crowd at school and decides the other one is a social liability. How do they get through this? What changes do both of them make along the way? Read this book and find out. This book is a junior fiction and was written by Melody Carlson.

I hope you will be visiting the Library and checking these books out. Of course, I hope that you will find others that pique your curiosity. Please notice that the new books have been moved to our new table. Don't forget to check there for any new books that you have missed. If you have any suggestions and any new authors you would like to see in the Library, the next time we go shopping for books, we will try to fulfill your request. Enjoy the month and the rest of the Summer.

In the Christ Spirit,  
Georgia

*Under the Fig Tree*

*Lou Moore*

***"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea."***

***Psalm 46:1-2***

There is plenty of trouble in this old world to keep us hiding in our strongholds, out of harm's way. Fear, anxiety and conflict can overwhelm our minds so much that we are unable to act when the Lord calls upon us. In Matthew 14, we find a wonderful account of the disciples on the lake in a storm. Jesus comes toward them in the midst of the storm.

Peter gets out of the boat and walks on the water toward Jesus until he loses focus and lets his fear cause him to sink into the waves. Peter shouted, "Save me, Lord!" Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him.

Our Lord is the King of Peace. We find a quiet refuge in his Holy Spirit. Instead of dwelling in worry and fear, we can get to this safe place by praying and reading scripture.

And each time that we put our trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit causes our faith to grow and gives us inner peace. God truly wants to be our refuge and strength.