



South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

Anchored to the Rock

Relevant to the Times

Reaching to the Future!

November 2008

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Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

-John 15:7

This month we will all sit down and partake of the most celebrated of all holiday meals, Thanksgiving dinner. As a child I eagerly anticipated the turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie. (I still do!) In those days there was something else I looked forward to. My mother always saved the wishbone from the turkey. Right after the meal we would tug on the wishbone until it broke. The idea was that you were supposed to make a wish as you were tugging on the bone. Supposedly, whoever got the long half of the bone had his or her wish come true.

We are a people who do a lot of wishing. We are urged to make a wish when we blow out the candles on a birthday cake. Stars seem to invoke within us the desire to make a wish. An unknown author taught generations of American children to say, "Star light, star bright; First star I see tonight; I wish I may, I wish I might; Have the wish I wish tonight." And who can forget Walt Disney's Jiminy Cricket singing, "When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are. Anything your heart desires will come to you."

A wishing well is a term from European folklore to describe wells where it was thought that any spoken wish would be granted. The idea that a wish would be granted came from the pagan belief that water housed deities or had been placed there as a gift from the gods. Wishing has a spiritual component to it. When we wish we are asking for something to happen that transcends human ability.

As Christians, when we wish for something what we are really doing is asking God to intervene in our lives and circumstances. This Thanksgiving my wish for you and your family is that God intervenes in your life and gives you the best possible holiday season. Jesus promised, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

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

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Lance



Honors and Memorials

Building Campaign:

**In Love & Honor of Steve & Darlene Meyers. Given by Helen Simmons.

**In Loving Memory of Meanie Tackett. Given by Claire Schweitzer.

**In Loving Memory of Burline Spangler. Given by Skippy Simmerman.

**In Loving Memory of Louise Shimer. Given by Skippy Simmerman.

**In Loving Memory of Mary Jean Long. Given by Dan & Mary Jo Dove.

Budget:

**In Loving Memory of Burline Spangler. Given by Carl & Stella Pennington.

Costa Rica Farm:

**In Love & Honor of Charlene Cooper on her birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**In Love & Honor of Rannie Cooper on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**In Love & Honor of Darlene Meyers. Given by Helen Johnson.

**In Loving Memory of Mark Russell. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

**In Loving Memory of Burline Spangler. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

**In Loving Memory of Louise Shimer. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

Missions:

**In Love & Honor of Steve & Darlene Meyers on their anniversary. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**In Loving Memory of Burline Spangler. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.

Puppets:

**In Loving Memory of Burline Spangler. Given by Jr. & Anita Fitzpatrick



Thank You

The family of Marjorie Francis wish to thank Lance for the prayer and thoughtful delivery of the message at our mother's funeral service on October 17th. We also thank Michael for his help, Joy and the women of the church who prepared the delicious meal after the service and to our church family for their prayers and kind words.

The Francis Family,
Sandra, Tish and Sonya

Dear Church family,

Amos and I would like to thank you for all the prayers, concerns and support which you gave us during my recent illness.

God has truly blessed us with such a loving and caring Church family. Words can never say how much we appreciate all you have done for us.

All our love,
Judy and Amos Gearheart

Deaths



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Sandra McCulloh, Tish Crawford, Sonya Manley, and their families, in the death of their mother, Marjorie Francis.
- Will & Gwen Smith and family in the death of his father, Steven Smith.
- Joe & Kerri Elam and family in the death of his cousin, Dale Elam.



Library News

Blessings,

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving already. Isn't it remarkable how quickly the time flies? I used to think the trouble was because Angela kept having birthdays and gaining a grade in school. I thought if she would quit having birthdays and stop advancing in school then time would slow down. Alas, that didn't quite work out for me. I now have a delightful 32 year old daughter and I am in my 59th year.

The days of going to the beach are long behind us. We could go to the beach, take with us a wonderful new book we had discovered at our great church library and after a brief swim, we could relax, sit back and start our book. Now we awaken to cold mornings and go to sleep in even colder nights. What a magnificent time to wrap up in your warmest blanket or sit in front of your fireplace (if you have one) and open the newest book you have found at the library, lean back, let the warmth envelop you, emit a contented sign and begin reading. Doesn't that just sound heavenly??? It does to me.

I've talked all year about the wonderful books we have in the library; now I would like to thank those women that help make my job easier and just make me look good. I know I'm going to forget names here so if I do, please let me know and I will include you in my December newsletter. The women I need to thank are: 1) Skippy Simmerman, she's the one who decorates and has a lot of nifty ideas; 2) Gail Barker, she does all the typing on the cards so we know where to put the books (in other words, she keeps us straight); 3) Barbara Fairchild, she helps when we have books that need the cards put in them and then placed on the shelf and; 4) Tina Blanton, who also helps when we are completing the last stage of getting the new books ready for you to read. Without these women, life just wouldn't be the same in the library and my job would be harder. These are the same women who help select the books that go on the shelves. When we make shopping trips, we all sort of *pow-wow* on the books we want to buy for the library. So you can see, a lot of work and partnership goes into each book you check out. Thank you, Ladies.

We have several books in the library on Thanksgiving. Please look them over and see if one may be right for you. In the meantime, I want to wish all of you and your families a very blessed Thanksgiving Day and from my heart to yours it is my hope that blessings abundant will be yours.

In the Christ Spirit,
Georgia

South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report September 2008

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 27,179.74	\$119,692.47	\$ 0.00	\$146,872.21
Receipts	29,312.45	14,727.84	927.00	44,967.29
Disbursements	(47,056.44)	(736.01)	(812.31)	(48,604.76)
Transfer	0.00	(87,000.00)	0.00	(87,000.00)
Closing Balance	\$ 9,435.75	\$ 46,684.30	\$ 114.69	\$ 56,234
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/07	\$ 53,867.95	\$87,838.99	\$ 0.00	\$141,706.94
Receipts	350,569.38	168,627.41	16,807.00	536,003.79
Disbursements	(395,464.95)	(120,716.44)	(16,692.31)	(532,873.70)
Transfer	463.37	(89,065.66)	0.00	(88,602.29)
Closing Balance	\$ 9,435.75	\$ 46,684.30	\$ 114.69	\$ 56,234.74

Costa Rica Mission Update

Our mission trip for 2009 quickly approaches. The dates are January 31-February 8, 2009. There are 30 people on the team this year. I would ask that each of you pray for the team's safety and that God's work be done through this group.

I spoke with Marion and Mary last week about the work we will be doing during the upcoming trip. At this point we will be doing construction work at the center, in Pital, and possibly in Los Chiles. Our sister church at Pital, through our financial assistance, continues to expand their radio ministry and is reaching many unchurched people and helping to bring them to our Lord. I think I speak for the whole team when I say we are so excited about seeing and performing work there for our Lord. One of the projects at the center will be the completion of a new cabin that we have been helping to fund. Additionally, our team will be conducting VBS in at least three different locations.

None of this would be possible without your prayers and financial help. As I mentioned last month, we have two youth that need scholarship money to be a part of this team. If you wish to help, please make your check out to SAUMC and mark "Costa Rica scholarship." We can also use money to purchase supplies for the construction work and VBS.

One last item, Marion Woods our wonderful host missionary will turn 90 on November 15. Will you please keep him in your prayers especially on his birthday. He continues God's work with much energy and dedication. I know God must have a firm hold on him. Attached is a poem Marion wrote about the Kentucky bunch, as he calls us. I thought you all would like to see this.

In His Love,
Eduardo Spears



The Kentucky Bunch

Now take a look at that Kentucky bunch!
They're having so good a time they forgot it's lunch.
Working, singing, dancing, playing, having a ball;
Why there's not much left to do – they are doing it all!

Life has become more exuberant than ever.
They're free in Spirit; never were they happier, never!
The dampness, rain, fog, wind and cold,
Nothing stops their efforts – God's love must be told.

Like a burning fire in the shoe, in the heart,
The grace of God is wonderful from the start.
Changing scenes are sure to come and go,
But this grace, this love, is the greatest man can know.

Jesus said, "Go, make disciples," go everywhere, Go!
Yes, this 'Go' is in His command and there is also a 'Lo'.
"Lo, I will be with you always" and forever,
No matter what comes, I will never forsake you, never.

So go merrily on your way, Kentucky group.
Go give Satan's "would-be kingdom" a roaring coup.
By the love of God your victory will be won.
Help it reach and redeem them all, everyone!

Marion Franklin Woods
January 27, 2001

Children's

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November is my favorite month of the year!!! It is the month that kicks off the holiday season. My birthday, November 6th, officially marks the Thanksgiving & Christmas Season. Exactly 7 weeks from my birthday is the BIG BIRTHDAY. Yes, that's right, it's Jesus' birthday!!! And then, one week after that is New Year's Day. My first year as Director of Children's Ministries is drawing to a close. It's been fast & fun.

Remember, each week we have at least four events for the children to enjoy and learn more about Christ and His Church. Sunday School & Children's Church on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening represent those opportunities. Special highlights during the month include the Children's Choir singing with the adult Chancel Choir later in the month, and, on Nov. 15th we will take the children on a hayride.

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES---IF YOU HAVE KIDS, OR ARE FREQUENT CAREGIVERS TO CHILDREN---GET THEM TO THESE REGULAR & SPECIAL EVENTS. We have a well-supported and active children's program at our church. As adults, convey the importance of participation to your children. This may mean making some changes in your family schedule to facilitate involvement. Set the example and be involved in the ministries of the church yourself. Remember....it's Jesus who started the Church and teaches us to fellowship together so that we will grow and strengthen in our faith.

Sincerely,
Joe Elam, Director
606-324-6961 CHURCH
606-571-5172 CELL
606-324-6379 HOME



Happy Thanksgiving

**Come and enjoy the fellowship and
great food**

At our

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

At the church

Missions

Thanksgiving Baskets for Hillcrest Bruce Mission and our community will be placed on the altar during our morning worship services on Sunday, November 23, 2008.

Some suggestions for a basket for four – 3 lbs. canned ham, instant potatoes, instant milk, rolls, cans of vegetables, can fruit, jell-o, lemonade, and prepared dessert. No cream pies, please.

If you want to add extra items to the basket, some suggestions are – dried beans, corn bread mix, peanut butter, jelly, saltines, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, cans of Beef Stew, cans of Chili, tuna, tuna helper, hamburger helper, and applesauce. This is the time of the year that food pantries are sparse, please give generously.

The Adopt a Child and Senior for Hillcrest Bruce Mission will be in swing soon. A gift of \$20.00 to \$25.00 is requested to purchase the gift and have it wrapped. We will have these names and wish list by the end of November. Please remember this is probably the only gift they will receive. What a joy it is to add someone special to your Christmas shopping! Our list is growing so it would be wonderful, if each family could adopt a person. Some of these children are from the same family, so please limit spending to \$20.00 to \$25.00 per child.

United Methodist Women

The pecans are back—the NUTS are here—all in time for holiday cheer!

Where there are nuts you are sure to find squirrels...that reminds me of a story I read.

Squirrels had overrun three churches in town. After much prayer, the elders of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will they reasoned. Soon the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the second church deciding that they could not harm, any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

It was only the third church that succeeded in keeping the pests away. The elders baptized and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter!

Please keep the squirrels away and buy a pound or more from any United Methodist Woman or Joyce Neill at the church office. They are \$8.00 per pound. Help us support our missions.

Thanks you and "have a great day in Jesus!"

Nieda McCallister



Next United Methodist Women meeting

Thursday, November 12:00 Noon Salad Lunch
All women of the church are welcome to attend. Just bring a salad and join the fellowship.