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# First News

August 11, 2015

To **Bring** people to the water, **Train** them to become disciples of Jesus Christ and **Send** them out to impact the world.

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## Food Drive Challenge

Pastor Laura is challenging the congregation to bring in **1,000 pounds** of food for the Fifth Sunday Food drive.

The most we have ever collected is around 500 pounds. So think **Heavy!**

Sacks will be available so that we can start collecting now!!!

## New e-mail and web site addresses:

[laura@esmethodist.com](mailto:laura@esmethodist.com)

[karen@esmethodist.com](mailto:karen@esmethodist.com)

[barbara@esmethodist.com](mailto:barbara@esmethodist.com)

Web site: [esmethodist.com](http://esmethodist.com)

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Morning

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for  
6th grade-adult

10:00 Worship Service

During Worship Service-Sunday School for  
Preschool-5th grade

Followed by hospitality in the

## September 12th Serve 2015

The missions committee now has a list of jobs that we can do to help the Good Samaritan Center during our SERVE 2015 mission project on September 12, 2015. The project will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, and we'll have morning and afternoon shifts to suit almost anyone's schedule.

Morning jobs available: Clean the produce shelves, clean the pantry, sort clothing, paint the front office (first coat), mounting shelves, repack items, repack diapers, and package meat.

Afternoon jobs available: Stock pantry shelves, sort clothing, and paint the front office (second coat).

Sign up for your shift on the forms available in the church narthex or check out our website at [ESMethodist.com](http://ESMethodist.com)

**Remember, if you want a SERVE 2015 T-shirt, you must fill out the order form and pay \$6 before the August 16 deadline. We hope to see you there on September 12!**

## Schedule for Serve 2015

8:15 — Light breakfast at Good Samaritan

8:45 — Assignments given out 9:00 — Work starts

11:30-1:30 — Come and go sack lunch

1:00 — 1:30 — back to work

Sunday, September 13 — Following worship—  
Celebration Pot Luck Lunch

## Hygiene Bags for 2015

The Open Door Sunday school class will be purchasing items for 100 hygiene bags for the Good Samaritan Center. Items will be bagged on Serve 2015, September 12, at the church, at 9:00 a.m.

There is sign-up sheet in the narthex for those wishing to help with this project.



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**Minister: Every Member**

Pastor—Laura Blevins  
Karen Glamann - Secretary  
Barbara Hay - Publications  
Jerri Morris - Organist  
Dustin McKinney -Music  
Director  
Wilma Smith - Nursery  
Assistant  
Lorraine Miller - Care &  
Concern  
Preschool Director-Darla Sims  
Preschool Board Chairperson  
–Joyce Green

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8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Monday through Friday

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to inform the pastor and staff  
of hospitalizations, illnesses,  
special needs or blessings.

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**Church Attendance**

August 2     154  
August 9     143

**Prayer Concerns****Hospitalized**

Ramon Butts

Mary Craven

**Upcoming surgery**

Lillian Shah

Deborah Cleeton

Elijah

Marian Gish

**Death**

Cherie Smith

**Cancer Patients**

Charlie Ketron

**General Health Concerns**

Gene Morris

Geary Engeman

Pat Alcott

**Recovering**

Richard Szejkowski

**Joy, Thanks, & Celebration**

Joy-Steve and Carolyn Rice's 49th anniversary—congratulations  
Becky Rice & Spencer Szejkowski –wedding

**General Prayer Concerns**

Bob & Linda Allen-empty nesters

Aaron

Students going back to school

**Payer concerns will only remain on the list for that current month. At the beginning of each month, we will list current prayer concerns and if you would like someone to remain on the current list, please let the church office know. Please let the church office know if there are any updates during that month.**

**Chancel Choir practice starts**

**August 23, at 11:15**

**Bell Choir practice starts**



## All the Apples Have Been Picked from the Basket!!

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who made our "FUMC Treehouse Preschool Supplies Project" such a huge success. Darla Sims, our preschool director, will be putting all the items to good use when school starts September 2 & 3! If you have not brought in your items yet please continue to do so as this project isn't over until in September.

If you would like to donate money\$\$ for the purchase of new TOYS please get an envelope out of the bag on the project bulletin board and place the envelope in the offering plate or you can take it to the office!!

Continue to pray for our wonderful preschool, our teachers and the children.

### Congratulations to...

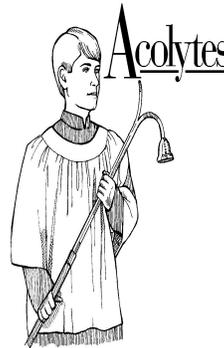
Morgan Schindler and team "Aces" who took second place in the 2015 Metro VIP World Series. Dad John is the coach.

### Coming up...

Monday, August 17 6:30 Finance committee  
Wednesday, August 19 5:30 Worship Committee  
6:30 ES FUMC Treehouse board  
Thursday, August 20 10:00 A.M. Meet the Pastor — Ken & Judy George  
Saturday, August 22 10:00 a.m. Meet the Pastor Jeff & JaNeen Danner

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Cherie Smith, wife of former pastor of Richmond UMC, Don Smith. Cherie passed away last week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Words of comfort may be sent to:  
Rev. Don Smith  
5624 N Myrtle Ave.  
Gladstone, MO 64119



### **Acolyte Training** **Sunday, August 16** **9:00-9:30 a.m.**

There will be training for new acolytes, those interested in becoming acolytes and an update for those already serving as acolytes on Sunday, August 16, at 9:00 a.m.

Training will be provide by Sharon Thomson, Brenda Kelley and Pastor Laura.

### Phone Tree

We are looking into establishing a phone tree for people who don't have a computer or use e-mail.

We are looking for an individual who would be willing to call people to let them know about a death, visitation, and funeral information. Please call the church office if you would be interested.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for those who would like this type of service.

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## **40 Days of Prayer**

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. -1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*

Over these past few weeks the members of First UMC have been praying daily over the finances of the church, and specifically what we should do with the money that was left to us by Glenn Welton. Along with leaders of the administrative council, I ask that if you feel that God is leading you to a specific way in which the money should be distributed that you contact me, Michelle McCrackin, Ron Cogdill, Jim Green or Julie Hale. The 40 days of prayer will be finished at the end of this month. We will then begin meeting to discuss how we are to handle this gift--*anyone that would like to be apart of the planning is welcome to attend*. Our goal is to present the plan to Ad-Council in September. Now, I tell you all of this because I want to be transparent. I want you to know that it is not a few people making the decisions, but the collective group. Everyone is invited to share their ideas--it then will be the responsibility of the leaders of the church at the Ad-Council meeting to vote on the plan. We are at a very important time. Glenn has blessed us with this money so that we can continue to do the mission of the church. More importantly, Glenn did not give specific instructions with the money. He is allowing us to make that decision ourselves. We now have a great responsibility, not only to do what needs to be done to honor Glenn, but that we do what needs to **be done to honor God**. Please continue in prayer for the church as we dive into these questions--and let us continue to seek God's will through the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,  
Pastor Laura