

The Circuit Writer

Mt. Jackson United Methodist



Lazy Hazy Hot Days of Summer

After such a cold snowy winter, this summer seems to be just as drastic as the winter was. We are forced by the heat to stay inside like we were this past winter from the cold and snow.

This summer has really made me think a lot about Moses and the Israelites wandering the desert aimlessly for all those years. Years that were wasted with discontentment and bitter complaint against God.

Just like we all are complaining about the heat, it should remind us that we as God's people must move forward only by trusting Him with unwavering faith, believing His promises and leaning on Him as our source of life and hope.

It has always amazed me as I read about the Israelites; all that God did for them, and they still complained. God was providing miracle after miracle and still they had no faith. This is a great example that without faith, it is impossible to please God.

The God of yesterday is the God of today and He still does miracle after miracle. Let us open our hearts and minds and by faith know they still exist.

"We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7. Just as God had Moses strike a rock with his staff so the Israelites could have water, God will bring us rain, even as our gardens grow weary and limp from the heat and lack of rain. God will provide for us.

So, when the heat drains your energy and you feel limp and worn out, pick up your Bible and read the book of Numbers and what the Israelites went through. The book of Numbers theme is "Desert Wanderings."

I bet it was a lot hotter on that desert then it is here this summer...

V. Joan Towe



Notable

Church Bulletin/Announcement Bloopers :) (not ours...)

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

"Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM—prayer and meditation to follow."

Happy August & September Birthdays!



- 8/6 **Raymond Jett**
- 8/7 **Boots Frye**
- 8/11 **Steve Weaver, Jr.**
- 8/12 **Sam Clark**
- 8/13 **Sherry Jones**

- 9/2 **Tammy Estep**
- 9/12 **Bobby Clark**
- 9/13 **Pat Sperry**
- 9/17 **Doug Estep**
- 9/21 **Jeffery Rexrode**
- 9/24 **Jackie Hawkins**
- 9/27 **Sarah Rowling**
- 9/27 **Barbara Orndorff**



Homecoming Coming!

When: August 22 at 11:00AM
Guest: Pastor Jeffery Roberts will be our guest speaker. He served at MJUMC from 2000 to 2006.
What: A luncheon will be served after the service. You are encouraged to bring a side dish if you are able.

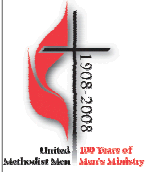


Ladies put your aprons on and make those fabulous dishes that we all so love. Bring a smile on your face, the Holy Spirit in your heart, a good appetite and those wonderful memories that you have of the church so you can share with your fellow diners. This will be a wonderful day of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Homecoming Committee
Jean Estep
Shirley Hackenbracht
and V. Joan Towe



Sorry for the inconvenience, but there will be no "Circuit Writer" newsletter for September. You can still email articles to msbonniegood@yahoo.com for October publishing.



UMM Minutes, July 21, 2010

The United Methodist Men of the Mt. Jackson Charge, United Methodist Church, met Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the church social hall. Sixteen members and five guests attended.

Following introductions of the guests, the invocation was given by Jack Sperry.

The women of the church prepared a bountiful summer picnic buffet with many seasonal vegetables and fruits.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Steve Forster. Devotions from the Upper Room entitled "My Shepherds Seeks Me" based on Luke 15:3 were read by Steve Forster and prepared by Jack Sperry who was unable to read due to eye treatment. Prayer followed.

The program, a video commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Mt. Jackson Rescue Squad, was shown by Jack Sperry assisted by Pastor Ken. It told the story of the organization of the first rescue squad in Shenandoah County and how it grew from very humble beginnings to the fine organization it is today. Only 2 charter members remain living today, one of whom, Alvin Irwin, attended as a guest.

The minutes of the June 16, 2010 meeting were read and approved. A card thanking the church for inviting the Chasing Grace Christian Band to play at the lawn party and for our donation was read.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,303.84.

Old Business:

Mike Showalter recapped the Mission Week just completed last week. Most of the week was spent at the Mt. Jackson Open Door Food Pantry. Four days were spent cutting trees in preparation for expanding the parking lot by 20 loads of fill topped by gravel, painting the roof and inside walls and outside sign, installation of a new sign, construction of an outside bench, and various other improvements. The mission team also did yard work for Roland Walters, Louise Dellinger, Greg Hernandez, and cut a tree for Rose Shaffer. President Steve thanked all who helped on the mission team.

Rod Shepherd complimented the mission team for the work on the food pantry saying how impressed he was driving by seeing everyone at work and the obvious improvement to the exterior of the building.

August 18th will be the annual "work night" in lieu of our regular meeting. We will begin at 6:30 pm and a picnic dinner will be served.

Programs for September and October are set and Howard Hackenbracht is working on arranging a program for the November meeting. December

10th will be our annual Ladies/Widows night Christmas program.

Devotions are arranged for the rest of the year.

A head usher is still needed for November. Pat Sperry and the UMW will usher in August.

The next UMM Fellowship Breakfast will be held August 29th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

New Business:

The Secretary read a letter from the Society of St. Andrew requesting our UMM to join with other UMM groups in the nation to contribute \$200.00 each to assist the Society in its efforts to alleviate hunger. Mike Showalter moved we donate \$200.00, seconded by Roger Miller. Motion carried.

Joe Williams reported on the recent serious heart surgery performed on Mrs. Chris Moore, wife of Mt. Jackson Town Manager Charlie Moore. She is expected to come home July 23d.

Joe also commented on the construction of the new Veterans Memorial located on the site of the old town hall. Public demand for commemorative memorial bricks has far exceeded available space.

Rod Shepherd reported on the development and grand opening of the Bowman-Shannon Cultural Arts Center August 7th.

There being no further business, Pastor Ken led the group in prayer and the meeting closed by singing the doxology.

Ken Hackenbracht
Secretary

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**Budget Update for Month of July:**

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|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Mt. Jackson's 2010 Budget | \$86,552.00   | 52 Sundays            |
|                           | July Offering | Year-to-Date Offering |
| Actual                    | \$5,491.50    | \$42,384.74           |
| Needed                    | \$6,657.84    | \$49,933.80           |
| Plus (+)/Minus(-)         | -\$1,166.34   | -\$7,549.06           |

**Other financial notes:**

Giving for the **Mission Fund** through June of this year was a total of \$745.00.

Giving for the **Scholarship Fund** through June of this year was a total of \$2882.13.

Thank you for your generosity towards these two missions!

# **Operation Food Pantry – “From 8 to 80”**

Beginning the week with a message from Isaiah 55 about setting out to do the work we have been assigned to do, up to 30 Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church family gathered for an unforgettable God-Week! From “8 to 80,” hands joined together for a combined **945** hours to care for a Very Remarkable “Open Door Food Pantry!”

The Open Door Food Pantry is God’s Grace to 70 to 100 households with monthly distribution and, by appointment, emergency food. A network of committed individuals work weekly to keep the doors of the Open Door Food Pantry – **OPEN!**

## **Numbers Only Possible When Community Pulls Together!**

**200 Tons of Fill Material / 56 Tons of Crush & Run / 11 Trees / 29 Gallons of Paint Products / 4 Gallons of Clorox / 5 Bundles of Shingle / 5 Rail-road Ties / Timber & Concrete / Block / Gutter Replacement / Scrapers and Brushes**

## **Specialized Equipment**

**Dump Trucks / Skid Loader / Track Loader / Chain Saws / Power Washer / Muscle!**



## **Missions Accomplished @ Open Door**

**Parking Lot Expansion & Improvement / Tree-Removal / Un-stocking Shelves to Move Shelves / Re-stocking Shelves to Return Shelves / Un-molding Walls / Scraping Walls / Painting the Damaged Interior Walls / Painting the Entire Exterior / Replacing Roof Shingles / Scrapping and Prepping Tin Roof / Priming, Patching and Painting Tin Roof / Replacing broken Guttering / Building a 10 foot Bench / Freezer Maintenance / Power-Washing / Blocking Up and Old Window Site / Door Jam Replacement / Scrubbing & Cleaning**

## **Missions Accomplished @ Local Homes**

**Tree Removal / Lots of Power Washing / Lots of Painting Projects / Lots of Pruning and Brush Removal / Lots of Gardening**

## **Needing Special Thanks**

**The New Market Sons of the American Legion / The New Market Eagles / The Mt. Jackson Ruritan Club / Zirckle’s Hardware / Wayne Racey / G.B. Foltz Contracting / Jack Zirckle / Lowes / Showalter Sign Service (Paul Showalter) / Lee Schambourg / Doug Estep Jr. / Mt. Jackson UMC’s UMW / The Many Who Prepared and Donated Food to Feed the Hungry Workers / Jennifer Hackenbracht / Donations from MJUMC and the Mt. Jackson Community / All Who Prayed for Safety and Support / And Last, But not Least, Our Missions Leader: Mike Showalter!**

**Church Calendar for  
August 2010**



**8/1 Sun. 10th Sunday After Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Children/Youth SS  
 11:00 AM Worship

8/2 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 8/3 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 8/5 Thurs. 7:00 PM UMW Meeting  
 8/6 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library

**8/8 Sun. 11th Sunday After Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00AM Children/Youth SS  
 11:00 AM Worship (Pastor Away)

8/9 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 8/10 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 8/11 Wed. 7:00 PM Church Council (no pastor)  
 8/13 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library

**8/15 Sun. 12th Sunday After Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Youth/Children SS  
 11:00 AM Worship

8/16 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 8/17 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 8/18 Wed. 6:30 PM UMM Dinner & Meeting  
 8/20 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library

**8/22 Sun. 13th Sunday After Pentecost, Green  
Homecoming Sunday!**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Youth/Children SS  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:00 PM Potluck Lunch

8/23 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 8/24 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 8/27 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library

**8/29 Sun. 14th Sunday After Pentecost, Green**  
 8:00 AM UMM Fellowship Breakfast  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Children/Youth SS  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 3:30—5:00 PM NOW Planning

8/30 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 ? Mason's Dinner

8/31 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 9/3 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library

**9/5 Sun. 15th Sunday After Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Children/Youth SS  
 11:00 AM Worship

\* PPRC meeting Dept 14th 7:00 in church parlor.