
Dates to Remember

Aug 6 Arma Homecoming Dinner
Aug 10 Administrative Board, 7:00 p.m.

August Birthdays

Aug 2 Agnes Doue Aug 27 K.C. Cameron
Aug 5 Alan Roberts Aug 28 Nadine McDonald
Aug 13 Susan Polhlopek Aug 30 Betty Brunk
Aug 20 Debra Cummings

August Anniversaries

Aug 8 Jerry & Tammy Wayman

ARMA AUGUST GREETERS and USHERS

Aug 7 Jim & Nadine Jones
Aug 14 Dixie Collins & Madeline McAllister
Aug 21 Youth
Aug 28 Roger and Agnes Doue

Arma Homecoming Dinner

The next fundraiser for the Arma UMC is the annual Saturday dinner during Arma Homecoming. The August 6 dinner starts after the parade at 11:00 am. A few more workers are needed to work at the dinner on Saturday, August 6. Please sign the sheet on the table in the northex of the church or call 347-4696.

Prayer Chain

Many of our members and friends are experiencing health issues this summer. The church does have a prayer chain for anyone in need of prayers. Call Paster Don at the church (347-8336) or Phyllis Hay (347-8626) and they will implement the chain.

GRACE NEWS

SUNDAY JULY 31ST -- "Break the Bank" -- Organ Fund

AUGUST: Bakeless Bake Sale

SUNDAY AUGUST 7th - At Grace United Methodist Church, in the fellowship hall, Frank and Emmaline Rodich will have an open house from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The only gift they wish is the presence of family and friends.

NEW ARRIVALS:

Tonya and Paul Crabtree, Liberal, MO, welcomed a daughter, Annabell Faith (9 lbs 2ozs) on February 17, 2005. The baby was welcomed by a brother, Theodore Owen, who turned 3 on July 17th. Paternal grandparents are Samuel L. and Marjorie E. Crabtree, Liberal, MO. Maternal grandparents are James E. and Mary A. Scott, McPherson, KS.

Jill and Brian Goodwin, Franklin, welcomed a son, Blake Allen Goodwin (7 lbs 9.8 ozs) on June 26, 2005. Paternal grandparents are Kay and Rick Goodwin, Arcadia, KS. Maternal grandparents are Dee and Tom Zortz, Pittsburg.

(con'd) from last month)

And his great love for U is the reason He died.

It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand

He rose from the dead, with U in his plan.

The stone split away, the gold trUmpet blew

And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,

He felt there was one thing to mention.

Go into the world and tell them it's true

That I love them all. Just like I love U. (con'd next month)

GRACE AUGUST GREETERS

Aug 7 Jim McDaniels Aug 21 Sam Yoder
Aug 14 Barbara Engelhardt Aug 28 Mike Seely

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**ARMA/MULBERRY/PITTSBURG GRACE
AUGUST 2005 NEWSLETTER**

IN APPRECIATION

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

During the 1930's, 250 men were holding the ropes to a dirigible (an airship similar to a blimp) to keep it from floating away. Suddenly, a gust of wind caught one end of the dirigible, lifting it high off the ground.

Some of the men immediately let go of their ropes and fell safely to the ground. Others panicked, clinging firmly to the end of their ropes as the nose of the dirigible arose to greater heights. Several men who couldn't keep holding on fell and were seriously injured. One man, however, continued to dangle high in the air for 45 minutes until he was rescued. Reporters later asked him how he was able to hold on to the rope for so long. "I didn't hold on to the rope," he replied, "I just tied it around my waist, and the rope held on to me."

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Parsonage Update and Funds Request

Many unexpected and unplanned updates were made to the parsonage prior to Pastor Don and Ellie Foster's move, and after their arrival, the carpet had to be replaced.

Last Wednesday (July 20), the air conditioner/furnace unit stopped functioning. This is the original unit that was installed when the parsonage was built in the early 1970's. After 2 air conditioner repairmen examined the unit, it was determined that it could not be repaired. The Arma Administrative Board met in a special meeting and authorized the Trustees to pursue a new unit. That unit has been installed at the cost of \$2500.

All contributions to cover these unplanned expenses will be appreciated. Contributions can be mailed to the church at:
P. O. Box 489, Arma, KS 66712.

The Administrative Board thanks all of those who donated time and materials for the update of the parsonage.

That is the story of the church. We serve God by giving our labor and our gifts and we do so gladly because we believe in God's words. But the truth is that it is not we who are holding on to God. Instead, it is God who is holding on to us. It is God who will not let us fail in our mission to deliver the good news to everyone we encounter.

I want you to know how much I appreciate you. You have done so much for me and Ellie (by helping us move in, then back out of the parsonage, and in again, cleaning, paying for the improvements, giving food and drink, etc.). Still, it is comforting to know that the church is ultimately not dependent on human efforts -- either lay or clergy. The church is of God.

Paster Don Foster
