

**ARMA/GRACE/MULBERRY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER
8:00 am Worship Service -- Mulberry
9:30 am Worship Service -- Grace
11:00 am Worship Service – Arma
Church School – following Children’s Moment -- Arma
COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!**

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HE GAVE US HIS WORD

What is the Word of God? In the New Testament, it is a term used for Christ, who is the incarnation of what God was trying to say, and wanting to say to humanity, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

At its deepest level, the Word of God is a claim that God is seeking to communicate with us. We can come to know God in terms of His person and his purpose, His judgment, His will, His desire, His grace and mercy, His being and that becomes for us the Word of God because there is a connection, there is a communication. We have received it, God has given it. We know God and God knows us.

There is no way in which I could ever be free to stand in the pulpit simply to share with you a few of my good, religious ideas. It is not the oratorical style, nor the emotions with which I express the Word that makes the difference. It is that God has called me to preach, to speak for God, and I believe that the same spirit which confirms that calling in me, and gives me the message God wants me to share with you, is at work in your life. It is the same spirit at work in you to receive what God is trying to say to you. When it happens, what you remembers are not simply the words I am speaking in my sermon. What you remember is that somehow you felt personally addressed. In fact, many of you say to me from time to time, “I felt as though you were talking straight to me today.” I would invite you to consider the possibility that it is God speaking to you the word of encouragement, salvation, hope, challenge, judgment, love, and when that happens, that for you is the Word of God.

The Bible deals with eternal truths. You can read the stories in the morning newspaper and despair, but when you read in the scripture the words like David’s, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me ...” or the words of Paul, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” “there is a peace which passes understanding,” you find hope and encouragement, light and life, and you have heard the Word of God.

The important thing is not that you know the Book, but that you know God, and that is what we are about. Listen, then, God is speaking to you right now. God has given us His word and His word is, “I won’t ever leave you. I will be with you. I love you.” Listen for God’s word, and get to know God as the greatest possibility in life I really believe that.

Pastor Don Foster

GRACE NEWS

PRAYERS: Please keep Les & Betty Eurit, Jeanine Rogers, Vera Little, George & Vivian Tretbar in your prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sun, Sept 7 Holy Communion

Sun, Sept 7 Choir Begins

Thurs, Oct 2 Chili/Soup Dinner –

Chili or Soup, Pie and Drink

Adults \$6.00 and Children Under 12 \$3.00

Bakeless Bake Sale

SORRY but our August Bakeless Bake Sale didn't get into the August Newsletter so if you would like to donate, it will be greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!!!**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 15 Newt Howell

Sept 15 Taylor Plain

Sept 20 Dalton Plain

Sept 21 Kathryn George

Sept 30 Barbara Englehardt

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 25 Jill and Bryan Goodwin

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

Sept 7 Mike Seely

Sept 14 Frank & Emmaline Rodich

Sept 21 Rick & Kay Goodwin

Sept 28 Susie Taylor

**Those with open eyes and heart see many signs of God's love.
Rebekka Steinvig**

ARMA NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 7 Fall Fling – 12:15 food is ready after church
Sept 10 Administrative Board at 7:00 pm
Sept 17 U.M.W.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 1	Melissa Verga	Sept 16	Dayzsa Newberry
Sept 6	Dennis Bedene	Sept 16	Louise Fisher
Sept 6	Ernestine Anselmi	Sept 16	Margretta Briscoe
Sept 6	Lorene Fawcett	Sept 19	Wilma Hamilton
Sept 11	Cailin Jones	Sept 24	Jessica Hartzfeld
Sept 12	Laurence Smerchek	Sept 30	Ellie Foster

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 9 Melissa and Joe Verga
Sept 25 Agnes and Roger Doue

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

Sept 7 Naomi Cameron and Madeline McAllister
Sept 14 Phyllis Hay and Angie Fletcher
Sept 21 Youth
Sept 28 Linda Manion

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The coins collected by our children during the children's moment continue to be successful. \$111.00 was collected in July and will be used for evangelism. The coins for August are for benevolences while the September coins go to "Bridges to the Future". Good job!!!

U.M.W.

The U.M.W. will resume meetings in September – with the first being on September 17th. Norma Lockwood will give the lesson, Mary Ellen Ryder will lead devotions with Linda Manion serving as hostess. *Wesley House contributions for September* will be cereal.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group will begin the fall season on Saturday, September 13. Plans are to gather at the Arma church at 4:00 p.m. From there the group will make their way to Pittsburg for an exciting round of Miniature Golf. After working up an appetite, the group will adjourn to the Pizza Hut for supper. As a part of the evening, plans will be made for future events.

CARD SHOWER

Margretta Briscoe will be celebrating her 99th birthday on September 16. We're asking everyone to send her a card to commemorate this historic birthday.

Nadine Jones has asked that we send a birthday card to Emma McClendon who will be celebrating her 100th birthday also on September 16th.

- A special thank you is extended to Janelle Bunney for providing special music during the August 3 worship service.
- Welcome to Angie Fletcher – the newest member of the Arma United Methodist Church!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28 – “Bring A Friend Sunday” – is an UMC Open House event scheduled by the Worship/Music Committee for September 28th. Coffee and cookies will be served before the worship service from 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Please take part by either extending an invitation or by attending that day. We hope to see you there!!!

Fall Fling

September 7, 2008
Gathering time – noon
Food served – 12:15 p.m.
Arma City Park

Hamburgers, hotdogs, & many delicious dishes

Bocci “Traveling Trophy” Tournament
Games & Prizes – Children 10 & under

Bring a lawn chair and join the congregations of the Arma, Grace, and Mulberry United Methodist Churches in a celebration of fun, food, and fellowship!!!

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