

**ARMA/GRACE/MULBERRY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 2009 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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PSALM 23

An orator was preparing to make a presentation and decided he would do something well-known for the audience. He decided to quote the Twenty-third Psalm. When he had finished, the audience applauded approvingly of the eloquent manner in which he had read this familiar piece of scripture.

When the applause had settled, he looked over and saw in the wings of the stage, an old gentleman, a custodian, leaning on a broom. He said to the old gentleman, “Do you know the Twenty-third Psalm?” The man nodded that he did. He said, “Why don’t you come out here and say it?” The old gentleman came to the center of the stage and began to say, “The Lord in my shepherd ...” When he finished, there was silence throughout the auditorium. The orator came back to center stage and said, “The difference is, I know the Psalm, he knows the Shepherd.”

Knowing the Lord as Shepherd, knowing that we are known by Him, and that we are cared for by Him, that we are led and guided and saved by Him, gives us comfort and strength. The great assurance of this psalm, so precious and encouraging to us in our faith, is the constant assurance that, in the journey of life, God is always with us as God has promised. He did not simply create us and go back to His heaven to see how we would make it in the journeys of our days. He is with us to lead and guide and to bless us, and ultimately to take us home. It is a word of inspiration to those who know the Lord as Shepherd, who recognize His voice, and who are willing to be guided by His word. For He is the one who will lead us in the paths that lead to eternal life and joy.

The Shepherd is willing to say, “my sheep.” Are you willing to say, “The Lord is my shepherd?” I can tell you this. You will find no better guide or closer friend than when you say, “The Lord is my Shepherd.”

Pastor Don Foster

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GRACE NEWS

PRAYERS:

Please keep Betty Eurit, Vera Little, Wilrose Bough, George and Vivian Tretbar in your prayers.

Our Condolences to Rick Goodwin and family on the passing of their grandmother and niece. Please keep the family in your prayers.

We want to thank all who helped with our spaghetti dinner. A special thanks to Linda Vail from the Arma Methodist Church and Barbara Simms from The First Methodist Church for their help.

BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 8 Day light savings time begins
April 2 Chili/Soup Dinner
11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Chili or soup, pie and drink
\$6.00 for adults/\$3.00 for children 12 and under

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 8 Mike Seely
Mar 9 Shirley Edwards
Mar 9 Kerrie Brown
Mar 20 Jillian Goodwin
Mar 21 Frank Rodich

MARCH GREETERS

Mar 1 Mike Seely

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE GREETERS!!!!

The Spirit's spark can light up the whole world.
Tom Tate (Oregon)

ARMA NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 11 **Administrative Board**
Mar 18 **U.M.W.**
Mar 22 **Chicken Noodle Carryout**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 1	Rae Ann McNamara	Mar 12	Audrey Kumer
Mar 4	Lane Webb	Mar 14	Catherine Denier
Mar 4	Sara Ryder	Mar 14	Clarence Ryder
Mar 6	Steve Cole	Mar 14	Keith Baker
Mar 9	Cody Cowan	Mar 15	Robert Luth
Mar 9	Wilma Lollar	Mar 17	Jesse Wayman
Mar 10	Virginia Clarkson	Mar 21	Brian Garrett
		Mar 21	Christopher Elawar Jones

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 25 **Susan and Dave Robinson**

MARCH GREETERS

Mar 1 **Rae Ann McNamara**
Mar 8 **Bill and Lorene Fawcett**
Mar 15 **Youth**
Mar 22 **Dave and Delores Bierbrodt**
Mar 29 **Jim and Nadine Jones, Phyllis Hay**

U.M.W. NEWS

Arma U.M.W. will meet at the church on Wednesday, March 18 at 11:00 am. June Harris has the program, Phyllis Hay has devotions and Nadine Jones is the hostess. The donations for Wesley House for the month of March is cereal. All United Methodist Women may be members of UMW and there are no dues.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Fifth Sunday Special Event – Sunday, March 29, is one of our months where we have that 5th Sunday – and the worship committee is planning a special event that day.

So --join us between 10:15 and 10:45 am for light refreshments before our worship service. Bring a friend!!!

Palm Sunday (April 5) The Worship Committee is planning a fellowship dinner following the worship service that day. Bring a covered dish – meat will be provided.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee wishes to report to the congregation financial information for the month of January 2009.

2009 Offerings received in Jan 2009	\$2,570.75
2009 budgeted expenses in Jan 2009	\$3,654.94
Coins collected	\$133 (designated for benevolences)

The 2009 budget is \$50,882.00, and all bills have been paid. We wish to thank everyone for supporting the mission of the Arma United Methodist Church.

VALENTINE'S DINNER

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Valentine's Dinner. The food was great and the entertainment was as good as a Branson Show. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

CHICKEN AND NOODLES CARRYOUT

The spring chicken and noodles carryout is being planned for Sunday, March 22. A quart of chicken and noodles sells for \$5.00 and may be picked up by 1:30 pm on that day. An order signup sheet will be in the Narthex. Other orders may be phoned in to: 347-8658 or 347-4696. Look for the announcement of the noodle-making night.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

John Clark (son of Carol and John Clark and grandson of Nancy Forbes) who has attended our church is now serving his country in Iraq. John would appreciate receiving cards of encouragement from everyone. They can be sent to:

**1LT John Clark
C/1-12 CAV
COP Q-West
APO AE 09351**

TRUSTEES UPDATE

The trustees of the Arma Methodist Church are charged with upkeep and maintenance of our church. They met for a Saturday morning breakfast in January and planned several maintenance and upkeep activities for this year.

So far in 2009

- electrical wiring has been replaced in the sanctuary and the narthex**
- church housekeeping activities have been maintained (cleaning, sweeping, dusting, mopping the basement and kitchen floors, etc.)**

Planning continues for upkeep in the parsonage as well as the grounds of the church.

Do not hesitate to offer your skills if you are willing to participate. We appreciate all the volunteers who see that our church and parsonage are safe and well-maintained!

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