

**ARMA/GRACE/MULBERRY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JULY 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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DO YOU HAVE ALL YOU WANT?

Have you ever played the game of “What if ...” OR “If only?” You know how it goes ... “What if I had not” or “If only I had.” These are games usually played by people who are not satisfied with their life, or who have not found a sense of fulfillment in it and believe it is to be found in something outside themselves. It is a part of a much deeper and more searching question as to the meaning of life. Does life really have a meaning? Is it possible to live a life that really matters, which will endure beyond the time I live?

When you come to the end of your life, what do you believe you would like for the person speaking your eulogy to say about you? Is it that you accumulated great wealth, that you enjoyed the party, that you were very wise and very religious, but that it seemed in spite of all you had there was still something missing, you were not satisfied? Or would you like it said that you knew God and that God was the source and the explanation of your life, as we, through you, came to know Him as well, and could see how he was at work for good in the world where you touched it?

I think I know the answer. I do for me. If you want to reach your destination, it is important to choose the right direction when you take your first steps. If you want to find the meaning of life and to live a life that matters, you begin in the beginning and move in the right direction by putting God in the center of your life, yielding your control to Him, believing that He has more prepared for you that you could even imagine. Put God first, and these other things will fall into proper perspective. Instead of being anxious about life, you can celebrate your life, and we will celebrate it with you.

Pastor Don Foster

GRACE NEWS

PRAYERS:

Please keep the Tretbars, Vera Little and Wilrose Bough in your prayers.

Our Condolences to Les Eurit and family on the passing of Betty Eurit. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. Please keep the family in your prayers.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2	David Bough
July 10	Emmaline Rodich
July 23	George Tretbar
July 26	Phyllis Eagleton
July 26	Val Rae March
July 28	Dorothy Viranda (90 th)
July 30	Paula Reinhardt

JULY GREETERS

July 5	Mike Seely
July 12	
July 19	Frank & Emmaline Rodich
July 26	

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER!!!

Prayer: O lord, guide us to share ourselves and our love for Christ
more willingly with others. Amen
D. D. Emmons

ARMA NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 8 Administrative Board, 7:00 pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2 Sandy Christman	July 15 Misty Mason
July 3 Thaxton Newberry	July 16 Teresa Yarnell
July 5 Richard Farley	July 17 Wanda Walker
July 6 Craig Garrett	July 23 Tom Ales, Jr.
July 8 Murray Lockwood	July 25 Helen Swigart
July 9 Marilyn Perry	July 26 Margaret Mahanes
July 14 Angie Crowe	July 28 Michaela Bedene
July 15 Charlene Belobrajdic	July 29 Sharon Cowan

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 3 Murray & Norma Lockwood	July 26 Craig & Clare Garrett
July 6 Laurence & Judy Smershek	July 28 Alan & Linda Roberts
July 8 Troy & Laurie Graham	July 31 Ted & Hilary Unruh
July 14 Darrel & Wilma Lollar	

JULY GREETERS

July 5 Rae Ann McNamara
July 12 Bill & Lorene Faucett
July 19 Youth
July 26 Ray and Linda Vail

U.M.W. NEWS

Ladies of U.M.W. have been learning sign language by B. J. Swank after our meetings, so we can “communicate” to Robert who has been coming to our church.

U.M.W. will not meet during July and August. We will resume with regular meetings in September.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee wishes to report that \$165.00 was collected in our coins in May 2009 and they were designated for Vacation Bible School. Awesome news, and thank you to the children of our church!

Homecoming Dinner -- Again this year we are sponsoring the Homecoming Dinner on Saturday, August 8. This historically has been the church’s largest fundraiser of the year. We need lots of help to make this a successful event. Please sign up for one of the assignments on that Saturday.

Elevator Update – the Trustees have spent many months over the past year investigating costs and logistical issues to have an elevator installed in the church. It is a much needed addition to our church. An elevator fund has been established and to date many dollars have been designated for that fund. As more details develop, it is anticipated the Trustees and the Finance Committee will put forth a proposal to the Board. Watch for more details as this project unfolds.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 6-10th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. This year's theme is Camp E.D.G.E (Experience and Discover God Everywhere). This is an extreme adventure camp taking kids on exciting Bible treks to experience and discover God everywhere, every day. Children ages 4-12 are invited to attend. The children will have classwork, snacks, crafts, recreation and music each evening. Registration will start at 5:30 on Monday evening. On Sunday, July 12th the children will perform their songs for the Arma United Methodist Church congregation.



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