

**ARMA/GRACE/MULBERRY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 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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**REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN**

Our names are important to us. If you see a list of names on which you expect to see your name, which is the one for which you look first? If it is not there, you are disappointed. When someone mispronounces our name, we are embarrassed, not because they did not say it right, but because they are not calling us by who we are. When someone forgets our name, we are not as concerned that they forgot the name, as we are that they may have forgotten us, and we feel diminished. I can tell you this bothers me a great deal in terms of my relationships with you, because I know how important our names are to us.

When we give someone our name, we give them a part of us. We give them something they did not have before, we give them power over us. Beforehand, we were anonymous. Now they can call us by name and call on us. This is one of the reasons why we become frustrated, and even resentful, when someone gives or sells our name to a telemarketer, or to a sales group who tries to convince us that they know us in order to sell us something. “That is our name. Where did you get it?” we feel like saying. To what, how, why and to whom our name is given is important to us.

What is in a name? I am in my name. The question I want to ask, then, if that be true, is to what issues of justice, paths of peace, or acts of mercy and compassion are you associating your name? Where, how why, and to whom are you giving your name that you may be remembered in the way you want to be remembered?

One of the most difficult services at which I am asked to preach is a funeral service for someone whom I did not know, and especially if family and friends cannot tell me anything significant about who that person was, how they lived their life, or what heritage they left behind them; and they expect me to say something of that nature at the service.

In contract, it is a joy to me, and I believe it is also a great comfort not only to the family and friends who have gathered, but also to me, to be able to say about a person whom I have known and whose life I have shared, “Rejoice, this person’s name is written in heaven, which implies, at least that because your name is there, you have associated yourself in this world with what heaven ultimately represents.

The foundation of the Christian faith is that “God” not only “so loved the world” in general, but that “God so love you (in particular) that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but should have everlasting life.” It is not always possible for our name to be inscribed in large letters on plaques of honor and in places or recognition. Some of the most significant things that happen in your life and mine are the little things where somebody just said something that made the difference that day.

When who you are and what you do rises out of your faith in God through Jesus Christ, who claimed you for Himself and calls you by name, you can be sure your name will be remembered. That is the promise of Jesus.

**Pastor Don Foster**

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**GRACE NEWS**

**PRAYERS:**

Please keep Wilrose Bough, LaMoine Kabonic, Shirley Edwards, George & Vivian Trebar, Les Eurit's brother and brother-in-law, Ronnie Eurit and George Miller in your prayers. Our condolences to Lisa Eurit Foreman on the passing of her sister-in-law. Please keep the Foreman family in your prayers.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Thursday, Oct 1 Fund raiser – Spaghetti dinner – SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE, DESSERT AND DRINK ADULTS - \$6.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 - \$3.00
- Sunday, Oct 4 Holy Communion
- Monday, Oct 12 Executive Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct 15 The Grace women will be cooking supper for Wesley House

!!!Due to the loss of our day care center, we will be adding a fund raiser dinner. We have planned a Chili/Soup dinner on DECEMBER 2, 2009>

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- Oct 10 Staci Kramer
- Oct 14 Teri VanBecelaere
- Oct 20 Joe Grisolano
- Oct 21 Vivian Trebar

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

- Oct 15 Kay & Rick Goodwin

**OCTOBER GREETERS:**

- Oct 4 Mike Seely
- Oct 11 Norma Brooks  
Barbara Tustin
- Oct 18 Les Eurit
- Oct 25 Joe Grisolano

**NOVEMBER GREETERS:**

- Nov 1 Mike Seely
- Nov 8
- Nov 15 Jim Mynatt  
Eldora Dundee
- Nov 22
- Nov 29 Susie Taylor

Although you're tired and weary  
Just rest the whole night through  
As God gives us the mornings.  
To see all things anew.

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**ARMA NEWS**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Oct 5**            **Finance Committee & Trustee Committee, 6:30 pm**
- Oct 7**            **Cantata Planning Meeting**
- Oct 14**          **Administrative Board, 7:00 pm**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Oct 1</b>  | <b>Linda Manion</b>       | <b>Oct 11</b> | <b>Lilly Sue Graham</b> |
| <b>Oct 2</b>  | <b>Dianne Reiken</b>      | <b>Oct 12</b> | <b>Gage Cowan</b>       |
| <b>Oct 3</b>  | <b>Phyllis Hay</b>        | <b>Oct 13</b> | <b>Cassandra Jones</b>  |
| <b>Oct 4</b>  | <b>Gay Harbert</b>        | <b>Oct 20</b> | <b>Mary Cleland</b>     |
| <b>Oct 5</b>  | <b>Judy Smerchek</b>      | <b>Oct 21</b> | <b>Ken Culbertson</b>   |
| <b>Oct 6</b>  | <b>Harry Brunk</b>        | <b>Oct 21</b> | <b>Dylan Turgeon</b>    |
| <b>Oct 7</b>  | <b>Mandy Cameron</b>      | <b>Oct 26</b> | <b>Dan Boley</b>        |
| <b>Oct 10</b> | <b>Elizabeth Zerngast</b> |               |                         |

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Oct 10**          **Hank and Sandy Christman**
- Oct 27**          **Shawn and Dori Pipkin**

**OCTOBER GREETERS**

- Oct 4**            **Rae Ann McNamara**
- Oct 11**          **Lorene and Bill Faucett**
- Oct 18**          **Youth**
- Oct 25**          **Delores and Dave Bierbrodt**

**U.M.W. NEWS**

**U.M.W. is collecting soup during the month of October to donate to Wesley House. The meeting is October 21 with Norma Lockwood as program chair, June Harris has devotions and Marlene Singel is the hostess. All should gather at the church at 11:00 am on October 21<sup>st</sup> --the location of the meeting will be announced in church.**

**CANTATA PLANNING**

**There will be a cantata planning meeting at 6:30 pm on October 7. the meeting will be held at the Arma UMC, and we hope that we have a good attendance. Our church will be hosting the cantata this year and we need volunteers and fresh ideas! Hope to see you there.**

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee wishes to report that \$115.50 was collected in our coins during August and these are designated for the Bridges to the Future project. Listed below is the Treasurer's Report for August 2009:

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$3,212.55</b>	<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$5,867.53*</b>
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\*Includes profit from the Homecoming Dinner

**CHICKEN NOODLE CARRYOUT**

A chicken noodle carryout will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009. A signup for noodles orders will be available in the narthex or you can order them by calling 347-8658 or 347-4696. The price is \$5.00 a quart and the noodles can be picked up between 12:30 and 1:30 pm.

Watch for announcements for a night to make the home-made noodles.

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