

UNION CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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June 8, 2008

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:25 AM

***GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” **Isaiah 35:10 RSV**

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***HYMN OF PRAISE:** Come, Thou Almighty King #61

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed #881

***GLORIA PATRI:** #70

UNISON PRAYER: “O most gracious and loving God, our heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for reaching out to us in Christ Jesus and making us Your own. We praise and thank You for how You have blessed us and watched over and given to us new life, a life full of hope, a life that is abundant in love. Bless, we pray, our time of gathering as Your people, strengthen us and uphold us and give us Your peace so that we may be your servants, one family, in this world and in the next and so bring ever more praise and glory to Your name. In Jesus' name who has taught us to pray:”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHERUBS: Ho Ho Hosanna

JUNIORS: Indescribable

SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: “Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death, and keep them alive in famine.” **Psalm 33:18-19 RSV**

Welcoming Our Visiting Friends

Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joys and Blessings

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

PRAYER VERSE: “Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and shield. Yea, our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let Thy steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in Thee.” **Psalm 33:20-22 RSV**

PRAYER CHORUS: He Touched Me #367

OFFERTORY VERSE: “Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!”

Psalm 34:3 RSV

OFFERTORY CHORUS:

CD SPECIAL

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY:** #95

HYMN OF PREPARATION: Standing on the Promises #374

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-9, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 Pew Bible #11/941

MESSAGE: “Life hurts-Jesus Heals” Pastor Brown

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** Hymn of Promise #707

***ALLELUIA *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**

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THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY: 8:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADER:

GREETERS: Jim and Liz Haas

NURSERY: Betsy Shumaker

USHER: Rex Rosenbarker

AUDIO: Bob Deuel

JR. CHURCH: Robin Bartholomew/Youth

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR June 1, 2008

ATTENDANCE:(82/50,132)

TOTAL OFFERING:\$4362.29

GENERAL:\$3255.35

DESIGNATED:\$1106.94

HONOR YOUR FATHER/GRANDFATHER on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, 2008, by placing their names in the Bulletin for a donation of \$1 per name which will be used in our Hospital Ministry.

IN HONOR OF _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

BY _____

ALUMNI CHOIR- On June 11, 2008 we will practice at 7:30 p.m. We will be sharing a special worship service on Sunday, June 16, 2008 during both services. Those who have sung in the choir in the past, and those who sing at present are invited to join us for a special rehearsal. Please contact Aric Phinney at 786-8812 for more information.

THE CONTINENTALS- Will be in concert on July 11 and November 14, 2008.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE-We will begin on July 6, 2008. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday school will be at 9:00 a.m. Our friend Dave Coles will be preaching and there will be a reception to follow. The Worship will be at 8:30 a.m. at Wesley UMC. We will begin a Saturday evening service on August 2, 2008. The service will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a light supper at 7:45 p.m.

CHICKEN BBQ-CRAFT FAIR-BAKE SALE-GARAGE SALE—August 9, 2008, Time: TBD--Proceeds to the Building Fund.

We are looking for Energetic Committee Members to coordinate activities, sell advance tickets and just plain help when and where needed. We would like to make this a fun-day for everyone while adding to the Building Fund! Our first meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 7:00. Thanks to all! For more information, contact Robin Bartholomew at 349-9221.

PRAYER OF INVITATION

God of Abraham and Sarah. God our God, You have called us by name to follow You and to go where You lead us, and we thank You. We thank You for making us Your people, for showing us Your mercy, for inviting us to be blessed by You, and for giving us all that we need through Christ Jesus to bless Your world in His name. Help us, O Lord, to respond to Your call, help us to accept Your gifts and to do all that You ask.

Precious Lord, dearest Saviour, You desire mercy, not sacrifice. You know, O Lord, our hearts, and how as we struggle with sin and temptation and strive to lead holy and righteous lives how we draw in upon ourselves, and focus our best efforts on building up our relationship with You and with those whose ways are already Your ways. You know too how easy it is for us to judge those who are different from us, those whose sin is obvious, those who have offended both against You and against those whom we love. Indeed we pray that Your justice might flow down upon our world like an everlasting stream! But help us too, O Lord, to remember the mercy we have received, and with

Christ to show that mercy, that love, to those people who our not part of our comfort zone.

May we and all Your chosen ones be like Jesus, may we have a reputation for caring for those who are outsiders, a reputation for forgiving the unforgivable, for touching the untouchable, and for reaching out to the unreachable. May we be accused of eating with tax collectors and sinners and may we, by Christ's power within us, bring

Your healing to those who need it, those who are in the world that He died to save....

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace! God of healing, God of wholeness, God of eternal glory, God whose Word is made flesh among us, hear our prayers for the world You have set us in, the world You love, and for the family You have given us both in the flesh and in the Spirit. We pray now, each as the Spirit moves us, for the people and the situations, that You have placed upon our hearts this day....

* For peace of Jerusalem and for all peoples in conflict

* for the hungry and the homeless

* for those seeking direction for their lives

* for those needing work

* for the children who are in danger of being lost

ADVENTURE THEME PARK-

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School!! This year VBS will be an adventure theme park. Roller coasters, Ferris wheels, popcorn, snow cones.....it's all about choices. The choices we make at a theme park will determine the kind of day we'll have. The big and little choices we make everyday will determine what kind of lives we'll have... It will be held in the evenings from Monday, July 25 through Friday, August 2. If we have three months to plan, there is no reason why this year can't be a church-wide event! It isn't hard to remember when we were young. But we often forget that the trials and tribulations that we went through as youth were real and felt just as important to us then as any other stress today. Vacation Bible school is a special time set aside to encourage youngsters in the Lord. Children need to know that there is someone looking out for them. Not all of them have supportive parents, relatives, or friends. And VBS might be the only time some of these kids experience the love of Christ through our actions. I once heard on the family life network that 90% of all Christians never lead another person to Christ. Opportunity is knocking on our doors! We should take advantage of the chance to get involved in something bigger than ourselves. I hope you will all become a part of VBS, whether it's a helper, a decorator, or even a member of the prayer team. So hop on and hold tight, it's going to be an exciting ride!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Praise the Lord for Al and Evvie Binder, who are celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary; Irving and Orpha Rosenbarker are celebrating their 62nd anniversary, Chuck and Jane Loeffler are celebrating their 66th anniversary; George and Marion Cameron are celebrating 60 years; Mahlon and Eloise Tewksbury are celebrating 62 years, Leo and Jean Cornett are celebrating 62 years and Ed and Ethel Hower are celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary.

As Sarah Groves sings, "When the Saints go marching in, I want to be one of them."

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for our friend Jerry Adams as he goes for surgery next Tuesday.

Pray for Grayson Burlingame, he is home recuperating.

Pastor Brown,

Do you still have a prayer list. I'd like to ask that Harvey be put on it. His lung cancer is at stage 3A. Once he recovers from the surgery, they'll start chemo. He also needs healing with his kidneys. Severe diabetes has reduced his kidney function by 50% and this can impede the chemotherapy. They removed part of his right lung and the biopsies found that the cancer had spread beyond that to some lymph nodes.

Thank you and praise God, Nancy

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEK of June 8, 2008

TODAY: 8:30 AM First Worship Service
9:50 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Second Worship Service
9:30 AM Wesley United Methodist Church Service
WED: 6:00 PM Soup/Supper
6:30 PM Bible Study
FRI: 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4

PRAISE THE LORD FOR: Our Nation and for the Church of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

Lamentation 3:22-24 RSV

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Irene Dunham, Liam Ewing, Connie Perry (Glenn Godoy's sister), Denny Lee (Dave Lee's brother), Al Smith (recovering at home), Don Pullano (hearth cath), Arlene Phillips (Betty DuBois' cousin) Bill Camp (Barbara Allen's brother, has been placed on hospice), Al Randisi (cancer), Barbara Allen, Ed Hower(broken foot), Wilbur Wesner, Alan VanWormer (Donna Shultz's brother), Michelle Rucker (cancer, going through chemo), Bill Jubin, Katherine Collins, Harry Phillips (prostate cancer), Guil Woodward, Paulette (colon cancer, going through heavy chemo), Karen Raponi, Bud Lee, Gary McFadden (cancer, going through chemo), Sarah Deuel, Kathleen Budnovitch (Millie Rood's friend), George Cameron, Irving Rosenbarker, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black's niece), Jack Black, Jonathan (Nate Young's grandson), Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, June Smith, Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Mahlon Tewksbury, Paul Carpenter, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj and her son Gabriel and Jack Hoppes.

THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ: Raymond Persons (Edith Perkins' son, serving in Afghanistan), Bill Davis (Emily Seymour's niece's husband), Ryan Warner (Jean Warfield's granddaughter's husband), Alan Votakpa, Frank Simser, Kyle Chanitz, Scott McPherson (back in US), Christopher Simser Jr.(back in US), Adam Tatusko and Nicholas Tokos.

Please pray for the upcoming Elections and continue to pray for our Nation.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Doug/Karen (Frisch) Lehman (Africa), Jim/Shawn Ramsay (Georgia/Mission Society), Peter/Esther Pereira (India), Dave/Jean Coles (Indonesia), Neal/Mari Hicks (Japan), Guido/Kim (Warren) Orellana (Ecuador), Dr. Jeff/Marilyn Lester (Medics International), Dr.Terry/Renee Wortz, Elizabeth Salisbury(USA), Gary/Rebecca Mink (Africa), Leroy/Peg Jones (USA), Larry/Marian Byrnes (Indiana/OMS), Christopher/Rashaell Jones (Ecuador).

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***TIME OF PRAISE:** My Jesus I Love Thee
Beautiful One
Knowing You

A TIME OF SHARING OF TESTIMONIES AND PRAYER CONCERNS AND TIME OF PRAYER:

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CHOIR ANTHEM: Inscription Of Hope

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A TIME OF WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND SPECIAL MUSIC:

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***A TIME OF WORSHIP** Sing For Joy
God Of Wonders
Jesus, You Are My Life

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