



FAITH @ FIRST

McKenzie First United Methodist Church exists to worship God and enable open-minded people to discover the freedom of God's grace through Jesus Christ.

September 2, 2009

A WORD from the PASTOR

I found the following account of Howard Schultz in the book *You Can't Send a Duck to Eagle School* by Mac Anderson.

In the early morning on July 7, 1997, Howard Schultz and his family were awakened from sleep at their home in East Hampton, NY. As Schultz answered the phone, he learned that several of his company employees in Washington DC were murdered in a botched store robbery.

He immediately hopped a plane and was there by 9 a.m. He remained there for a week, meeting and supporting the victims' families, attending funerals, and working with police.

It is evident Schultz is not your regular company president, owner, or CEO. You see, he really cares about his employees and they know it. He pays more than the going wages, offers great health benefits - - even to part-time workers. No one in the restaurant industry has done that. He really cares about his employees and people in general.

Is it any wonder his company's employee retention rate is rated five times over the average? And his company attracts people with great attitudes and people skills.

I firmly believe the church and her leaders have something to learn from Schultz, the founder of Starbucks. His firm is based on principles like:

"Companies don't succeed, PEOPLE DO."

"We aren't in the coffee business serving people. We are in the people business serving coffee."

What is it that attracts people to our congregation, after they visit that first time? And what is our reputation in the community? Paul says in 1 Cor. 13 of the church's ministry, if it is not based on the foundation of genuine love it will not succeed.

Maybe the local church needs to lay aside attitudes like: "Let's run the church like the business world; after all it's a dog-eat-dog world." No! We are not to do that. Jesus said, "others will know we are people of God because we have love one for another." I think Howard Schultz gets it. Do we?

See you here at First United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, a place where love is found.

Peace and Grace, Larry

September 6 Text: Mark 7:24-30

Title: The Dog-Gone Gospel

Membership audit – year 2

There are still 62 members that we have lost touch with and need to contact to see if they've joined other congregations or still consider themselves members here. They are listed on the insert. If you have an address, please let me know.

Of the ones that we do know where they are and sent a letter to last year, 88 out of the 173 did not send back the postage paid card letting us know their preference. I'll be sending out the second letter required by The Book of Discipline shortly. I hope to have responses from everyone this year.

Kathy

Website update

Our much discussed website is finally a reality. Check out www.mckenziefumc.org, and since we're still fine tuning, if you have any ideas on how to make it better, call the office.

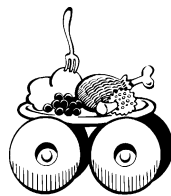
C & Y news

September 9 – FLOW resumes: Our regular Wednesday evening program begins. Come and see what's new!

October 9 - Lakeshore Retreat: 4th - 6th grade. Sign up sheet is outside the nursery. Please note the change in the dates (I had last year's flyer, sorry!) and the price for each camper.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: We currently have a need for teachers for the 3rd-4th grades and 6th-8th grades. Complete lessons are provided and easy to follow. If you would be willing to teach or "team teach" with another person, please call Gina at 415-1984.

Meals on Wheels



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This program is starting up again on Saturday, September 12. **We are in need of help for preparing meals and for delivery**, as well as substitutes that can be called as needed. For those of you who aren't aware of what this program is, we provide a hot meal each Saturday at noon for approximately 30 people who are in need, either because of financial or physical limitations. If you can help one Saturday per month, please call Glenn Sacks at 352-2070.

Please pray for . . . Family of
 Susie Motheral; Rikke, Johnathan & Jeana Curtis; Finis Murray; Thomas Reditis; Sybil King; Felicia Mesavage; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia McKennie; Bill, Kristie, Will, & Alexis Reaves; Darlene Martinez; Darlene Figard; America; Our church; Patty & Myke Wilson; Frank & Barbara Shiney; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vicki Foster; Charles Hodge; Troy Hodge; Joe Scott & mother; Policemen; Firemen; Rescue Squad; Bro. Riley & family; Bro. Alford & family; Stuart & Doris Hickerson; Cathy Bunnell; Darra Adkins; Arthur Roland & Bea Pickler; Kay & Samantha Parker; Lucy Hickman; Monte Montgomery; Ann Hood and family; Jacob, Leah, & Emma Partridge; Soldiers & family members of 194th ENBDE; Betsy Barcroft; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Betty Simmons; Marvin & Judy Williams; Carolyn Burke; Mary Lou & Bill Boothe; Mary Frances & Don David; Ruth Moncrief; Raymond & Jessie McDade; Ann Sexton; Lola Alexander; Jean A. Melton; Margaret & Jim Purcell; Ina Faye Hall; Muriel Johnson; Mary Jo Vaughn; Ray & Brenda Berryman; Eadie Van Nostrand; Becky Herron; Kellett Hochreiter; Justin Wilson; Our troops overseas and at home.

The next week at our church

Sunday, September 6

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
 1:00 p.m. Communion at Lakeside

Monday, September 7

Office closed, Labor Day observance

Wednesday, September 9

6:00 p.m. FLOW meal and classes
 menu: Pizza, chips, salad, dessert
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

- ACOLYTES** – Gus Glass & Allie Harvey
- NURSERY** – Amanda Oakley & Debbie Broadbent
- GREETERS** – Mildred Colotta, Alice Curnutt
- LITURGIST** – Fred Sistler
- COMMUNION SERVERS** – Suzanne Russell
Steve & Cherry Russell
- USHERS** – Jimmy Patterson; chairperson,
Marshall Russell, Jack Martin, Glenn Hayes

Sept. 9 Office Angels

Barney & Lossie Beers

Sept. 9 FLOW Kitchen Angels: Team 2

Diane Stafford, Bill & Margaret Stoner, Betsy Campbell, Susan D'Adamio, Joan & Hoot Gibson, Clark Brown, Joe & Elaine Williams, Bev & Tara Nord

September United Neighbors needed items:

Bath soap; shampoo

**Opportunity may knock once,
 but temptation bangs on the front door
 forever.**

FUMC Staff

J. Larry Riley, Pastor
John Pugh, Pastor Emeritus
Charlene Jones, Director of Music
Sandra McMahan, Organist, Handbell Director
Donna Bruce & Gina King, C & Y Directors

Kathy Patterson, Administrative Assistant

Memorials

August 30, 2009

In Memory of Morris Beasley

Kent & Charlene Jones
 Hoot & Joan Gibson Choir
 Ray & Brenda Berryman

In Memory of John Padgett

Martha Padgett

In Memory of Sarah McDonald

Dean & Gail Robb MOW

Handbell Happenings

Peals of Praise rehearsals begin Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 p.m. This is a great time for anyone from fifth grade to adult to join us for fun, fellowship, and ringing. Reading music is not a requirement, only the ability to count to 4, tell left from right, and red from blue. Come and try us out!

First Place 4 Health

Do you want to lose weight? Could you use some balance in your life? Come and discover the most complete Christ-centered healthy living program, **First Place 4 Health**. We'll start this widely acclaimed program on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5:00 p.m. Talk to Jennifer Pinson or Diane Harvey to get on board.

You Must Keep Going

- Sometimes you must keep going.
- Life punches you in the stomach. It knocks your breath out and leaves you bowed and gasping.
- You lose a job. . . you must keep going.
- You find out you have a serious illness . . . you must keep going.
- You have a headache . . . you must keep going.
- Sometimes the things in life are not serious but they affect you nevertheless . . . you must keep going.
- You have a big argument with your spouse. Neither of you feels like talking and maybe not even looking at each other . . . you must keep going.
- Your son rebels and you have a blowout with him . . . you must keep going.
- The bills seem to never end and the money seems to never start.
- You must keep going.
- There are times that make us just want to curl up, stick our heads in a hole, and make the world go away.
- We can't, because we must keep going.
- Life is full of those circumstances.
- Many of you when you woke up this morning, for a variety of reasons, didn't feel like getting out of bed, but you had to.
- You must keep going.
- In times like those, and we all have them, remember the blessing.
- The blessing is not in that we must keep going.

The blessing is that we can.

~A MountainWings Original~

Here we go again – do you know where these people are?

The following list is of members that we did not reach last year and still need mailing addresses for in order to update our membership roll. If you have (or can get) an address for any of them, please call the office or leave it on a piece of paper on my desk. Please, please, don't tell me who I can call to get this information – that was a dismal failure and waste of many hours on the telephone last year. If you know who to call, do it and then let me know. We'd like to get as many answers to our inquiries regarding whether these folks have joined another congregation before Charge Conference on November 15. Thank you for your help.

Kathy

Akins, Jennifer Anne
Beal, Sara Jane
Beasley, Mrs. Allen (Nancy)
Beasley, Jill Carol
Beasley, Nan
Bess, Patricia
Bradley, William Alonzo (Billy)
Bratton, Paula
Bateman, Michael
Bickers, Melinda Dawn
Carter, Tim
Collier, David
Connell, Terry
Copeland, Tina
Carey, Ken
Everett, Bennie III
Everett, James Allen
Garrett, Keith
Hamlin, Lori Ann
Heath, Margaret
Heath, Martha Lee
Hunt, Lacey Jade
Johnson, Jennifer - Lacey
Kincey, Keith
Logan, Mrs. Larry (Patricia) – Kennedy
Lansford, Bruce Alan
Leslie, Dena Michelle
Lacey, Rory
Lacey, Ryan
Lacey, Randy
Mosser, Paul
Mosser, Mrs. Paul

McCadams, Darrell
McClatchey, Frank
McClatchey, Mrs. Frank (Carol)
McBee, Dell
McCadams, Norma
McCadams, Lucas
McCadams, Amber Dawn
Perry, Charlotte
Qualia, James
Qualia, Rayna
Qualia, Stuart
Reaves, Shirley
Robertson, Wynn
Sexton, Bruce
Sexton, Susan Lee
Smith, Glenda Pamela (Edwards)
Smith, Mrs. Dennis (Janice) – Hendrick
Smith, Terry Lloyd
Sanders, Warren
Sanders, Jean
Sanders, Mark
Sanders, Amy
Sible, James Michael, Sr.
Sible, Mrs. Debbie
Smith, Janiece Ruth
Stallings, Dustin
Temple, Haley Aspen
Williams, Michael
Williams, Mrs. Michael (Mary)
Williams, John

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