

SOME OTHER ITEMS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

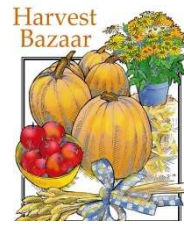
The sign-up for Sunday radio spots has been very sparse. By sponsoring a radio spot in celebration of or in memory of, for \$20.00, you are helping to finance our Radio Station, which is a community ministrv. The \$20 helps defray the cost of paper,

printing ink, electricity, phones, and other small items that it takes to keep the radio in operation from day to day. Another way to help out is to drop your extra coins in the little church bank in the foyer. Thanks.

We are partnering with Paul UMC to deliver Meals on Wheels in Sept. RUMC is doing two Rupert Routes. If you can help and have not already signed up, please call the office or Marion Weickum. Thanks.



The UMW annual Harvest Bazaar and Lunch will be held on Fri., Oct. 3rd. The UMW will be accepting hand-made items, baked food items and new or gently used Christmas items for the sale.



We are accepting school supplies again this year to be distributed from the office. You may obtain a list of what

is needed by calling the office or coming by for a list.

Thank you.



It is that time of year again to update the contact information for your loved ones going to college or serving in the military. We have a committee of two who keep in touch throughout the year with those who are on these two lists. Please update and/or add to our lists by calling the office.



RUMC FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING WED., SEPT. 10 - 8:00 P.M.

This meeting is open to any of the congregation who wish to attend.

Members of the Foundation, which consists of the Ad/Finance Board and the Trustees, should be in attendance for the following business:

- Finance updates
- Election of 1 Director
- Election of Foundation Officers
- Stewardship of the Foundation
- Potential by-law changes if congregation moves to single board governance.



Tim Hendricks

I think everyone who came to church on Sun., Aug. 17, will agree that Mr. Jim Hendricks gave us a professional concert of beautiful music. What do you think? Should we invite him back for a community concert next year? He plays all genre of music.

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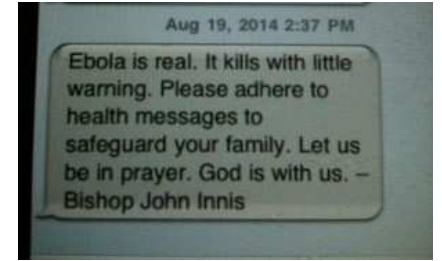
An active Community Church; A Church family waiting to greet you; A place to grow, to learn, to meditate, to praise

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Photo by: Mike DuBose, United Methodist News Service.

Digba Massaquoi waits with her 5-year-old son, Lahai, who is ill, at the health clinic in Benduma, outside Bo, Sierra Leone, in July 2014. Amid fears about Ebola, many people in West Africa are choosing not to go to health clinics or hospitals for treatment of illnesses.

Aug. 19, 2014: **Texting hope and busting myths.**



The first Ebola text message from Bishop John Innis addresses both health and spiritual needs. Photo courtesy of Julu Swen, Liberia Annual Conference.

Aug. 18, 2014: The World Health Organization has declared the Ebola outbreak an international health emergency, with 2,000 people infected so far and more than 1,000 deaths in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea and Nigeria. As these countries frantically try to contain Ebola, fearful people are not going to health clinics or hospitals for other illnesses. These illnesses add to the burden created by Ebola.

Aug. 13, 2014: The Voinjama region near the border with Guinea is in the epicenter of the Ebola crisis in Liberia. "This area is overwhelmed with fear, disbelief, and cultural insensitivity to the disease," the Rev. Cecilia Burke Mapleh, superintendent of the Voinjama District of The United Methodist Church in Liberia, said recently. "At the moment, most of our preaching points stand abandoned if we do not act quickly with preventive messages to and for our members"

The Ebola crisis has exposed not only the under-resourced health systems in the economically deprived countries of West Africa but also the lack of communications infrastructure essential to everyday survival, contributing to the negative effects of misinformation, superstition and denial.

As the crisis spirals in widening circles, misinformation, mistrust and disbelief not only spread the virus but also contribute to the risk of death from other untreated diseases, as people avoid medical clinics and health care providers.

In their struggle against this virus, information and communication are significant tools.

This first text message coming from Bishop John Innis to people in Liberia was not only history-making, but more importantly, it addressed a popular rumor that Ebola is not real but a ploy constructed by the government to get money into the country.

Ludicrous as this sounds, it was used as the pretext for gunmen to force patients from an Ebola isolation unit in a Monrovia suburb a few days ago.

The bishop's message encourages people to follow the officially recommended precautions. It calls people to use their spiritual resources, and it says God is with us - that Ebola is not a punishment inflicted upon us by God.

Trusted voices must be raised to encourage people to take the threat of contagion seriously and seek medical attention when symptoms appear. And religious leaders can affirm our spiritual resources, as Bishop Innis has done.

When trusted leaders address rumors and misinformation, it's more likely the rumors can be deflated. Texting is not the only way to do this, but it's important in this crisis in particular. Mobile messages can reach a significant segment of the population. Sixty-nine percent of Liberians have a mobile phone, and texts can be received by conventional mobile phones, not just smartphones.

In addition, mobile messages can span broad distances. This is especially important. Text messages can reach people in affected areas that have been cordoned off by the military. They can remind people they are not forgotten.

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Come to Sunday School - 9:30 am - 9/7

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Recognizing this, *United Methodist Communications* has been laying groundwork for the distribution of messages through mobile technology in areas where the need is great.

Now, for the historical part of this post. Because the communicator in Liberia was experiencing difficulty preparing and sending texts from the conference office, he requested United Methodist Communications' assistance. A list of names provided by the conference was uploaded to a cloud-based database, UMC staff got the message from Bishop Innis, and the text was sent on his behalf from Nashville to people in Liberia. The software used is open source and cost-free.

It was a first for us, and perhaps a first for a faith-based organization. It reveals how the world has shrunk, how information and communication technology contribute to our well-being and how valuable the connection of The United Methodist Church is as a strategic asset, especially in circumstances such as this.

This article consists of parts of several news items taken from, *UMNS Daily Digest*, an email newsletter produced by The United Methodist News Service. You may subscribe to it at www.umcom.org. This is a good source of news of the UMC both in the states and world-wide.



A great deal of thanks goes to everyone who participated in this year's Ice Cream Social. We tried something different this year, by having the social at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall instead of later in the

day outside on the front lawn. True, we did not have as many people from the community attend as we have had, but we had a decent attendance and a good time was had by all. There was an abundance of delicious home-made ice cream, some store bought ice cream, many scrumptious cakes and we were entertained by snake oil salesman and honky-tonk piano player, Marty Holmes. Mr. Roy Abo of the Paul UMC also played several numbers on his harmonica.

Special thanks to all who brought goodies, to Gary Schorzman for remembering to put out his flags around the property and to the Hospitality Committee for serving a light lunch before the event and staying to help clean up.



Pastor Pam & Church Family

Thanks for all your love & support and wonderful funeral dinner! We so appreciated your care & concern! Beautiful service! Love & Blessings, Lynn & Cheryl Stoller & family.

Single Board Governance

Whoa! This is a new phrase in our church vocabulary! What the heck is it? Do we need it? What will it do for us? How will it work? Does it mean I won't have to go to anymore meetings? Are we sure we want to do this? I don't think it's going to work here! These are only a few questions swirling around this topic. Many of you have heard that this is a program we may go to in the future.

Well here is your chance to hear all about it, ask all the questions you need to ask, make all the comments you desire about it and then when the process is over, you - yes, YOU, (the congregation) have the final vote.

Here's what is going to happen. On Sunday, September 7, there will be a talk given in Worship explaining what a Single Board Governance is and how it will work. Then, on Sunday, Sept. 28, after Worship, there will be a "town hall" meeting where you will be able to participate with questions and comments. Another "town hall" meeting will be held on Wed., Oct. 1st at 7:00 p.m. You certainly can attend both meetings, it simply gives everyone a chance to attend at least once.

The Single Board Governance Proposal will be handed out at the Sept. 7th Worship event. Those not present will receive one by mail. Listen to the talk, read the proposal and then bring your questions to the "town hall" meetings. You will vote on this issue during our All Church Conference (Charge Conference), which has not yet been scheduled (most likely will be in October).



Yes, it is! Get over it! It's actually a good thing since all of our auxiliary groups will be meeting again. We will get to hear our glorious choir again, along with the hand bells. The men get to have their monthly breakfasts again. The women will be meeting in their respective Circles again. The Scouts and Girl Scouts will once again be filling our building with gleeful noises, and Sunday School begins a new year. Please check the September calendar for dates and times for all of these groups.



BEGINS SEPT. 7TH-9:30

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us each Sunday for a short opening with songs, birthday and anniversary celebrations and light snacks followed by your choice of one of the classes listed below.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Pre-school (ages 3-kindergarten) John & Nanette Eilers
Early Elemen. (grades 1-4) Jennifer Hieb & Neka Bethke
Tweens (grades 5-8) Trish Munden and Ruth Bailes

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT CLASSES

Fellowship Hall - Duane & Lucy Knos, moderators; Join us for a cup of coffee, good fellowship, and discussion of events of the day.

"Mercy Triumphs" - Joyce Orem; This class will be doing A Beth Moore Bible Study of the book of James. It includes prayer, lively and inspiring video presentation by Beth, individual bible study with a coordinating workbook, and the sharing of insights gained.

"My Sister, the Father" - Christine Kelley, facilitator;

"Where am I goin' ?	When will I be there?
I don't know	I don't know
Where am I headin' ?	When will I get there:
I ain't certain	I ain't certain
All that I know	All that I know
Is I am on my way.	Is I am on my way."

These lyrics, written by Lerner and Loewe for the movie, "Paint Your Wagon", pretty well describe a new conversational opportunity during the Sunday School Hour. →→→→

	RUMC STATS FOR AUGUST	
	Attendance S.S	Budget Worship Donations
July 27	83	\$1,354
Aug. 3	87	\$2,628
Aug. 10	70	\$3,117
Aug. 17	102	\$2,611
Aug. 24	86	\$1,554
Aug. 31	No meeting at RUMC	

Your tithes and offerings are much appreciated. We thank you for your love and dedication to RUMC

FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR AUGUST

97 boxes given out, representing

314 individuals

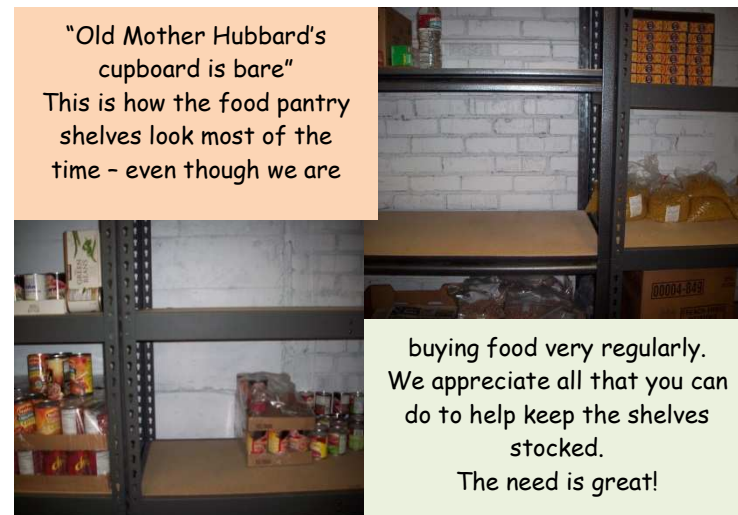
907 Lbs. of produce, dairy & bread received from Ridley's

Join us for an informal discussion group. Though it's not a book study, the text will be "My Sister the Father", by Meri Whitaker. Where will we go with it? I ain't certain. But paint your wagons and come along! Let's see where it leads us!

Subject matter is not age or gender specific. If you like to explore ideas through conversation, this group is for you!

The Sunday School theme this year is "IN THE BEGINNING", so bring a friend and come two by two.

There will be a "back to Sunday School" potluck during Hospitality time on Sept. 7. You are asked to bring a main casserole/meat dish and either a salad or dessert, and your own tableware. Come - enjoy!



- RIDLEY'S CASE LOT SALE BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 2nd
- Our last two case lot sale runs, with your participation, have been very successful. We will shop and deliver cases to the church for you, Since we will not be meeting here on Sun., Aug. 31st, and if you would like to participate, you can send your check to the office or bring it by in person. Someone from Grace Circle will most likely do the shopping by Thursday of next week (Sept. 4th)

ITEMS THAT ARE ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE PANTRY:

- ✓ Diced tomatoes - canned milk
- ✓ Mac n cheese - canned corn
- ✓ Canned green beans - soup
- ✓ Anny canned fruit - chili
- ✓ Oatmeal - toilet paper