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Vibrations

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A NOTE FROM REV. SEIBERT...

By the time you get this newsletter my family and I will likely already be in your midst. Even as I write I know the incredible amount of work which lies between this moment and when we are moved in. I want to thank everyone who has helped in some way or other to prepare the parsonage for us. Your kindness and hard work are very, very much appreciated. Also a great thanks to the staff who have helped in many different ways... we appreciate you.

In the process of bringing my library to Monticello I have already had the opportunity to meet some of the MUMC members. That has given me such joy and filled me with anticipation of what great things we will see God do in our midst. I am keeping the church --- its members, staff, and ministries -- in my prayers. Together we will claim the promise of scripture that "...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

Blessings and peace to you in Christ,

Dan

Biographical Information

Rev. Dan Seibert

(from Staff-Parish Committee, March Vibrations just in case you missed it).

- † Graduated from Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois, 1978.
- † Attended several schools over the next several years, working to afford to go.
- † Ordained, Independent Christian Church, 1987.
- † Served churches in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, 1979 to early 1993.
- † Moved to Springfield, Illinois to become a United Methodist pastor, 1993.
- † Served First United Methodist Church, Springfield, IL, 1994-2008.
- † Married Jane, August 16, 1997. Daughter Laura was born, June 22, 1998.
- † Appointed to Forsyth United Methodist Church, July 2008.
- † Appointed Directing Pastor, Monticello United Methodist Church, 2010.
- † Hobbies and interests include: Aquarium fish, tennis, chess, photography, computers, and technology.



**FAITH IN ACTION
MISSION MINUTE FOR
JULY 2010**

Lunch with the Doctor – Faith in Action is partnering with Peace Meal to bring Lunch with the Doctor. Tuesday, July 13 Dr. Rodney Kruse will present “The Creator’s Design for Health”. Please register with Mary Koch by July 12 to have lunch at the Peace Meal sight. Dr. Kruse’s presentation will begin approximately at 12:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to attend. Call Mary at 762-7733.

Stand Up For Seniors Campaign will be launched from June 1 to July 1. This campaign will allow Faith in Action to meet the needed funds to meet the 2010 budget. Please prayerfully consider supporting Faith in Action by contributing \$10 \$25 or \$50.

Mark your calendar and attend **“Let’s get Behind the Wheel and Go”**: July 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Monticello Center located at 224 E. Livingston. Take advantage of this class and learn tips on maintaining proper distances, the safest way to change lanes, the effects of medication on driving; limiting driver distractions, proper use of seat belts and anti-lock brakes, and maintaining physical flexibility. Learn how you may receive an additional discount on your car insurance. Phone Faith in Action for more information 762-7575.

Remember: “A neighbor’s independence depends on you.”

Blessings,
Beverly Clemmons
Mission Moment Chairperson



Second Harvest

Our 3 Year Commitment	\$777,623
17% Received to date	129,413
Balance to Receive	648,210
Current Balance in Account	\$463,242

**THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THE
CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN’S NEWS...



No Board Meeting in July!

**“Chick Flick”
Saturday Matinee
July 17, 1:00 p.m.**

**Combined Circle Meeting
July 25th**

3:00 p.m. in the church lounge

SCHEDULED MEETINGS JULY...

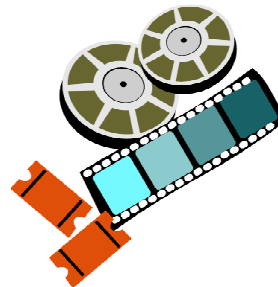
July 15...Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

July 20...Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m.

July 20...Education & Christian Growth,
7:00 p.m.

July 27...Church Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**All Children WELCOME!
Join Us Any Tuesday Afternoon in
the Church Lounge
For
More Than A Movie
at MUMC!**



More Than A Movie each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., all children ages 5 – 5th grade are welcome to stop by and enjoy some great movies, fellowship, and yummy snacks. All movies are rated G and connect to a biblical principle. So get out of the heat and grab a seat for some summer fun.

Questions? Kathy Brown 762-2579

July Movie’s Are:

July 6...Babe

July 13...Tarzan

July 20...Monsters, Inc.

July 27...Toy Story



A Big Thank You from Mike and Marcia...

Dear Friends,

We were so touched by your kind words and generous gifts as we moved from Monticello. The reception was great fun. Julie's cake was beautiful and delicious, and Charles playing the harp made the event very special. Thanks to Gale Bickel and all who helped make it a memorable time for us. We are settling in to our Wisconsin home by unpacking and trying to find places for our belongings, resting from the moving adventure, and meeting new neighbors. We pray for you, asking God to bless you and your new pastoral team. You are indeed blessed to be a blessing!

Love, Mike and Marcia



Dear Friends,

You have been most kind with your compliments and well-wishes as my season of retirement has arrived. I feel most honored for you to set aside a time within the 8:30 worship service to tell of remembrances you have of me. Kathy Brown's words were most humbling, and the kind thoughts of those who followed her were most gracious.

The reception that followed the service was beautiful and carefully planned by the Staff-Parish Committee. Thank you to the many who took the time to greet me with well-wishes or leave a card. Your loving thoughts will long be remembered as Jim and I explore this "thing" called retirement.

Thank you for the generous gift card to "Silver Creek", one of my most favorite restaurants. We are looking forward to using it in the near future.

We are not moving away, so plan to see us frequently!

In great appreciation,
Jean Holmes



Thank you for all the prayer and positive thoughts from my Church Family during my recent surgery and convalescence.

Ed Norfleet



We would like to thank our MUMC family for your prayers, support and many expressions of sympathy provided to us during the time of Natalie's father's (Jim Mauck) declining health and death. Your friendship is greatly appreciated.

Brian, Natalie, Andrew and Austin McDowell



Please keep the following families who lost loved ones recently in your prayers...

Iona Davis passed away June 12th. We extend our deep sympathy to her four sons Jerry and Donna, Ronnie and Joan, of Monticello, Steve and Linda of Aiken, S.C., and John and Wendy of Rantoul, and their families. Iona was blessed with nine grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren. Iona and her husband A. Lee joined our congregation in 1950. Pastor Mike Whitaker officiated at her service held at our church June 15th.



Our sympathy also to Natalie and Brian McDowell, sons Andrew and Austin, and family due to the death of Natalie's father **James "Sarge" Mauck, Sr.** June 14th, from Sullivan, IL



Our long-time member, **Lois Marx** passed away June 16th. Lois and late husband Chelsea joined our congregation in 1950. We extend our sympathy to her nephew Gus and Wendy Schupmann. Her other survivors include a son and daughter, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.





Congratulations...to Nathan "Nate" and Kathryn "Kate" (Traub) Underwood, married June 12, 2010. Kate is the daughter of Jim and Linda Traub.

The couple were married by Kate's brother Pastor Ed Traub. Kate is a French and English teacher at Genoa-Kingston High School, and her husband Nate is a High School Guidance Counselor at Rochelle. The couple reside in DeKalb, IL. They would like to thank everyone from Monticello who attended their wedding and sent best wishes.

Broadway in Chicago!

Join us as we travel by coach bus to enjoy a matinee performance of the smash new musical BILLY ELLIOT on Wednesday, August 11. Set in a small town, the story follows Billy as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class, discovering a surprising talent that inspires his family and his whole community, and changes his life forever. Based on the international smash-hit film, BILLY ELLIOT is brought to life by a phenomenal cast of 50 and the Tony Award-winning creative team – director Stephen Daldry, choreographer Peter Darling and writer Lee Hall – along with music legend Elton John, who has written what the New York Post calls "his best score yet!" Price is \$75.00 per person and includes ticket and transportation cost. We will leave Monticello in the morning, making stops for lunch and dinner, and should return before 10:00 p.m.

Contact Kathy Brown (621-5838) or Rick Rhodes (369-3886) to reserve your tickets! Space is limited and all reservations must be paid in full by Friday, July 9!



www.monticelloumc.com



The Food Pantry is much in need of the following:

soup & crackers, spaghetti & sauce, cereal, paper towels, cake/muffin mixes, hamburger/tuna helper, instant potatoes, pancake mix & syrup, jello & pudding, one dish meals, tuna, juice, canned meats (spam, etc.) peanut butter & jelly, laundry & dish soap, toilet tissue, kool-aid & sugar, spaghetti o's/ravoli etc. (the stuff kids love), popcorn, any non-perishable item.

Funds are also needed to off-set the cost of the \$25. voucher to County Market for each family helped.

Thank you for your continued support to those less fortunate in Piatt County.

Mission Trip Success!

Your Youth Mission Team is home safe and sound, having spent an AMAZING nine days in beautiful, (yet hot and humid,) Tennessee. The Middle School Team spent the first three days serving the Nashville area, aiding flood victims, then traveled down to the Cumberland Mountain region to assist those in need around Altamont, Tennessee. The Senior High Team spend the entire week near McMinnville, Tennessee, in the Appalachian mountains, doing a wide variety of work for people in the area. Stay tuned for a Mission Sunday, where the youth will tell you all about their trip, the people they met, the lives they touched, and what they learned in just a short week's time.

Again, thank you so much for your support of this trip. It was a great undertaking, and without your help, prayers, donations, and loaning of tools, (some of which are still in my office,) it would not have been possible. This Church does an amazing job of coming together for its youth, and I am personally grateful for that. You may never see the fruits of all the seeds you helped to plant on this trip, but believe me, they are there and they are worth all the effort. I can attest to their potential and impact, and I know for a fact that lives were changed on this trip. So, thank you for the various parts you played in making that happen, and keep an ear out for the next big thing coming from the MUMC Youth!



**PLAN TO
ATTEND OUR
ANNUAL
SUMMER
WORSHIP
AND PICNIC
EVENT**

**SUNDAY, JULY 11
11:00 a.m.**

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Our 8:30 a.m. worship service will be held in the sanctuary. At 11:00 a.m. Worship with us at Forest Preserve Park, followed by a picnic, games and Fellowship until 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE!

**There will be NO Sunday School Classes
July 11th!**

All food, beverages and table service will be provided!

**We invite you to bring a favorite dessert
if you like, the more desserts the better!**

Something for everyone!! We will have lawn games and table games in addition to the inflatable fun to accommodate all interest and activity levels and that Methodist favorite...fellowship.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KIDS
PRESENTATION**

We are not having a live band this year.

**Bring lawn chairs, a dessert if you would
like to.**

**Dress casual for warm weather.
See you at the Park!**

**Cunningham Welcomes Home
Friends and Family**

Generations of "Cunningham kids" to reunite at 115th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, July 25, 2010 Cunningham Children's Home will commemorate and celebrate 115 years of service to youth and families in need. Hundreds of visitors including former staff, alumni, and community members will be in attendance.

As one former youth recalls, "Coming to Cunningham for Homecoming feels like a big family reunion where you get to see many generations of distant relatives that understand what it's like to be part of the unique and complex Cunningham family."

The public is invited from 1 to 4 p.m. to experience the main campus located on North Cunningham Avenue in Urbana, meet the staff, and learn more about the therapeutic services offered to children and youth at Cunningham. The highlight of the afternoon will be the 115th Anniversary Celebration Service, which will be held in the Spiritual Life Center at 2:30 p.m. with a special performance by current and former youth.

Since 1895, Cunningham has been the special mission and ministry of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference United Methodist Women. Judge Joseph and Mary Cunningham donated their country home and surrounding land to create an orphanage, promising "that our home shall forever be a children's home."

President/CEO Marlin Livingston stated, "This event is a homecoming for former residents, but I'm also excited to speak with the general public about how our buildings and programs have had to change and adapt to meet the needs of our kids."

In addition to the public open house, alumni, and former and current staff of the Home will be able to reconnect and share memories at a private brunch. Former residents, students, and staff are encouraged to **contact Cloydia Hill Larimore, Vice President of Advancement at for details of the alumni events.**

"Cunningham Children's Home is a very special place. It is a place where children and youth have the chance to heal and grow," comments a former staff member who worked at Cunningham from the 1970's to late 1990's. "They are surrounded by skilled and caring staff as they go through this very painstaking transformative process. When you witness the changes in these courageous young people, it transforms you as well. I know I was transformed."

For more information, contact
(217)367-3728 or learn more at
www.cunninghamhome.org.