



# SUMC Connection

August 2011 Newsletter – SAVANNAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*Making Disciples ~ Making a Difference!*

## VBS 2011 – A GREAT Success!

WOW! Vacation Bible School 2011 was such a great experience for us. The families who participated will continue to be blessed as will our congregation as we build relationships with these new friends. At the end of the first evening we knew God was blessing Vacation Bible School and was letting us be a part of it! Yea!!! Each evening when we thought it couldn't get any better, it did! Yea!!! From beginning registration to the final song on Sunday morning, "Inside Out, Upside Down on Main Street" was wonderful! VBS doesn't just happen, you know! There were plenty of dreamers and planners who guided the way for the crew of helpers who shared their talents and skills and pitched in to make the week such a success.

The theme song for VBS was "Jesus Makes a Difference Every Day." As we focused on Jesus' parables, we were reminded of the common, everyday people, places, and items that Jesus used in his storytelling to convey the important lessons he wanted us

to learn. Jesus came to upset the status quo, turning everything inside out and upside down, disrupting life as the people knew it and describing what could and should be in God's Kingdom.

From the youngest preschooler to the oldest adult, the lessons were the same – learning about gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, grace and faithfulness. No matter our ages, Jesus has an important message to convey that we can incorporate into our daily routines. It was a great, great week for us! (Can you tell I'm still excited?!?!)



### Fun VBS Facts:

Number of children participating: 75

Number of meals served each evening: 100+

Number of adults in my class: 13-18

Number of middle school youth participating: 12-14

Offering collected for Backpack Buddies: \$549.93

(That's enough to fund Backpack Buddies for 4 students for the coming school year.)

High school and college students took over when the rest of us left to talk, discuss, eat, play games, watch movies, etc.

### Now what...

- Several families have expressed a desire to begin worshipping with us. We are following up with those families, building relationships and inviting them into the life of the congregation.
- Middle school students met to organize their own youth group this past Sunday evening! They will begin meeting regularly following a special kick-off event on Aug. 20. They meet, too, at 8:30 each Sunday morning for Sunday School. Confirmation classes will be a part of the schedule, as well, beginning in September.
- Adults have been invited to join in new Sunday School classes beginning in August.
- And... we continue to pray that God will keep on letting us be a part of what God wants to bless right here in Savannah in Andrew Co. in the northwest part of Missouri.

Way to go, SUMC! May we take seriously the gift God has placed before us. May we share the good news of God's love with our newest friends. And may we spread the word that "Jesus makes a difference every day."

*Pastor Cindy ☺*

# **SUM**Connection

SAVANNAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*Transforming Lives Thru Christ!*

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## **Weekday Office Hours:**

9:00 – 12:00 Noon, Monday – Thursday

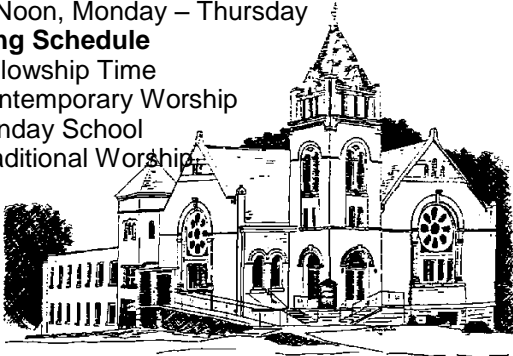
## **Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:50 a.m. Traditional Worship



*August 2011 Edition*



"Jumpin' in the House of God!"

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Please call the Church office during office hours or the pastor's house any time during day or night to share prayer concerns, or news about illnesses, injuries, hospital reports or other important information. If no one is home please leave a message on the answering machine. Thanks!



*Receive the Love of God -  
Share the Love of God!  
Bring a Friend, Relative,  
Associate or Neighbor to  
Worship This Sunday!*



I want to thank everyone for letting me go to church camp. I have been every year since I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and my last year was the best. Also thank you for introducing me to camp many years ago so I could become a

camp counselor and help younger kids learn about Jesus.

*Chris Dilley*

Thank you for the chance to go to Astronomy church camp. I had a blast with my brother and meeting new friends.

*Rebecca Dilley*

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Backpack Buddies program and to the Food Pantry.

We are so blessed to receive your gifts.

*Andrew County Ministries*

Dear SUMC,

Thank you so much for the Cherry Mash, Yum!! But even sweeter is knowing we are in your prayers. Summer's around the corner so pray for student protection – body, mind and spirit.

God Bless,

*Antoinette Svuba*

Dear Friends of SUMC,

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, prayer shawl, and acts of kindness over the last month. I have been overwhelmed with all of the support you have shown. Michele and I feel truly blessed to have all of you as part of our family. Your prayers continue to make me feel at peace as I continue through this road bump in life. I will forever be grateful for each and every one of you.

In Christ's Love,

*Doug Huff*



The Annual Church Garage Sale is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of pies and sheet cakes for the Thursday supper and Friday lunch. We can use fresh garden vegetables such as cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes, etc. I can also use some more help on Thursday. I will be making

cinnamon rolls as soon as possible when the kitchen will be available. You can call me at 324-3923. Thanks for all the help.

*Della*



# AUGUST



## Hospitality Teams

July 31st

Early Service

Door Openers – NEED VOLUNTEERS

Greeters – Cathy Steeby & NEED VOLUNTEER

Spotter – Don Steeby

Late Service

Door Openers – Bud Howell & Ken Gabriel

Greeters – Dorothy Howell & Barb Gabriel

Spotter – Peg Hall

August 7th

Early Service

Door Openers – Delmar & Coleen Medsker

Greeters – Tucker Weaver & Janet Lindahl

Spotter – NEED VOLUNTEER

Late Service

Door Openers – Bob Niebuhr & Kelly Gabriel

Greeters – Sherry Niebuhr & NEED VOLUNTEER

Spotter – Joan Yuille

## August Liturgists

August 7th

9:30 Janet Lindahl

10:50 Jacque Defenbaugh

August 14th

9:30 Terry Weaver

10:50 Dean VanSchoiack

August 21st

9:30 Cathy Steeby

10:50 Donis Eisiminger

August 28th

9:30 Della Bowland

10:50 Sue McClaran



## August Communion Help

August 7th

9:30 Prepare & Serve– Terry Weaver

10:50 Prepare & Serve – Sue McClaran



We will be blessing backpacks at both services on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>!

### August Birthdays

- 8/1 Ted Estep, Dorothy Howell
- 8/2 Ed Soetaert
- 8/3 Rae Lynn Hanna
- 8/4 Sandy Kammerer, Sue McClaran
- 8/5 Eris Pflugrad
- 8/6 Dani Burns
- 8/8 Scott Harman
- 8/10 Mallarie Huff
- 8/11 Suzanne Pritchard, Brooke Schweizer, Megan Weaver
- 8/12 Janet Lindahl
- 8/13 Rose Lancey, Delaney Steeby
- 8/15 Collin Huff
- 8/15 Makel King
- 8/17 Evelyn Miller
- 8/18 Kit Bond
- 8/19 Pat Bruffy, Cindy Buhman
- 8/21 Sherry Owens
- 8/22 Carol Mathes
- 8/24 Kelly Crawford, Doug VanSchoiack
- 8/27 Roy Gee, Joan Yuille
- 8/30 Melvin Praiswater, Evan Sunderman, Sara Sunderman
- 8/31 Ashdin Lund, Melody Mathes



### August Anniversaries

- 8/5 Bill & Judy Meyers  
Ed & Joyce Soetaert
- 8/6 Joe & Cindy Buhman
- 8/7 Alan & Jill Barr
- 8/12 Charlie & Marylou Castle
- 8/16 Jesse & Shiela Dillman  
John & Robyn Fleming
- 8/20 Myron & Evelyn Harr
- 8/23 Scott & Andrea Aderton
- 8/27 Bruce & Becky Richardson
- 8/30 Steven & Megan Pflugrad



The Mid-August newsletter will be mailed on Thursday, August 11th. Articles for the Mid-August newsletter are needed in the office by noon on Monday, August 8th.

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Items for the bulletin are needed in the office by noon on Tuesday each week.

Items are always welcome early!



Please come support our Youth by attending the Youth Led Services, either 9:30 or 10:50 a.m.!

If you know of a Youth (ages entering 6th grade through 12th) that might enjoy becoming part of something that shows no judgment, no expectations, other than their honesty and an open mind and heart, please won't you get their name to our office, Cindy, or myself so that we may invite them into our family! Jen Irwin

Get ready! Fall Kick Off is coming for our Youth! It will be a "Blow Out of a Camp Out"! More details are coming soon!

The Open Book Club will be meeting on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM to discuss Searching for God Knows What by Donald Miller. We will also be deciding what comes next. If you can recommend a good book, we would love to have you join us! Contact Becky in the church office 324-4226 for more information!



**Trustees Meeting  
July 11, 2011**

Attending: Dee Dee Stackhouse, Jen Irwin, Kelly Crawford, Cindy Buhman, Donis Eisiminger, David Barr, Roy Gee, Bill Meyers and Doug Huff.

Minutes were read and accepted.

**Old Business:**

We are now getting our roof fixed. They have started on the corners of the church. We will get a bid on the South wall when the other work is complete.

The tile guy has not called back

Kelly is in the process of replacing the sink in the ladies bathroom

Kelly fixed Cindy's window in her office.

**New Business**

Suggestion was made that Collin Huff also take care of the weeds that are growing up around the church. We will pay Colin for the extra work. A motion was made and accepted.

No August Meeting  
We adjourned at 7:30



**Administrative Council Minutes  
July 14, 2011**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rick. Present were Pastor Cindy, Dean VanSchoiack, Monica Storer, Rick Storer, Don Steeby, Rose Lancey, Terry Weaver, Judy Meyers, Jerry Davidson, Brian Stackhouse and Anne Barr.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund: \$30,976.33  
Designated Funds: \$7,218.31  
Pauline Harvey Trust \$649.76  
Memorial Fund: \$3617.97

Minutes of the last council meeting were approved as appeared in the newsletter.

Pastor Cindy announced that caller ID will be added to the office and parsonage phones.

Charge Conference will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at Ashland United Methodist Church (5:00).

Pastor Cindy explained a new change in our governance structure which will be a model based on "accountability". The change in structure requires approval by the Charge Conference. Discussion was held. Dean VanSchoiack made a motion to recommend to the Charge Conference in October that the accountable leadership model be adopted for SUMC in lieu of our current governance structure. Jerry Davidson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Cindy.

Terry Weaver  
Recording Secretary



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS HUFF

REQUEST THE HONOR OR YOUR PRESENCE

TO SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

*Mallarie Rebecca Huff*

TO

*Joseph Daniel Schafer*

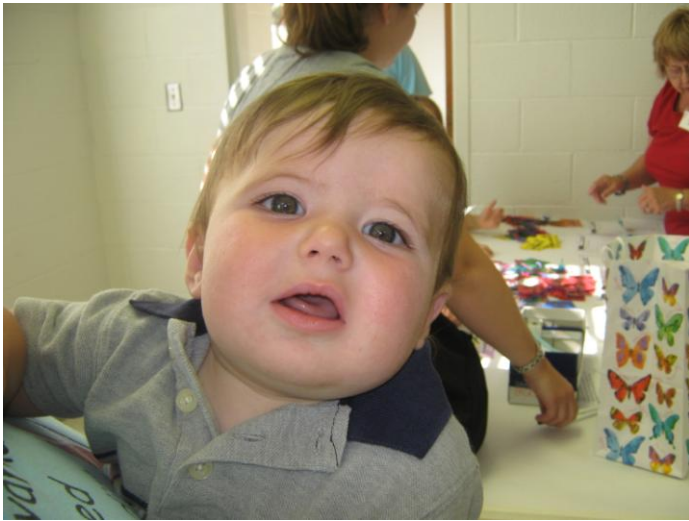
SON OF CAROL AND GREG SCHAFER

SATURDAY, AUGUST THIRTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

SAVANNAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

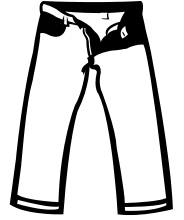
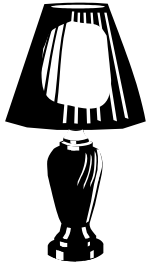
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See more VBS pictures on our Facebook page!

# Savannah United Methodist Church

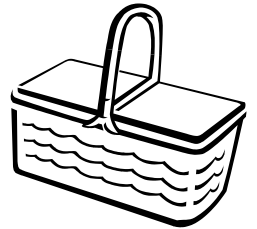
## Garage Sale!



Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 8pm  
Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 8am – 6pm  
Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 8am – Noon



## Something for Everyone



Furniture, Books, Clothes, Baby Items,  
Christmas Decorations, Jeans, Household Items,  
**LOTS** of Miscellaneous

Saturday morning all clothes \$2 per sack  
Everything else ½ price!

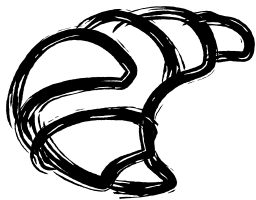
## New this year - Bake Sale!



Supper Thursday Evening











Lunch Friday

Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls available  
Friday & Saturday mornings!



All proceeds will benefit Savannah United Methodist  
Church Building Improvements & Disaster Relief

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7 PM Open Book Club 	<b>2</b> 7 PM Prayer Shawl	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Praise Team	<b>4</b> 12 PM Rotary  4 - 8 PM 4 -7 PM Supper	<b>5</b>  8 AM - 6 PM 11 AM - 1:30 PM Lunch	<b>6</b>  8 AM - Noon
<b>7</b> Communion/ Mozambique Sunday 	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Worship Design 	<b>9</b> 7 PM Prayer Shawl	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:15 PM Choir	<b>11</b> 12 PM Rotary 7:30 PM Council 	<b>12</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 3 PM Huff/Schafer Wedding 
<b>14</b> Food Pantry Sunday 2:15 PM LaVerna 3 PM Shady Lawn	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM UMW Exec. Board	<b>16</b> 7 PM Prayer Shawl 7 PM Mission Team 	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM Leadership	<b>18</b> 12 PM Rotary	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM UMW Salad Supper 	<b>23</b> 6 PM Mom2Mom 7 PM Prayer Shawl	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Praise Team	<b>25</b> 12 PM Rotary	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 4 PM Cantata Preview	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 PM Prayer Shawl 7 PM SPRC	<b>31</b> 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Praise Team			