



Sherman United Methodist Church Presents...

Famous Fried Chicken Dinner

Saturday, October 9, 2010

4:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$8.00 Children (under 12) \$4.00

MENU: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Drink & Dessert

Location: 2336 East Andrew Rd in Sherman Proceeds: Kumler Ministry and Other Missions

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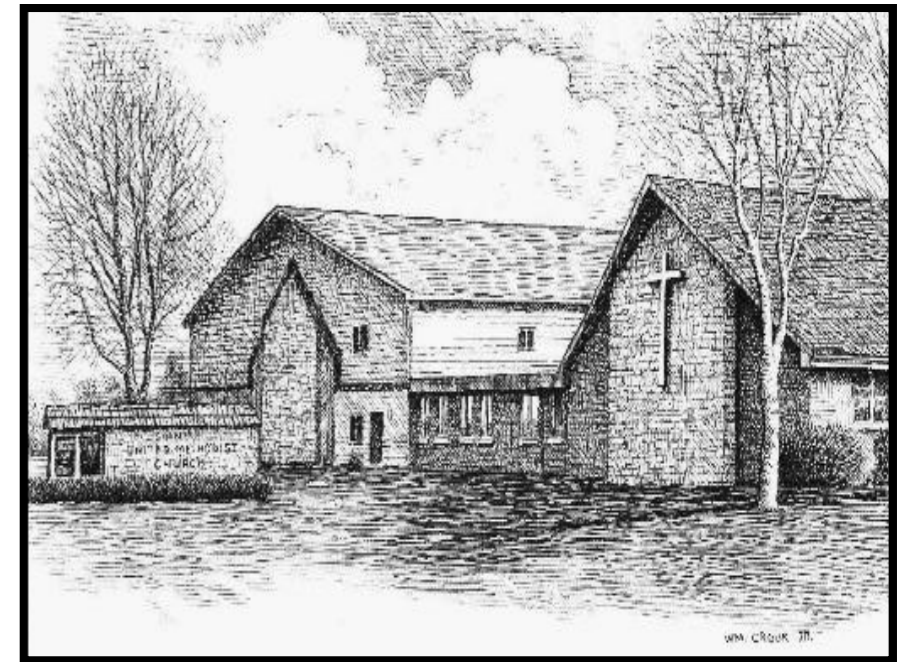
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## From the Pastor

Pastor Report to SUMC Charge Conference  
Sept. 23, 2010

**Membership Changes** – 1/1/ - 9/23/2010  
There have been two baptisms to date.

Kayla Elisabeth Overmeyer and Madelyne Grace Overmeyer  
New members received (8):

<i>By Profession of Faith</i>	<i>By Transfer</i>
Donald E. Waters	Danny Motta
Adam Reeter	Karen Motta
Shelly Reeter	Christopher Cole
Jennifer Weitekamp	
Kristy Jo Cole	

Members lost by death:

Ray Seiz, Dora J. Rimbey, Genevieve Antonacci

**Membership:**

YEAR	2008	2009	2010
	520	530	535

**Attendance:**

	2008	2009	2010
Worship	198	188	186
Sunday School	80	79	82
Youth	28	39	38

**Highlights this year include:**

1. the establishment of a Building Committee to develop preliminary plans and cost estimates for a building project beginning with a new sanctuary.
2. The installation of 4 additional pews in sanctuary by removing part of chancel to increase seating capacity.
3. A Welcome Center set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.
4. The purchase of a bus for youth activities, weekday ministries, other church events.
5. Moving the Computer room out of the furnace room into a dedicated room.
6. Sealing of the Parking lot for preservation.
7. New tiling to improve drainage.
8. Home grown Vacation Bible School with Camp Sonshine and Church combined. The VBS was then presented at Asbury UMC.
9. The Youth Group Work Camp in Coshocton, Ohio
10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Block Party for community set up in church parking lot.

**Challenges this year include:**

1) Stewardship – The General Fund giving has been down which can be due to several factors such as death, divorce, relocation, health, economic stress, static commitment level, priorities of God vs. priorities of world, and other.

Solutions to maintaining financial stability of church include stewardship emphasis on:

- Prayer
- One's covenant with God (commitment)
- Biblical foundations of stewardship
- The Blessings of faithful stewardship
- Growing stewardship: one step up in giving level

Celebration – Stewardship as gratitude for God's generosity.

2) We have begun work on establishing Covenant agreements with the Weekday Ministries of the church – including Kid's Place, Camp Sonshine and the Preschool. The goal is to establishment these ministries as part of overall mission of church, rather than as separate entities, to help improve the ownership of these ministries by

congregation and clarify the mutual obligations of church and weekday ministries to one another.

**Next Year:**

- Keep building project development rolling with preliminary plans & cost estimates
- Conduct a Capital Campaign
- Encourage response of congregation in light of a growing community and God's call to provide spiritual foundation for future generations as others did before us.

**Summary**

\_"Where there is no vision, the people perish."  
Proverbs 29:18 KJV

SUMC continues to be a growing church with many positives and a few negatives. Our vision needs to be driven by Christ as our Lord and Savior rather than by fear. A church that thinks no bigger than their limitations sets itself up for decline. Faith in God means that we believe God is bigger than our limitations.

We learn from scripture that God created the world out of nothing; gave an inheritance to a couple too old to have children; set a people free from bondage by creating a dry path through the sea; notified a teenage girl that she would have a child by the Holy Spirit; anointed this child to preach good news for the poor, proclaim release from captivity, forgive sins and raise the dead; who called an assorted group of ordinary people to be his followers all of whom abandoned him at the end; he was killed, but 3 days later his tomb was found empty; he reappeared to his followers and through the Holy Spirit rallied most of those who had abandoned him to carry on and make disciples of all nations.

Today we are the heirs of this perennial biblical narrative that God is not bound to what we think is possible. God is bigger than our limitations and calls us to join with him in Christ to make all things new.

*What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Romans 8:31 NRS*

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Mike*

Mike Pennell, Pastor

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Thank you to the Sherman Methodist Congregation for purchasing supplies for the two mission projects that we sponsor here in Illinois.

A list of items we have received will be in the Sunday Bulletin and it is not too late to add more supplies to give to children. We could use back-packs & gift cards. Thanks UMW

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR**

CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME

Requested  
Gift cards (no Preference)  
mechanical pencils & refills  
dry erase markers  
calculators (package says inexpensive scientific)

LESSIE BATES DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Requested  
Gift cards (no Preference)  
Rulers  
Erasers (pencil top or large pink erasers)  
Glue sticks  
Back packs  
Calculators (package says inexpensive scientific)

**DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES RECEIVED**

**GIFT CARDS = 6**

**RULERS = 22 rulers**  
6 wood & 16 plastic

**ERASERS = 17 pkg.**  
1 box 24 pencil w/eraser-top,  
5pkg.- 40, 3-6pks large,  
& 8-2pkg.

**GLUE STICKS = 19 pkg.**  
1pkg.-6, 18-2pkg.

**GLUE = 1**  
4 OZ bottle

**BACK PACKS = 2**

**CALCULATORS = 10**  
7 -hand held, & 3-large

**MECHANICAL PENCILS = 12 pkg.**  
6-10pks, 1-20 pkg.,  
3-10pkg, 2-5 pkg.



**WOMEN OF PROMISE**

Tuesday, October 19, 2010  
10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Donation: \$6

Speaker: Trudy Ayappa

Call in Reservation 636-8785



Athens United Methodist Church

**Mothers *IN* Love  
+ Fathers *IN* Love =  
FAMILIES *IN* LOVE**

YOUR KIDS WILL THANK YOU  
FOR GOING ON A MARRIAGE  
ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones-and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a World-Marriage Encounter weekend can make! Here's information about the next weekend!



Oct 15-17, 2010 - Vandalia, IL  
Nov 5-7, 2010 - Burr Ridge, IL  
To register visit [www.ilencounter.org](http://www.ilencounter.org)  
For more information contact:  
Jack & Yvonne Hall (309) 965-2343  
[yvonne@hallsponderosa.com](mailto:yvonne@hallsponderosa.com)

A weekend of discovery. ... a lifetime of love

COMMUNITY

Contact Ministries' shelter is in **urgent and constant need** of the following items:

- Towels
- Wash cloths
- Twin sheet sets
- Diapers (size 3,4, and 5)
- Baby wash
- Pillows

If you feel lead to donate any of these items, you can drop them off at  
1100 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL .

If you have any questions, call 217-753-3939  
and ask for Cindy or Tonya.

*Thank You*

Thank you for your donation. May you be blessed knowing that you have helped those less fortunate in our community.

Kumler Outreach Ministries  
303 N. Grand Ave East  
Springfield, IL 62702

Kumler Neighborhood Ministries thanks everyone for their donations to their food pantry on First Fruits Sunday each month. Next First Fruits Sunday will be October 3. Leave donations in the big tub across from coat rack. God bless everyone for what you are able to do.



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**UNITED METHODIST MEN INGATHERING**  
**30+ Churches helping 17 Missions**  
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The 28th Annual United Methodist Men "Ingathering" of the Sangamon River District is scheduled **October 30, 2010, Illiopolis United Methodist Church, 7:00am -11:00am.**

Mission agencies represented are: Asbury Children's Supper Hour, Chaddock School, Contact Ministries, Dove, Good Samaritan, Goodwill, Heifer International, Henderson Settlement, Inner City Mission, Kumler Outreach Ministries, Oasis, Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Mountain Mission, N.E. Community Fund, Red Bird, UMM, and Volunteers in Mission. Representatives of some of the agencies will be there.

This one day project usually brings in a value of In-Kind and Cash of over \$65,000. Checks may be written to United Methodist Men Ingathering. (Cash offerings to the agencies and/or to sustain the expenses incurred for stamps paper, printing and expense of delivery to some of the agencies.)

The following items are requested: Cleaning Supplies, Clothing (Clean, gently-used or New), books, games, kitchen ware (pans, silverware, dishes), furniture, electronics, bicycles with good tires and in working condition. PLEASE PACK IN BOXES (except bicycles and furniture); label boxes with contents, value, and agency. Labels may be picked up at the church office. Please DO NOT bring boxes to the church before WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27. The boxes will be loaded in trucks and/or trailers, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY...

Greetings to all in Christ!

Youth Group is in full swing for the fall, and there is a lot coming up and going on, but strangely the main information I need to convey concerns next summer's mission trip!!! It is imperative that you sign up (by texting, Face Booking, or emailing me) ASAP. The week we are signed up for is filling up fast! We must reserve the number of spots we need. I have already put down a deposit for 30 by the early bird deadline so we are locked in at the returning alumni rate which gives us 10% off the top of our entire group, but time to register more is quickly running out!

Please mark the Fall Chicken Dinner (October 9<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm) on your calendars. We need everyone to turn out to help. You always do such a fine job. I am sure this year will be another huge success.

If you are signed up for the Mini Mission Trip/Lockin this October, we will meet at church to depart at 5pm Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. You need only bring sleeping bag/pillow/Bible... and clothes! It should be awesome! If you've not yet signed up, I believe there is still room.

Two new items on the schedule for November are the annual Hay Ride and a Jr. High Lockin! The Hay Ride is at Scotty Henrikson's on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm, and bring friends! Jr. highers: bring all your friends for an awesome nigh of "lights out" fun and craziness; parents: as always I need an adult female to help chaperon (contact me if you are willing); and Sr. high: I would like a handful of you who are on the more mature side (and you know who you are) to help lead the Jr. High Lockin. Talk to me if you are interested in helping.

Here is my regular reminder: the Youth Praise band is not a closed group, but open to anyone with a desire to praise Jesus Christ with us. We practice 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoons before Youth Group at 5:15pm. Drama Team will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:15pm starting in November. Both need to be a high level priority for ALL involved. IF you are willing to commit at this level, practices let me know.

In His service,  
Danny Motta



**Important Youth Activities and Dates:**

- October 9<sup>th</sup>: Fall Chicken Dinner 4:30-7pm
- October 22-24: Mini Mission Trip/Lockin (No Youth Group the 24th)
- November 7: Hay Ride/Bon Fire at the Henrikson's. 5-8 pm
- November 12-13: Jr. High Lockin 8 pm - 8 am
- November 14: Sr. High sports night (Jr. Hr, High Youth Group)

**Youth Moto:** "to help as many Jr. and Sr. High youth as possible come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ."

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHERMAN UNITED METHODIST MEN HAVE PECANS FOR SALE

\*Fancy Halves - \$8.00

Pecan Carmel Clusters You'll love them!

\*Also Dark Chocolate - Chocolate Covered - Cinnamon Glazed - Glazed



Contact: Cary Franks or Illa Byron for orders

For Orders Contact:

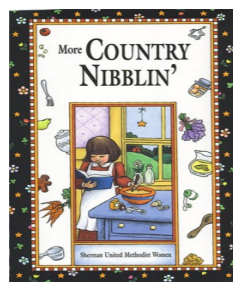
Cary Franks @ 496-2697 or Illa Byron at 496-2210



SHERMAN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HAVE WATKINS PRODUCTS AND COOK BOOKS WITH RECIPES BY THE SUMC WOMEN

Watkins Products

Cook Books



16 oz Vanilla \$15.00  
Pepper \$ 7.50  
Cinnamon \$ 7.00

Cook Books \$ 5.00

Contact: Illa Byron at 496-2210  
or  
The Administrative Assistant's office  
at 496-2338 ext. 5



August 27, 2010

Sherman United Methodist Church  
2336 E. Andrew Rd.  
Sherman, IL 62684

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. We appreciate your generous support. Your donation will help families escape from unsafe, unhealthy living conditions. You're also helping families to break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. Habitat's affordable, no-profit house payments free up money for food, child care, medicine and other necessities. And research has shown that decent housing improves health, increases children's educational achievement and strengthens community ties.

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity in building houses and building hope for families in Sangamon County.

Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County local community while providing shelter for more than 300 individuals. this mission with the support of our community and churches such as has built 79 houses in the We are only able to fulfill yours.

Sincerely  
Sarah Mackey Executive Director

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:



START UP GOAL: \$ 15,000

RECEIVED THRU 9/26/2010: \$ 10,914 (73%)

The start up goal will be used primarily for Architectural Services to develop preliminary plans and cost estimates for a new sanctuary and related building plans to serve the spiritual outreach of Sherman UMC to present and future generations in the name of Christ.

Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



My mission trip God sighting would have to be one day while we were eating lunch. We had just gotten done and we were beginning to clean up. We were wondering what we were supposed to do with our extra food. So we "looked in the book" and decided that the best thing to do was to give it to our resident. At that same moment in time, our resident was just about to leave to go get bread to last her for the week. We looked at our extra bread and decided to give it to her. She said she saved twenty dollars on groceries throughout the week. We gave our leftovers to her every day. It just made her day. That is my God sighting for the mission trip.

- Skyler Arnberger



SHERMAN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

What: Regular Meeting  
 When: October 4, 2010, 6:30 P.M.  
 Where: Sanctuary  
 Why: Randy Burge will present a program on his medical mission trip to Guatemala

Refreshments will be served after presentation.

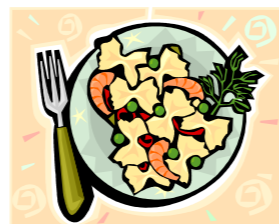
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME !!!



Visitors now have a place to learn more about SUMC if they chose. We need one or two more people to man the table on a rotating basis.

It's super easy to set up and even easier to meet and greet!

Contact Deb Forren at 899-2114 if you're interested.



November 3rd at Noon

The next Senior Luncheon is at SUMC. Volunteers, please contact Karen Bent 445-2209

# Kid's Place News

We're "packing" in the love with our yearly Christmas mission project at Kids Place. On Wednesday, November 10 we will again be writing letters, "shopping", packing, wrapping, and praying for the Operation XMAS CHILD shoebox ministry. This has been a very meaningful project for the staff and kids at Kids Place for the last 4 years and we hope that it will continue for many more years to come. It is a wonderful way to start off the holiday season-thinking of others, sharing with others, and spreading the love of Jesus!!!

We need your help to make this year a success. We have been collecting shoe boxes all fall and now have enough to pack. What we really need now are 2 things: 1) things to pack in the shoe boxes and 2) \$\$ to ship the shoe boxes. The boxes cost \$7.00 to ship. If you would like to make a donation, please make out your check to SUMC and on the memo line write "Operation XMAS child". We will collect the money and then write one big check from the church. If you are able to donate items to put in the box or would like to donate \$\$ for us to purchase items we need, please leave them at the Kids Place desk (monetary donations can be made to KP). We collect all the items and then make a "store" for the kids to "shop" in, so that the box they pack can be personalized by them. Items we are looking for include: tooth brushes/toothpaste, combs, brushes, hair ties/barrettes, wash cloths, BAR soap, jewelry, craft and school supplies, small balls, yo yos, small cars/vehicles, small games, puzzles, HARD CANDY, etc. **Please note that we cannot pack liquids, meltable candy, and any war related items.** Boxes will be packed by gender and age groups as follows: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.

SUMC was so generous last year that we were able to pack and ship over 120 boxes!! We were able to track 8 of our boxes and found that just those 8 boxes went all over the world! (A great lesson in geography as well). We want to thank you in advance for any help that you can give us for the project and hope that you will join with us in praying for this project from beginning to end!

You can check out the photos from last year's project on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall!

# October Church Events

# October Birthdays & Anniversaries



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45am	Preschool 8:30-11:00 am	Preschool 8:30-11:00 am	Methodist Men's-Rt.66 7:00am	Preschool 8:30-11:00 am	Preschool 8:30-11:00 am	
Sunday School 9:30am	Kids Place 2:00-6:00pm	Kids Place 2:00-6:00pm	Preschool 8:30-11:00 am	Kids Place 2:00-6:00pm	Kids Place 2:00-6:00pm	
Jr. & Sr. High Youth 6:00-8:00pm	Kids Place 2:00-6:00pm	Zumba-Gym 6:00-7:00pm	Prayer Group 9:00am	Praise Band Practice 6:00-7:00pm		
	Scouts Meetings 6:00pm-8:30pm	Scouts Meetings 6:00pm-8:30pm	Kids Place 2:00-6:00pm	Zumba-Gym 6:00-7:00pm		
			Adult Bible Study 6:00pm- Rm 204	Men's Basketball 8:00pm-10:00pm		
			Choir Practice 6:00-7:00pm			
			Scouts Meetings 6:00pm-8:30pm			
			Crusaders 7:00-8:00pm			



*This is the day the LCRD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

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						Hanson Wedding 3:30 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Basketball -- Kent Fuiten 3-4:30 pm	UMW Meeting Sanctuary - 6:30 pm	Pastor Parish Group 7:00 pm	Finance Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	Trustees Mtg. 7:00 pm	Set-up for dinner 5:00 pm	Chicken Dinner 4:00 - 7:00 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Ad Council Mtg. 7:30 pm	Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm		Rexroad wedding 4 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No Youth Group		Pictures for Directory 2:30 - 9 pm, Rms 204-5	Pictures for Directory 2:30 - 9 pm, Rms 204-5	Pictures for Directory 2:30- pm, Rms 204-5	Pictures for Directory 2:30-9 pm, Rms 204-5	Pictures for Directory 9-4 pm, Rms 204-5
Youth Group Party		Ad Hoc Task Force 7:00 pm		Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Tammy Caspar Scott Cunningham
						Richard & Marie Patterson
						Stan & Julie Butler
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Cory Yannone		Ellen Robinson	Matthew Sanderbeck Michael Sanderbeck Travis Hidlebaugh		Ken & Judy Lazar Clint & Tara Henrikson
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Adam Watson	Jerry Abbott	Parker Manley	Shirley Waldrop	Asa Motta
		Narinder & Sharon Khanna				Steve & Jodee Leonard
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Rhonda Loyd Dan Vaughn	Samantha Mool Paul Maruska	Loren Brown	Terry Bent Patricia Starwalt		Ellie Mendenhall
		Bill & Mary Cockrell	Paul & Pauline Osman	Bert & Karen Bennett		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Ellen Glassbrook Stan Butler				Alice Swanson		Illa Byron Addie Copelin Terri Rush
Scott Henrikson 31 Ross Shepard	Steve & Tracy Starwalt			Ed & Pat Taft		