

The

Festival Brief



The Newsletter of the Festival of Sharing... August 2009

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Worship and Workshops

to highlight the people and the programs of Haiti and Uganda

The Festival of Sharing worship is always a highlight of the day. It has been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together the bounty we have received and the gifts that have been gathered. This year the Festival of Sharing has been highlighting the needs in the countries of Haiti and Uganda.

Our guest speaker for the 10:00 a.m. worship is **Don Tatlock**. Don is the Central American and Caribbean Liaison for Church World Service (CWS), an ecumenical faith based relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry. CWS is made up of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations comprised of over 50 million U.S. Christians and having partnerships in more than 80 countries. Don has been working with CWS since 1999. His work includes accompanying local partners, faith based organizations and rural communities working together to eradicate hunger and poverty. He has also been assisting in disaster mitigation, preparedness, and response as well as promoting peace and justice in the Americas. His travels include Haiti, and many other countries in Central and South America.

We will also have a short presentation from a young woman from Uganda named Beatrice Biira, whose life was changed by a goat received from Heifer International. Beatrice is now attending college in Arkansas. Beatrice's schedule will not allow her to attend in person but we are planning to have a short video to share during worship.

Other new and exciting opportunities at the Festival this year are the morning workshops that will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. Each time slot will have two options. The workshops will be approximately 50 minutes in length. These workshops will help you learn about the great needs around the world. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn how your church can get involved.

Habitat for Humanity - Geoffrey Kigenyi is the Faith Relations Coordinator with KC Habitat for humanity. Geoffrey is from Kampala, Uganda and a graduate of Sterling College in Kansas. Geoffrey worked in the Uganda office for two years helping international volunteer groups through the Global Village program. Geoffrey will lead a workshop at 9:00 a.m. The Habitat program in Missouri (Kansas City) will be highlighted in this workshop and information about Habitat's work in Uganda has made a difference in the lives of many in that country will be discussed.

Bread for the World - Susan Letizia, Bread for the World local coordinator and member of the Kansas City Bread Chapter, will share how to host a Bread for the World Offering of Letters at 9:00 a.m. This year, letters of advocacy are focused on making a difference for hungry people through urging Congress to reform foreign aide. Participants will have the opportunity to offer letters during the Festival of Sharing worship.

Church World Service - Don Tatlock at 10:45 a.m. right after worship. This is an opportunity to hear more from our worship speaker and ask questions you may have about Church World Service in the Caribbean nations.

Missouri Food Circles (tentative) - Dr. Mary Hendrickson from the Food Circles Networking project of University of MO Extension will lead a 10:45 workshop. This workshop will explore how a notion of justice and ethics is or isn't represented. She will talk through practical strategies of how individuals and congregations can work to build just food systems.

Quilt Festivals Around The State!

You can get a preview of the quilts donated for the 2009 Quilt auction at the following quilt shows this fall. If you are not able to attend a quilt Festival you can see some of the quilts on line at www.umocm.com/festival.htm. We are featuring a different quilt each week. You can also donate a quilt by mailing the quilt to the office of Creative Ministries (address above) by September 15th. Please attach the completed form on page 2 with your quilt. **See page 3 for dates and times of the quilt shows.**



Quilt Auction

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Phone: 573-474-3332
Fax: 866-247-5755
Email: Festival@socket.net

Pattern _____

Size _____
i.e. 84 X 102 inches

Church _____

Address _____

Contact _____

Address _____

Contact Phone # _____

Please send quilt donations to Festival of Sharing office by September 15th.

Schedule of Mini Ingatherings and Drop-Off Sites

Transportation can be a limiting factor for many churches that want to be a part of the Festival celebration.

One way to ease that burden is to bring the packs and kits to a central regional location. There are several locations around the state where churches can “drop off” their kits on the weekends before the Festival of Sharing in Sedalia. In other locations there are ‘mini’ ingatherings where worship is celebrated. A couple of locations even ease the transportation burden for local food pantries and shelter agencies by having distribution at the mini ingathering site. Please check the date and time for your area.

The listing is in the order of the event date and time.

St. Louis Area

Sunday, Sept. 27th, 12:30 p.m – 2:00 p.m.
Hamilton Christian Church
10545 Old Olive Street Rd., St. Louis

Eastern Area

Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
United Church of Christ location (to be determined - will be listed on Festival and the Mid-South (www.mmsucc.org) websites)

Southwest Area

Sunday Oct. 4th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
In conjunction with Springfield CROP Walk
Phelps Grove Park
1200 E. Bennett St, Springfield
the corner of National and Bennett

Southeast Bootheel Area

Saturday, Oct. 10th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
First UMC
501 S. Walnut St., Dexter

Northeast Area

Saturday, Oct. 10th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Macon United Methodist
208 Pearl St., Macon

Central Ozarks Area

Sunday, Oct. 11th, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Texas County Fairgrounds Houston
Highway 63, North of Houston

Northwest Area

Oct. 7th & 8th , 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 12th & 13th , 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Via Media
(formerly Wesley Center)
5223 Mitchell Ave., St. Joseph

Kansas City Metro

Oct. 11th 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Central UMC
5144 Oak St, Kansas City

Kit Corner and Pack Postings

The Women's Prison Pack

The prison packs are so important to the women who receive them. A recent delivery of 1,000 women's prison kits were delivered to the inmates of the newly expanded Chillicothe facility and another 1,400 to the Vandalia facility.

Inmates at the prisons are provided with initial hygiene supplies upon entry to the facility, but any additional supplies can only be obtained from the prison canteen using funds deposited by friends and family. The economic situation of many of the inmates' loved ones prohibit the deposit of money into this account. Religious organizations such as the Festival of Sharing help to supplement this shortfall. **Prison packs can only be delivered when we have enough for every incarcerated person.** The kits contain basic hygiene supplies, note paper, and envelopes. (Please refer to the Festival booklet for the complete list of items in this kit.)

Challenge

Last year the youth inspected the packs and uniformly packaged them in boxes for delivery to the prisons. This will once again be a project for Youth Fest. **The earlier the kits arrive in Sedalia the easier the youth can get them packed and ready for**

delivery to the prison facilities.

Encourage your Sunday school classes or other small groups to contribute a prison pack or the \$9.00 for supplies. If you choose to send the funds please mail contributions to the Festival of Sharing office by October 5 in time to purchase items to fill the kits!

Boy Scouts deliver Health Kits

Many thanks to Paul Schnase and Columbia MO Boy Scout Troop 7. Paul's Eagle Scout project was to make 300 Church World Service Health kits. He raised the funds through donations from Methodist churches and individuals in Missouri. He then ordered the materials and scheduled the troop to pack and box the kits. He delivered the boxed kits to the Office of Creative Ministries on July 1st! The people receiving these kits will be blessed by this project!

Mark Boxes

Remember to use a bold permanent marker to label the contents of each box! We need to know how many and what is in each box to distribute them!! Last year many boxes arrived without being labeled or contained different types of kits. *This makes your donation difficult to distribute.*

Festival Rates at Local Hotels

If you are planning on spending Friday night in Sedalia for the Festival of Sharing there are several hotels that are offering a special rate for Festival of Sharing attendees. The rates are for up to 2 persons per room and a breakfast buffet is offered at each of the hotels. There are a limited number of rooms available at some of the hotels. Reservations are on a first come first served basis. When calling, just ask for the "Festival" rate.

Comfort Inn	660-829-5050	\$76.46
Holiday Inn Exp.	660-826-4000	\$90.00
Super 8	660-827-5890	\$53.99
Best Western	660-826-6100	\$77.99

The rooms will be released on September 15th so make your reservations on or before this date for the above rates.

Quilt Festivals

Wednesday - September 23 ...
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Undercroft of St. Joseph Cathedral
2305 West Main, Jefferson City**

Thursday - September 24
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**College United Methodist Church
701 E Main St., Warrenton**

Friday - September 25 ...
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Immanuel United Church of Christ
126 Church St., Ferguson**

Tuesday - September 29 ...
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Platte Woods United Methodist
7310 NW Prairie View Rd., KC**

Wednesday - September 30 ...
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**St. James United Methodist Church
5540 Wayne Ave. Kansas City**

Friday - October 2 ...

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Faith United Methodist Church
512 Capelle St., Grain Valley**

Bread for the World Founder will be speaking in Fulton

The Rising of Bread for the World: An Outcry of Citizens Against Hunger is the new book by Art Simon. In this autobiography, author and retired pastor Simon traces the path of his life to show how he began and developed Bread for the World, the influential religious lobby on hunger. While taking leave from pastoral duties to study hunger, Simon saw Christianity as the social force that could push government to change hunger policy, thereby aiding the impoverished. Art Simon will be at Westminster College September 22nd and 23rd for the Symposium on Democracy. The event is free and open to the public. Public and private school classes are encouraged to participate in all or part of the Symposium – please RSVP to 573.592.5319.

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Heifers for Mississippi Project Donations

If you are planning on making a cash or heifer donation for the Heifers for Mississippi Project please contact Carol Oliver at 573-474-7155 or oliver@umocm.com. She needs to know about all donations by September 10th so that necessary plans for buying and shipping the livestock can be finalized.

Clean up Volunteers are needed to stay at the end of the Festival of Sharing to help clean up! With help it only takes about an hour.

The Work of our Hands booth needs your creative donations!

Donations to the work of our hands booth are welcome. If you are an active crafter or artist that makes hand crafted items that can be sold at the Festival of Sharing - Work of our Hands booth, bring them to Sedalia on October 17th directly to the booth. The proceeds of items at this booth are designated for the Festival of Sharing "Where Needed Most fund" to supplement programs short of funds or expenses for essential items such as trucking and building rental.

Delivery of Donations to Festival at the Fairgrounds

All donations should be delivered no later than Saturday morning, October 17th to the Fairgrounds!! At noon Missouri distributions begin and the Church World Service kits need to be loaded on the truck ready to leave for New Windsor, Maryland by early afternoon!

How to box kits, packs & blankets for delivery to Festival of Sharing

1. All items delivered to the Festival of Sharing should be packed in sturdy boxes. (The exception is the paper products packs and Emergency Clean-up buckets.)
2. Each box should contain only one type of kit or pack.
3. Use a black marker to clearly label the top and side of the box with the contents:
Type of kit/pack
Quantity
4. Make sure boxes are securely closed with tape.
5. Box should be less than 40 lbs. - *If it takes more than one person to lift and carry, it is too heavy!*

Did you know..... That the staff from the Office of Creative Ministries will load all of the equipment and supplies Thursday morning October 15th onto trucks and be on their way to the Festival in Sedalia.