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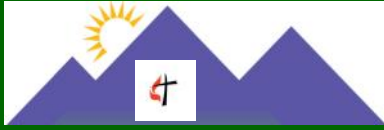
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Everybody's After a Buck

Acts 2:45

We have grown up hearing it: "Everybody's after a buck!" and "Money may not be the most important thing, but it's way ahead of what's in second place." As missionary educators in the Fiji Islands, we can attest to the fact that there are places in the world where people's values are different. Here is Jack's tale about an experience that he and a Tongan colleague recently had while teaching in Kosrae, a remote island in Micronesia:

"After eating lunch at one of the island's few restaurants, Toa and I pondered whether we should tip the waitress. Tipping is considered rude in the Pacific Islands, but Micronesia has been influenced by American values. Better to tip and risk embarrassment, we decided. Toa put down a dollar. It was returned with a smile.

"On the way to the church where we were teaching, we stopped at a roadside fruit stand to buy some limes. A young woman gathered up the 15 or 20 limes she had left and handed them to Toa.

"When he asked, 'How much?' and extracted his dollar, she waved him off.

" 'These are old limes,' she said. 'They are too small. I couldn't take money for them!'"

Everybody's after a buck? No, not everyone; not yet. We have been impressed, as well as humbled, by the spirit of giving and sharing that is normative throughout the Pacific. In Fiji, it is called *k e r i - k e r i*. People in rural villages take for granted that "what is mine is yours." Malaysians call it *w a n t o k*. The one who earns the money expects to support the whole family and all the friends who are not earning money.

What is the significance of *keri-keri* for us Christians in North America? In our highly individualistic society, what is mine is mine. We've worked hard to accumulate things, and sometimes it seems as if a host of forces is conspiring to take them away from us. Yet, living in Fiji, we are jolted by how large the gap really is between those of us who are comfortable and the majority here. It may sound trite, but it's also true that though the majority has almost nothing, they willingly share even the little they have.

"A dead church doesn't ask
for money."

—CLARA BESS EIKNER

On Not Giving to the Budget

The church is under financial strain. There is worry that "We might not make the budget." In fact, the budget has been revised for the remainder of this year.

But, it's also of secondary importance. Too often, when we ask people to consider their financial contribution to the church, we have our eyes on the budget. This fosters the misguided notion that our giving is to perpetuate an institution.

But ultimately, the budget is beside the point. Sure, the congregation would not be able to continue without our contributions. But more importantly, our own faith will not be vital and lively without sacrificial giving. Giving keeps us alive spiritually.

First United Methodist Church Monthly Budget Needs September – December

\$52,500.00

This will allow

•Personnel Needs •Institutional Needs •Program Needs

\$42,000.00 Has been cut from the 2009 budget

Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

8:30 am Casual Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Traditional Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

10:45 am Contemporary
The MAC
Pastor Richard Rivera

WNL

- 5:00 Supper
- 5:25 Communion
- 5:30 Beginning Hand bells
- 6:00 Youth B.A.S.I.C.S.
Hand bells
Children's Programs
Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 Adult Choir



Holy Communion will be offered on Wednesdays in the Bray Chapel from 5:25 pm till 5:50 pm.



- Ushers:** Kirby Bowron
Les Myers
Milton Bradley
Paul Colditz
Ed Wiley
Bob Baxter

Greeters:

- 8:30** Norris & Peggy Wood
- 10:45** AG& Miriam Sherman
Kit & Sharon Carson

Wednesday Night Suppers

- September 2 Janice's Team
Salmon croquettes, mashed potatoes, green peas with carrots, cole slaw, rolls and Earthquake cake Children—Peanut butter/jelly sandw.
- September 9 Joyce's Team
Ham, oven fried okra and/or steamed cabbage, squash casserole, salad bar, cornbread/rolls, and banana splits. Children—Chicken tenders
- September 16 MIFT Team (Drost)
Herbed Chicken breast, butternut squash casserole, roasted green beans, biscuits
- September 23 Flo's Team
Pork Loin, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, apple salad, salad bar, rolls and Banana Pineapple Dessert. Children—Chicken nuggets
- September 30 Dinah's Team
Pizza, salad bar and dessert



Cost is \$5.00 with a family maximum of \$15.00.

5:00 Suppers

Children's News

We go into September saying, **GOD is Awesome** and so are our Families. We had a **VERY** successful Promotion Sunday, Bible Presentations, Acolyte trainings and OH, what a first Weds. Night. If August flew by and your family wasn't part of it, **WELL**, September is a new month. **WE WANT YOU HERE and WE NEED YOU HERE!**

Successful ministries are ones that the congregation has taken ownership of. Here, are just a few, that if you see, say a special.... **THANK YOU**

Children's Ministry Team: Colleen Collins, Patty Cummings, Barbara Marshall, Jamie Rowe and Tammy Seiler.

Sunday School Teachers: 9:45-10:45

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| 2's-3's(Sept 2) | Judy Cloyd |
| 4's-K | Beverly Bradley, Jan Jewett, Mandy Hunter |
| 1 st -2 nd | Glenda Wischmeyer, Scott/Ginna Yost |
| 3 rd - 4 th | Amy Rogers, Frank Mullen, Marcia Jones |
| 5 th -6 th | Tammy/Eric Seiler, Stan/Tricia Wallace |

Children's Church: Ages 4 years – 2nd grade 10:45 Services

Wednesday Fundamentals: Information Cards Available

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| 3:30-4:00 | Ages 1 st -6 th | Homework Haven |
| 4:00-5:00 | Ages 1 st -6 th | Recreation/Mission Mania |
| 5:00-6:00 | Ages 3yrs-6 th | Dinner/Movie |
| 6:00-7:00 | Ages 3 yrs -6 th | Music/Bible Buddies |

New Members

Robert and Melanie Howell
21 Wrought Iron Trail
Morganton, Georgia 30560
706-374-5183

Chad and Mitzi Gasaway
Devin and Caylor
1430 Pea Ridge Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
706-745-7657

Ivan Arteaga
95 Rogers Street
Blairsville, Georgia

Fran Ives
2179 Jordan Lane
Blairsville, Georgia
706-745-9082

Meetings



Tuesday, September 8th
6:30 pm



Wednesday, September 9th
6:00 pm

Opportunities @



MAC Hours:

Walking Track/Weight Room	Monday-Thursday	8:00 am—5:30 pm
	Friday	8:00 am—1:00 pm
Gym (Basketball courts)	Thursdays	5:00 pm—8:00 pm



Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading -

We have approximately 70 kids grades 1-6 involved in our Upward Flag Football League. Anyone interested in serving as prayer coordinators, helping with concessions, or other areas can call Stan at the MAC to volunteer. Team practices have begun. The first game is Saturday, September 5th and the Awards Celebration is Sunday, October 11th at the House of Prayer.

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading -

Registration starts in September. Registration forms and volunteer information can be found at the MAC!



Fall Bowling League-

WHO: Ages High school and up

DATES: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25

TIME: Sunday Afternoons 1:00pm—3:00 pm

LOCATION: Galaxy Lanes, Blairsville

COST: \$8.00 per person per session. This will be a Non-sanctioned league using individual handicaps to score. League will consist of teams of 4. You can register as a team or as an individual and we will put you on a team.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, September 17th



Sr. Adults Young- At- Heart

Our **S.M.A.R.T.** (Small Maintenance and Repair Team) is ready to do small maintenance or repairs for any of our shut-ins or older adults that are unable to do for themselves around their house. If you know of anyone needing assistance with small home or yard projects, call Stan at the church office and give a description of the work needed. Call today. We are ready to help!

Coming Events....

October 23rd Chattanooga Fall Leaf River Cruise

Prayer Corner



Luke 6:38 “Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”

If we treat others generously, compassionately and graciously, then these qualities will come back to us in full measure. Our heavenly Father is exceedingly gracious. He gives and gives and gives.

John 3:16 Romans 8:32 Matt.6:11 James 4:6

When we lost our house to a fire in May of 2000 I didn't know how we were going to pay all our bills or where we were going to go. But God knew. A couple we had just met offered us their fully furnished garage apartment, and the church we were attending gave us a shower to help us with household needs. Monetary gifts started coming in from all over. It was a very humbling time in our life as God provided through His children prayers, help, money, love and support.

Looking around our beautiful, fully furnished home, 7 years later, overwhelms me at times. We are so blessed and so very grateful to God who has given so much more than we could have ever imagined.

What I have learned through that very tragic time in our life is to not hold on so tightly to earthly things. Our earthly treasures will one day all burn up. We must be storing up heavenly treasures, generously giving to God's work here on earth. We must be about our Father's business. We must be kingdom builders, giving generously of our time, our money, and our talents, so that we can bring glory and honor to God.

A person who gives only a little, will receive only a little in return. Don't let a lack of faith keep you from giving freely and generously.

II Cor. 9:6-7 says, “Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Rod and I have always tithed. It is a joy to give back to God, but that is only the beginning. I find the real blessing comes in giving beyond the 10% tithe. - Kathy Johnson

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for blessing us so richly. Help us to be generous in our giving of our time, our talents, and our finances. May our hearts be open to receive and our hands be open to give. May our faith grow as we learn to trust you more fully.

IF WE WAIT FOR MORE MONEY OR MORE TIME BEFORE WE COMMIT TO GIVE, WE ARE LIKELY TO WAIT FOREVER.

United Methodist Women

Circle of Love will meet Thursday, September 3rd and 17th at 6:30pm. Watch your email for more details.

Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, September 2nd at 10 am in the Friendship Sunday School.

UMW Missions will meet Tuesday, September 15th at 10:00 am in the Bray Chapel. Benetta Cook will present a review of the book, I Believe in Jesus. All ladies are invited.

MIFT will meet Monday, September 21st at 6:30 pm.

Military Addresses

PFC Jeff Cook, Bravo Troop 1-40 Cav (ABN) FOB Gardez APO, AE 09354. He is Omaha Roger's grandson.

Fireman Brandon Rightnour, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: brandonrightnour@yahoo.com. He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton, 355 Aoloa Street, Apt. M101, Kailua, HI 96734. He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

ND Brody Dorton, MDSU One, Bldg. 17 Bishop Pt., Pearl Harbor, HI 96860.—He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son .

AW3 Evan Albright, HS-10, P.O. Box 357119, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA 92135-7119. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J., HHC 3-187 IN REGT, 3 BCT 101 ABN DIV, APO AE 09344. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

A1C Lewis 4003 S. Westshore Blvd. Apt. 4005, Tampa, FL 33611. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

Chris Varian, Bravo1-321 AFAR, FOB Salerno, ATO AE 09314

Pvt, Prentice, Nathaniel, B Co. 1-222 D AVN Regt., 1004 Pearl Place, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604. (on back write 3rd PLT) He is the grandson of Juanita Prentice.

Krogmeier, Cory Army **Gilhooley, Ryan** USAF

Dr. John Quigley, USN

Capt. Paul Hargrove (Army Special Forces), 1266 Arailia Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314. He is Myrtle & Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

1st Sgt. Kevin Ryan (Air Force), 104 Creekside Lane, VAFB, CA 93437. He is Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

UMW Pecan Sale



THE UMW PECAN SALE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1ST. Please pick up an order form at the MAC desk. Fill the form out and place it in the box provided. Delivery of the pecans will begin the second week of November. Payment is upon delivery.



United Methodist Men

The UMM breakfast will be Saturday, September 19th at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall. Doug Towery with the Natural Resource Conservation Service will be the guest speaker. Devotional speaker is Rick Siefken.

September 10th will kick off the Fall session of OASIS for the 12th year. OASIS has grown from a small beginning to this year's near record number of student enrollments in 54 classes being offered on Thursdays, and eleven Saturday workshops.

The lunch time entertainment featured the first week will be the "Red Dirt Road" band, a group that had its beginning as students at OASIS. Led by instructor James Blitchington, they were quite entertaining at one of the winter session programs last year.



Parish Nursing

Children are Back in School, and so are Head Lice

Getting head lice is not the result of unclean home environments! Lice are spread from host to host by direct contact or using the same comb, hat, helmets, towels, etc. They do not thrive on pets, but must have human blood to live. **Head lice** are small, wingless insects about the size of sesame seeds, with six legs and claws to grasp the hair. They are crawling insects and cannot hop, jump, or fly. Head lice can live for 30 days on a host and each female can lay up to 100 nits (eggs). **Nits** are small yellowish-white, oval shaped eggs that seem glued to the side of the hair shaft. Although chemical treatments are available, they can be harmful to some individuals such as those with asthma, epilepsy, brain tumors, cancer or AIDS. The best treatment is use a special comb ("Licemeister Comb" is one) and systematically comb hair to remove lice and nits. A disposable wooden screening stick can be used for each child in a group screening. Upholstered furniture, rugs, or stuffed animals can be vacuumed to remove fallen hair, lice, or nits. **HAPPY HUNTING!**

Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

Every 4 minutes one person is diagnosed with a blood cancer. About 140,000 people in the United States will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma in 2009.

Leukemia is a cancer of the bone marrow and blood, with uncontrolled accumulation of blood cells. It is divided into 4 categories, two acute and two chronic. In **acute leukemia** excessive "leukemic cells" are produced in the bone marrow, crowding out normal cells like platelets, which can then cause bleeding such as bruising. Signs are tiredness or no energy, shortness of breath during exercise, pale skin, mild fever or night sweats, slow healing of cuts, bruises, pinhead red spots under skin, aches in bones or joints, abnormal blood counts. It may progress rapidly and must be treated for survival. In **chronic leukemia**, some of the same symptoms may exist, but progresses slowly, and may not need treatment for a long time. Blood tests and a bone marrow exam are needed to make an accurate diagnosis of either kind.

Lymphoma is a general term for a group of cancers that originate in the lymphatic system. They are divided into two major categories, **Hodgkin** and **Non-Hodgkins**. Hodgkin lymphoma is one of the most curable forms of cancer. It is most likely to be diagnosed in people in their twenties or thirties. It is less common in middle age and becomes more common again after age 60. Lymphocytes (a type of white blood cell) have malignant changes that crowd out normal cells, especially in the lymph nodes and other parts of the immune system. Signs and symptoms of lymphoma may include: swollen lymph nodes, fever, night sweats, tiredness, loss of appetite and weight loss, itchy skin. Blood tests and imaging tests are used to diagnose the lymphomas.

Membership News

August Average Worship Attendance

8:30	Early Service	79
9:45	Sunday School	178
10:45	Traditional	250
10:45	Contemporary	148

Homebound:

Bonnie McCullum
Lavon Butt
Sharon Jones
Elizabeth Henley
Omah Rogers
Harry Madducks
Melissa Devereaux
Shirlee Evans
May Langman
Ermine Branch
Lois Barr
Marvin Hernden
Hattie Gleasure

Prayer Pagers:

Available in the parish nurses' office. To call someone, you simply dial their number and when you hear the beep, hit 1111#.

New News



The Morning Glory Circle is taking up coats of all sizes, children through adult. Coats should be in good condition and be machine washable. Coats may be dropped off to a Glory Circle member or the box in the closet across from the MAC desk. The coats will be distributed in December.



Our Tree of Life is growing! With new donations of \$300 to the MAC, a leaf will be engraved in memoriam or honor of your designee. These donations go directly to pay on the principal of the building. What a great gift idea for those who already have everything!



An Evening at the Parsonage will take place Sunday, September 20th at 5:30 pm. Meat and drinks are provided. You are asked to bring side dishes or dessert. There is space for 14 individuals. A sign up sheet will be at the MAC desk beginning September 6th.



New Sermon Series— “Slowin’ It Down & Lookin’ Around”. Begins Sunday, September 13th in all 3 services.



The Bazaar and Men’s Barbeque will take place on October 9th and 10th. If you have items to donate, you may bring them to the Annex on Thursdays between 11 am –1 pm. Please contact Pennie Hebble at 706-745-8659 or Jean Rogers at 706-745-2593.



The Bauman Family will perform a benefit concert on Sunday afternoon, September 13th at 2:00 pm in the MAC. All proceeds will go towards the MAC. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come enjoy an afternoon of good music.



THE GATHERING is a short time set aside before Sunday School (9:30 am) for us all to come together. THE GATHERING is downstairs in the MAC in the youth room. Thanks to the adult Sunday School classes for bringing the snacks for THE GATHERING each week.

The schedule for September is:

6th	Friendship Class
13th	Fidelis Class
20th	Searchers Class
27th	Joy Class



September Calendar

September 2 Corbin Carter
 Zadie McCall
 Cole Seabolt

September 6 Patty Cummings
 Robert Lydigsen
 Ian MacFarlane

September 7 Don Busby

September 12 Milo Bauman

September 14 Pam Mullen

September 15 Jackie Decker

September 16 Morgan Kelley
 William Newton

September 18 Lee Dunham

September 19 James Jordan
 Dinah Paris

September 20 Jeff Bauman
 Shirley Evans
 Erika Estep

September 21 David Forney
 Matt Meeks

September 22 Gene Chumley
 Shaun Estep
 Eva Kemp

September 23 Nick Graphman
 Miriam Sherman

September 25 Jack Baker
 Nancy Smith

September 26 Martha Shaffer

September 27 Tommie Burrell
 Jackie Franklin
 Keith Warren

September 29 Dee Arthur

September 30 Ed Langston
 Frank Mullen
 Carol Warren

Tuesday, 1st Scrapbooking, 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm

Wednesday, 2nd Morning Glory Circle, 10 am
 FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm, programs 6:00
 Choir, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 3rd Parish Nursing, 9:00 –11:00 am
 Circle of Love, 6:30 pm

Sunday, 6th Blood Pressure Screening
 DSL/MFY

Tuesday, 8th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm
 Trustees meeting, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 9th Friends of the Library Book Club, 1:00
 FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm, programs 6:00
 Church Council, 6:00
 Choir, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 10th Parish Nursing Office. 9:00—11:00 am
 OASIS

Sunday, 13th Worship Services
 Bauman Family Concert, 2:00 pm

Tuesday, 15th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm
 UMW Missions, 10:00 am

Wednesday, 16th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm, programs 6:00
 Choir, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 17th Parish Nursing Office 9:00—11:00 am
 OASIS
 Circle of Love, 6:30 pm

Saturday, 19th UMM breakfast meeting, 8:00 am

Sunday, 20th Worship Services—YHC Day
 Evening at the Parsonage, 5:30 pm
 MIFT, 6:30 pm

Monday, 21st Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm

Tuesday, 22nd FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm, programs 6:00
 Choir, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 23rd Parish Nursing Office 9:00 –11:00 am
 OASIS

Thursday, 24th Worship Services
 Scrapbooking, 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm

Sunday, 27th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm, programs 6:00
 Choir, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 29th

Wednesday, 30th