

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

For children, please indicate age and grade

Name of Participant(s) _____

Class or Activity _____

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I have enclosed \$ _____ for registration/book(s).

I would like more information about _____

Please return Registration to the Church Office.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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All of our services of worship offer a blend of historic and creative styles of liturgy and music, yet each service is a unique worship expression.

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebrations

We offer our praise to God with hymns ancient and modern, accompanied by the majestic sounds of the pipe organ and the regular participation of music ensembles.

9:10 a.m. Worship Celebration

We sing “a new song” to the Lord, accompanied by guitar, violin, flute, keyboard, and percussion.

10:00 - 10:50 a.m. Church School

Classes offered for 18 months - Adult.

8:30 - 10:20 a.m. Fellowship Time

You are invited to greet one another and enjoy refreshments in the SERVE Center.

8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Nursery

We love to have children in worship! If you desire, a nursery is located inside Hess Hall. Care is provided during all three Worship Celebrations and Sunday Church School. Pagers are available.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

We are called to be a Servant Church where new and lifelong Christians are becoming deeply committed followers and servants of Jesus Christ.

Faith Celebrations!

Children 18 months through 5th grade

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Children will be divided into three age-level classes: the 18 months - 2 year olds will be in the nursery; the 3 & 4 year olds meet in Room 10; and the Kindergarten students meet in Room 9.

Rotation Sunday Church School is for 1st - 5th graders. Each week students will start out in the chapel and then attend one station. Students will experience the same story for four to six weeks, but will explore it through different activities like art, science, cooking, music, games, geography, and drama/storytelling. This year's theme is "Test of Faith"!

All classes are designed to help children come to know the transforming love of Jesus Christ and to experience the Bible in ways they can understand.

Third Grade Bible Exploration

Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Room 17

Starting January 2012 (exact dates will be announced later)

Contact: Marsha Geren 241-4637 or Lori Jantz 654-3632

Third graders are invited to explore the Bible with Marsha! Come and discover *how to use* this amazing Book. Learn about all the different kinds of books in the Old and New Testament.

Youth Sunday Church School

See "Youth Ministries" section of this booklet for details.

Youth Ministry

1st UMC Youth Ministries offers opportunities for those in 6th through 12th grades to grow in their faith and service and to make new friends in Christ! The 6th - 8th grade youth meet together in our Middle School activities. The 9th - 12th grade youth meet together in our High School activities.

If you would like more information or have questions about our Youth Ministries please contact Darren Frazier, who coordinates High School Youth Ministry at 241-4204, darrenfumc@sbcglobal.net or Sara Rice, who coordinates Middle School Youth Ministry at 620-345-7453, sarafumc@sbcglobal.net.

Middle School Sunday School

10:00 a.m., Sunday mornings, in Room 23

High School Sunday School

10:00 a.m., Sunday mornings, in Room 21

High School Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 - 8:30 pm

See Wednesday Evening Schedule section of the brochure for more details.

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30pm

See Wednesday Evening Schedule section of the brochure for more details.

'Servants by Design' Fall Family Retreat 2011 REGISTRATION FORM

Adult: _____

*email: _____

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Children: _____ age: _____

_____ age: _____

_____ age: _____

We will send the following information to your email address:
Retreat Schedule, directions, more information about what to
bring, and instructions for taking the 'Servants By Design' online
profile.

Most everyone will be staying in one of the comfortable bunk beds
provided in the Cedars building (one building is for females, the
other is for males). You will need to bring a sleeping bag or sheets
and your own towel. All the buildings at Horizon have electricity
and are air-conditioned or heated. There are 8 individual rooms in
Renewal Lodge with a private bathroom/shower (bedding and lin-
ens provided) that will be given to families with babies, and then to
families with children 3 and younger. After this, they will be filled
on a first come basis. (Please note that there will be a \$10 dollar
charge per person, 4 years and older, after 2 adults.) Put a check-
mark in the box if you would like to be on the list to receive one of
these rooms (which sleeps 4-6).

Registration Fee: Half of your total cost (\$32.50 for one adult,
\$65.00 for two adults). Please make your checks payable to First
United Methodist and put Family Retreat in the memo line.

There are a variety of adult classes that meet during the 10:00
a.m. Sunday School time and one during the 9:10 a.m. time.

9:10–10:00 a.m.

9:10 Class

Room 7

This class is generally made up of persons attending the first
worship service at 8:00 a.m. They welcome new members to
join with them in their study of God's word.

Contact: Carol Ek 241-1131

10:00–10:50 a.m.

Happy Notes (September–May)

Room 8

This lively class is made up of adults with special needs. They
use the older elementary study guide and enjoy singing.

Contact: Lonny Hatch 241-4674

Wanderers (September–May)

Room 19

This is a very easy-going group of late 30's thru early 50's
people. They pick and choose study guides as needed utilizing
traditional Bible study, video series and films, and discussion
format.

Contact: Debbie Hulse 241-6402

Partners in Christ

Room 6

This group is generally age 50+ and retired. They use the
Adult Bible Study series and extend their time once a month
for lunch.

Contact: Harold Nelson 241-3996

10:00–10:50 a.m. Continued

Homebuilders

Room 4, Library

This older adult group contains members of various backgrounds, especially farming. They add a unique historical point of view in their Adult Bible Studies. They also enjoy the social aspect during the Sunday School Class.

Contact: Al Renner 585-6398

If you are looking for a place to connect and grow, you are encouraged to visit classes of your choosing. If you would be interested in starting a “new” class, please contact the church office or make a note on the registration form.

The Gathering Place - A Place for You! Sundays, 10:00-10:50 a.m., SERVE Center Leader: Pastor Karen Rice Ratzlaff Beginning Sunday, August 21, 2011

Come fill your cup, heart and soul! After your kids are settled in Sunday school, grab a chair and something to drink while you catch up with friends and make new ones. The time will begin with informal conversation and end with a bit of spiritual nourishment. Come when you can, any time you can during the church school hour, and as often as you like! If you haven't found a place to connect here at FUMC, there is a place for you at 'The Gathering Place'.

management, and a financial gift and incentive for participation as an investigator in a Getting Ahead Class. Full and partial sponsorships are welcome.

'Servants By Design'

Fall Family Retreat

Camp Horizon (near Arkansas City)

October 1 and 2

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$65.00 for each adult. No cost for children/youth coming with their parents!

Join Pastor Mike and Pastor Karen for a fun and inspiring weekend of learning, hiking, playing, singing, and eating smores at Camp Horizon! We will come to appreciate God's amazing creation by being in the great outdoors, and by learning how each of us are uniquely designed and created by God. Adults will learn more about themselves and those they love the most, and will gain new insight about how to strengthen all the relationships in their life. Children will have fun with some great volunteers from our church who are coming along to hang out with them and do cool stuff while parents are learning. Toddlers and babies will get lots of hugging and spoiling whenever parents want a break. There will also be lots of family time together during meals, on group hikes, around the campfire, late night fun and during worship! Please see the registration form at the back of this booklet to Register and for more information. The Registration deadline is Wednesday, August 31st. Registration form on the next page.

Income and Education Team

Contact Persons: Debbie Gieselman at 245-4291

Help Circle Leaders have access to work and education. Organize referral networks of workforce and education systems. Identify programs and service areas that will help Circle Leaders learn and meet their goals.

Big View Team

Contact Persons: Chris Wiens at 241-8407

Gather community leaders and Circles members to identify, discuss and problem solve barriers to getting out of poverty. Choose one significant barrier or roadblock brought to light by Circle families and allies to address each 9-12 months.

Resources Team

Contact Persons: Neisha Dahlstrom at 241-0323

Assures there are sufficient resources to implement the Circles Campaign by serving as an ambassador to local funders and stakeholders. Help secure resources to support Circle leaders' self-sufficiency goals like a car program, mechanic services, or revolving loans and many other possibilities.

Apply to serve as an Ally

Contact Person: Pam Shoemaker at 241-5057

Allies meet with their Circle Leaders on the first Thursday of each month to form mutually supportive relationships and to support Circle Leaders in achieving their new goals. Pam can provide you with more details about training and a job description for this exciting 18 month opportunity.

Sponsor a Getting Ahead family/participant (\$500)

Contact Persons: Neisha Dahlstrom at 241-0323

Provide the resources for each family/participant to receive the needed training, supplies, curriculum, coaching staff/case

Wednesday Evening Church Suppers (W.E.C.S.)

5:15—6:30 p.m., Hess Hall

Beginning September 7th, 2011 – April 25th, 2012

Suggested Donation: Adults: \$3.50

Children and Youth: \$1.00

You are invited to enjoy a home-style supper in Hess Hall prior to the various ministries for children, adults and youth on Wednesday evenings! This is also a great time to invite others and meet new people as we share a meal and fellowship together. Reservations are required by noon on Tuesdays and can be made by indicating on the W.E.C.S. Reservation Form (which can be found in the bulletin on Sunday mornings), by e-mail at mcpersonfumc@sbcglobal.net, or by calling the church office at 241-3626.

An alternate main entrée (which is “kid-friendly”) will be available each week for adults and kids. Reservations will include the option to sign-up for the regular or alternate main entrée selection. Both main entrée selections include the same sides and dessert. (Peanut butter and jelly will continue to be available as well.)

J.A.M.—Jesus and Me

For children: Pre-K - 2nd & 3rd - 5th

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., Education Wing

FALL: September 14th - October 26th

SPRING: January 11th - March 28th

Contact Person: Lori Jantz 654-3632

Following W.E.C.S., there will be activities for children to learn more about God's love and to express their faith. Children Pre-K - 2nd grade will experience a variety of hands-on activities that will help the Bible come alive. Students 3rd - 5th grade will join together for Christian fun, fellowship, study and missions.

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Nursery Care Available

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. (as needed)

Room 11 (Hess Hall)

For parents providing leadership, participating in choirs and classes, or attending meetings, nursery care is available for infants through preschool! For the safety of each child, including those in the nursery, Kindergarten children and older are encouraged to participate in the planned activities.

Bell Choir/Ensemble

Wednesdays, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Room #2

September - May

You are invited to experience the joy of hand bell ringing by joining the church Bell Choir. No experience is necessary.

For more information, indicate your interest on the registration form or call Nellie.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal Room

September - May

The Chancel Choir provides the principle music for the 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration. New voices are always welcome!

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Hess Hall & Middle School Classroom

Contact Person: Sara Rice at 620-345-7453 or sarafumc@sbcglobal.net

Join us in the MIDDLE of the week as we encounter God through Bible study, service and outreach, fellowship and of course, loads of FUN! We will meet for food and fellowship at 6:15 p.m. (Be sure to sign-up for W.E.C.S. and look for the Middle School Youth reserved tables in Hess Hall.) After filling our tummies, we will head upstairs to the M.S. Youth

Other Opportunities

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Getting Ahead Classes and Circle meetings will continue to be held at our church on Thursday evenings throughout the entire year. Each Thursday evening includes a snack supper and activities for children. In addition to building community on Thursday evenings, the following teams will meet monthly to carry out important tasks which support and build this program. All persons who participate in this program are expected to participate in the 6-hour Bridges Out of Poverty Training, which will be led by Mike and Cindy Marion two times each year.

Come and join your church family in this inspiring mission!

Recruitment Team for Circle Leaders and Allies

Contact Persons: Pam Shoemaker at 241-5057

Ensure Getting Ahead Classes are well attended and effective so that persons learn to set goals and create a new future story. Support facilitators and prepare graduates to become Circle Leaders. Recruit, train, and match Allies (persons who want to befriend someone working to increase their resources) with Circle Leaders (Getting Ahead graduates). Help ensure that Allies and Circle Leaders are prepared to have a great relationship with one another.

Community Meetings Team

Contact Persons: Sandy Hunter at 245-0024; Neisha Dahlstrom at 241-0323

Build Community by organizing the logistics of weekly meetings. Invite individuals/classes/groups or businesses in the community to provide a snack supper. Arrange for child care and children's activities. Create a warm and welcoming environment for all who participate.

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the church. If you would like to serve on the Odd Job Ministry or if you need any assistance, please feel free to contact Maynard Lewis or Dick Keefer.

Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey

Contact persons: Janis and Larry Sigle 620-245-0448 or janislyn_jls@yahoo.com

Sunday Evenings 5:30-7:30 Nursery Provided Begins August 21

Find out how to get out of debt, create a budget that works, agree with your spouse on money, invest and retire with confidence, build wealth, live like never before – and much more! In only 13 weeks you will learn skills and use tools to put you in charge of your money. Preview at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview/>. The first session, Super Savings, is FREE. The full course is \$100 per family (about \$8 per class). Bring your spouse and invite your friends. Come see what it's all about! Please register by August 21.

Steps To End Poverty of McPherson County (STEP MC)

Join with church and community members in a Circles campaign to end poverty by building mutually liberating relationships with persons struggling with too few resources. There are opportunities to serve on 5 teams, help with meals and hospitality, work with children, be an Ally and many other ways to become involved as we experience the grace and presence of Christ by building new relationships.

Last year was our 'pilot year' of carrying out this innovative strategy, and this year we are looking forward to implementing many of the things we learned from our first experience. We hope to involve even more persons in this transformational ministry.

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room for the evening's activities. Special weekend activities with the Senior High Youth, including laser tag, ice skating, and concerts will occur throughout the year.

Senior High Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Darren & Val Frazier's home, unless announced differently. Contact Darren Frazier at 241-4204 or darrenfumc@sbcglobal.net

All Senior High youth are invited to an informal Bible Study each Wednesday evening. Come join the fun as we learn together what the Bible has to say about how we live our lives. Our time together includes study, prayer, laughter and Bible-related activities. Bring your Bible...bring a friend...come and nourish your soul!

United Methodist Senior High Youth Ministries (UMYM)

"Extra Jesus" activities will be scheduled monthly with a variety of activities including mission, fellowship, and of course just plain old fun. Friends are always welcome!!

Contact person: Darren Frazier 241-4204 or email Darren at darrenfumc@sbcglobal.net and provide your contact information. You will be added to the Senior High email notices.

We will be adding "Our Prayers" to the bulletin board between the Senior and Middle High school youth rooms. If you would like the youth to remember a prayer or you are in need of prayer, please post a note on the board anytime. The youth are "More Than" just youth!!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Program

Wednesdays, Evening Time TBA, Room 7

Rehearsals begin November 2nd

1st through 5th grade will perform a Christmas musical on Sunday, December 11th. New voices and actors are welcome!

Sonshine Choir

Sundays, 10:50-11:10 a.m., Room 7

Rehearsals: September 11-May 20

Director: Celaine Worden; Accompanist: Alma Nigh;

Parent Helper: Amy Bower

Children's Choir for children 3 years--Kindergarten. Come enjoy rehearsals and perform once a month in worship!

Celebration Singers

Sundays, 10:50-11:10 a.m., Chapel

Rehearsals: September 11-May 20

Directors: Amy Eisenbarth, Bill Cartmell, & Casey

Stucky; Accompanist: Shirley Lewis

1st through 5th grade students will perform once a month in worship. All are welcome to join the fun of singing in a children's choir!

Kindermusik

Three Class Choices:

Wednesday Class, 5:10 - 5:50 p.m. for 4 - 5 1/2 years

Wednesday Class, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. for 18 mos. - 4 years

Thursday Class, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. for 18 mos. - 4 years

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FALL: September 14th & 15th - December 7th & 8th

SPRING: Another semester will begin January 18th &

19th and end April 11th & 12th

Educator: Lori Persigehl

month from 9:00 a.m. - Noon in Room 8.

The UMW have four unit meetings throughout the year: a Four Seasons Salad Supper in September; a Christmas Tea in December; Mother-Daughter-Guest Banquet in April; and a June Brunch.

United Methodist Men

September - May (excluding December)

1st Thursday of the month

6:00 p.m. SERVE Center

Contact: Don Olson 241-1273

The United Methodist Men meet for a meal and a meeting once a month (September - May, excluding December) on the 1st Thursday of the month. Besides monthly meetings, the UMM provide a Men's Coffee at the Cedars every other month on the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.; serve the meal at the Mother-Daughter-Guest banquet; and have an All-Church Picnic at Lakeside Park on the 1st Thursday of September.

Servant Evangelism Team

Contact Persons: Carol Martin, 241-4175 &

Marlena Regier, 241-4184

Doing acts of kindness for those in the community to show God's love is the purpose of Servant Evangelism. The team meets periodically to plan events like FREE car washes, refreshment give-aways, treats for patients receiving chemotherapy, the October Trunk-or-Treat event for children, etc. We would love to have you on the team! Plus, you get a cool t-shirt!!!

Odd Job Ministry

Contact persons: Maynard Lewis, 241-1527 or

Dick Keefer, 241-3323

Individuals sometimes have needs in the areas of outdoor projects or home repair that can be met by caring persons in

DivorceCare

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Room 19

Fall: Beginning September 8th

Spring: TBA

Registration fee: \$15 (one-time only charge)

Facilitators: Jan Friesen and John Rettig

Separated? Divorced? You don't have to go through it alone. Find help, discover hope & experience healing in this Divorce Care class. Here you will become part of a small support group of people who are also experiencing separation or divorce, just like you. Please know that anyone can join the group at anytime during the 13-week cycle of classes, Sept. 8 - Dec. 8. On Thanksgiving, November 24, there will be no DivorceCare session. If you would like childcare provided, please let us know with your registration. For more information, contact Jan at 245-0024, jefriesen410@hotmail.com or John at 242-3137. Depending upon need and interest level, more classes to be offered in the spring.

United Methodist Women

September - May (excluding December)

The United Methodist Women have five circles that meet once a month, September - May excluding December. They are: Lamplighters: 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Sheryl Messenger 241-5182; Mary/Martha: 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Dora Shook 241-6938; Deborah: 3rd Thursday at 9:15 a.m. Contact: Barbara Hays 241-6227; Barbara: 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Janis Sigle 245-0448; Rachel: 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the SERVE Center Contact: Staci Schmid 245-0916.

The UMW have a Quilting Group that meets Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Room 8 and a Sewing Group that meets the last Monday of the

Children 18 months - 4 years will be enrolled in "OUR TIME" and have the opportunity to sing, dance, play rhythm instruments, and participate in listening exercises with their parent/caregiver. This weekly 30 minute class is a 12 week semester.

Children 4 - 5 1/2 years will be enrolled in "IMAGINE THAT!" and will explore music through pretend play, storytelling, movement, literature and by playing different rhythmic instruments. This weekly 40 minute class meets with children alone for the first 25 minutes and an adult/caregiver joins in the last 15 minutes for sharing time. Semester is 12 weeks.

For more information about Kindermusik or to enroll in class, please contact Lori in the church office, 241-3626 or lorifumc@sbcglobal.net. Cost for tuition and materials is listed on the Kindermusik brochure, which can be mailed to you.

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer Team Ministry

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.

Chapel

The Prayer Team meets on Thursday mornings for 30-45 minutes for a time of devotion and silent intercessory prayer for persons requesting prayer and for others in our congregation including friends and family members. We always welcome new partners in prayer! Please join us at any time.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Leader: Tonya Olson, 241-1273

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets occasionally at the church. Some crochet; others knit. If you don't know how to do either, it's a simple pattern, easily taught. Feel free to contact Tonya to learn how to make a prayer shawl. Most individuals work at home, others wait until the group gathers together. Shawls are given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss or are in the midst of crisis. Shawls are also given in celebration of life's special moments. Each shawl is prayed over then given to an individual.

Faith Highway Express

Contact Person: Lori Persigehl, 241-3626; Marlana Regier, 241-4184; Maynard & Shirley Lewis, 241-1527; and Warren & Carol Vogel, 241-3337

An on-the-road ministry that enjoys traveling to several different destinations throughout the year. Some trips are overnight and some are just for the day. One enjoys seeing the sights as well as the joy of Christian fellowship! Join the adventure for one or more trips! Watch the church newsletters and bulletins for upcoming events and registration information. All aboard!

Short-Term Adult Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., SERVE Center

August 23rd – September 27th

Cost: \$9.00 for a Participant Book

Leaders: Pastor Michael Marion and Frances King

You are invited to join us for a six-week study of *Galatians*, *Ephesians*, and *Philippians*. This new Bible study, written by Frank Ramirez, helps participants explore intellectual, spiritual, and emotional insights into the scriptures and into their

own relationships with God. Meet new friends in the congregation as you enjoy this relevant journey into the early days of the church.

Short-Term Adult Bible Study

(Offered Two Times)

Sunday Mornings, 10:00 - 10:50 a.m., Room TBA

October 9th – 30th

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., SERVE Center

October 11th - November 1st

Cost: \$7.50 for a Participant Study Book

Leaders: Pastor Michael Marion and Staff

Practicing Extravagant Generosity, by Bishop Robert Schnase, is a four-week study that will follow the sermon series in worship during October. The study opens the Scriptures to show the joy and grace of giving. By reading and following this guide to the spiritual discipline of stewardship, we will experience afresh the joy of serving God with time, talents, and gifts.

Bible Study for Moms

Every other Monday

9:15–11:15 a.m., Room 15

Contact Person: Casey Stucky, 755-5800

All Moms are invited to gather together to focus their hearts in God's grace, grow in their faith through God's word and share the joys and struggles of being a mom. Come laugh, learn and meet other moms in our church! Childcare is provided. Casey Stucky, who is the mother of three young children, facilitates this group. Please call the church office to register and to provide the names and ages of your children for childcare. Questions, please call Casey.