



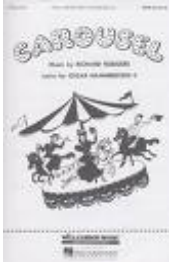
THE OAKS



Riverton First United Methodist Church

JUNE 1, 2009

Pastor's Letter



"June is bustin' out all over." So go the words of one of the songs in the musical *Carouse!*. Most of us around here are ready for it to bust out! With warm temperatures and dry weather, after what seems like the wettest spring ever. Farmers still need to get in some field time. School kids need to get out and enjoy the

break from school. And we all need to appreciate the beauty of God's glorious creation in its full greenery before the browning that will come a little later in the season.

June is bustin' with activities--opportunities to worship, fellowship and grow together in the summer of God's grace. We will begin the first Sunday of June with Outdoor Worship on our beautiful church property, weather permitting. It should not be too hot yet, and we hope it will have stopped raining by then. After time for Sunday School and preparations after the service, we will have a picnic in and around the pavilion. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, along with plates and flatware. Bring a dish to share if you can. I may even break out my horseshoes to take on any challengers.

A little later in June will be Vacation Bible School. It starts on the second Sunday, June 14th and

runs through the 18th, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM each day. We are cooperating with St. James Catholic Church again this year, so the evenings will start and end over there, with games and snacks here in between. The theme for the week is Kingdom of the Son—A Prayer Safari. Classes are for Preschool through Fifth Grade. Adult volunteers and teen helpers are also needed. Donations will be collected for the Riverton Food Pantry throughout the week.

Having had a practice run on June 7, we should be ready to host some guests for a picnic June 28. The Otterbein Cluster, a group of United Methodist Churches in the Springfield area that we belong to, is planning a picnic right here for that Saturday from 1-4 PM. Everyone in the church, and the other Cluster churches, is invited. It will be a chance for us to meet some other nice people and to practice Christian hospitality by sharing the wonderful grounds and facilities with which God has blessed us. Bring a dish to pass, and enjoy.

So, there will be no *lazy, hazy crazy days of summer*, to quote another song, at least not yet. We have a full schedule of things to be doing as we live out our Christian lives together. May God's grace be with us through it all!

Pastor Jonathan Dixon



The May Riverton United Methodist Women

The Ladies of the UMW are having a guest speaker, Dr. Conant who will be speaking on HEALTH.



This starts at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Riverton First United Methodist Church in Riverton 427 East Lincoln.

The hostesses for the evening are Grace C. and Cheryl B.

All are welcome to come on Tuesday JUNE 9, 2009

If you have any questions contact Ellen at gramto6@sbcglobal.net or call her at 691-7676.



June - the United Methodist Men will be teaching the classes so our Educators can have a break time. Thanks to our Men!!!!

These classes will be in the Fellowship Hall with some possible time in our great lawn and/or the Pavilion directly behind the Church building.

Sunday School happens when the Worship time ends (approximately 10:30) to 11:30.

June 7th the Teachers are invited to be part of the Scripture Seekers class taught by Grace Carriker in the main level Sunday School room in the north side of the Denkert Room off the main sanctuary.

June 14th will be a class for all adults in that same room but we are giving Grace the week off for her spiritual restoration.

June 21st Mr. Ken Runkle will be our guest teacher on the Gifts of the Spirit. This will be in the same room as previous weeks.

June 28th will be the follow-up class from the class taught by Ken. It is our own self study part. This will also happen in the North part of the Denkert Room.

The theme of the Christian Education this calendar year is **Love Your Neighbor**. Special projects are being done and considered by the classes.

June 14th through the 18th is the **Vacation Bible School** that we team up with the St. James Catholic Church. This will be in the evening with the usual format of suppers at St. James before the beginning of the evening activities.

The first night is a pot luck that everyone is invited to eat with the staff and kids.

Kingdom of the Son a Prayer Safari is the theme, so be putting these dates on your calendar and think of how you want to contribute to this time for the children and youth of our towns.

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Contact Barb Lucas if you have ideas or want to volunteer.

Ellen Dixon- Christian Education Director





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

 Scott & Shawn Binion June 3, 2006

 Ron & Cheryl Armintrout June 7, 1970

 Mike & Barb Lucas June 12, 1976



Forget when an event is happening? Check the OAKS Online at www.rivertonfirstumc.org





Trustee News

We would like to thank the United Methodist Women for their generous donation from the chili supper they held this spring. This money will be held in a savings account until we need to resurface the parking lot. Fortunately we have been informed by Mr. Furman, an expert in the blacktop business, that our area does not need to be resurfaced this year.

The lawn mower has been serviced and is ready to roll. If you have a free day in the near future, we would love to have you help keep our church yard in tip-top shape. If you have questions about how to operate the mower, please feel free to ask for help. Pastor Dixon will be glad to direct your questions to the proper people. We also appreciate Ellen Dixon for keeping the pastor's yard mowed and looking great.

We will soon be getting the sanctuary ceiling repaired. There have been some nasty cracks in several places. Mr. Jim Moore has agreed to make the necessary repairs, but the church pews will need to be removed from those areas to enable to construct scaffolding for this job.

If you have encountered a problem with something on the church property, please feel free to let us know. It may be an item that we have not been aware of in the past.

Thank you for allowing us to care for the beautiful church property.

SCRIP NEWS



???HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK???

On the first and third Sunday of each month, an order sheet is inserted in the bulletin. You select the cards you can use, add the total, write a check for the face value of the cards, and give the order sheet and check/money to Doris Lamkey. The order is placed that evening. The cards arrive later that week, sorted with the order sheets (to be sure that each order is entirely complete), given to you the following Sunday, to be used by you for the full face value of the gift card. In the meantime, the store you bought a gift card for, immediately donates a percentage directly to our church. There is no cost to you and the church makes a profit to be applied directly to the principle of the loan. Should you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact Judy McCullough. We look forward to your SCRIP order as soon as possible.

SCRIP CALENDAR

SCRIP - ORDER DAY	SCRIP - PICK-UP DAY
June 7, 2009	June 14, 2009
June 21, 2009	June 28, 2009
July 5, 2009	July 12, 2009
July 19, 2009	July 26, 2009

Beckey, Kim June 4
 Armbruster, Jack June 5
 Logsdon, Leigh Anne June 5
 Skaggs, Patsy June 5
 Cox, Linda June 7
 Carriker, Ken June 12
 Hallford, Violet June 12
 Warren, Colin June 13



Kresse, Marilyn June 20
 Pantier, Scott June 20
 Todd, Majorie June 20
 Carriker, Sarah June 26
 Upton, Marion June 26
 Logsdon, Cindy June 28
 Schermerhorn, Darlene June 30



June 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 PM Board of Trustees	2	3 Annual Conference in Peoria	4 Annual Conference in Peoria	5 Annual Conference in Peoria	6 Annual Conference in Peoria
7 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM All Church Picnic	8	9 7:00 PM United Methodist Women	10 Pastor on Vacation	11 Pastor on Vacation	12 Pastor on Vacation	13 Pastor on Vacation 7:30 AM United Methodist Men
14 Regular Sunday Schedule with Guest Speaker Pastor on Vacation 6:30 – 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	15 6:30 – 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School Pastor on Vacation	16 6:30 – 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	17 6:30 – 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	18 6:30 – 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	19	20
21 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:35 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Youth Group Fathers Day	22 7:00 PM Worship Committee	23	24	25	26	27 1-4 PM Otterbein Cluster Picnic
28 Regular Sunday schedule	29	30				



Don't Monkey Around

Join Our Prayer Safari at Kingdom of the Son!



We're excited about Vacation Bible School to be held June 14-18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for ages preschool through 5th grade. This year's program is Kingdom of the Son, a week of safari adventure!

Children will embark on a prayer safari into the Kingdom of the Son. Through their adventures, children will discover that "God Listens," "God Provides," "God Forgives," "God Protects" and "God Rules!" We will have a great time with lively songs, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks--all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children. On top of that, we will be helping children learn to know God through prayer.

Plan to join us for a great time and bring a friend. You can pick up a registration form at the Methodist Church or call Barb or Mike Lucas, 629-7270, to pre-register. If any youth-group kids or adults would like to be safari guides, just let us know!

Also, our mission will be to collect non-perishable food items or money for the Riverton Food Pantry!



VBS is a joint venture with the Riverton Methodist and St. James Catholic churches.



VBS NEEDS YOUR

!!! HELP !!!

This summers Vacation Bible School needs craft and food supply donations. Please see the list below or at the back of the sanctuary next time you attend church. VBS is scheduled for June 14th.

We will also need empty paper towel rolls (75 total). Bring them to church instead of throwing them away! Your donations are sincerely appreciated. The VBS staff.

75 EMPTY paper towel roles; for crafts	4 rolls of sugar cookie dough
1 bag of chocolate chips	1 1/2 gallons of ice cream
1 bottle chocolate syrup	40 bananas
4 cans frozen orange juice 10 8oz containers whipped topping	2 boxes Cheerios
2 bags plain M&M's	4 bags Swedish fish
2 bags banana chips	2 bags mini marshmallows
4 cans biscuit dough	1 jar cinnamon
1 box of raisins	10 packs unsweetened drink mix
3 5lb bags sugar	100 dessert sized paper plates
100 bowls	50 clear plastic punch cups
200 small drinking cups	200 napkins



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Sunday, **June 14, 2009**
E-mail articles to
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Looking Ahead

- June 3-6 Annual Conference at Peoria Convention Center
- June 14-18 Vacation Bible School
- June 21 Fathers Day
- June 27 Otterbein Cluster Picnic
- September 13 United Methodist Women Sunday
- October 24 Chili Supper
- October 31 Trunk-er Treat
- November 8 United Methodist Men Sunday
- November 22 Community Thanksgiving Service

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