



The Link



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 Official Supporter of the Fairness Campaign
 Pastor: Reverend Jean Hawxhurst
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Our Mission: To share the Love of God in the heart of the city

GUEST LINK THINK*

Many of us will recall the children's story *The Little Engine that Could*. The book teaches the value of optimism and hard work. An early version goes:

A little railroad engine was employed about a station yard for such work as it was built for, pulling a few cars on and off the switches. One morning it was waiting for the next call when a long train of freight-cars asked a large engine in the roundhouse to take it over the hill. "I can't - that is too much a pull for me," said the great engine built for hard work. Then the train asked another engine, and another, only to hear excuses and be refused. In desperation, the train asked the little switch engine to draw it up the grade and down on the other side. "I think I can," puffed the little locomotive, and put itself in front of the great heavy train. As it went on the little engine kept bravely puffing faster and faster, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can."

"Do not say, 'I am only....' For you shall go to all whom I send you and you shall speak whatever I command you!" (Jeremiah 1:7 NRSV)

"I am only..." How often do we hear these words escape our lips? Jeremiah thought he was too young. Moses was afraid of public speaking, thought himself too slow of speech. Jacob thought his family was dysfunctional. David thought his sin was too great. And Jonah just had other things to do. "I am only" are words that attempt to limit God's miraculous power to transform our weakness and brokenness into strength and to utilize our gifts in unexpected ways. Yes, we may be the sum of our talents, but we are also God's miraculous creations. We are not just individual travelers on the way of life, but also members of the Body of Christ.

When we remember to say "but also," we begin to discover strengths and opportunities anew. Jeremiah was not only a boy, but also a child of God, an Israelite and a listener of God's call. God made him a prophet so profound and so capable that his words still guide us today. Ours is a God of unending possibilities. May each of us hear God's call, receive God's grace and create ever-new opportunities to worship and serve.

So, where is God calling you, me, our church? As we look at the long train of life's freight-cars, may each of us say often, "With God I can, with God I can, with God I can!" Amen.

*A guest writer is pinch-hitting for Pastor Jean who has been on vacation

Church Financial Planning

From Marjorie Dufeck

Church leaders are asked to develop 2011 budget requests for your department and submit them to the Stewardship Committee by September 15th. Place requests (and any questions) in Marjorie's box in the church office.

A Worthy Celebration

From Courtland Rose

The 2010-2011 Financial Miracle Capital Campaign experienced a true-to-form successful kick off on April 25th. It was understood that the goal was \$150,000. As of this writing the pledges total an impressive \$88,702.79. That's a little better than 59%! Yet, the effort to attain the goal will continue.

With that, the Capital Campaign Committee thought there should be another event in the fall of 2010. So... we proudly announce the date for the **Celebration Luncheon**. It will be Sunday, September 26th after the worship service. We will tell you what has been raised and what has been accomplished. It will also be another opportunity to make a pledge. A great feature of this campaign is the 100% participation goal. We want everyone to share in this meaningful effort, and because it is an 18 month campaign, you can make your pledge now and complete your payments by September 2011!

But there's more to this event...

We are pleased to announce that the cast from the theatrical department of Central Christian Church in New Albany will present select portions of "**Fiddler on the Roof**"! This is a special performance that you won't want to miss.

Also, various musical groups comprised of Fourth Avenue members will set the celebratory mood with their uplifting musical offerings. Everyone is invited. Let us know if you plan to attend. You can sign up in the front office or inform Bill Yates, Courtland Rose, or Laura Morris.

See you Sunday, September 26th!

8:45 a.m. Worship Schedule

Sept. 5 - Prayer, Praise & Healing
Sept. 12 - Roxie Keese
Sept. 19 - Shea James
Sept. 26 - Mark Leach

Worship in September in the 10:45 Sunday Service

On Sunday mornings, let's be about worship. Let's not "do business" on Sunday mornings, unless we absolutely have to. Instead, let's focus on God, loving God, and being in holy fellowship with each other.

Musical Practice Times

If you would like to become a part of one of these wonderful musical groups, please simply show up for their practice time!

The House Band (led by Jose Gonzalez) practices on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

The Gospel Chorus (led by Al Mortenson) practices on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

The New Song Choir (led by Wes Harris) practices on Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

Joining the Church

There are four ways we welcome people into membership in the United Methodist Church:

By professing faith in God through Christ and baptism.

By re-affirming a faith that has fallen asleep for a while.

By transferring membership from another congregation.

By becoming an affiliate or associate member (who retains membership in a different home congregation).

If you want to talk with one of our pastors about what it might mean to join the church, please call the church office at 502-585-2176.

Community Bible Study

Every Saturday at 12:30 p.m. we gather in a room off the Fellowship Hall for a time of Bible study with our neighbors. You are always welcome to just drop in for this informal study. See Pastor Jack Steiner for details.

Social Justice Outreach

From Courtland Rose

The Social Justice/Outreach Team will meet Tuesday September 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Grief Group

If you would like to be a part of this monthly, Sunday morning group, please see Dr. Wayne Anderson.

Arts and Spirituality

From Courtland Rose

In support of the Arts and Spirituality program, David and Martha Stewart will be displaying photographs of their travels, church activities and family. Their show, **Pictures on Parade**, launches on Tuesday, September 6th and will remain in Central Hall through October 10th.

If any of you artistically inclined individuals want to share your work with the church family by displaying it in Central Hall, please contact Courtland. (The next show will be October 11th through November 14th).

Church Calendar

Every Sunday we have chapel worship at 8:45 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and sanctuary worship at 10:45 a.m. Every Wednesday we have community prayer at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. Every Saturday the Fresh Stop produce co-op takes place beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the garden.

September 1 – 5:00 p.m. – Prayer in the chapel
September 1 – 5:30 p.m. – Snack supper
September 1 – 6:00 p.m. – Book study
September 2 – 6:00 p.m. – Trustees meeting
September 4 – 12:30 p.m. – Bible Study
September 8 – 5:00 p.m. – Prayer in the chapel
September 8 – 5:30 p.m. – Snack supper
September 8 – 6:00 p.m. -- Book study
September 11 – 9:30 a.m. -- UMM
September 12 – Kavanaugh Day
September 15 – 5:00 p.m. – Prayer in the chapel
September 15 – 5:30 p.m. – Snack supper
September 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Book study
September 17 & 18 – Church Retreat, Kavanaugh
September 21 – 5:30 p.m. - Open Door Ministry Team meeting.
September 22 – 5:00 p.m. – Prayer in the chapel
September 22 – 5:30 p.m. – Snack supper
September 22 – 6:00 p.m. – Book study
September 22 – 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Council mtg. at Spalding University.
September 26 – Noon – Capital Campaign lunch
September 28 – 10:30 a.m. – UMW
September 29 – 5:00 p.m. – Prayer in the chapel
September 29 – 5:30 p.m. – Snack supper
September 29 – 6:00 p.m. – Book study

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 3 Russell Behanan
September 4 Michael Carroll
September 5 Mavis Abraham
September 5 Josh Luttrell
September 5 Ruth Line
September 6 Peggy Bennett
September 8 Charlie Wilmoth
September 10 John Mann
September 20 Phyllis Carman
September 27 Gloria Hall
September 28 Geneva Scott

Congratulations to:

*Edwin and Demetria Wakefield, who were married on August 14th
*Anya Decius, who gave birth to Jeremy this past week.
*Erica and Ryan Deal, who gave birth to George this past week as well

Thank You's to:

*all of our able staff, and loving congregation who stepped in and kept things going during Pastor Jean's well deserved vacation

Lift off!

From Courtland Rose

Fragments of the original ad hoc LIFT at ST. Catherine Entrance committee have delightfully settled upon a recent acquisition i.e. the building permit. With this permit, the project can officially get off the ground. Please take notice of the tangible beginnings of this important addition to our church. And, before you know it, you will be a witness a true lift off!

Memorial Giving in August

Reiss and Mary Heady
George Howell
Edy Johnson
John and Bertha Becker

For W. D. Bruce:
George Howell
Marion Cox

For Ronnie Mercer:
Charles and Mary Ann Brockwell

Members Who have Gone On

Thomas Sloan passed on to eternity early Thursday morning. Blessings to you all, as we remember and give thanks for Thomas and offer prayers for Sarah and the rest of the family.

Reported Needs

We are looking for people who will need help winterizing their apartment or downtown home. We will have a group of volunteers available on Share the Warmth Saturday in October to help with that. So, if this is a need for you, please see Sarah, Jack or Jean to get signed up.

The church needs someone to adopt and care for our library. There have been several books donated, but no one to put them on the proper shelves, and make check-out cards for them. If you can help with this, see Jean.

Also needed;

*helpers to assist leaders during the children's ministry programs on Sundays.

*Fresh Stop helpers.

*local members to pick up trash and keep an eye on the building.

... if you can help with any of these, please see Pastor Jean.

Older Adult Workshop at Kavanaugh

The Older Adult Ministry Team of The Kentucky Annual Conference is sponsoring a Workshop at Kavanaugh LEC, September 9th, 8:30 a.m. thru 4:40 p.m.. The Leader is Dr. Richard H. Gentzler, Director of Older Adult Ministries with the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville. Any Older Adult Leader is welcome to attend. The cost is \$15 and you may register with Sarah Ewing or David Stewart.

Hunger Walk and Run

From Jack Steiner

The 2010 Hunger Walk and 5K Run has been scheduled for Sunday, September 19th at 2:15 p.m. beginning at Waterfront Park, Festival Plaza. Last year over \$100K was raised and 75% went to Dare-to-Care. Of course Dare-to-Care is important to the efforts of our Open Door Ministry.

I hope that Fourth Avenue and our Open Door guests can support this effort by participating, walking and raising contributions. I know this is a way off, but periodic reminders in available space in the LINK, bulletin and church website would be welcome. We can consider more intense efforts and encouraging our lunch guests in early August. Maybe we can get a team or two together, UMM, UMW or music groups; maybe matching t-shirts to show our colors.

For more info contact 966-3821 or www.thehungerwalk.org.

Open Door Events

The Open Door Ministry Team meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21st at 5:30 PM. We will have an Open Door Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, January 27th, 2011.

United Methodist Women

From Joyce Wilmoth

September UMW Meetings

Tuesday, September 7th - Rose Circle in the Parlor at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 14th - Benz Circle in the Parlor at 10:30 a.m. with the program by Paula Sammons

Friday, September 24th - Morton Circle at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28th - District UMW Mission Celebration at Fern Creek UMC, 9:30 a.m. registration

Tuesday, September 28th - UMW General Meeting in the Parlor at 10:30 a.m. program. Executive Committee; Hostess - Rose Circle

Benz Circle members are greeters for September.

United Methodist Men

From Courtland Rose

The UMM will meet Saturday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. This monthly meeting is open to all men at Fourth Avenue, and would like to invite all to join us for a light breakfast, and planning of events and projects for the coming months.

It's That Time Again!

From Courtland Rose

It has become a tradition for the UMM to host their **Barbeque Art and Music Festival** on the first Saturday in October. The 2010 date is October 2nd. The fun begins at 10 a.m. and continues 'til 6 p.m.

Master chef Bob Boutell and his culinary crew will offer tasty grilled morsels and pertinent complements. David Stewart and friends will put together fine musical offerings. Various Fourth Avenue artists will proudly display their creations. Also, Bill Yates and Ray Thomas will be selling colorful mums.

All activities will be in the grassy area between the church parking lot and 4th Street.

Triple "S"

From David Stewart

The Triple "S" will eat at "Our Best" Restaurant, Bardstown Road on Sunday, September 19th after worship. Sign up with David Stewart.



HEALTHY-LIVING DAYS

From Peggy Bennett RN

For the November Healthy-Living Day on Saturday, November 13th, Open Door will receive a visit from the Norton Cancer Screening

van. The van will see patients from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The theme for the Healthy-Living Days (the second Saturday of each month) from September through December will be hypertension .

The Goals of Summer

From Peggy Bennett RN

By the time the "Link" is in your hands, school will have started, bus routes will be straightened out, hopefully, colleges will have started, less commotion during the day, and a routine for the school year will be established. The Kentucky State Fair will have come and gone for another year, and Labor Day is fast approaching. Already making plans for the holiday? Or are you just going to float along with the tide of time?

Have you taken a mental note of the past summer? For me, it was a frustrating one, the weather didn't co-operate, plants didn't survive the heat, seeds didn't come up, weeds grew rather well, peppers didn't produce, blackberries did fairly well until the extreme heat and they dried on the bushes, grapes dried on their vines, and all in all I had poor luck with my garden. Now I know, some of you think, so what? Well I had less to preserves, to share with others, and what I had was not of a quality to brag about. To some, it is not even worth thinking twice about. I did learn a few things, and one of the first things was to count my blessings. If I didn't have a great success this year, does not mean that I am all washed up. I still have the ground, the equipment, and the knowledge that I have amassed thru the years. I have the will and the interest, and I will try to work smarter, rather than harder. I must not focus on failures; I must keep a healthy outlook, and not focus on what I didn't achieve.

By playing to ones' strengths rather than weaknesses, and acknowledging the fact that we are all different, and we can't all excel at the same things, makes us who we are. Each one of us is blessed with something special and we could and should strive to do our best at our competencies, regardless of what it is. Some of you would be bored to tears, at the things that I like to try to do. On the other hand, I would die of fright or boredom at some of your competencies. Some can do things that I never dreamed existed. How great that we are all different. Fourth Avenue is one of the most diverse groups of people that one needs to know about. We are all striving to do our best! Sure we have some differences of opinion, and sometimes they clash, but we are God's entire making, and all we can do is say "I did the best that I knew how to do" and know that that is true.

I read an article by Dr. Ted Mitchell and he outlines a few tips to help us keep a healthy outlook, especially as our seasons are about to change and our pace of activities will change. He advises:
Set specific goals, even though they are not monumental and when you accomplish even the smallest ones, our self confidence is strengthened.

Play to your strengths-realize that there is a place for us, and whatever we know to the best of our ability will also strengthen our self-esteem.

Keep track of your successes, sometimes we forget and it is often easy to lose sight of what you've done while you are focused on what you've not yet achieved.

Count your blessings-Rather than focusing on what others have that you don't reflect on those things that you have that others don't. This gives you a balanced lens through which to view your life.

I know that I certainly count my blessings, one by one, and I am grateful to know and be a part of the folks that make up Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church.

In the News

From Caryl Keely

This article about the youth from Lebanon United Methodist Church was sent from my sister-in-law. They were a great group to have spent time with us.

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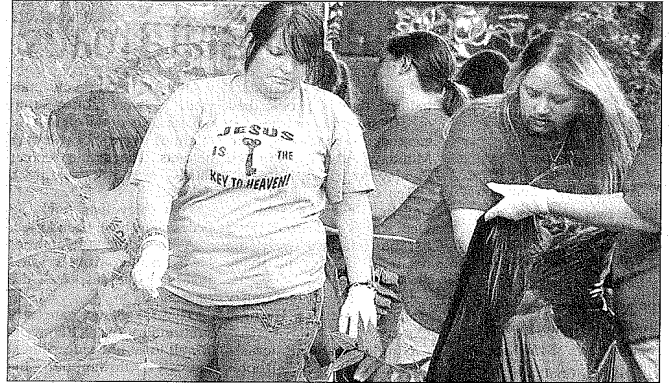


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Lebanon United Methodist Church Youth Members Kaneshia Carrington, Nicole Baker, Betty Mitchel and Becci Loy (youth director) helped clean up the grounds at 4th Ave. United Methodist Church in Louisville. The youth also helped prepare and serve food at Wayside Mission and visited the children at Kosair Children's Hospital where they gave gifts of time and toys to the young patients.

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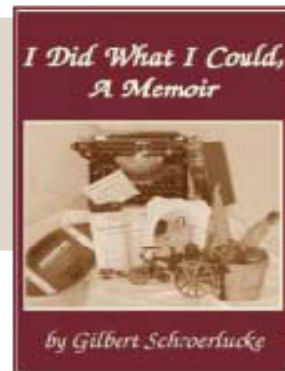
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Reverend Gilbert Schroerlucke is not only an active member of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church, a Rights advocate and volunteer, but a native of Jefferson County. His autobiography, *I Did What I Could*, can now be purchased on line. You can go to Booklocker and enter "I Did What I Could", and all the information for ordering will be there. The book may be ordered as an e-copy or a printed copy. The costs are \$10.00 for the e-copy and \$20.00 for the printed copy. One should know that all the proceeds are designated for the Open Door ministry at Fourth Avenue UMC. Gil would like for the sale of the book to give some solid support to the Open Door ministry. Anyone who reads the book will surely find it a worthwhile use of their time.