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Cahaba Heights UMC

September 2012

Letter from the Pastor

"And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight...."

-Philippians 1:9

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the Fall season comes the start of school and another year of learning and growing for our kids and youth. As we watch them meet new teachers and make new friends, I hope we will not lose sight of the fact that it is *also* another year of learning and growing for those of us who have finished our formal educations. While we may not need new school supplies, we still have a lot to

learn as Christians and now is the time to start.

As United Methodists, we believe that we are always learning and growing closer to God. Just because we have become Christians or joined a church does not mean we are "finished" or "done." We are constantly changing and becoming a new creation. Some of this happens as a result of what God does in us, and some of it happens as a result of our own efforts to learn and grow closer to God.

This Fall, Cahaba Heights United Methodist will offer many different ways for all of us—not just kids and youth—to learn and grow in Christ, and you can read about many of them in this edition of *The Tower*. Sunday school is offered every Sunday at 10:00 am. A Bible study will be offered Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Opportunities like the mini school of missions and periodic special conferences are available for us to learn together.

Whether you are "schoolaged" or not, we are all at the perfect age to continue to learn how to love God and our community. Don't miss out on the opportunities available this Fall to work on your education in Christ and to grow closer to being who God created you to be.

In Christ,

Rev. Kelsey Johnson

Wednesday Nights Begin

Wednesday Night dinner and activities begin again on September 12th. Come to the Fellowship Hall for dinner any time between 5:15 and 6:30 pm. The cost is \$5/person with a \$20/family maximum. Then

plan to stay for our Wednesday night activities! Kelsey will be teaching a Bible study called Boundaries: When to Say Yes and How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life, by Drs. Cloud and Townsend. We will also offer an art class and of course, our kids and youth will meet with Jana and Lora, respectively. Please join us on Wednesday nights beginning September 12th!

Attention Kids & Youth!

Rev. Rusty Glasgow with children in worship

Youth

*The youth will be having a t-shirt fundraiser soon to advertise CHUMC. You will be able to preorder shirts. More details to come!

*We need volunteers!

We have many events planned that require chaperones: Labor Day trip to Six Flags, Trunk or Treat, and our "Centered" retreat at Sumatanga. If you are able or interested in helping with the youth group please contact Lora at 967-0470.

Children

*Beginning Sunday, September 8th at 5:00 pm, Kids for Christ (KFC) will start a new bible study. Over the course of thirteen weeks we will begin a journey of traveling through the Fruit of the Spirit. Each week we will complete a travel journal. The travel journal will serve as a keepsake so that the qualities of God's Spirit become written upon kids' hearts and lived out in their everyday experiences. So come join us for this exciting new journey!

"The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labour for."

-St. Thomas More, 1478-1535

Missions Update

This summer CHUM has contributed the following projects to the care of our community and world:

*Five care packages were donated and sent to veterans and troops.

*We raised \$1,202.00 (towards are overall goal of \$7,000) to build a well in Sipala, Zambia.

*We raised almost \$1,200.00 to buy new school supplies for children in need at the Lovelady Center.

*The United Methodist Men cooked a catfish supper that raised \$725.00 that will go toward future mission projects.

*The United Methodist Women cooked and served dinner to over 70 women at First Light Women's Shelter

*Kids at VBS donated cases of water to The Salvation Army.



Education Opportunities

A mini school of missions will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9:00 am to 1:45 pm. Lunch will be served and the cost is only \$8.00. Classes offered include "Immigration and the Bible," "Haiti: Challenges

and Hope," and
"Poverty." There will
also be a children's study
and a youth study
available. You can call
the church at 967-0470
to register. The deadline
to register is **September**1st.

Interested in growing the church? Call the church office and let us know! Kelsey would love for you to join us at sessions taught by Ron Martoya and sponsored by the District. We would love to have you with us!

September **Birthdays**

- Dave Harvey
- Rachel Crisson
- 4 Bill Mathis
- 5 Dave Cobb

7 John Tootle

- 11 Jean Harvey, Mike Parris
- 14 Dana Cobb, Alan Daniels
- 16 Linda Wheeler, Chris Mizerany
- 19 Myrna Swain, Mary Alice Newell 18 Tyler Welch
- 25 Mike Mizerany, Jeanette Berryhill
- 26 Millie Flemming
- 28 Andrew Heckathorn
- 29 Sam Stewart, Peggy Hanby, Phil Hamrick
- 30 Gene Moore

September 2012

1	8 UMW Mini School of Missions	15	22	29	
	7	14	21	28	
	6:30 pm Choir Practice	13 6:30 pm Choir Practice	20 6:30 pm Choir Practice	27 6:30 pm Choir Practice	
	5	12 5:15-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:30 Fall Programs begin	19 10:00 am UMW 5:15-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:30 Activi- ties	26 5:15-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:30 Activi- ties	
	4 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	11 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	18 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	25 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	
	3 Labor Day Youth Trip to Six Flags	10 10:45 am Ladies Who Lunch 6:30 pm Men's Club	17 6:30 pm UMW	24	
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Readers

Sept. 2: Richard Barrow

Sept. 9: Ginger Dismukes

Sept. 16: Bill White

Sept. 23: Susan Maxey

Sept. 30: Don Harbison

Hosts

Sept. 2: Freddie Huey, Lewis Eberdt

Sept. 9: Bill Maze, Bobby

Williams

Sept. 16: Freddie Huey,

Bobby Williams

Sept. 23: Marla Monk,

Gerald Gann

Sept. 30: Lewis Eberdt

Acolytes

Sept. 2: Jesse Ponder

Sept. 9: Stephen Maxey

Sept. 16: Katrina Mohney

Sept. 23: Stephen Maxey

Sept. 30: Katrina Mohney



Welcome, New Members!

A very warm welcome to The Ramirez family, Pat Hood, Ruth Peer, and the Hoglund family. We are glad you are here! If you would like to send a note to welcome our new members, please contact the church office.