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Welcome

to Stilwell United Methodist

in the heart of the Blue Valley



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Stilwell United Methodist Church—Our purpose is: to be disciples of Jesus Christ, and to minister to others through compassion, education, hospitality and worship.

For Your Information

Sundays

Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Kid's Chimes 10:35 a.m.
Youth Community Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Senior Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. / Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.
Grace Notes 8:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Fridays 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Contact Us:

913.897.2101

Ken Parker—Pastor

ken.parker@stilwellumc.org / x 22
Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Weekday afternoons by appointment
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lisa Schober—Administrative Assistant

office@stilwellumc.org / x 21
Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Aimee Farrington—Children's Ministry

children@stilwellumc.org / x 26
Wednesday 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tim Gabriel—Adult Ministry & Music Ministry

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Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Mike Scrivani—Youth Ministry

youth@stilwellumc.org / x 27
Monday and Wednesday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fridays 12:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Denise Ayers—Church Treasurer

finance@stilwellumc.org / x 23
Friday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church Kansas East Conference Bishop

Scott J. Jones

Kansas City District Superintendent

Mike Chamberlain

Stilwell United Methodist Senior Pastor

Ken Parker

Church Staff Administrative Assistant

Lisa Schober

Director of Youth Ministry

Mike Scrivani

Director of Adult Ministry

Tim Gabriel

Director of Music Ministry

Tim Gabriel

Director of Children's Ministry

Aimee Farrington

Church Treasurer

Denise Ayers

Nursery

Vicki Berry

Wedding Coordinator

Marcia Deaton

Custodian

Karen Cook

Ken's Comments

With the beginning of the July 1, 2010 appointment year, I began my 28th year of ministry with the United Methodist Church and my 3rd year of ministry at Stilwell United Methodist Church in the Kansas East Conference. My call to ministry was affirmed by the Kansas West Conference on May 24, 1990 with my ordination as an elder and full membership in the United Methodist Church. Prior to that I had served as a licensed local pastor and as a licensed full time student pastor.

Twenty-seven years of ministry in the United Methodist Church has been an incredible journey. With most of life's journeys, it is similar to climbing hills or mountains. There are moments when the journey is up hill and challenging. There are times when it is a level path and the going is with ease. In addition, there are those times when it is down hill, which can be good, but can also be challenging. Without regard to the ease or challenge of an up hill or down hill journey, walking the hills and mountains of life, is filled with just as much beauty as any Rocky Mountain experience.

The last two years at Stilwell United Methodist Church have brought about tremendous opportunities for ministry. There have also been some changes that have caused us to explore the future of our ministry together, in ways that we may not have imagined in the past. Our outreach ministry has grown exponentially in the last two years. Our

missions outreach continues to be a watermark of who we are as Stilwell United Methodist Church. While we have understood the importance of the supportive nature of our administrative committees (Trustees, Finance and Staff/Parish), we have not always given the same degree of strength to our program committees (Worship, Education, Outreach and Missions). That is changing as we understand that the long term viability of all churches and Stilwell United Methodist Church in particular is found in its ministries of Worship, Education, Outreach and Missions.

The most significant event occurring in the life of this church at the moment is our Debt Elimination Capital Campaign. To date cash and pledges have totaled 48% of the funds needed to pay off the debt in full by December 2012. This is the 25th anniversary of the first Christmas Eve worship service in our present worship and mission service center. **August 23rd, 2010** is the date when we are asking all members and friends of Stilwell United Methodist to respond to the Debt Elimination Capital Campaign with your 2nd Mile Pledge.

As we move into 2011 and 2012 the Leadership Team will bring together a selected group of individuals who have the capacity to listen to the members and friends of this church, have the knowledge and ability to look at the future of south Johnson county, Kansas

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and the spiritual discernment to hear God's voice for a very specific purpose. This Strategic Planning Team will come together to answer very specific questions asked by the Leadership Team that will set the course for Stilwell United Methodist Church as we move into a debt free future. The future of south Johnson County, KS has only begun to unfold and we are a viable part of that future.

I can not express fully the way in which I am pleased to have been appointed by Bishop Scott J. Jones to a 3rd year as the pastor of Stilwell United Methodist Church. I am humbled by the staff that continue to, each and every day, work hours to bring about the purpose of this church - "to be a disciple of Jesus Christ..." I am pleased that you consider this to be your church home and that God's voice is made known to you in the midst of this sacred space known as Stilwell United Methodist Church.

Twenty-eight years ago, I could not have imagined my journey to this point in my life. I do, however believe that I am exactly where God has called me to be, and I am pleased that you are a part of that ministry. God bless!

Stewardship Planning 2011

We have had another extraordinary year so far in 2010 and again have so much for which to be thankful. We, as a congregation, continue to be stewards of a program ministry that touches many lives for Christ and we are currently right on target with our United Methodist Church apportionment payments (Shared Ministry and Mission). In addition, this year congregation members have stepped forward with second mile gifts to purchase a new baby grand piano for the sanctuary and to work towards paying down our current building mortgage.. All this is made possible because of the continued faithfulness and abundant outpouring of time, talents, and treasures from you. We are very grateful to everyone.

Looking ahead to the months of August through October, we are very excited this year to host Dr. Donnell J. Moore, Senior Pastor of Ottawa First United Methodist Church, in Ottawa KS as our guest for two

financial management/stewardship seminars, which he will teach on August 29th and September 26th, and as our guest for Consecration Sunday on October 24th. Please save these dates! These seminars will be held in Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:45 a.m. with a light continental breakfast. The August 29th seminar will focus on "What is Stewardship?", taking a close look what stewardship really is, the rewards of effective stewardship and its impact on life, stewardship from a biblical perspective, and why stewardship is a part of the fabric of life. The September 26th seminar entitled "Keeping Your Life in Balance: Time, Talent, Tithe - Foundational Tools for the Local Church" will include topics on understanding Time, Talent and Treasure - making the most of who you are, establishing a holistic balance for stewardship as part of your everyday life, and will delve into the topic of church stewardship.

We are very excited to welcome Dr. Moore as our guest in the coming months. Dr. Moore is currently in his nineteenth year in ministry and has served at numerous UMC churches in the Chicago, Illinois and Kansas City, Kansas areas during his ministry years. Dr. Moore is very active within the UMC Kansas East Conference where he serves as President for the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Dr. Moore also provides training in Stewardship and Financial Management, performs annual financial audits and provides technical assistance in congregational development/redevelopment. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, a Master of Divinity degree from the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and Accounting from Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida. Prior to being in ministry full time, Dr. Moore was the owner of a successful financial services and accounting firm where he provided business and technical assistance to small business owners for over 15 years. Dr. Moore is married to Dr. A.D. Washington, Senior Pastor of Asbury-Mount Olive UMC, Topeka Kansas and they have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

August Meetings

- ◆ August 5th — Trustees
- ◆ August 9th — Debt Elimination
- ◆ August 10th — Finance
- ◆ August 12th — Staff Parish
- ◆ August 17th — Stewardship

Updates By Email

With the rising costs of postage and in an effort to be environmentally conscious, the church will be sending more information and requests by email. Please take a moment to complete the form below for each member of your family so the email addresses can be updated. And remember to share any changes to your email address with the church office in the future.

Name: _____
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Volunteer Financial Secretary

We are now accepting Applications for a Volunteer Financial Secretary. Duties include working to do an independent monthly audit of our church treasurers financial records of income and expenses. Accounting background would be preferred. If interested, please complete this form.

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Out To Lunch Bunch

We will meet on Friday, August 6th at 11:30 a.m. at Blue Koi Noodles and Dumplings, 10581 Mission Road, between 103rd and College Blvd., in the Mission Farms Shopping District. Please RSVP to Barbara Kelley, 913.897.8158, by Tuesday, August 3rd.



Birthdays

August	
8/1	8/15
John Tiller	Dorothy McBea
8/2	8/16
Thomas French	Dawn Christy
8/3	8/18
Ella Black	Josh Rose
8/4	8/20
Jane McDonald	Jenny Hartz
Emily Murphy	George Johnson
Emma Rodlund	Rhoda Strickland
8/5	8/22
Randall Schober	Jerry Reinhardt
Justin Tinkler	Brooke Williams
8/6	8/23
Andrew Carleton	Maxwell Dale
	Patti Gardner
	Jim Leonard
8/7	8/25
Joan Hill	Howard Bingham
8/8	8/28
Gracie Rodlund	Spencer Dennis
8/10	Dick. Murray
Alice Rookard	John O'Roark
8/11	Leah Parrish
Madison Lauffer	8/29
8/13	Denise Ayers
Kyle Farrington	Mary Rodlund
8/14	8/30
Matthew Knoche	Alicia Schonbachler

Pastor Appointed to Greater KC Homelessness Task Force

In July Ken Parker, pastor was appointed by the Johnson County Commission to serve as one of three Johnson County representatives on the Greater Kansas City Homelessness Task Force which has as its mission - to find solutions to end homelessness in the Kansas City Metropolitan area through partnerships among non-profit agencies, private business, governmental entities, philanthropic organizations, the investment community, and citizens. The Homelessness Task Force meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Central Library, in downtown KCMO to accomplish its purpose.

Youth Ministry

Arizona Mission Trip 2010

The Great Adventure

On July 17th 15 youth and six adults embarked on a nine day mission trip to the Navajo reservation in Arizona, participating in an amazing journey of service, adventure, and spiritual growth. Our group worked on building foundations for much needed home additions, hung dry wall, cleaned out corrals, mixed cement, hammered, drilled, cut, measured, dug, and scooped. The youth worked incredibly well together to improve the living conditions of the Navajo people.

This mission trip brought many memories and unforgettable moments. Everyone had an impact on the work that was done. An elderly Navajo woman said that the work we had done in just a few hours would have taken her and her family a week to do. We saw the beauty of the Painted Desert, the magnificence of the Grand Canyon, and the splendor of the mesas of New Mexico. We experienced the power of an Arizona dust storm. Most importantly we saw the joy on the faces of those we were serving.

What was most inspiring, was the attitude, hard work, and the love our teens showed. They were disciples of Jesus Christ to a people in need - the purpose of Stilwell United Methodist Church. The moments and memories we encountered while serving the Lord will never be forgotten.

At the end of the trip I asked our group if they believed God used them to change someone else's life and if God had changed theirs. The answer was a resounding **yes** from everyone involved. The 2010 Arizona mission trip was a success!

Thank you for your support and prayers leading up to and during our week of service in Arizona.

~ Diaper Drive ~

a mission service project of Stilwell United Methodist Youth & Church

The end of the Diaper Drive World Series will be August 15th. Thus far we have collected 6,500 diapers to donate to the Blue Valley Multi Service Center. We are very close to reaching our goal of 10,000. Thank you for your contributions and

participation in the diaper drive. The current score as of July 26th is:

BLUE TEAM 28
GREEN TEAM 36

Thank You Breakfast / Brunch

The youth will host a *THANK YOU BRUNCH* on August 15th following church service in the Fellowship Hall. The youth, parents, and sponsors would like to express gratitude to the church congregation for their continued support of the youth program. You are invited to this opportunity for some good food and to let the Stilwell United Methodist Youth say "thank you."

Youth Camp is TLTS (Truth's Last Taste of Summer)

August 13th

Kansas City T-Bones baseball game - meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.

August 14th

Mud N'Crud - 12:00 (noon) to 3:00 p.m. Bring clothes that you won't mind getting dirty in an extreme way.

Children's Ministry

*The purpose of children's ministry is to help children **KNOW** Jesus in their lives and to **GROW** in faith & numbers.*

VBS Recap

Our VBS Sports and Ministry Camp 2010 was a wonderful event that reach out to the children in Stilwell and surrounding communities and gave them the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our K-5th camp, which spanned the 4 Sundays in June, had approximately 50 kids. We were able to host Laura Murphy, a certified parenting coach, to teach three parenting classes to VBS parents. Approximately 40 volunteers helped with snacks, food preparation, worked as small group leaders, and sport and ministry session coaches. Our preschool camp for 3, 4 and 5 year old children had 15 campers and 6 volunteers over its two days. The children enjoyed the Gymboree Play and Learn sessions in the morning and enjoyed VBS stories, games, and activities in the afternoon.

Thank you again to the volunteers of VBS 2010 for their many hours of preparation, service, and participation in this year's program. They are the heart of this program. Thank you to the supportive SUMC congregation for your continued encouragement of our children's programs through food and supply donations. Programs like VBS come together because we are the church - one body in

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Christ. I conclude with scripture from Paul's letter to the Ephesians in regards to unity, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6

July 4th Recap

Hosting an event with 500-700 guests is not an easy task, but the congregation of SUMC was able to do it with ease, grace, and hospitality at this year's 5th Annual July 4th Family Carnival. This year's event brought many new faces and families into our church. Over 50 volunteers and countless donors supported this event with their donation of time, talent, or treasure. The carnival-style games were a hit for all ages - even the adults! Children laughed, adults played, we relaxed, and a great time was had by all.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Bob Walkup for all his hard work in getting the 23 donors for the carnival. He spent many weeks going and speaking to business owners in Overland Park and Stilwell to encourage their support of this year's event. I'd also like to thank John O'Roark who jumped in to this year's carnival with vigor and coordinated all the volunteers. Thank you to Mo Ayers who helped to coordinate the outreach efforts. Thank you to the office staff that helped with signage, mailings, flyers, music, and kept the vision and purpose clear.

Back to School Event

Mark your calendars! **Sunday, August 22nd** will be SUMC's back to school event, an event you will not want to miss! Be sure to watch the website, bulletins, and your mailbox for more information.

New Address

Larry & Barb Barbary
821 3rd Street Tribune, KS 67879
Larry-(620) 927-0397 Barb-(620) 927-0398
Emails: Larry - LBAR@pld.com; Barb-BBAR@pld.com

Offerings Through June

Total Income	\$200,884
Total Expenses	\$199,675
Income less expenses	\$ 1,209

UMW Mission News

Sarai's Meal

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on **Saturday, August 7th**, in the parking lot in front of "Tuesday Morning" to go serve a meal at Neighbor to Neighbor, Westport United Methodist Church, 500 W 40th St, Kansas City, MO 64111. Anyone wishing to help serve or furnish food, please call Valerie Gordon, 913.851.3577.

Summer—A Great Time for Reading

Have you checked out the books on the U.M.W. bookshelf in the church library recently? Located just inside the library door on the top shelf are some good, recently published books for refreshment, inspiration and learning. Just choose a book and record what you are taking in the notebook on the desk. There are no late fees but we do suggest returning books in three weeks so others can read.

I suggest William Henry Is A Fine Name which is about a teen-age boy growing up during the Civil War. Another good book is Caring For Mother, a daughter's story of caring for her mother who suffered from Alzheimer's. Or you might want to try The Undertaker's Wife, a story about life in a small town funeral home.

Remember to keep a list of the books you have read so that our local U.M.W. can receive Reading Program credit. In November 2010, I will need to know what you have read this year. If you have any questions, contact Janice Marshall at 913-592-3456.

UMW Summer Picnic

The picnic will be held at Janice Marshall's residence, 18899-B Happy Hollow Road, at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 31st.

July Altar Flower Gifts

- 4 In honor of Mark & Linda Crider's anniversary
- 11 In honor of Mo & Denise Ayers' anniversary
- 18 In honor of Tim Gnau's birthday
- 25 In memory of John & Dianna Heffernon's anniversary and in memory of Mitchell Rodlund

Apportioned Mission & Ministry

As of June 30th we are current on our 2010 asking having paid 49.2%. We accomplished this by sending in 10% of each weeks offering on Monday.