

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 30

Trinity Sunday

8:45 am Contemporary Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

No evening activities at church

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

Church office closed

No Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts

Wednesday, June 2

5:30 pm Student s.H.e.d. Ministries

No other activities

Thursday, June 3

6:15 pm Softball game (WM field #4)

Saturday, June 5

Students leave for New Orleans

Sunday, June 6

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am Contemporary Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

5:00 pm Children's Ministry (CSS)

6:00 pm No Student meeting

6:00 pm Evening Worship



Worship With Us

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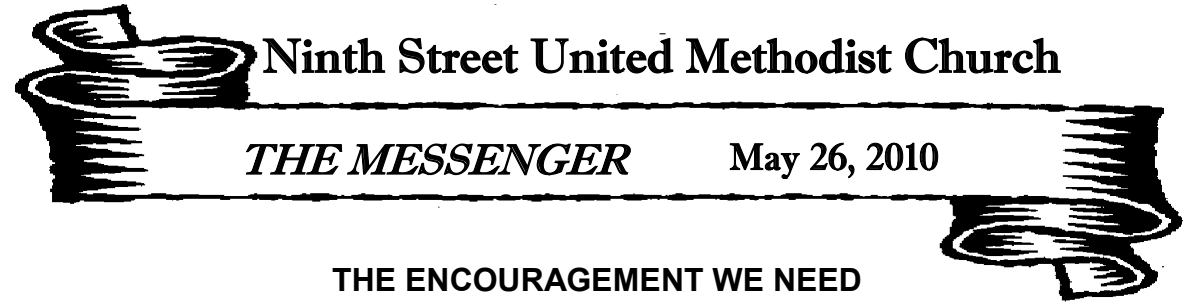
Sundays
8:45 AM Contemporary service
9:45-10:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional service
6:00 PM Evening service

Our Mission:
We, the members of Ninth Street United Methodist Church, seek to worship God, live our faith, and share the love of Christ by making disciples and serving others.

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THE ENCOURAGEMENT WE NEED

In this time of disgusting politics and theology obsessed with doomsday predictions, we need a good dose of Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome. We call it the New Testament book of Romans. It's mainly about two themes that are absolutely essential for those who intend to live as disciples of Jesus.

One is that the gospel is a message of good news, not bad news. In Paul's terms it's grace and not law. Salvation is a gift from a gracious God. It's not a reward earned by anything we can do. Far too much contemporary preaching sounds like it didn't get the memo. The popular notion that we can build up a credit balance with God by keeping rules is exactly what Paul was rejecting. We don't have to make God love us. He's ahead of us on that. He has already done for us what we can't do for ourselves. That's grace. Law enslaves us. Grace sets us free.

The other main theme is hope. People today roll their eyes when we talk about hope. Those who talk hopefully are regarded as naïve and maybe even a bit looney. Pessimism is the main theological correctness of the day. How many best-selling religious books are about hope? Paul wouldn't worry about that and neither should we. He believed a Christian should be fundamentally an optimist.

Paul knew the reason for his hope. And we ourselves should always be ready to give a defense for the hope that is in us. We'll be challenged to do so. Count on it.

Here's the reason, the basis for our hope: It's the resurrection. Those of us who believe in the resurrection of Jesus are convinced the best is yet to come. We just can't get over it.

Go to Romans often. It will do your heart good. Believe the gospel. Grace and hope will see us through. No kidding.

JRJ

Stewardship

Budget offering for May 23:\$6,336.85
Needed to Date\$199,157.91
Received to Date\$173,541.51



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Everyone is invited to join the men's club at the Huntsville Stars baseball (double-header) game on Wednesday, June 30. Activities begin at 5:00 p.m.

Admission

General ticket: \$8
Senior ticket (ages 55 and older): \$7
That night is also "Oscar Meyer Night!"
Hotdogs \$1
Meet in section 221, behind the catcher.

In the Hospital and Recovery (May 26)

Onnie Mae Hicks is now at NHC of Moulton for recovery. Address mail to her at 300 Hospital Street, Moulton, 35650.

Lynn Christopher - DGH

United Methodist Women Hands On Mission Project JUNE 2010

The UMW will be collecting school-kit supplies in June. The supplies will be shipped by UMCOR in Decatur, to needy children all around the world.

You can bring the kits to the church.

Requested items for kits:

- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 packs of loose-leaf 8 1/2 x 11-inch ruled paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser (2 1/2-inch)
- 1 box 24-count crayons

All materials sent must be new and quantities exactly as listed. UMCOR is very particular about these details. An envelope with \$3, or a check for \$3 should be included to help with shipping.

If you could fill a plastic bag with these supplies, UMW members will make heavy fabric book bags to complete the kits.

We hope you feel inspired to help children all around the world.



United Methodist Women

Monday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.

Program on Sudan by Regina Ferguson

Lunch by Madonna Circle

From Linda's Desk

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Terrific Tuesday

June 8

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SCI Quest in Huntsville

Sci-Quest is a hands-on science center with more than 100 interactive exhibits. Cost is \$6 per person.

Meet at the church at 9 a.m. and bring a sack lunch.

A chaperone is required for children ages 5 and under, and we need more adults to go with the group. Call me if you are available.



Vacation Bible School

June 14 - 17

9 - 11:45 a.m.

**Pre-registration is
Sunday, May 30 and June 6.
Those who register early
will receive a
Galactic Blast music c.d.**

*Bob and Pat Forgie will
celebrate their 58th
wedding anniversary May 30.
CONGRATULATIONS!*

MISSIONS

THANKS! The support for the CCC food drive has been tremendous. At least 20 boxes and bags have already been delivered and more are coming in.

Our Boy Scout troop will deliver the remainder of the food on Monday, June 7.

Because of your support and encouragement, we plan to serve lunch again at the CCC food kitchen on Monday, July 26. The first time was very successful. The hot meal we served cost only \$125 because the meat was donated and the desserts were baked by church members. According to CCC, we served the second highest number of guests since the kitchen opened.

If you would like to help with this outreach by preparing, serving, or donating, call Wanda McAbee by July 5.



Marie Kaminsky was awarded a music scholarship to Calhoun Community College.

Kim Goldinger, FNP-BC, completed and passed the national certification exam to become a Family Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified.

Jack Salter received the "Arrow of Light Award," which is the highest achievement of the Cub Scouts.