







# MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

### Sunday, June 6

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship  
9:45 – Youth Sunday School  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.– Summer Youth Group

### June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

Vacation Bible School for our children!  
See Ann Cover if you would like to serve as a youth assistant.  
No Wednesday night youth on June 9!

### Wednesday, June 9

**No Wednesday Night Youth Connection due to VBS.**

### Sunday, June 13

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship  
9:45 – Youth Sunday School  
Youth Mission Trip Team Meetings –  
Birmingham & Daytona – 5:00 p.m.  
Food & drink provided.  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.– Summer Youth Group

### Wednesday, June 16

Wednesday Night Youth Connection presents  
“CAN YOU TOP THIS?”  
ROAD RALLY & SCAVENGER HUNT  
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Teams will be given one small item to trade as they make their way through our community. What will they return with? A bicycle? A couch? Who knows! All donated items will be used by the youth group if possible, or given to charity.

### Friday, June 18

Summer Lunch Bunch – 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Come join us for food and fellowship in the food court at West Town Mall. After lunch, those youth who can stay will go see a movie or go shopping. Youth are responsible for their expenses.

### Saturday, June 19

Senior high youth leave for their Florida mission site.  
Participants should meet in the Fellowship hall at 1:00 p.m.!

In the evening, youth from First UMC, Woodstock, Illinois will stay in homes with members of MPUMC. First UMC will be working with us in Florida.

### June 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26

Senior High Youth Mission Trip to Daytona Beach, Florida

## **Attention: Rising Sixth Graders & Parents**

Don't forget, CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS may begin attending all youth activities beginning Sunday night, July 25. Eric will teach the fifth grade Sunday school class on June 13, and will meet with all new youth and their parents during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday school hour on Sunday, July 25.  
Location: Old Building Theater

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries  
ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net

On Sunday, June 6 the last mission trip to Mississippi will leave our church. We ask that everyone please pray for us during the week. We will be doing a roof, God willing.



The missionaries from Middlebrook Pike are Ralph Skinner, Mark Skinner, Nancy Fitchpatrick, Judy Evon, Ginny Thurston and Nancy Saylor. We will also be joined by Steve King and Sue Melkowski from Reynolds UMC in Bristol, VA.

Pray for us as a team and as individuals that we may each receive wisdom, strength and energy from God to fulfill our mission.

As always, we say thank you for your love and support.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## June 7th-June 11th

Please register by filling out a form in the Fellowship Hall or online at [middlebrookpike.com](http://middlebrookpike.com)  
We will be painting t-shirts this year; register early so that we can order the correct t-shirt sizes.

We need volunteers to make VBS a success!

Please contact Marielle Kusch at [kuschfamily5@aol.com](mailto:kuschfamily5@aol.com) if you are interested in helping.  
We also need volunteers to help with decorating on Sunday June 6th.

You may also help by donating some much needed items:  
(drop them in the box labeled "VBS donations" in the Fellowship Hall)

- Lids from anything (peanut butter jars, yogurt, milk, water bottles, etc.)
- Old CDs
- Strings of Christmas lights that blink (please label with your name)
- Tripods (please label with your name)

Register for VBS  
[www.middlebrookpike.com](http://www.middlebrookpike.com)

  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

2010 HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATE

**RYAN EMMETT**

(Ryan was left off our list of graduates  
last week)

Circle Meeting



Sisters In Christ Circle  
meeting will be held at  
Janis Lanternier's house,  
2301 Tori Rd.,  
Thursday, June 10th, 6:15 pm.

# June Ongoing Prayer List

Blanche Wright (Sabra Buchheit's mother)  
Willa Humphreys (Sally Lovin's mother)  
Jamie Chamblee (Rick and Sally Lovin's nephew)  
Jayden Wise (Peggy Reed's nephew)  
Phil Moore and his son Dustin  
Jonathan Keas  
George Kindred (Betty Turnbow's brother)  
Bobbie Wray  
Bobby and Mary Gordy (Dawn Galle's parents)  
Fred Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's father)  
Al Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's brother)  
Karen Posey (Mike Moses' niece)  
Bill Cooper  
Greg Cooper  
Catherine Cole (Bonnie Cole and Kathy Rinaca's mother)  
Danny Anthony (Ray McDonald's nephew)  
Danny Mount (son of John and Kathy Mount)  
John T. Mount (John Mount's father)  
Linda Mefford and brother Mike  
Bill Swaggerty Jr.  
Jess Lockyer (Rosemary Lockyer's brother)  
Chris Emmett  
Ruth Masterson (Charlie Harr's sister)  
George and Billie Sliger (Fred Sliger's parents)  
Debbie Cooper  
Cheryl Chambers Whitus  
Ruth Byard (Carol Russell's mother)  
Susan Fletcher  
Julia Milsaps  
Barbara Baker  
Charles Dunn (Greg Dunn's father)  
Laurie Sluder (Sue Coe's niece)  
Mary Jo Roseberry (Harriet Miller's aunt)  
John Brantley  
Wendell Huffstetler (Susan Berry's father)  
Alan Handley (Margaret Spangler's son-in-law)  
Agnes Rollins  
Barton Chapman (Kent Milsaps uncle)  
Lois Robinson (Matt Robsinson's grandmother)  
June Nielsen

Sara Cullison  
Susie Skinner  
Margaret Peat (Ruth Ford's sister)

The following names are our list of those known to be homebound. If you know of a homebound member who is not on our list, please contact the office so that we may add that name to our list, which is printed the 1st Wednesday of each month.

***We encourage you to remember them in your prayers or drop them a note or a card.***

**If you know of anyone who needs to come off this list, please contact Debbie in the church office at 690-8641.**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION

We are responding to the need for help in Nashville, Tennessee. The Tennessee flood left many without the basic necessities. Check your house for the following items and then use your math skills to figure how much to give each night.

Monday - 10 cents for every pair of shoes in your house.

Tuesday - 25 cents for every tooth brush in your house.

Wednesday - 25 cents for every bed in your house.

Thursday - 10 cents for every towel in your house.

Friday - 10 cents for every friend that you have.

You can bring these daily or all at once!

Everyone can be a part of this important mission focus.

The money can be dropped off on the FLC stage (outer space).

## Children's Corner

### Dates to Remember ~

June 7 – June 11 – Vacation Bible School

June 13– Eric teaches 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

June 27– Summer Rotation begins

July 16– Parents Night Out

July 25 – Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents at 9:45 (Theater).

August 22– Bible presented to rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Information will follow.

September 5 – Graduation Sunday for us!!!

Register for VBS

[www.middlebrookpike.com](http://www.middlebrookpike.com)

Ann Cover - Director of Children's Ministries  
[acover@middlebrookpike.com](mailto:acover@middlebrookpike.com)



VBS ~ 2010

June 7 - June 11

6:00 – 8:30pm

(light dinner provided)

During Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Please contact Marielle Kusch (692-3899) or [kuschfamily5@aol.com](mailto:kuschfamily5@aol.com) if you would like to volunteer.



## Our Members in the Service

Jonathan Hamilton

Jordan Leslie – grandson of Jen Webb

Robert L. Kelly – grandson of Bill and Marie Cooper

Reed Berry – Judy Berry's son

Christina Olsen – Nate Valukas' cousin

Coleman Harrell, USAF – nephew of Sam and Diana Clark

Robert Haas – son of Don and Joyce Haas-stationed at Wright-Patterson, Ohio

Daniel Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas – stationed at Fort Dix, NJ

Jacob Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas – stationed in Norfolk, VA

Troy Arquette – stationed at Qatar

Matthew Gardner - Erin Green's husband - USAir Force

Andrew Cooper – Larry Cooper's son in the Marines

Joshua Neas

Jesse Booth – USN – Nancy Booth's grandson

Blake Thompson – Bob and Elaine Ruth's son-in-law – stationed in Iraq

Nathan Smith – Walt and Elizabeth Smith's grandson – TN278th - Iraq

God   
Answers  
Prayers

Wesley offers a treasure to the church of tomorrow that will leave it poorer if ignored. –Albert Outler

Steve Harper, Ph.D. Duke University, wrote John Wesley’s Message for Today. His closing chapter is on Renewal—the Wesley Way. Wesley was a son of the Reformation; he, along with Luther and Calvin, believed the church is to be continually renewed. In this chapter, Harper seeks to answer the hypothetical question, “How would John Wesley seek to renew the church if he were alive today?”

First, says Harper, Wesley would urge all people to personally experience Christ. “Believing in the necessity of personal faith, Wesley urged it upon persons who were already members of the Church of England. To his surprise, the message fell on deaf ears. To them the notion of personally experiencing God smacked of ‘enthusiasm’ (today’s equivalent of emotionalism or fanaticism). So pulpits began closing to him. But rather than compromise what he knew to be scriptural truth, Wesley continued to preach it. He moved into the open air and preached ‘the glad tidings of salvation’ to those who were open to the message. It was in this context that the revival began, and the theme of personal salvation was its hallmark.”

Second, Harper continues, Wesley would urge Christians to greater degrees of discipline. Of course, Wesley is referring to spiritual disciplines or practices. George Whitfield, whose preaching greatly contributed to the Great Awakening in America, lamented that many of “his converts” had fallen back into perdition. “In a telling statement Wesley sought to account for their decline: And what wonder? For it was a true saying, which was common in the ancient church, “The soul and the body make a man; and the spirit and discipline make a Christian.” But those who were more or less affected by Mr. Whitefield’s preaching had no discipline at all. They had no shadow of discipline; nothing of the kind. They were formed into no societies. They had no Christian connection with each other, nor were ever taught to watch over each other’s souls.

*Recent requests for prayer from our church family...*

**CONCERNS:** Rev. Joe Milsaps (Kent Milsaps’ brother), Tracey Ballinger, Doshia Newton (Scott Simmons’ grandmother), Sandra Graves (Nancy Wahler’s mother)  
**DEATHS:** Janice Campbell, Georgianna Tracy (Stephanie Simmons’ grandmother), Frank Bird (Jim Bird’s uncle)

So that if they fell into lukewarmness, or even into sin, he had none to lift him up. He might fall lower and lower, yea, into hell, if he would; for who regarded it? Wesley knew that we form our habits and our then our habits form us.

“A third Wesleyan principle for renewal would be the getting together of believers in groups. It was by proclamation (preaching, evangelizing) that Wesley sought to extend the kingdom. By the societies he sought to mature it.” Wesley had very strong convictions about the importance of Christians meeting together in small groups: Never omit meeting your Class or Band; never absent yourself from any public meeting. These are the very sinews of our Society; and whatever weakens or tends to weaken our regard for these, or our exactness in attending them, strikes at the very root of our community...The private weekly meetings for prayer, examination, and particular exhortation has been the greatest means of keeping and confirming every blessing that was received by the word preached and diffusing it to others...Without this religious connection and intercourse the most ardent attempts, by mere preaching, have proved no lasting use.

“Fourth, Wesley would call us to a renewed appreciation for the sacraments....The sacraments were an important way for people to continually remember the objectivity of Christianity. It is of grace, not of ourselves that we are what we are.

A fifth principle for renewal is Wesley’s emphasis that Christ be offered to everyone. Wesley believed that Methodism was one way God had chosen to bring a cure to the sickness of society. “Wesley would call us to a ministry to the total person in the total society, all over the world. But he would always stress the need for such ministry to be distinctively related to the name and spirit of Christ.”

A summer challenge: Examine how you are doing in all five areas that Wesley felt strongly about. Is there an area, or areas, that need attention? Is there an action or step that I need to begin? Think first on a personal level, then please prayerfully think with me on a “church level”. I think we all need period times of renewal in our lives and the life of our church. Mr. Wesley has shown us the way. May we experience the rich renewal that Christ can bring,

*Pastor Eric*

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