



The Good News Carrier

Dockery Chapel United Methodist

9:30 a.m. Worship services

With Sunday School following



Pastor's Article

“An Exciting New Thing: THE EVENT is coming!”

I have shared with you before that I moved a lot as a child. A couple of times a year, until sixth grade, I had to go through that starting a new school experience. I know first hand that starting something new is scary. Change is hard because we don't know what to expect. We want to hold onto the old because we know it and we know nothing about the new. The thought of doing something new, trying something we have never tried or doing something that we have never done scares us even when we know that the old thing is not what we need anymore. The Israelites grumbled to go back to Egypt where they were slaves because they were at least familiar with that. Doing something new frightened them.

This being said it is important for us to do new things if we want to continually grow and connect with God. If we want to be changed by God, at times, we need to do a new thing when the old is no longer resulting in the desired outcome. Fear will come with that change but we cannot give into fear we must trust God.

We are going to do a new thing at Dockery. We are no longer going to have Sunday school be our tool for Christian education. Over the past several years we have seen a significant drop in participation in Sunday school. Our Education Ministry team has sought ways to revamp and change and enrich that program during this time and have only seen a continued drop-off in participation. We feel it is time to try something new. Last year we saw over 100 people get involved in our Wacky Wednesday six week Christian Education program. This has encouraged us to try a midweek time for Christian Education and to start a new thing called “THE EVENT.”

The Event is one evening every week that we dedicate to connecting to God and one another through small group Bible studies and spiritual growth classes. The Event will be held every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm. It will begin with a time of fellowship and a light meal so you don't have to hurry and feed yourself or the family before you come. Come and eat at the church from 6:00-6:30. After the meal there will be classes for everyone. I will be leading a bible study that explores the bible book by book. I am going to begin in Daniel. Our current classes that have been on Sunday mornings will now meet on Wednesday evenings. Karen Rorebeck will also be leading a class on prayer. This makes five different spiritual growth opportunities for adults. There is truly something for everyone. We will have classes for the children and the Middle School and Senior High Youth with be meeting also. This is an EVENT. It is one night a week that can change your life. I want to encourage you to give THE EVENT a try. Try something new. Get intentional about growing in your relationship with Christ by making THE EVENT a priority in your week. We will try to always be done by 8:00 pm. I hope you can join us.

In Christ's love and mine,
Pastor Doug

Dockery Chapel Administrative Board Meeting
September 15, 2010

Present: Dub and Jan England, Linda Murphy, Steve Perry, Sandy Smith, Freddie and Carrol Key, Kathy Patterson, Ira and Jan Woody, Doug Franklin, Kelsey and Annette Donohue, David Reid, Tammy Burgess, Leta Wheeler.

Leta opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of August meeting were approved with one correction. Treasurer's report was accepted.

- Monthly income: \$10,959.81, Expenses: \$8,963.27. The church still owes \$5517.64 in apportionments.
- The Love Fund balance is \$2,707.63.

Old Business: Former attenders have not requested to move their membership. They will stay on our roll until they do. Linda Murphy will purchase from Rob's memorial money 2 cabinets for storage and is looking into having shutters put on the opening in the kitchen to reduce kitchen noise when activities are going on in the fellowship hall. Leta will send a thank you note to Stony Ridge for butchering the chickens for the Harvest Dinner. They will never take any money for this service.

New Business: The October Board meeting will be 1 week earlier than usual. It will be held on Oct. 13. Charge Conference is October 17 at Wesley UMC at 2 PM. A motion to renew the website and pay the annual service fee of \$285 was made by Dub England, seconded by Sandy Smith. Motion carried. It was reported that the monthly newsletter has not been mailed to people that were not in church the week it was handed out. If you know of someone that would like the paper copy of the newsletter, please pick up an extra copy and mail it to them. The newsletter is available on the website. Discussion was held concerning the Change for Change activity. A motion to continue this every Sunday except on communion Sunday was made by Tammy Burgess and seconded by Carrol Key. Motion carried.

Evangelism: Monday, September 27, is the day for visiting. Please meet at 6 PM at the home of Kathy Edmundson. A prayer group is meeting at 7 pm on Wednesdays at Dave and Kathy Madden's home. Everyone is invited to join. Jan England will send cards to first time visitors but she needs to get the names and addresses.

Finance: Ice Cream Supper brought in \$825 before expenses and the tenderloin dinner brought in \$1243 after expenses. There were 200 people in attendance. The Harvest Dinner, Bazaar and Bake Sale are scheduled for October 9. The committee is looking for someone to coordinate this event. Let Steve Perry know if you can help. The proceeds will go toward apportionments. Loaves and Fishes catered 2 alumni meals and brought in \$1655 before expenses. Proceeds will go the Love Assistance Fund.

Family Life: Hay Ride will be Oct. 23 with a rain date of Oct. 30.

Missions: A consignment auction will be held on October 9 at 10:30 AM in conjunction with the Harvest Dinner and Bazaar. The proceeds of the auction will go to pay medical expenses for the Gannon twins. Items are still needed for the auction. Let Carrol Key or Vicki Meservey know about items so they can be advertised. Five families brought aluminum cans for Aidan's African Hunger Project. Care packages and letters of encouragement are being sent to young people away from home. The list and addresses are in the Sept. newsletter. Thrift shop workers are still needed for Oct. 1 & 2. The IMS Medical Kit to take to the Festival of Sharing is being assembled. Deadline for bring items is Oct. 3. On Nov. 6, Dockery Chapel will serve a dinner at Ronald McDonald House near Children's Mercy Hospital to parents of sick children. A list of items needed will be available later. The committee needs the names of deployed military personnel so they can send care packages and devotional booklets. Tammy Burgess reported that a prayer clothe will be given to each of the 180 Trenton Guard Unit personnel in the spring before they are deployed.

Trustees: The highway signs are not up. Thanks to Keith Herring, Freddie Key, David Burgess, David Reid, Adrian Cox, and Jan and Dub England for seeing this job to completion. The windows in the playhouse have been replaced with Plexiglas. Thanks to Dennis Sutton for helping with this project. Two cleaning bids were received. A motion to contract Karen Ockenfels to clean for \$200 per month beginning October 3 was made by David Reid and seconded by Kathy Patterson. Motion carried. David will notify Karen. Bids for mowing and snow removal are now being taken. Bids can be for the jobs separately or together. It was noted that mowing will include weed eating the ditch by the playground and snow removal includes cleaning the porches and sidewalks. People interested in bidding on these jobs should contact David Reid.

Education: Doug is trying to get an Education committee meeting together. Issues concerning Sunday School need to be addressed. A successful Fun in the Sun day was enjoyed on August 29. There will no longer be Children's church during worship. The Willy Nilly and Middle School youth are making crafts to sell at the bazaar. Due to conflicts, no youth have signed up to attend the Life Light concern on Sept. 25. Events in December or January may work better for the youth to attend.

PPR: September 19 meeting for Pastor's evaluation is scheduled. Another meeting for working out the pastor's salary package and the summary evaluation is scheduled for Oct. 3.

Worship: The committee is working on getting cords so the praise band can plug into the sound system. It was recommended that using a variety of communion methods continue. Linda asked the trustees to get a runner to protect the carpet at the front of the sanctuary during communion. They would like to remind people to sign and turn in the yellow attendance sheets from the bulletin. It is important to have accurate records of worship attendance. They will work on getting cards to people that have missed worship.

Parsonage Committee: David Reid reported that the blueprints have been delivered to Bill Zang and we are waiting for the basement to be dug.

Lay Leadership Committee: Sign-up sheets have been up for 2 weeks. They hope to meet on September 29 at 6:30 PM. Please consider what you will do at Dockery Chapel in 2011 and sign-up soon.

Pastor's Report: Doug noted that next year is the 120th anniversary for Dockery Chapel. He hopes a committee can be formed to plan a celebration.

Prayer requests were listed. Leta closed the meeting with prayer.

Chili Supper to Benefit Aidan Stevenson's
mission Trip October 16, 2010

Join us on Saturday, October 16 from 5-7 pm for a fellowship dinner to benefit Aidan on his mission trip to Kenya. Aidan is doing the cooking and hopes you will all attend. This will be a great opportunity to support Aidan and to send him off with our prayers and blessing. He will be leaving to serve the people of Kenya along with Pastor Paul Migowe and build up the Overcoming broken Hearts Ministry on October 20. Please join us for this benefit Chili supper and show Aidan your support. All proceeds will go to Aidan's mission and ministry.

Church Conference October 17, 2010

Dockery Chapels Annual Church conference to elect our leaders for the coming year, set pastor salary, and to file yearly reports will be held on Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church. All United Methodist Churches in our area will be holding their conferences at this time and location. A program is still being planned. We will go over the business of the conference at our October Board meeting October 13th at 7:30.

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Clayton Anderson</i>	2
3 <i>Harley Paschke</i>	4	5	6 <i>Tabby McCullough</i>	7 <i>Bud Key</i>	8 <i>Eric Kennedy Adrian & Tyann Cox</i>	9 <i>Dallas Cox Julie Flowers Laurie Stevenson Emily Voorhies Auction 10:30 for Gannon Twins Bazaar Dinner 11am- 1pm</i>
10 <i>Bob Malone</i>	11	12 <i>Adrian Cox Oakley Madden Bari Vandyke Barbara Williams</i>	13 Board Meeting	14	15 <i>Amanda Harrison Amy Madden Mason Taylor</i>	16 <i>David & Tammy Burgess Chili Supper 5 - 7 pm</i>
17 <i>Heath & Jenny Cook Church Conference 2 pm</i>	18	19 <i>Andy Kidd Bob Sanders</i>	20 <i>Delaney Franklin Wade Key James Moore</i>	21	22 <i>Tyann Cox Brice Gibler Johnny Kidd</i>	23 <i>Andrew Rosenstangle Ira & Janice Woody</i>
24 <i>Paul Overton June Potter</i>	25	26 <i>Sloane Ferguson Kaidence Griffith</i>	27 <i>Elizabeth Harrison Cody Nichols</i>	28	29 <i>Elmer Whitt</i>	30 <i>Karren Rorebeck Susie Walker</i>
31 <i>Gail Jackson</i>						

North Missouri Prayer Shawl Ministry

Blessings to all from the North Missouri Prayer Shawl Ministry. As the weather is cooling down and you will be moving indoors I hope you will think about joining our ministry. It is something you can do from home in your spare time, we don't have meetings, we do get together occasionally for "share time", and we provide a great ministry for those that are hurting, struggling, facing illness, depression, life changes. We provide something tangible for them to hold and wrap up in so that they may feel our hugs and prayers and God's touch and love.

We are now making "prayer blankies" for babies, children and teens. These require no sewing! So if you have wanted to be involved in the prayer shawl ministry but don't knit or crochet then we have something for you and we need you!

Another new project and big undertaking is "prayer clothes". The local National Guard Unit will be deploying in March, we will be sending a "prayer cloth" with each soldier. This will be something useful for them as well as serve the same purpose as the prayer shawl to help them feel connected to home, family, church and God. It is our hope that in a dark lonely moment they can clutch the cloth and receive peace and feel the love pouring through it. We need 180 of these prayer clothes. Would you like to help with this project? My great hairy audacious dream (as Doug would call it) is that someday we could send prayer clothes to every military base that is sending troops into combat, or away from their families for an extended period. That is my dream! Each cloth will have a small laminated prayer card attached.

I invite each of you to join North Missouri Prayer Shawl Ministry. Invite your friends – this is not a Dockery Chapel exclusive ministry. This Ministry was started to be a non-denominational ministry for North Missouri, for many churches, for anyone who has the desire to be part of something that helps others get thru difficult times. This ministry has personally been such a blessing and from the cards and comments I have received I know that it is a real blessing for others.

I am also looking for someone who knows website design. I would like to develop a web page for the ministry. If you are interested in this, please contact me.

Please join us on October 20th at 6:30pm, Dockery Chapel Fellowship Hall. We will have share time; learn how to make prayer cloths and prayer blankies. If you have a good pair of fabric cutting scissors please bring them and your crochet hook if you want to learn to crochet. If you are interested in the ministry, but can't attend our share time, then please contact me via email or give me a call.

THE BEST WAY TO GET A BLESSING – IS TO BE A BLESSING!

Tammy Burgess, Ministry Coordinator

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Veterans Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, November 7, 2010 we want to recognize and give thanks to all of our Veterans. This is the Sunday before Veterans Day and we would like to celebrate the veterans who are part of our church family. If you are a veteran, or you know one, please help make our celebration special by sharing a photo of you or your loved one in their service uniform. We would like to display pictures of our veterans as part of our worship service. Please bring, or send, a picture to Pastor Doug before November 1st so that he can put together the presentation for Veterans Day. Your picture will not be harmed and will be returned. Thank you for making this a special celebration if you have any questions or would like to help with organizing this service please give Doug a call.

*Please contact Marcene Sharp at
masharp7@yahoo.com or call
485-6243 after 6p.m.*

*Regena Renshaw at
ladysharp2@yahoo.com or call
654-4135 with any information
for the news letter.*



Prayer for our Troops:

"Lord, hold our troops in your
loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them
and their families for the selfless
acts they perform for us in our
time of need.
I ask this in the name of
Jesus, our Lord and Savior.
Amen."

Food Chain

Just a reminder that
Dockery now has a food
chain. If you or someone you
know in our church family has
recently been in the hospital, has an
injury or illness that having a meal
or two delivered could help in
the recovery process; please
call Kathy Madden.



Children's Moments

October 3 - Sandy Patterson
October 10 - Bob Barnes
October 17 - Clay Oneal
October 24 - Vicki Meservey
October 31 - Sandy Smith



If you are not able to serve the
Sunday you are scheduled or if
you are interested in doing a
Children's
Moment please call Richard &
Donna Ashenfelter. Thanks.

Church Website

Please check out the new Church
Website.
www.dockerychapelumc.org

Nursery Workers



October 3 *Bob Barnes*
October 10 *Matt Swank*
October 17 *Bill & Mary Baker*
October 24 *Leah & Hannah Brinser*
October 31 *Mandy & Megan Ellis*

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Return Service Requested

