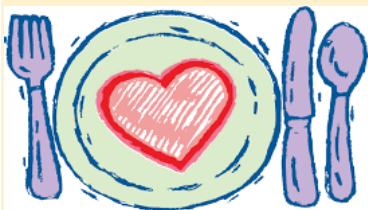




September
2022

Wednesday
Community Dinner
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



COMMUNITY DINNER

We kick off our Wednesday Community Dinner Program on Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 5:30 p.m. The meals are exceptional and fixed with love. Please invite your neighbor to join us! We are especially thankful for those who help with the meal planning and the many food and monetary donations.

Charge Conference
Sunday, Oct, 23rd
5:00 p.m.
Augusta UMC



We will be busy gathering report information to be ready prior to this meeting.

Pastor Notes:

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
United Methodists are disciples of Jesus Christ who continue to heed the lessons John Wesley taught his followers: to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed; being a compassionate presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel.

So far what I have seen in my 2 months here at Douglass UMC is that our church is very active in the community and doing so much of what John Wesley taught.

I have always enjoyed reading what is going on in and beyond our United Methodist Community through <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/we-are-disciples>.

Many of these various ministries are funded through our M&M's. (Also known as Missions and Ministries.) M&M's are collected from all churches who are members of the United Methodist conference to help continue to work in our Lord's kingdom both close to home and abroad.



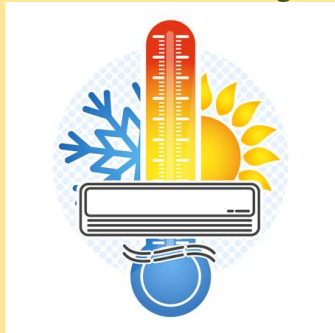
As I looked at the current articles on the website today, our M&M's are supporting a dentist called to mission in Nicaragua, disaster relief for current flooding in Kentucky, vaccinations, a woodcutting ministry, work with poverty, helping grow the ministry, cleaning buckets, school kits, hygiene kits, free health care in Uganda, assistance in Mozambique after Cyclone Kenneth, support for immigrant families, open doors for homeless... and that is not all! I could keep on typing.

We should feel proud when we pay our M&M's, just as we feel happy to tithe on Sunday. 2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us **"Each of you must give what you have decided in your heart, not with regret or under compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver."** (ISV)

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors



Air Conditioning



We had to replace one of the units in our sanctuary this summer at the cost of \$4900. Just like your home bills, our bills have been very high for August at \$570.72 and September at 607.34 We love the comfort of air conditioning.. Thanks to all of you for your generous donations that help offset these expenses.



Join us as we pray for rain for our farming community. The ranchers are so short on hay. The fall crops are so poor. We are in dire need of some moisture!

One Sunday I remember those counting the offering mentioning that amongst the checks and bills there was a penny. It reminded me of the parable of the widow from **Mark 2 (41-44)**.

"Then a poor widow came along and put in two small copper coins. Jesus teaches the disciples that the woman gave more than the rich. The poor woman, as a widow, would have had no source of income after her husband's death. Therefore the two small copper coins were all she had - and yet she offered them to God."

Oh, to be that poor widow. I think she is a wonderful role model for us all.

Pastor Janet

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Upcoming Events:

- 09-05 Labor Day/Office Closed
- 09-06 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 09-07 First Wed. Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 09-07 Admin. Council at 6:30 p.m.
- 09-10 GP Mini Conf 9:30 a.m.
- 09-11 Grandparent Day
- 09-13 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 09-14 **Wed. Comm Dinner at 5:30 p.m.**
- 09-17 Sr Center Breakfast 7-9 am.
- 09-20 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 09-21 **Wed. Comm Dinner at 5:30 p.m.**
- 09-24 TEFAP 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 09-26 Sr Center Monterrey Dinner 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 09-27 Bible Study at 10:00
- 09-28 **Wed. Comm Dinner at 5:30 p.m.**

**Great Plains On-Line Conference
9:30 a.m. on Sept. 10th**

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This is a mini session with a very limited agenda.

One of the items on the agenda is the request from 54 churches to disaffiliate from the conference.

Back to School Event



Thanks to Sheryl Brotton and the Hope Connections group at the Rose Hill Christian Church.

They served 154 students/65 families from Douglass school with supplies to begin their new school year.

Your continued support of this program helps so many individuals.

My neighbor asked me today what she had to do to become a Church member. I told her she had to believe in Jesus and own a 9x13 casserole dish.