

MEADOWBROOK MESSENGER



**BUILDING the KINGDOM
of GOD TOGETHER**



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Pastor Lia McIntosh

From the Pastor



Everyone prays - even if it's just a simple
"O God" - but is anyone listening?

During a recent conversation with a friend, I was asked how to discern when God answers prayers. This question, a good one, made me stop and think about prayer as a means of communication between God and us. More than 80% of U.S. adults say they pray—more than half say it is once a day or more, but many still have doubts about prayer. Have you ever wondered if prayer really changes things? Or, is God really listening?

As I pray each day for our world, the sick, our congregation, my family and friends, and more I have an implicit trust that God will answer my prayers, but exactly how God answers often varies. I have experienced God responding to my prayers through visions. I saw a vision of myself in the chancel area of the church where I attended after praying for God's guidance about going to seminary. God answered my prayer. Before Kevin and I became parents, I prayed that God would bless us with children. God poured peace into my heart about becoming a parent long before our children were born. God answered my prayers. God meets us at our point of need and takes us on a journey to deepen our faith through prayer. The Apostle wrote that we are "co-laborers with God"; meaning we are in relationship with God to determine our future (Cor. 3:9). What an awesome God we serve. I believe we can change our lives and the world by prayer.

During the month of September, at Meadowbrook, we will talk about prayer and look for real answers. Bring your hopes, doubts and questions. Prepare to encounter God!

Pastor Lia



I want to thank Pastor Lia, Juanita & Buster West and all my Meadowbrook family for the visits, cards, gifts and prayers during my extended hospital stay. It is so wonderful to know there are so many in our church family showing such care.

Thank you,
Delbert Frisbie

Thank you to Pastor Lia and my Meadowbrook family for the visits, cards, flowers and especially your prayers during my recent hospital stay.

Peggy Frisbie

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

The alarm clock has wakened me, dear God, but I want to talk with you before it rings again. I need to thank you for this comfortable bed and a good night's sleep, for good health and strength, for an enjoyable weekend, for a wonderful church and worship service yesterday, for friends and family who care and love, for you and all that you bring to our lives, for the opportunities to serve you.

Be with me throughout this day and the week ahead. Let me do my work honestly, willingly and responsibly. As I meet people, help me to see them as your children and your loved ones.

I know you will lead me in whatever circumstances this day holds. I look forward to the adventures you and I will share together. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

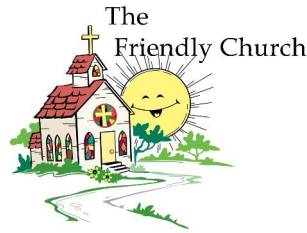
Peggy Ferrell, from Prayers, Hymns and Poems

BONES OF THE CHURCH

The "body" of a church has four kinds of bones:

1. The WISHbones are those folks who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
2. The JAWbones are those who do all the talking and very little else.
3. The KNUCKLEbones are those who knock everything anyone else tries to do.
4. The BACKbones are those who get under the load and get the work done.

What kind of bone are you?



A young couple sought a church in which to worship. They visited a church one Sunday and later complained to a retired pastor, "No one in the congregation

welcomed us. No one was at the door to greet us when we arrived or when we left. Of course, we won't go back there."

How friendly is our church? It's as friendly as you make it. Why not engage anyone who appears to be a visitor with a warm handshake, a smile and your name. Find out their name and later make a note of it so you can greet them by name the next time you see them. Introduce the visitors to others in the congregation and guide them to any fellowship event after worship.

Remember that no act of kindness toward others is never wasted.

MEADOWBROOK METHODIST WOMEN (MMW) NEWS



Our AUGUST MEETING was special because we all had some good laughs. We brought an item in a box or a bag and someone had to guess (in 5 tries) what was in it. We had some wild guesses and everyone seemed to enjoy the activity.

We were celebrating birthdays for all MMW members so had an ice cream cake which was scrumptious.

During our meeting we voted to purchase a security camera for the front door so Marilyn can see who is there before answering the bell. Bill Donner has agreed to purchase and install this camera. This will be a safety precaution and we were glad we could provide the funds to do it. THANK YOU BILL for doing this.

SEPTEMBER MEETING will be September 14 for our annual wiener roast at Pauline Quigley's ranch. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. We will meet at the church at 10:00am to carpool to the ranch. It is always a fun meeting held outside by a bonfire. If it rains, we'll change our plans.

OCTOBER MEETING will be on October 12th and we are planning a trip to the City Market and we'll have lunch down there. Please watch for more information as to time, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: If you use it, clean it! The coffee area in front of the office is available to anyone to use, but please do not leave dirty dishes, etc. there. A big THANK YOU to Marilyn Rose, our secretary, for cleaning up the area recently.

THANK YOU to Lois DeBey for cleaning the microwave in the downstairs kitchen. This was written up in the Health Department inspection recently. Please wipe it out after each use and make sure it is clean. Thank you!

The following items were contributed to the Clay County Clothes Closet:

Boys Socks—42 pair

Boys Underwear—37 Pair

Girls Hat & Gloves Sets—2

Girls Tops—3

Girls Underwear—69 pair

Girls Socks—36 pair

We know they will be thrilled to receive the new items for school children.



Shirley Watkins, President
Meadowbrook Methodist Women



Wednesday Night DINNERS

Meadowbrook United Methodist Church
2800 NE 64th Street
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Hosting Free Wednesday Night Dinners
To the Community

Starting
September 2, 2009

Back to
School



Preschool begins
September 1
for the Tuesday
and Thursday
classes and
September 2
for the Monday,
Wednesday and
Friday Classes



Be our guest for worship and
refreshments on Sunday
September 13, 2009 @ 9:30
AM!

Friends & Family Sunday @
Meadowbrook UMC

* Faith Development at 10:45 a.m.

* Kid's Korner for Childcare.

Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00

PM & Thursdays @ 9:30 AM

All are welcome!

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As North Kansas City School District begins their new school year, so too does Troop 354 begin its new program year. We are starting this year with a change at the Scoutmaster position. As I understand it, it has been a tradition for some time now, for the troop to “share” the leadership experience, every few years, thus encouraging a better trained adult staff as a whole, as well as mitigating the challenge to fill any suddenly vacant spots, should one occur.

John Cervantes accepted the Troop 354 Scoutmaster position, January 22, 2007 and passed it along to Jim Niederberger on July 20, 2009. In that 2 and a half years, John has spent an untold amount of time helping our Scouts reach new goals, and hopefully to ultimately become the kinds of Citizens and Leaders needed in the future. We're very thankful for John's selflessness, including 3 years as summer camp scoutmaster (generally a job in and of itself), and are happy that he will continue as Troop Treasure and as “walking/breathing Scoutmaster Library”, for some time to come.

Jim Niederberger has been with the Troop for two years, and was Pack 354 Den leader for 5 years before that. He was a Boy Scout himself, having earned the highest rank of Eagle. Jim attended the North Star Districts Scout Master training, earlier this year, and attended a weeklong training seminar at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico, last year. We're excited, and feel fortunate to have someone of Jim's caliber take over the Scoutmaster position.

It seems that the sharing of leadership experience has another benefit as well. Meadowbrook United Methodist has been home to many “Adult Scouts” who continue to provide leadership to the North Star District, and to Boy Scouting beyond. Some of those adults may not have “caught the bug”, had it not been for the chance to lead Troop 354. Thank you to the Church, for your approval of this leadership change.

Tim Ray

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****Join us for Friends & Family Sunday, Sept. 13th****

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