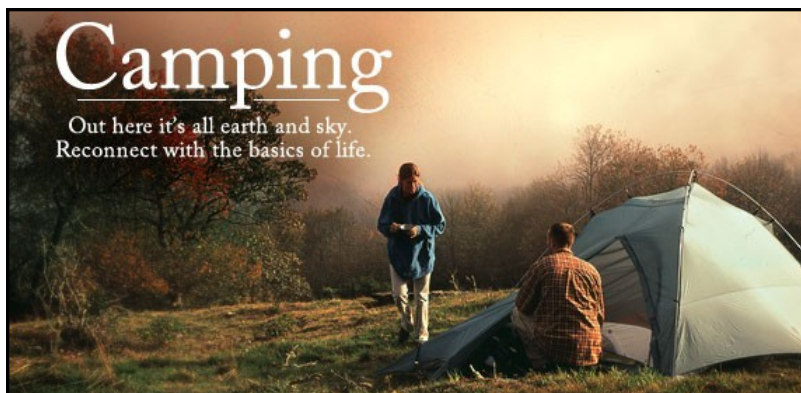


## News, Events & Happenings September 2010



### **FAMILY CAMPOUT**

**Ramsey State Park  
September 17—19**

Fishing, boating, shared meals, fellowship or relaxing around the campfire. Sugar Creek Campout has something for everyone! Make sure to sign up on the Sunday Stub if you are interested in joining us for a great camping "get-a-way" weekend! For questions or more information contact Mark Freeman 691-1575, Butch Moroney 585-9175. Information packets are also available at the church information desk.



**FELLOWSHIP EVENT**  
**Sunday, September 26**  
**12:30 P.M.**  
*(following 3rd service)*

The Sugar Creek Mission Team invites you to join us for a potluck on Sunday, September 26 in the church fellowship hall. Our guest speaker will be Vicky Potter from Asbury Children's Supper Hour in Springfield. Please bring your favorite dish to share!

We will have more information in the church bulletins and on the mission board outside the fellowship hall regarding the needs of Asbury. For a great article on this ministry check out the following link:

[www.sj-r.com/features/x1772946293/Filling-hearts-and-stomachs-at-Asburys-Childrens-Supper-Hour](http://www.sj-r.com/features/x1772946293/Filling-hearts-and-stomachs-at-Asburys-Childrens-Supper-Hour)

*Wonderful Wednesday*  
*Classes & Meals will begin on*  
*Wednesday, September 8th.*  
*Meals—5:30 p.m. Classes—6:30 p.m.*



**HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY LABOR DAY!  
THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED IN  
OBSERVANCE OF  
THE HOLIDAY.**



## 16th ANNUAL SUGAR CREEK UMC CHICKEN DINNER & BAZAAR

Saturday, September 11, 2010  
4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

### PICK UP YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Adults—\$7:00      Kids under 12—\$4.00

*Tickets available through members & friends of Sugar Creek,  
the church office, or the day of the event..*

#### ~Dine In Menu~

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans or Corn, Bread & Butter, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, Pie or Cake, Iced Tea, Coffee, Kool-Aid, or Milk

#### ~Carry Out Menu~

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, or Corn, Bread, Apple Sauce, or Cole Slaw, Pie or Cake (*drive thru orders come with Apple Crisp*), Orange Drink or Milk.

#### DONATIONS NEEDED:

25—Cakes  
120—Pies  
110 lbs—Sugar  
110 lbs—Flour  
8 lbs—Bacon  
25—Loaves of White Bread  
10—Loaves of Rye Bread  
20—Loaves of Wheat Bread  
25—Gallons of Whole Kernel Corn  
50—Gallons of Cut Green Beans  
8—Gallons of Brown Vinegar  
5—Large Onions  
15 lbs—Coffee  
10 lbs—Decaf Coffee  
20—Cans of Kool-Aid  
30 lbs—Stick Butter

#### JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

We are in need of volunteers who would like to help with the following:

##### Cole Slaw Day

Wednesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.

##### Set Up

Friday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Clean chicken, setup tables (*dining room and Bazaar*), chairs, serving lines, run dishes through the dishwasher.

##### Prep

Saturday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Set up tents, flouring tables and chicken cooker. Prepare drinks, wrap silverware, cut and slice desserts, etc.

*All proceeds benefit missions and the building fund.*



In August 2005, my family and I began attending Sugar Creek. I already knew several Sugar Creek people from serving on Chrysalis and Emmaus teams. Every time I attended an Emmaus candlelight service, I thanked God for the hospitality of this church to open your facility so graciously.

We found a warm welcome at Sugar Creek and jumped in with both feet to be a part of this congregation. In December 2007, I was hired to fill a new position at Sugar Creek, Director of Discipleship Ministries. During the five years that my family and I were a part of Sugar Creek, God has blessed us with new friends and new opportunities to serve him. We will treasure the friendships we have had and the memories we have made.

I regret there was not a chance formally to say goodbye to the congregation. My family and I want to thank each of you for the many kindnesses you have shown us over the past five years. We will be praying for God's blessing upon Sugar Creek. I will be specifically praying for you as Paul prayed for the church at Ephesus:

*"I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!" (Ephesians 1:17-19, The Message)*

I also ask for your prayers for me and my family as I seek employment and discern God's will for the next step in my journey. We may have to move out of the area which will be a big adjustment since we have lived in Pawnee for almost ten years. We are praying for faith and courage to follow God as he leads us.

Thank you again for the blessing of serving Jesus with you for the last five years.

Matthew, Carrie, Rachel, Aaron, and Sarah Woodcock



**Dates to remember:**

Saturday, September 11—UMW Craft Sale at the Chicken Dinner

Sunday, September 19—United Methodist Women's Sunday

Tuesday, September 21—UMW Fall District Meeting in Lincoln; 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

All women of Sugar Creek are urged to participate in any or all of the above events.



The United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the church for a shared meal and to help with clean up of the kitchen and fellowship hall after the Chicken Dinner. All men are welcome to come!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st	Kristen Patterson	15th	Adam Chase	22nd	Mason Kaylor
1st	Cameron Ledferd	16th	Dave Dickey	23rd	Karen Kessinger
2nd	Barb Hedinger	16th	Jordan Shea	23rd	Wyatt House
3rd	Phyllis Fairchild	17th	Wanda Fernandes	24th	Kathy Simmons
4th	Marsha Johnson	18th	Laikyn McGuire	25th	Sherry Carrigan
4th	Dan Sullivan	19th	Emily Stieren	26th	Clara Lowary
4th	Trent Lael	20th	Karen Dozier	27th	Tom Wiles
6th	Virginia Daugherty	20th	Nancy Pressler	27th	Susan Perko
6th	Lindsey Koch	20th	Mimi Horn	28th	Rick Miles
6th	Shantel High	21st	Milt Miner	28th	Emma Kurfman
10th	Sandy Freitag	21st	Scott Parker	29th	Carol Koch
11th	Mike Finley	21st	Andrea Reinwald	30th	Kara Mobley
13th	Steve Chase	21st	Aaron Small	30th	Tim Sullivan
15th	Tylar Midden	22nd	Sean Kane	30th	Lauren Godfrey
15th	Skylar Midden	22nd	Marshall Kaylor		

## Happy Anniversary

- 6th Bill & Lovell Legg  
17th Mark & Dolores Mobley  
17th Reggie & Laura Black  
23rd Mike & Marilyn Reynolds  
23rd Wayne & Debbie Sisk  
25th Chip & Holly Cormier  
27th Aaron & Betty Vangeison  
28th Richard & Carolyn Halford  
28th Bill & Rachel Shea  
29th Wayne & Bobbie Ballard



Thank you so much for the financial gift of \$110 and for the diapers. This is a blessing because we can only offer diapers as they're donated to Kumler. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Sharon Brown  
Executive Director  
Kumler UMC Outreach Ministries

*The mission project for Vacation Bible School last month was sizes 4/5 diapers for Kumler. 2,183 diapers were donated to this ministry.*



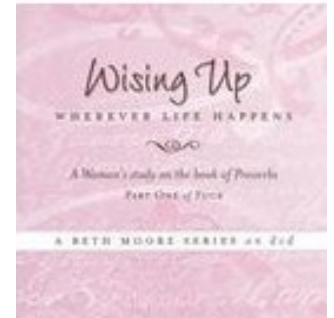
Ladies Bible Study on the book of Isaiah is being offered at First United Methodist Church in Springfield (Koke Mill Road). All ladies are welcome. We will meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Jeanette Miner (801-0080) or join us on the 16th!



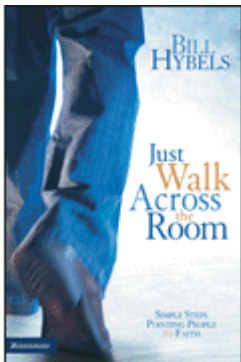
## FOR WOMEN

### Wising Up

Crystal Matthiesen will facilitate this DVD based Beth Moore study on the book of Proverbs.



## Just Walk Across the Room



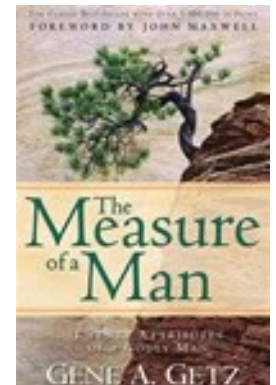
Evangelism is a vital part of what God calls us as his followers to do, but very few of us make a practice of doing it. Many of us feel awkward and ill-equipped, either because we've never been trained, or because our lack of interaction with non-Christians prevents us from using and developing the skills we do have. Bill Hybels addresses these concerns and signals the next era in personal evangelism with Just Walk Across the Room. Drawing on fresh perspectives from the author's own experiences, as well as time-tested and practical illustrations, Just Walk Across the Room encourages and equips readers to routinely initiate spiritual conversations with those who don't know Christ.

Jeff Mackay will facilitate this four week study.

## FOR MEN

### The Measure of a Man

In this study of the best-selling book The Measure of a Man, Gene Getz delivers the newly enhanced message of what it takes to be a man of God. Men will gain encouragement for what they can be in Christ-as fathers, husbands, and mentors to other men. Since 1974, The Measure of a Man has taught hundreds of thousands of men around the world how to live according to God's direction-faithfully, lovingly and spiritually. True masculinity is not measured by a man's strength, but by these 20 biblical guidelines.



Ed Bowen will facilitate this Bible Study.

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**Come and discover Wonderful Wednesdays at Sugar Creek  
There's something for everyone!**

**5:30 p.m.—Meal**

**6:30 p.m.—Classes**

**Adventure Highway 6:30 p.m. (Newborn —5th grade)**



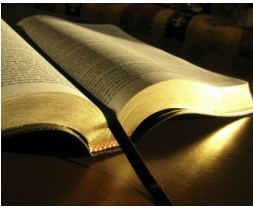
**Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All 6th—12th grade students welcome!**

# The Discipleship Journey

## *Knowing, Loving and Serving God*

Are you ready for the greatest adventure of all? There is nothing in the world that will bring you greater joy, greater challenge, and greater meaning than the journey into life as God intended us to live it. Once you've made a decision to follow Christ, you embark on a life-long journey, growing in your relationship with God and with others. Sugar Creek is committed to partnering with you as you move forward on your spiritual journey. One of the ways we progress in our journey of discipleship is by involvement in group studies of spiritual matters. There are three broad categories of core studies to help followers of Jesus on the journey of discipleship.

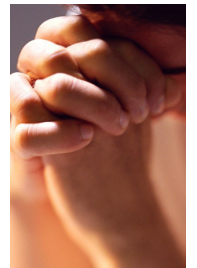
### ***Knowing God (Head)***



We can never fully understand God (if we could, we wouldn't have much of a God!). But the mysteries and questions are not obstacles to growth - they are an invitation to continually journey deeper in our understanding of Jesus and the Kingdom to which he invites us. As we increase our understanding of the kind of God we worship and serve, which is what the word "theology" means, we increase our capacity to live the life Jesus calls us to live.

### ***Growing Deeper in Our Love for God (Heart)***

What we think and what we do are expressions of who we are. Trying hard to change ourselves is a losing proposition - but when we're traveling with Jesus and letting the Holy Spirit refurbish our "engine," we find that transformation becomes a beautiful reality in our life!



### ***Going into the Mission Field (Hands)***



The Christian life is about more than correct thoughts and a loving attitude; it's about living our calling to be salt and light in the world. This means doing the work of the kingdom.

What does a person who has committed to making this journey look like? What will be the distinguishing marks of his or her life? A "fully committed follower of Jesus" at Sugar Creek is a person who is committed to knowing God through the study of the scripture, growing deeper in his or her spiritual journey through the use of the spiritual disciplines, and going into the mission field to engage in hands on ministry.



## **TRIVIA NIGHT AT SUGAR CREEK** **Saturday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.** **All Proceeds Benefit Missionary, Jacques Akasa Umembudi**

Come out and join us for a night of trivia, fellowship and lots of fun. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost is just \$10 per person (10 per table limit). Look for more information in your church bulletin and October Newsletter.

*Jacques Akasa Umembudi is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned to the Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. As a pilot-mechanic and program director of the Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry, Jacques flies people and supplies to various missions in the region.*

# PASTOR'S PEN



It is hard to believe that it was 30 years ago this past June that I loaded up the u-haul truck with all our possessions, put our four daughters in the car, and Rinda and I and the family headed for Cropsey to begin the journey as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. Little did I imagine what lay ahead for us as we traveled to our first parsonage. I had left behind my job of thirteen years, the area where Rinda had grown up and where her parents and grandparents still farmed. This new life was at the same time exciting and frightening.

Ordained ministry in the UMC has had its rewards and its difficulties. I have had the privilege of joining folks in holy matrimony, baptizing babies, adults and young adults, working with youth and young adults as they seek to discern God's plan for their lives, celebrating anniversaries, graduations, new beginnings and many other wonderful times in people's lives. I have also had the responsibility of counseling couples through tough marital issues, celebrating the life of young and old through the funeral liturgy, dealing with families who lost loved ones to suicide and war and a whole host of other issues that fill our lives with sadness and dread. But through it all I have always felt God's presence in a profound way. Now it is 30 years of ministry and several moves later that I contemplate where I have been and how God has used me to lift up the name of Jesus and to advance the Kingdom in whatever small way I could.

Over these past 30 years I have not taken an extended time away from the parish. Through conversation with our District Superintendent and Reta Jones, Chair of Staff/Parish, it has been discerned that I need to take some time away from pastoral duties. Therefore, I will be taking the month of September off for extended vacation. Rinda and I will fly out on September 1<sup>st</sup> for England to spend 16 days with our daughter Dawn and her husband Richard. They have been married for eight years and we have yet to visit them in their home in Southampton. The latter part of the month will be used to work on tying up loose ends left from the death of Rinda's dad. We will also be there for the birth of our seventh grandchild, to be born on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. I ask for your prayers while we are away that God may re-create us and renew our strength.

I also ask for your prayers and cooperation as guest preachers fill the pulpit and ministry goes on at Sugar Creek in my absence. Since Matthew Woodcock's position has been eliminated, we will need for people to step up and help out at many different levels to insure that we don't miss a step over the next few weeks. Keith Anderson, Terry Clark, Merlin Schendel, and Gary Bass will be filling the pulpit for me. Sara Isbell, Chatham UMC pastor, will cover any hospital, funeral or other pastoral responsibilities. If you have any needs at all in my absence, please call the office and Sheila will make sure you are taken care of.

In closing, I ask you to be in prayer for Matthew Woodcock and his family as Matt seeks new direction from God. Pray that doors will open and that Carrie, Rachel, Aaron, and Sarah will be surrounded by the love of Christ. Also, be in prayer for our financial situation here at Sugar Creek as we continue to seek God's will for us as a church.

I'll see you in October.

Grace and Peace.

*Pastor Wes Osborn*

## SUGAR CREEK

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

The Water's Edge (Traditional)	8:15 a.m.
Cookie, Coffee & Conversation	9:35 a.m.
Living Waters (Blended)	9:45 a.m.
Christian Education	9:45 a.m.
Cookie, Coffee & Conversation	10:35 a.m.
Odyssey (Contemporary)	11:00 a.m.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
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*Sugar Creek exists to reach the unchurched in our community  
with God's love and develop devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.*



## September Meetings

- Monday, September 7—Nurture Team; 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 7—Staff Parish; 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 13—Stewardship Team; 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 13—Education Team; 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 14—Trustees; 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 14—Mission Team; 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 20—Caregiving Team; 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 20—Evangelism Team; 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 20—Finance Team; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 28—Leadership Team; 6:30 p.m.