

### Some Continued Thoughts on Becoming Missional!

If I had to summarize my understanding of what it means to be a missional congregation in one sentence or with one idea it would involve the word sending! Jesus words were simple to His own disciples in John 20 after He had risen from the dead (and we are actually so very close to having celebrated Easter):

**Jn 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."**

**22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."**

Somehow, somewhere, the idea that you and I (if we are to be anything we) are to be the "Sent ones" has escaped our discipleship mentalities! Where did the original disciples go? Eventually they went to the then known world, it is true, but first they went to their own towns, neighbors, and community! "Starting in Judea..." remember? We have a uniquely wonderful opportunity to go out into our community this summer and attempt to be involved missionally with our neighbors. Your Mission Ministry Team is currently making plans to serve up to as many as 20 families be able to stay in their homes before they can be evicted or forced to leave their residence right here in McPherson.

Partnering with our ecumenical partners, we have made a commitment to team up with the Methodist Church (and some others) during the first week of June (1-5) to help renovate 20 or so trailers in Mustang Park come up to code so that those living there might be able to stay in their homes rather than be forced to move or be evicted! At a cost of 12-\$1,500.00 per home, we will be putting work crews together to work from 7 A.M. each morning til 4:00 P.M. each afternoon with as many people from the Congregation willing to commit to this work (already everyone of our youth has agreed to work) to keep these families in their homes.

Apparently, Mustang Park has recently been sold and the new owners (California) intend to "clean up" the Park and the only way these families will be allowed to stay will be to upgrade their trailers to park standards and city codes. The fact is that these families are poor and cannot afford to do this on their own. We can/will help. Several churches across the ecumenical spectrum from McPherson and perhaps even beyond are beginning to sign up to take part in this renovation project. Somewhere between 25-\$30,000 will be raised to accomplish this particular project. Along the way, it is hoped that these people helped, will experience the love and acceptance of Christ's church and may even become aware of God's love in new ways for the first time.

The date of May 25<sup>th</sup> has been set to let the Methodist Church know how many people we are going to provide for the project. I am hoping for a great turnout and what is really needed are a few construction foreman type people who can run a crew at any particular site to bring each one of these trailers up to code. The primary need of most all of these trailers is "skirting" to be built around them. Some will need painting and even less will need some repair siding. We are committed to helping and now all we need is your commitment to do the same!

Crews will meet every morning for devotions and community building before going to work at 7. All the supplies that are needed will be provided. After this project is all over, we will have one huge party with all those helped and with all those who have helped! Will you consider this invitation to become a "Sent One?" It will be possible to help on a daily basis as much or as little as you are able.

Please let the office know of you intent to be a part of our crew. There will be need for kitchen helpers as well to provide the nourishment needed each day. More information will be available at the next planning meeting at the Methodist Church on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:30 P.M.

With hearts aflame,  
H Dick Reynolds, Jr.  
AKA (planning on being) one of many sent ones!

**Worship Assistants**

USHERS:

- 3- Tim & Ellen Davidson
- 10- Tim & Ellen Davidson
- 17- Jeff & Crystal Warren
- 24- Jeff & Crystal Warren
- 31- Jeff & Crystal Warren
- Usher Supervisor: Jeff Warren
- Offering Depositor: Jeff Warren
- Deacon On Duty: Deanna Sents

CHANCEL FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP HOST

Please consider signing the form in the Fellowship Hallway, for flowers or fellowship Sunday mornings.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Gannon, Dobson, Warren, Childres

**Women's Evening & Morning Circle**

Morning Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Evening Circle meets every 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Adult Sunday School room. Any questions contact Crystal Warren.

**Evening Circle**

May 20<sup>th</sup>  
No Meeting in June  
No Meeting in July  
No Meeting in August

**Morning Circle**

May 21<sup>st</sup>  
No Meeting in June  
No Meeting in July  
No Meeting in August

Pastor Dick is in the church office Monday through Thursday.  
Cindy Miller is in on Monday and Wednesday.  
Gabby Fischer is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

## NEWS

### **Sterling College Scholarship**

Many years ago Sterling College developed a relationship between the college and a Presbyterian pastor at a Honduran church. That relationship resulted in Honduran students coming to Sterling College for their education. With the help of Dr. Craig Gannon, we began participating in helping provide funds for students from overseas to attend Sterling College by contributing to a scholarship fund for that purpose. Each year our church donates \$500.00 toward the scholarship from our designated mission funds.

On Sunday, April 26, (Sunday) the Sterling College Choir will be coming to lead us in our worship. Afterwards, we will have a potluck with the choir. Members are asked to bring a main dish, vegetables, salad, or dessert to share with the hungry Sterling choir members.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Choir will be presenting a concert in Newton at Bethel College Memorial Hall on Sunday, April 26, at 7:00 pm. Fred Bohnenblust, Les Groves, Delbert Schrag, and Myron Hoover are participating in the program, "We Sing That Others May Live", where all donations are given for MCC world relief.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that greeted me upon my arrival home after my surgery! I also want to say thank you for them many cards, food, best wishes & prayers sent my way. My recovery is progressing & soon my new hip & I will be back. Thank you for all the encouragement.

-Jackie Bohnenblust

Thank you so much for all your cards, phone calls, and especially for your prayers! My knee surgery went well and recovery is going equally well. Pastor Dick your visits meant a lot to me. The "cats" and I are enjoying the lovely spring bouquet! It's such a blessing to know you can count on your church family- I have a good one! Thanks again for all your encouragement. Hope to see you all in church Sunday!

- Linda Heidebrecht

How very nice to have a family that prays for you, sends cards, flowers, food and calls on you. That has been this church family for me the last few weeks as I have gone through and recovered from surgery. For all of this I say a big THANK YOU! You all have been an extension of God here on earth. My thankfulness to each of you.

- Veneta Ediger

I would like to thank Pastor Dick for his presence and support to me and my family at recent surgery. Jeanne Swick for delivering the flower vase from the church and the support from the church family.

-Ed Ediger



Amy Schaffer is having a baby! Clarissa Sents is inviting all the women in the church to come celebrate. The baby shower will be Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Amy will be using cloth diapers and she is registered at Target and Babies R'Us. Hope to see you there!

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE FOR June NEWSLETTER IS

May 25th

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 2015

### BIRTHDAYS

2- Marjorie Florine, Katie Foster

7- Aaron Sents

8- Tyler Potter

12- Donnata Perry

13- Neil Schmidt

17- Elmer Hansen

22- Delbert Bohn, Gilbert Hansen

23- Jan Burgett

24- Cindy Griggs

25- Ashley Gant

29- Jean Callendar

### ANNIVERSARY

5- Larry & Teri Kubin

7- Dennis & Nancy Layton

9- Tim & Ellen Davidson

22- Marc & Catherine Martin