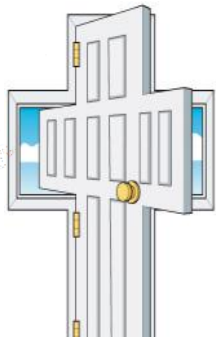


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# THE OPEN DOOR

*a newsletter of*

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## Gear Up for VBS!

Dates: August 3rd - August 7th

Time: 10AM - 12PM

Pre-school (if potty trained) - 5th grade

Register:

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/mccookumc/gpgs/home.aspx>





### **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

August is upon us and we are in the midst of 'the dog days of summer.' "Dog Days is the name for the most sultry period of summer, from about July 3 to Aug. 11. Named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean, the period was reckoned as extending from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the dog star) and the sun. In the latitude of the Mediterranean region this period coincided with hot days that were plagued with disease and discomfort. The time of conjunction varies with difference in latitude, and because of the precession of the equinoxes it changes gradually over long periods in all latitudes." (<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/dogdays.html>) Those days when the temperature creeps upwards from 90 degrees, it's easy to relate to the phrase 'dog days.' With school starting up in a few weeks, it doesn't matter what the temperature is, or whether we are still in the dog days or not...things have to get done. Supplies need to be bought, schedules need to be adjusted, and routines will need tweaked. There's something about the start of a new school year that makes us want to be back in the swing of things. The same is true of church life as well. Sign-ups are underway for our next small group study, "6 Decisions That Will Change Your Life." This study was written by Tom Berlin, the author of our last study. Things are getting organized for confirmation class, WORD groups, Sunday School, Faith Weavers, and C.H.I.P.s – all of which will begin in September. The Chancel Choir has Master Ringers Bell Choir will soon begin rehearsing again. There are plenty of places for you to plug-in to the many ministries of our church. But the best way to get reconnected after the dog days of summer is to renew your commitment to worship each Sunday. When we join the church we make a vow to support it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. Let's all work together and encourage one another to live up to those vows. See you at church!

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Doug".



Memorial UMC offers confirmation class to students in the eighth grade, or older students who have not yet been confirmed. There will be an orientation / organizational meeting on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00PM in the youth center for potential students and their parents. Please plan to attend if you want to participate in Confirmation Class this coming school year.

## Arriving This September: Arun Robert Peters

Arun Peters was born in 1985 in New Delhi, India. He is the son of Malcolm and Margaret Peters. Although their names sound very "American", they are all natives of India and are all Christian. Arun grew up in the Methodist Church in India where he enjoyed singing and assisting with youth ministry. His mother was a student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia during the 1970's before returning to India. As a result of her experience, Arun decided to pursue his call to discipleship at Union as well. He will complete his Masters of Divinity in August of this year. Prior to coming to the United States to study, Arun had graduated from university in India and had careers in business and the fashion industry. Arun enjoys hiking, camping, fitness, photography, basketball, cooking, the arts, and learning about new cultures.



Arun describes his statement of faith: "My personal statement of faith is that I believe in one God and that I belong to Him in life and in death. I believe that the Bible contains the Holy Word of God, written by man but entirely inspired and directed by God. I believe that in grace, God has given His son Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God, to redeem mankind; I accept Jesus as my personal savior and Lord of my life. I believe God is just and merciful. He has called me to be His. I believe God loves me; that He has personal knowledge of me; and that He has a personal agenda for me. My personal faith also involves my personal responsibility to God to know His will in and for my life. I believe and trust in Jesus Christ and share in His ministry to teach, bless, heal, and lead by example. My personal faith is made effective through the Holy Spirit, working in my life as I believe and trust in God. His Spirit justifies me by grace through faith and sets me free to accept myself and to love God and my neighbor.

### Come Join Us!

The Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and the Community Choir will begin in September! The Chancel Choir will begin on September 2nd, 2015, at 7:00PM. If you have any questions about the choir please call Kathy Latta at 308-345-1147. The Handbell Choir will begin on September 9th at 8:00PM. Lastly, the Community Choir will begin on September 13th at 1:30PM in our sanctuary. See you there!!



# Celebrations and Announcements

## August Birthdays:

Eugene Anderson	Dutch Hughes
Virginia Anderson	Nancy Janousek
Alex Anthony	Penny Johnson
Katie Anthony	Morgan Keith
Verna Barnett	Van Keslin
Logan Cappel	Kim Korgan
Merle Cox	Breyer Lampe
Neal Coyle	Bryan Loker
Alexis Davis	Ashley Miller
Tessa Dobbertin	Donna Mullanix
June Donnelly	Doug Ohlson
Terry Doyle	Kerri Ohlson
David Eaton	Erik Olson
Maddie Elder	Tom Poore
Dick Farber	Jessica Premier
Kay Flaska	Scott Propes
George Froman	Kelcy Ruggles
Marilyn Funk	Mindy Saalfeld
Andersen Gillespie	Bev Schlager
Phil Goodenberger	Zach Schlager
Barbara Grafel	Ivan Schmid
Karey Graves	Sam Smith
Dirk Gray	Annette Snyder
Riley Hansen	Bill Stewart
Shastyn Harsh	Pat Unger
Linda Hedges	Logan Vrbas
Malcolm Hinze	Janice Waddell
Brittany Hixon	Ken Waddell
Jane Holmes	Cole Walter
Cindy Hughes	

## August Anniversaries:

Shelly & Danny Berndt  
 Neola & Delbert Blake  
 Bonnie & Mike Brown  
 Kristi & Jim Clapp  
 Cathy & Merle Cox  
 Christi & Steve Evans  
 Marilyn & Phil Goodenberger  
 Carment & Stan Goodwin  
 Karey & Todd Graves  
 Virginia & Don Hein  
 Lori & Todd Hinze  
 Carrie & Jon Johnson  
 Danielle & Jason Johnson  
 Karmon & Rick Johnson  
 Dawn & Larry Kinne  
 Jan & Van Korell  
 Kristi & Kip Korell  
 Becki & Rob Lampe  
 Carol & Kent Nicholson  
 Marcia & Ed Overton  
 Alisa & Kim Parde  
 Jodi & Brian Radel  
 Kellie & Ron Soden  
 Pat & Dave Unger  
 Leona & Les Webb  
 Traci & Matt Weimers  
 Pam & Greg Wolford



Pantry collection item for August

Boxed Mac & Cheese



YEAR-TO-DATE PENNY MARCH TOTAL  
 Threads 4 Christ  
 Total: \$301.88

**Please pray...**

- for our children and their leaders as they prepare for the Mt. Everest vacation Bible school program.
- for our youth and the ones that will be attending the Confirmation classes this coming school year.




PURSUE GOD


BUILD COMMUNITY

BE A BLESSING

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	<i>August 2015</i>						
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:15/10:30am <i>Worship</i> 9:15am <i>Coffee</i>	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:30am <i>Prayer Class, Adult SS Rm</i>							1 6:00 <i>Singles</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 5:30pm <i>Community Supper, FH</i>							
<b>August Fun Facts</b> August is named after Augustus, first Emperor of Rome who chose it as it was the month of his greatest triumphs. He died in August AD14. The Anglo-Saxons called August by the name Weodmonath (weed month) as it is the month when weeds grow most rapidly. The volcano of Mount Vesuvius erupted (79AD) and buried Pompeii in volcanic ash. The most complete skeleton (80%) of a Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found was discovered in South Dakota on August 10th, 1990. Her name is Sue.	2	3	4	5	6 6:30PM <i>Trustees, L</i>	7 1:00PM <i>Wings of Hope, L</i>	8
	9	10	11	12 5:30PM <i>AD Council, L</i> 10:00AM <i>Brookdale</i> 2:30PM <i>Hillcrest</i>	13	14	15 6:00 <i>Singles</i>
	16	17 <i>First Day of School K-9</i>	18 <i>First Day of School 10-12</i>	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25 2:30PM <i>UMW Bingo @ Hillcrest</i>	26 6:00PM <i>Confirmation Orientation</i>	27	28	29
<b>Joke of the Month</b> Why shouldn't you tell secrets on the farm? Because the corn has ears, the potatoes have eyes and the beanstalk.	30	31 6:30PM <i>NOW Committee, L</i>					



Pull for the House.



Would you believe I just took 45,000 pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha? They use them to pay utilities. I was unaware of the million dollar club earlier, but signed up the church about 2 years ago and we have now taken 239,000 tabs to Omaha!! Please continue to save those tabs and encourage others to do likewise. There is a container where the tabs can be left in the friendship room.

-Evie Caldwell

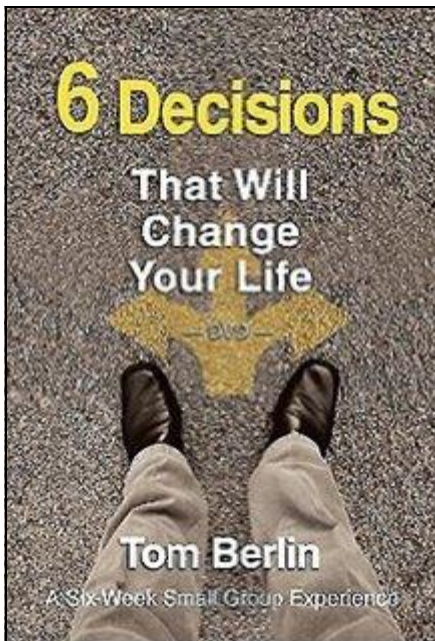
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Small groups will be meeting again this fall! This six-week small group experience will guide participants through the book “6 Decisions That will Change Your Life”.

*You’ve got to make six decisions—and the answers will affect every aspect of your spiritual life. The decisions have nothing to do with which church you go to or how long you’ve been a member. In this six-week Bible study, you’ll get to the core of everything that matters in a Christian life. DVD segments, an easy-to-understand study book, and a Leader Guide all combine to make this a substantial study for groups small or large. But most importantly, you’ll complete this study and make your choices knowing what Jesus has to say about each of these key spiritual decisions.*

We have received a lot of positive feedback from the small group studies we’ve done in the past year and we look forward to adding new participants and continuing our groups! Participant books will be \$6 and groups plan to start meeting the last week in September. Sign-up sheets will be in the Friendship Room through the month of August or you can contact Kelli Jensen at 308-340-1011 or [jensen.jk@hotmail.com](mailto:jensen.jk@hotmail.com).