

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS UMC NEWSLETTER



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JULY/AUG 2012

MICAH'S MEDITATIONS

Greetings!! Sharla and I would like to thank each of you for your warmth, your love, your kindness, and your generosity. You have gone above and beyond in welcoming us to Altus and the Highland Heights community. We feel at home. You have received us as family! That means so much to us, and we thank you for that. Each of you already hold a special place in our hearts. Sharla and I are excited to be with you on this journey of ministry. We are happy to be a part of this family.

With that being said, it is easy to see how Highland Heights is a family. In this family, we are brothers and sisters who love God, love our neighbors, and love each other. Through the love of Christ for each of us, we come together as one. My brothers and sisters, we are in ministry together. How cool is that? Just as we are brothers and sisters, we are all ministers. That is some pretty neat stuff. So, as we grow together, as we learn together, and as we serve together, may we remember that we are all a part of the family of God. That love unites us, lifts us up, strengthens us, and empowers us for the journey and for ministry.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Micah



During the summer months we will be collecting fans to be donated through Operation C.A.R.E. and Salvation Army. The fans will help keep people cool and reduce electricity costs.

Starting in August, we will collect school supplies to be given out thru local groups.

And don't forget about the ongoing project thru the year of collecting eye glasses.

LAWN CARE

It is that time of the year when the growing/mowing season has arrived, and volunteers are needed to help keep our church grounds looking nice. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the narthex. The church owns a riding mower and a smaller gas mower you may use; or, if you'd prefer, you can use your own equipment. Please contact Bert Kirk, Chairman of the Trustees, at 482-6477 if you have any further questions.

Your help is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank You

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR JULY

July 1, 2012

5th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130 (UMH 848);
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July 8, 2012

6th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48 (UMH 782);
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 15, 2012

7th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24 (UMH 755);
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 22, 2012

8th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807);
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29, 2012

9th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14 (UMH 746);
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR
AUGUST**

August 5, 2012

10th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785); Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 12, 2012

11th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130 (UMH 848); Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 19, 2012

12th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111 (UMH 832); Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 26, 2012

13th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Ki 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Ps 84 (UMH 804); Eph 6:10-20; Jn 6:56-69;



Recently, we had our practice ice cream social and it was a sweet treat. A big thank you to everyone who brought ice cream or food. This is getting us ready for the real ice cream social, which is going to be hosted by the UMW on August 26, 2012, at 6:00 PM.

You're Invited

On Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at 1:30 PM the UMW will be taking a trip to the Museum of the Western Prairie. If you would like to join the group, tickets will be \$3.00 a piece. Everyone is welcome to come!

UMW Meeting Schedule

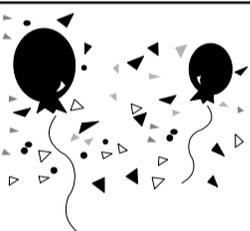
There will be no UMW meeting for the month of July. The next UMW meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2012, at 7:00 PM.



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of Jesus Christ
to Transform
the World**

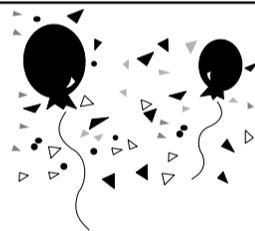


**Invite a
Friend
to Church!**



End of Summer Party

The End of Summer Party will be coming up sometime in August. Keep looking for more information on the date and time!!!!



An excerpt from *Singer Of Seasons* by Beverly Sawyer

We come today, O Lord from our Summer lives; from the patios, pools, and playgrounds of our leisure.

We come sunburned and bug-bitten -- the victors of a hard-fought baseball game, or swim meet, or tennis match.

We come having dressed out of the confusion of our suitcases, which are being packed or unpacked, or packed again.

We come out of a myriad of

plans, dates, deadlines, trips, and tournaments. We are busy people when we play.

But we do not need you less O God, than we did in the midst of winter work and worry.

Summer too has its sorrows, its broken bones and broken hearts. The crowds in which we mingle don't really hide our loneliness. Our full schedules don't really make up for the empty moments of our lives.

Be present, O God in our play, as well as in our prayers --

when we mow the lawn, and when we try to make our marriages work.

God of the Golf Course, Lord of All life -- This we truly pray.

Amen.

