

The Messenger

**Home-Made Ice Cream Social
Wyman Park Pavilion
Sunday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m.**



Everyone is invited to our church's Home-made Ice Cream Social. Table service and drinks will be provided by the Nurture committee.

We will meet at the Wyman Park Pavilion, beside the fenced in children's play area.

A sign-up sheet for ice cream and other desserts will be passed around at church.

Please come and enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

In case of rain or if it is too hot, please call the church office to find if there has been a change of plans. There will be an announcement on the answering machine.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**"A Ton
of Caring"**

This month our church will be collecting food for the Moultrie County Food Pantry. Last year we surpassed our goal of 1,200 pounds and have raised the bar this year. Our goal is 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food and other items by August 31.

Also, the Yellow Bucket offerings for August will go to support the Food Pantry.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this special ministry, and may the Lord's blessings be with our neighbors who will be assisted by the Food Pantry.

Food Pantry Needs

- tomato sauce
- soup
- pork and beans
- green beans
- corn
- peas
- tuna
- mac and cheese
- canned fruit
- canned milk
- pie filling
- dry cereal
- rice
- spaghetti noodles
- crackers
- bar soap
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- peanut butter
- jelly
- spaghetti sauce
- flour
- sugar
- corn muffin mix
- cake mix
- jello
- pudding

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation and continued support to the Moultrie County Food Pantry. We feed more and more families every day and would not be able to without you help.

Thank you again,
CEFS Outreach

Library Update



We have had several more excellent books donated to our library. Here is a list a few of these books.

- Rocky Mountain Series by Lori Wick
- Where the Rose Blooms - Book One
- Whispers of Moonlight - Book Two
- To Know Her by Name - Book Three
- Promise Me Tomorrow - Book Four
- Leave a Candle Burning by Lori Wick
- Morning Sky by Judith Miller
- My Heart Remembers by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- Candle in the Darkness by Lynn Austin
- A Proper Pursuit by Lynn Austin
- Ohio by Dianne Christner
- Alberta Bridges by Linda Ford

Keep on reading!

Lois Shuman



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us beginning Sunday,
September 7th for a new type of
Sunday School.

"Faith Weaver Friends" classes for
children ages 3-10.

Singing

Bible Stories

games

crafts

snacks

9:15—10:15 am

See you there!!



Thank you to all the church members who sent me birthday greetings as I celebrated my 98th birthday.

I miss going to my old church and seeing all my friends.

God bless you,
Geri Wood

From the family of "Frosty" Ledbetter

Thank you so much! The lunch was wonderful. Pastor Gromley did great— you would have thought he'd known him for years!



Thanks to all of our church family/Salt of the Earth class for thinking of me. My knee surgery went well and I am now out and about.

Sincerely,
Bob Livergood

Thank you for the delicious meal that was prepared following mom's funeral. We appreciate all the love and hard work that was put into the preparation and serving.

The family of Kathy Mauck

My family & I would like to thank the church for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for our family reunion.

It was great because we had lots of room and enjoyed being all together for our meals & fellowship. We deeply appreciated it.

In Christian Love,
Jean Landers



Michael Qualls has begun basic training. Below is his address if you would like to send him a letter.

PFC Qualls, Michael 241
B.CO 2/58 Infantry
Fort Benning, GA 31905



Cortni (Eberhardt) & Rich McCabe welcomed new baby boy, Maxwell Cort McCabe on June 23, 2008.

Men's Christian Fellowship

The Men's Christian Fellowship will host their monthly breakfast on Saturday, August 2 from 8-9 am. in Friendship Hall. Special guests will be the Moultrie County Sheriffs Department and area Illinois State Policemen. The men of the congregation are invited to attend the breakfast and join in a time of Christian fellowship.

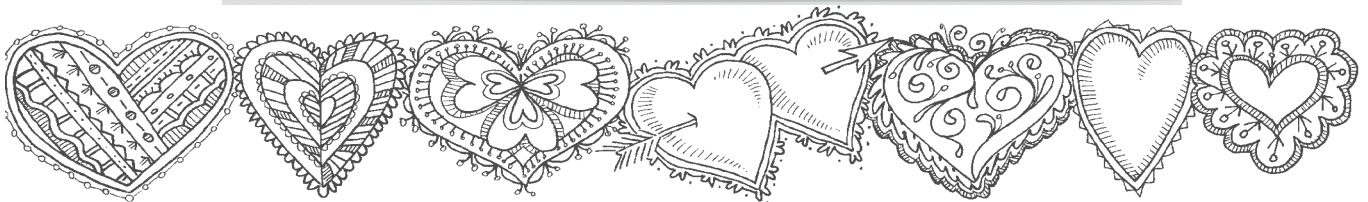


Moultrie County Celebration of Life Walk

Our team, UMC Holy Hoofers raised \$2,203 and came in third place overall for the ACS Moultrie County Celebration of Life Walk. The overall total for the Cancer Walk was \$40,954.70. Once again thank you to everyone who came out to walk during the event and who supported our team.

Sincerely,
Heather Dendy
Team Captain

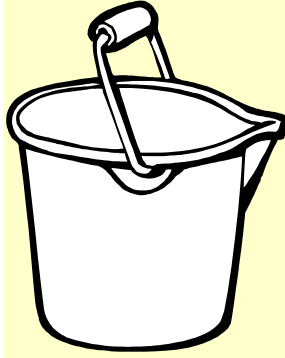
Joan (Lundy) & Joe Pound will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 10th , at a reception hosted by their three sons (Scott, Clark & Craig) from 3 to 5 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Sullivan. Joan & Joe were married on Sunday, August 10th, 1958 at First Presbyterian Church in Sullivan. They have resided in Sullivan for the past 20 years since their retirement in 1988. They lived and raised their children over a 30 year period in the Chicago area where Joan was a homemaker and Joe a civil engineer/business owner.



August Memory Verse:

"A generous person will be enriched."

--Proverbs 11:25



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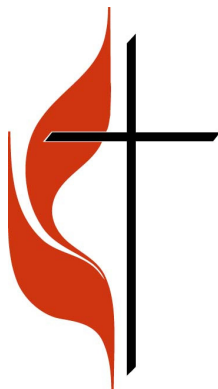
The Yellow Bucket offering for June was \$166.39 and went to support the Sullivan Ministerial Association.

Concrete Steps Update

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you for making donations to the concrete step project. We have surpassed the halfway mark! The balance remains at \$7,713.65. Although we can borrow this amount from the Foundation, the Trustees' goal is to have the project completely paid for by the end of the year.

Please help us meet our goal!

*The deadline for the September Newsletter is
Monday, August 18.*



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