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The View From Here

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I remember learning many years ago that a person needs to hear a piece of information about five times from different sources before they really absorb it and put it to use. I don't know exactly how accurate my memory is on this point, but it makes good sense. We're so bombarded by information from every side that we simply can't absorb it all. In that spirit I feel it necessary to expand on what Allen Williams shared this past Sunday concerning our church budget in 2010 so that everyone has accurate figures before them and has the information necessary to understand why next year's pastoral expenses will increase so dramatically.

For years, New Baden has faithfully paid its apportionments to the conference in full. Those apportionment dollars have gone toward missions, conference administration and toward a *significant part* of the pastor's pension. In spite of meeting all our conference obligations, however, other larger churches through their apportionments have been *subsidizing* the cost of the pastor's pension at New Baden. As of right now, New Baden is *not being billed for the full cost* of a pastor's pension, even though our 2009 apportionment bill is \$14,160 and we are paying an additional \$2,644 this year for a second part of the pastor's pension. At annual conference this past June, all that changed through an extraordinarily narrow vote by some 1,500 delegates.

As of January 2010, all churches within this annual conference will be billed the full cost of their pastor's pension, which will no

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longer come from its apportionment bill. One result is that in 2010, our apportionment bill will drop from the current **\$14,160 to \$10,668**. (For those of you who first learned about this at our last administrative board meeting, the drop in apportionments is bigger than we originally expected. At that meeting, we had announced next year's apportionments to be \$11,500.) While our apportionment bill will drop next year, the pastor's pension will no longer be paid for from those apportionment dollars. Instead, we will receive a separate bill for **\$6,720 in addition to the \$2,644** that the church is already being direct billed for the second part of the pastor's pension. When you add next year's apportionment bill of 10,688 to the \$6,720, you reach a total figure of \$17,388, which represents a **total cost increase of \$3,228** above the current apportionment bill. (There is still that estimated \$2,644 that we will continue to be billed for for the second part of the pension.)

In addition to that \$3,228 pension increase, we will experience in 2010 the first increase in the pastor's health insurance bill in three years. Since 2007, churches have been billed \$16,500 each year for health insurance. In 2010, that will increase to \$17,520. The bottom line is that we know that between the pastor's pension and health insurance, our expenses next year will increase by at least **\$4,248**. And we haven't even begun to address the rest of the budget. But then, the church exists in the world and faces the

same challenges every other organization and individual faces. Wishing that it were not so doesn't make it not so.

Since I have been here, our finance committee has been extraordinarily diligent in keeping you informed of our financial needs and shortfalls. Most weeks, it is reported in our Sunday bulletin. We believe that the only way to meet our obligations is by keeping you informed of the facts. The up side of this is that we have several months to get ready for the change. Our hope and expectation is that you will pray about this and about how you can help your church meet its needs now and in the year to come. I believe we do have the capacity to meet that need right now.

An Apple aDay...Makes Sense

An apple is the perfect snack or dessert after a meal. Not only are apples low in calories and high in fiber, but they are also a rich source of vitamins and other health benefits:

- Apples have no fat, cholesterol, or sodium.
- An average apple contains about 90 calories.
- An apple supplies 20% of the daily recommended fiber needs - more than most cereals.
- Apples contain vitamins A, B1, B2, C, Niacin, Iron, and Potassium.
- Apples contain flavonoids and antioxidants which help reduce the chance of cancer.
- When eaten as a snack, apples suppress hunger longer than junk foods.

Source: Better Health, Volume 25 Number 2

A Poem for your enjoyment....

A lone young shepherd lived in pain,
withdrawn from pleasure and
contentment,
his thoughts fixed on a shepherd-girl
his heart an open wound with love.

He weeps, but not from the wound
of love,
there is no pain in such affliction,
even though the heart is pierced;
he weeps in knowing he's been
forgotten.

That one thought: his shining one
has forgotten him, is such great pain
that he bows to brutal handling
in a foreign land,
his heart an open wound with love.

The shepherd says: I pity the one
who draws herself back from my love,
and does not seek the joy of my
presence,
*though my heart is an open wound
with love for her.*

After a long time he climbed a tree,
and spread his shining arms,
and hung by them, and died,
his heart an open wound with love.

St. John of the Cross, 1542-91



Greeters

September 6 Allen & Donna Williams

September 13 John & Carol Ruth

September 20 Dave & Pat Lewis

September 27 Steve & Brenda Lehr

*October 4 Please volunteer to take
the Knight's Sunday*

Liturgists

September 6 & 13 Joe Jackson

September 20 & 27 Terry Mason

October 4 & 11 Jerry Bequette

Lawn Mowing

September 6 John Norbeck

September 13 Joe Jackson

September 20 John Ruth

September 27 Larry Davis

October 4 Jerry Bequette



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

Do you love to praise God with music? If so, why not consider joining either our vocal or chime choir. New members are needed in both groups, and no previous experience is necessary.

The vocal choir is open to anyone in 7th grade through adult, and the chime choir is open to anyone in 5th grade through adult. Music reading ability is helpful, but not required for either group. Vocal choir rehearsals start Thur., Sept. 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m., and chime choir rehearsals start Sun., Sept. 13, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please see Joan Witte to sign up for either group. We have a lot of fun together, and we would love to have some new people join us. Hope to see you there!

Clarification from Annual Conference

At the close of last Sunday's worship service, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference Allen Williams announced that six amendments to the constitution of the United Methodist Church were passed at our June annual conference. In order to change the Methodist constitution, however, any proposed amendments must receive a two-thirds majority of all votes cast across *all annual conferences*. Final results are not available and will not be available until the Spring of 2010 because not all annual conferences have voted on those amendments. Liberia, for example, will not be voting until February 2010. Therefore, as of this time, there are no changes to the constitution of the United Methodist Church.

October Rummage Sale

Start rummaging through those closets and garages for any unwanted items you would be willing to donate to our fall rummage sale. It will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sat., Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may begin bringing your items to the church in September.

September Reading



The "5-Second Rule" No Longer Rules

If you believe you can eat food that has fallen on the floor as long as you pick it up within 5 seconds, you could be subjecting yourself to illness. A Clemson University study found that the transfer of bacteria from a contaminated surface to food is almost immediate – much quicker than your reflexes to retrieve the food. Researchers contaminated a ceramic tile, wood flooring, and carpeting with *Salmonella*. They then dropped pieces of bologna and slices of bread on the surfaces. In 5 seconds, both the bologna and bread had picked up as many as 1,800 bacteria. The longer the food sat, the more it gathered: after a minute, the number of bacteria had grown 10 times.

It's easy for floors to get contaminated, and the researchers found that *Salmonella* survived as long as 4 weeks on all the test surfaces.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 76 million cases of food-borne illness occur annually in the United States, so unless you know that the surface your food landed on has been recently sterilized, don't eat the dropped food.

Source: Better Health: Volume 25 Number 2



Pancake Breakfast

September 19, 2009
6:30 - 10:00 am



Please come join us....your help is welcome!



Calendar & Events

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

September 1 7:00 pm Trustees
 September 2 7:00 pm Finance
 September 3 7:00 pm Choir
 September 6 8:00 am Praise Team
 7:00 pm Youth Group
 September 8 7:00 pm Ad Council
 September 10 7:00 pm Choir
 September 13 8:00 am Praise Team
 11:45 am Chime Choir
 7:00 pm Youth Group
 September 17 7:00 pm Choir
 September 19 6:30 – 10:00 Pancake Breakfast
 September 20 8:00 am Praise Team
 11:45 am Chime Choir
 7:00 pm Youth Group
 September 21 6:00 pm UMM (at the church)
 September 24 7:00 pm Choir
 September 27 8:00 am Praise Team
 11:45 am Chime Choir
 7:00 pm Youth Group

No UMW meeting this month.

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September Birthdays

1st Larry Buck
 1st Christine Williams
 3rd Kaitlin Jones
 4th Andrea Bequette
 5th Eugene Laux
 10th Mark Hayes
 11th Bonnie Berberich
 11th Terry Mason
 15th Elizabeth Dennison
 20th Jason Buck
 20th Ruth Roeber
 22nd Luke Douglass
 29th Joshua Gunn
 29th Kellie Marshall
 30th Lisa Gunn

September Anniversaries

17th Tony & Elizabeth
 Dennison
 24th John & Denise Thole

