I want to express my appreciation for those who have hosted our first round of “Meet & Greets” and for all of you who have attended and expressed yourself. They have been very helpful to me as I have sought to get to know Columbia UMC and how God may be using us and where we are to go. Drifting or lying at anchor are not options!

The meetings also gave me an opportunity to share with you—as I have been doing with the church leadership—our focus for the next 6 months. Together, we have been blessed by the work you had already completed through the consult with the PRC, which serves as a starting point for plowing forward. A few of those areas are:

† Acceptance of the revision in the CUMC mission statement. Even though it has received support from leadership, the proposed change will be on the agenda of our next Ad. Council meeting. Each committee/team will be expected to link their tasks to that statement as we reach/go out into the community.

† The 6 week Committed to Christ program, which gives each of us an opportunity to (re)commit ourselves as individual believers and as a church to those ministries which are critical to faithful discipleship.

† A limited re-start of the youth group and serious exploration of a ministry to younger children and their families. Think in terms of an extension of the excellent summer day camp program.

“The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the ‘try-angle.’”

Anonymous

A few things we must all keep in mind as we walk in the furrow of the Spirit’s plow.

† Pray for one another and Christ’s church here in Columbia

† Talk to one another. More importantly, listen to one another.

† Not everything we try will work. It may be a matter of the “approach”, the timing or the personnel. But we must try – no drifting, no lying at anchor. Plow forward. (Luke 9:62).

In the meantime...
Keep Praying!!!

Peace,
Pastor Jim
You are invited to join the United Methodist Women on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a covered dish dinner and a special program featuring silent movies accompanied by piano music. The program will be presented by Don Kinnier and his wife. Please bring a covered dish and join in the fun! RSVP by Sunday, September 15 to Audrey Poff (684-5158) or Carol Aston (684-0281).

The Primary Department will be using David C. Cook, Bible-in-Life materials:

**Early Elementary (age 4-grade 1)**
- “Families”
- Exodus, Ruth (scriptures used)
God wants people to care for and help one another. We should love our families and learn from them.

**Elementary (grades 2 and 3)**
- “God Helps Us Persevere”
- Exodus (scripture used)
God has a plan for us and will help us do hard things. When we accomplish the hard things with God’s help; we should celebrate.

**Upper Elementary (grades 4-6)**
- “God Helps Us Persevere”
- Exodus (scripture used)
God wants us to continually try to do things His way. God keeps His promises; so, we shouldn’t give up.

The Primary Department will kick off their Fall Session of Sunday School by going to the park on Locust Street. Please wear play clothes and sneakers. Permission slips are located at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

DEAFBRILLATOR TRAINING AND CPR CERTIFICATION
We are trying to set a date for training on the new defibrillator machine and also certification in CPR. If you would be interested in this training, add your name and phone number to the signup sheet on the credenza. When we have selected the date we will call you to confirm. If you have questions, see Ken Sprout.

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Rich and Sue Gerfin

As a part of our ongoing commitment to “pray without ceasing” we want to lift up to you for prayer these members of our church family who are residing in nursing homes:

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  - Leatha Smoker – 212
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IN MEMORIAM
William D. Linkous II
Born July 11, 1954
Entered into rest August 4, 2013
Service by Pastor James L. Garner, Jr.

September birthdays in our church family
1 Beverley Von Stetten
3 John Berdiner Jr.
5 Myrna Shearer Jami Lavery
   Cecelia Scholossman Rebecca Leader
6 Sandra Frantz Gary Rupp
7 Douglas Beard Justin Koehler
8 Patriciann Haldeman Bethany Hill
10 Blake Helton
12 Tracy Sload-Waugh Geoffrey Arnold
   Cleo Grove Harmony Zeamer
13 Emma Grove
14 Chad Berdiner
15 Frederick Smedley Norman Meiskey III
16 Ruth Mahan Bennett Von Stetten
17 Peter Null Cindy Bankert
   Monica Sheirich
18 Sandra Leese
19 Adrienne Yohe
20 Robert Anderson Lindsay Ross
22 Lora Sload
24 Wendy Bertoli
25 Lauren Winders
26 Jordan Gilbert Sophia Lutz
27 Erin Moore Alixe Ingoglia
28 Jodi Leschke
29 Susan McAllister Kathryn Leader

If you are having a birthday in September and are not listed here, that means we do not have a record of your birth date. Please call the church office with that information, and have a happy birthday!

A POWERFUL WEAPON
Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray.

- Samuel Chadwick

GENERATION
Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

JOEL 1:3, NIV

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You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

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