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Rev. Mark Mildren reads from the Bible on the first night of the West Plains Christian Clinic.

## Church initiates free clinic to help the uninsured

For the past year, much of the country was arguing about how to provide people in need with better access to health care. While others opinioned and debated, First UMC in West Plains did something about it.

Helping people with health care is nothing new for the church. They have sent a medical team of volunteers to Jamaica several times to assist a clinic there. But Rev. Mark Mildren had been challenged by the question, "How can the church do more to help people with health care here at home?"

The answer came to fruition on July 8, when the West Plains Christian Clinic started seeing patients for the first time. The clinic is open on the second and fourth Thursday night of every month, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments aren't made; all patients are walk-ins. It has a staff of 130 volunteers from a cross-section of the community.

Things started getting underway about a year ago, when a

dozen people met together at First UMC to discuss how they could help the people who fall between the cracks. That meeting included one doctor and three nurses. Every meeting, new people showed up who wanted to help. Their target client is someone living near the poverty level who doesn't qualify for Medicare or Medicaid and doesn't have insurance. There are more people in that situation than one might expect.

"We have a lot of working poor in Howell County who don't qualify for Medicare or Medicaid," said Chris Gilliam, director of the Howell County health department. "There's a great need for something like this. Five of my staff are volunteering here."

The clinic is modeled after a similar clinic in Mountain Home, Arkansas. The planners of the Christian Clinic visited the Mountain Home clinic, and met with one of its founders, Dr. Paul Wilbur. Following that visit, the volunteers from First UMC

realized that the clinic could be much larger than their church could easily handle, so they decided to invite other churches to participate and make the clinic an ecumenical effort. Most of the board members, several doctors, the administrator and the medical director are members of First UMC, though.

The clinic does intake assessments to determine eligibility every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. People are required to present proof of income and a Medicaid denial letter. The clinic serves people who are within 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline. After six months they will examine their patient load and determine if they need to adjust the guidelines. Because they receive no government funding, they can set their own eligibility requirements. They are somewhat flexible with their own guidelines if someone is close to qualifying.

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Archivists look at historical documents at Glasgow UMC.

## SCJ archivists, historians meet at CMU in Fayette

United Methodist archivists and historians describe themselves as being in a ministry of memory. They do their work so that others may continue to learn from the Methodist past and anticipate our future.

A group of 26 people who have accepted this as their charge met on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette July 8 - 10 for the South Central Jurisdiction Convocation of Archivists.

During one session, archivists and historians met separately to discuss best practices. They talked about how churches may not be aware of the role that Conference archives have.

"It's real easy to start thinking of your church as disconnected, and to concentrate on your history and experience, and forget about our connectionalism," said John Finley, a Missouri Conference archivist. Missouri Conference archivist Joy Flanders and Finley were the primary organizers of the event.

The archivist can provide assistance to churches as they write

church histories and prepare for historical celebrations. Sometimes, even at historical celebrations, history can be overlooked.

"I've seen some churches get so caught up in celebrating who they are now, that they disregard who they were," one archivist said.

Dale Patterson, archivist records administrator for the General Commission on Archives and History, said church histories can be revered and respected, but told in a way that makes them relevant.

"You can set the story of a local in church in the context of the history of the Conference, and then morph that into a story of the church's current ministries," he said.

On the historian side, the group was sharing horror stories about historical photos that had been written on, glued into an album, or otherwise damaged. They talked about the importance of using stainless steel staples, acid-free manila folders and proper archive boxes for storing historic documents.

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# Fishing



## THE BISHOP'S *Journal*

BY BISHOP ROBERT SCHNASE

I'm writing this during a two-week study leave along the South Texas coast. This is where I've come the last few years for brief periods to work on my books. Each day I spend several hours writing, interspersed with periods of walking, running, reading, swimming, and sleeping. Occasionally I take a day off for fishing. I called a pastor friend of mine to see if he might join me. He ended up talking to a professional fishing guide from his congregation, and then before you know it we were out on the bay with an expert fisherman.

I've fished hundreds and hundreds of times in my life, often with very experienced people. This marks only the second trip with someone who fishes for a living. It's amazing to watch an experienced person at work who knows his craft.

What struck me was his knowledge of the fish we were seeking to catch and his continual focus on the waters around us. He knew every feature of the bay—the deeper waters, the underwater ridges, the sandy bottoms, the grassy beds. He saw signs I hardly noticed—the gathering of gulls, the circling of frigate birds, the swooping of terns. He knew the weather and how it affected the habits of fish—wind, rain, clouds, temperature, pressure. He knew the seasonal habits of the redfish and had a vocabulary for their behaviors—where they breed, when they herd, and how they corral in the deeper waters. He constantly evaluated the water, noticing when it was murky, muddy, sandy, clear. He knew the time and effect of the tides and currents.

Whether we were cruising along with engines running, silently trolling with a small electric motor, drifting with the wind, or anchored to a particular location, he constantly focused on the

water around us. As we talked and laughed and snacked and focused on things in the boat—adjusting our reels, tying our lines, messing with our bait—he was always looking outward, focused on the water, attentive and aware of nuanced changes that we never noticed.

And he knows the fish—what they're hungry for and when, what scares them and what attracts them, what causes them to herd up or to scatter out, how they behave in a school as compared to how they behave alone. He is a master of his trade. Amazingly, despite awful, windy weather and an unusually rocky ride, we managed to catch fish while hardly anyone around us hooked a single thing.

Why did Jesus approach people who fished to serve among his first disciples? Did their craft require a patience and attentiveness that he thought important for the work of ministry? Did their manner of knowing the context, studying the features and behaviors so carefully, prove to be vital for this emerging way of life?

What does it take to learn the craft of being fishers of people? Knowing the context is critical—the hungers, behaviors, habits, and needs of those who live in the communities that surround us, and to know the seasons of their lives and how their habitat affects them. And a continually renewed outward focus is important—an awareness of the mission field and all that affects it.

Well, back to work. Fish well, my friends.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Schnase, Bishop  
Mo. Conference of the UMC



## Midnight Oil seminars offered in the Missouri Conference

The Missouri Conference Center for Congregational Excellence is sponsoring three Midnight Oil seminars in August and September. Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities to expand your worship services!

The first day of the seminar is Creative Worship. The second day is Design Matters. The dates and locations are:

- Aug. 25-26 - Christ Community UMC (Joplin)
- Sept. 22-23 - Community UMC (Columbia)
- Sept. 27-28 - Church of the Shepherd (St. Charles)

Register through the Missouri United Methodist Conference and save money! First one day participant from your church is \$50 with each additional attendee that follows \$25. To participate both days is \$75 for the first person with each additional attendee that follows \$35. To register go to [www.moumethodist.org/bobfarr](http://www.moumethodist.org/bobfarr) and click on "Events." Seminar descriptions are as follows:

### Creative Worship

If you've ever seen an excruciating PowerPoint presentation in worship then you know that for many churches new media has nothing to do with new energy and creativity in worship. Just jumping on the digi-bandwagon does not necessarily create instant congregational renewal. That's because there's a big difference between technology and culture. We're still operating out of old, text-based mindsets when the world around us, and even our own congregations, has learned to live and think in image.

The real story in worship now is not the use of screens, but how screens and other forms of media come together to create powerful God experiences. Our newly redesigned seminar invites you to come explore what happens next with our latest thinking on culture, art, teams and technology.

Rediscover creativity. Experience real and memorable moments of worship. Creative Worship.

### Design Matters

This hands-on workshop will take your media savvy to an entirely different level as you sit with the Midnight Oil guys and learn how to create powerful media for worship. If you've been to big events before and left underwhelmed by the lack of usable information, then this highly practical day is for you. Design Matters is a mix of fresh ideas, techniques, websites, and more, that you can learn, take home and use right away.

Better yet, bring your laptop! Take advantage of a unique opportunity to learn by doing. We invite everyone to bring their own laptops with Adobe Elements or Photoshop pre-loaded. We'll direct you with step-by-step live tutorials for implementing techniques we discuss. If you don't have a laptop, no worries: you will have the opportunity to focus on our methods as we walk through the specifics.

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Ways of sharing histories with congregations were also discussed. One person said she presented the history of her church to a designer in the church, and asked her to do a timeline. The designer produces a paper banner of the timeline that was three-foot high and fifteen feet long. It included many visual elements.

"More people looked at that than anything we had ever done," she said. "People who would never read a book on the church history will spend 10 minutes standing there reading this timeline."

Someone else suggested helping churches get designated as

historic sites, both as a Methodist historic site, and on the state and federal level.

"It can have a multiplier effect," said George Scott of the Oklahoma Missionary Conference. "We recognized one church that was designated as an historic site, and then the next year we had five or six apply."

On the afternoon of July 9, the group traveled to Glasgow UMC, where they had lunch and toured the church. They also visited the EUB Chapel of the United Methodist Church, also known as the Little German Church, and were told about the churches past and

present ministries. The Glasgow UMC maintains and uses both historic church buildings, which are on the same block. Glasgow UMC served as a hospital during a Civil War battle at the town. This year the church had 60 children participate in a Vacation Bible School program that was held in the basement of the EUB Chapel.

Rev. Cleo Kottwitz did a circuit rider re-enactment during the Friday night banquet. Robert Williams, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History, attended the event on Friday evening and addressed the group Saturday morning.

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HIGH-TECH *Chat*

# The new town square is in the palm of your hand

By Douglas Plank  
CEO of Mobilecause

The truth...there is a "new town square" and our Churches better have a visible—and I would argue—leadership position in it. Historically, town squares have been where people congregate to interact with one another...to celebrate, to seek accurate and important information affecting their community. It is where people seek assistance, look for opportunity and ultimately seek truth. The town square is where people were called to action to address emergencies, save lives, save souls... Often the town square revolved around the Church building or Synagogue. Today however, many places of faith are about to miss out on the most significant change occurring in the town square, and it resides at the finger tips of most everyone they serve.



Douglas Plank

The "New Town Square" is mobile. It is as convenient and close as everyone's hand. And just like the more traditional town square, the New Mobile Town Square has vendors, shops and various commercial interests popping up and surrounding it... creating an economy of commerce, philanthropy, and influ-

ence. Mobile devices, due to their ease of use, increasing band width and smart phone capabilities are already being utilized by commercial and social interests.

So what presence does the church, ministry, ...in general institutions of faith have in the "New Town Square"? For most, the answer is nothing or a minimal presence at best. Unfortunately, if the Church does not act quickly and with clear intention there will be huge missed opportunities to further its support, both monetarily and ultimately the loyalty of those they serve.

### The Numbers

The world population is estimated at 6.8 Billion. The majority of the world population now owns a mobile phone. In developing nations, often the first communication device a person will possess is a cell phone...not a computer or land line. Consider the truth and opportunity these numbers represent in the context of needing to influence and serve local and global communities via mobile:

#### In the U.S. alone there are

- 257 million data capable mobile devices in consumer hands
- 5 billion text messages are sent each day
- 1.5 billion text messages were sent in 2009
- 91% have a cell phone in the USA

#### Globally

- 67% of entire world population is estimated to have a

mobile device

- 2.4 billion people are actively using text messaging—representing 74% of all mobile phone users.
- Global text messaging projected to exceed 2 trillion in 2010

If churches, ministries, faith based organizations (of all sizes) don't begin to pay attention to, and quickly embrace, this rapid change, the space available and opportunity to "earn" a place in the New Town Square will fade. You see in a relatively short period the mobile device will become crowded thus disrupting the ease of having your message heard and acted on. Faith organizations need to begin now to earn the right to build their mobile lists.

One of the greatest commands of Christendom is to spread the gospel throughout the world. Most Churches and ministries desire to serve people in need-- locally and on a global level. Utilizing SMS and PSMS mobile tools (Text Messaging) can greatly enhance the scope and ease of communicating, financially supporting, empowering, and in general serving those a ministry or Church desires to help. But how?

As a person who has helped raise funds for more than 30 years, I am very bullish on integrating mobile into our standard tried and true fundraising tools. Remember when online giving lifted its head in the late 1990's. Or earlier yet, remember when there were discussions about what role (if any)

e-mail would play in traditional partner/donor identification, cultivation, engagement and solicitation? Those two tools alone have had a huge positive impact on ministry and faith based enterprises. What Church, ministry, or institution of faith doesn't have a web site, use e-mail, or is already utilizing or considering online giving and or other social media (facebook, posting sermons on you tube, etc).

So how does the Church, or any institution of faith, begin utilizing mobile?

Start with the basics. Just like building your e-mail list...start building your mobile list. Get the mobile numbers of those attending, serving, supporting and benefiting your place of worship. There are easy opt-in requirements established by the mobile industry designed to prevent spam while ensuring the quality and right to communicate via mass text messages. So build your text broadcasting lists to share a weekly encouraging word, devotional, announce an upcoming study or share a verse/short prayer. Use broadcast texting to alert parents that the youth group's arrival is delayed an hour due to traffic so meet at the Church parking lot 30 minutes later. In emergencies have the ability to communicate brief important messages to your entire list including pushing them to a specific URL for more detailed information.

Another wonderful mobile tool is the ability to interact with

a live audience... in your place of worship, online, via TV or radio. Ask for opinions about important issues, needs, or general topics. Questions for the minister or staff engages those being served in a meaningful way that leads to trust and familiarity associating your ministry with mobile technology that is easy to use and can also influence giving.

One of my clients uses the tried and true method of passing the offering plate each week which entails the opportunity to provide cash, check or fill out a form and add credit card info to fulfill a tithe. But as of late, this ministry is also providing a mobile call to action after the traditional and is seeing a 15% to 30% incremental increase in total funds received at worship. Not bad in this economy.

Lastly, one ministry I am aware of sends text devotionals or words of encouragement to thousands each day as a way to stay close to those they serve. The response has had a huge impact on attendance, on those signing up to serve and on giving.

The New Town Square and its mobile capability can help ministries spread their good word and work across their town...across the globe. Remember the numbers cited above.... Don't miss out... insert yourself into the mobile town square.

*Written by Douglas Plank, CEO of Mobilecause, [www.mobilecause.com](http://www.mobilecause.com).*

## Church constructs brush arbor to support history month

The Camden County Museum celebrated the Living History Month with a Civil War reenactment on June 26-27. In conjunction with the celebration they approached Linn Creek UMC and asked if they would be interested in building a brush arbor for the Sunday worship on June 27.

The church held it's morning worship service outside, with Rev. Rick Ginnings and Denver Golden playing their guitars. After worship the church had a carry-in picnic. The brush arbor was designed, material cut and built by Royce Williams, Louis DeVries, Rev. Ginnings and his son Joe.



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After people are qualified, they receive a card that admits them to the clinic for one year, after which they need to get re-qualified. Anyone can be seen one time on an emergency basis without being qualified, but must go through the assessment process after that initial visit.

There are now 18 doctors signed up as volunteers at the clinic, and most specialty areas are covered. There are 57 nurses signed up. The clinic is fully scheduled through the end of the year, with most people only having to volunteer for one night at the clinic every two months. Some specialists, like an optometrist; an ear, nose and throat specialist; and a physical therapist, volunteer their services at their home offices, and accept referrals from the clinic.

John McCormack, another member of First UMC, is the medical director of the clinic. On opening day, he lightened his appointments at his family practice so he could come to the clinic early, but he still wasn't quite able to get there as soon as he intended. He didn't mind coming to the clinic straight from a long day at the office.

"People need care. It's not sacrificing that much to give a night or two a month," he said. "Besides, it's more enjoyable than regular practice. There's not as much paperwork involved."

McCormack had enjoyed helping out at the clinic in Jamaica, and knowing that he was part of a group that was demonstrating the Christian-based philosophy of giving of themselves and doing good. He recognized that his fellow volunteers feel the same way.

"Look around, and you'll see the enthusiasm and smiling faces all over the place," he said. "No one is here because he feels he has to be. People want to give back to their community."

Not all of the volunteers are medical professionals. Karen Woods, a member of First UMC, cleans houses to pay the bills, and volunteers at the clinic as a receptionist.

"It's nice to be able to help people in a setting where you get to see them face-to-face," she said.

Jennifer Atkinson, another member of First UMC, was volunteering as a greeter.

"With the economy down, there is a lot of need here," she



John Bailey checks over some paper work on the opening day of the West Plains Christian Clinic.

said. "Now is the time that a clinic like this will flourish."

A volunteer receptionist is from the Honduras and speaks Spanish. Fliers promoting the clinic were translated into Spanish and posted in local Mexican restaurants. Fliers were also translated into Russian and posted in an area where there are numerous recent Russian immigrants.

Jo Blackburn is a retired office administrator who used to work with tax returns. She didn't intend on going to the clinic planning meeting at the church because she doesn't have medical expertise, but Mildren encourage her to do so.

"At the meeting I said I'm not medical, but I can push papers," she recalled. "The doctors there just gasped and said, 'Oh, yes!'"

Blackburn has been blown away by the support the clinic has received in donations and volunteer time.

"I shouldn't be awed, because I know God can do anything, but I'm flabbergasted," she said.

Blackburn is very grateful for the mentoring the clinic planners have received from the Mountain Home clinic, and she hopes she can pass on what they've learned.

"Maybe we can help churches

in other places get something like this started," she said.

Fredia Campo is the lay ministry coordinator. She interviews all non-medical volunteers and places them in positions that match their talents and their interests. She coordinated two training nights, in which people came in and acted as patients.

"We have people volunteering from many different denominations, and I'm thrilled with that," she said.

Every time the clinic is open there is a minister present. Since most of the volunteers are coming straight to the clinic from work, different churches are providing "simple suppers" each night of the clinic for the volunteers in the break room.

Mildren kicked off opening night with a short devotional message, based on the book of Acts, chapter 3, in which a man who could not walk was carried to the temple so he could beg for alms. The man was told by Peter that he wouldn't give him silver or gold, but he did heal him.

"You are here to be in a ministry of healing," Mildren told the volunteers. "We who give will be blessed in our giving."

The space for the clinic is jointly owned by a physician who is a member of First UMC and the hospital, and has been donated rent-free and utility-free for the use of clinic. The facility would lease for about \$3,000 per month. The space was originally a gynecology and obstetrics clinic, so it works well for its purpose.

"It was made to be a clinic, which is nice," Mildren said. "We had originally thought we were going to have to do this out of the back of the church."

Donations to the clinic have been impressive. A few of the major ones are:

- Mountain Home clinic donated about \$30,000 worth of drugs.
- The hospital donated about \$25,000 worth of equipment.
- Service master donated \$600 worth of carpet cleaning.
- Volunteers repainted the space with paint that was left-over from First UMC.
- The Ozark Health Fair donated \$2,000 to the clinic.
- The United Methodist Women donated \$500.
- The local United Way awarded the clinic a grant.
- A local pharmacist got a computer, a special printer and a

\$1,000 software program for managing prescriptions and printing labels donated.

"I've never seen a ministry in which we had so many people asking us how they can give," Mildren said.

David M. Zechman, is a member of First UMC, and is the president and chief executive officer of the Ozarks Medical Center. He's very pleased to host the clinic.

"As the sole community hospital provider, this clinic really fits into our mission to serve the entire community," he said. "We're very proud to support it."

Ozarks Medical Center serves a population of about 160,000 people in 11 counties through its hospital in West Plains and 18 rural health clinics. About 65 percent of the patients that receive services through Ozarks Medical Center are receiving Medicare or Medicaid. He said health care needs in the community are increasing.

"We've seen a significant increase in self-pay patients this year. It's mostly people who have run out of Cobra (short-term medical insurance) after losing their jobs," Zechman said.

In addition to helping people, the clinic may help the hospital's bottom line.

"When they help people in the clinic, in many cases they are preventing people from leaving a condition untreated that will end up sending them to the emergency room," Zechman said.

John Bailey is a registered nurse who decided to stop working and be a stay-at-home father to care for his children the day their six-year-old came home from the hospital. When he was first presented with the idea of the clinic, he was very skeptical about the need. But he ended up being one of the primary organizers, and has worked hard to make it a success, taking on technical issues like staffing and liability insurance.

"When I saw the people here tonight in the waiting room, I was overwhelmed with joy and emotion," he said. "It's been wonderful to see how the Lord uses different people in different ways. As more and more are stepping up, I'm able to do less and less. I've received much more from this than I've given."

*For more information about the West Plains Christian Clinic, go to [www.wpchristianclinic.org](http://www.wpchristianclinic.org).*



## Farmers' market engages church in community

Farmer's markets have a lot going for them. They support the local economy, encourage healthy eating with fresh produce and bring the community together. When Rev. Darlene Payne was appointed to St. Andrew's UMC in DeSoto, she wished there was a market in that community. One church member, Debby Campbell, director of Get Healthy DeSoto (a 501c3 organization) wanted a local market to get started as well. So the church and GHD developed a partnership to make it happen.

For the second year, the DeSoto Farmers' Market is meeting on St. Andrew's UMC parking lot every Saturday morning (8-12) from May 8 through October 23.

The church's UMW Sarah Doremus Circle has a booth along with First UMC and Mt. Olive UMC, in which they offer healthy muffins (made with whole grains, farmers' market eggs and berries), coffee and juice. All proceeds from this effort go to mission projects, including being able to buy Bibles for the church's sister church, Machune, in Mozambique; camp scholarships; and funds to De Soto Ministerial Alliance.

All produce sold is locally grown within 50 miles. There is a children's activity each market day as well as live music from 9-11 each morning.

Church members are an active part of making the market happen. The St. Andrew's UMC music director is in charge of coordinating volunteer musicians for the live music. Payne and five members of the church, plus some other community persons, took a Market Master class from the county health department, and one of them attend each market to make sure health codes are being followed. When the market is open, the church is open for use of its bathrooms, and to serve as a cooling center if needed.

The church embraced offering a farmers' market as a means of offering radical hospitality to the community, and doing so has had positive effects for the church. One vendor at the market has now become an active part of



All photos on this page were shot at the DeSoto Farmers' Market by Tracey Byrd on July 10.



St. Andrew's UMC congregation. People who shop at the market on Saturday have visited the church on Sunday. All of the activity has raised the church's profile.

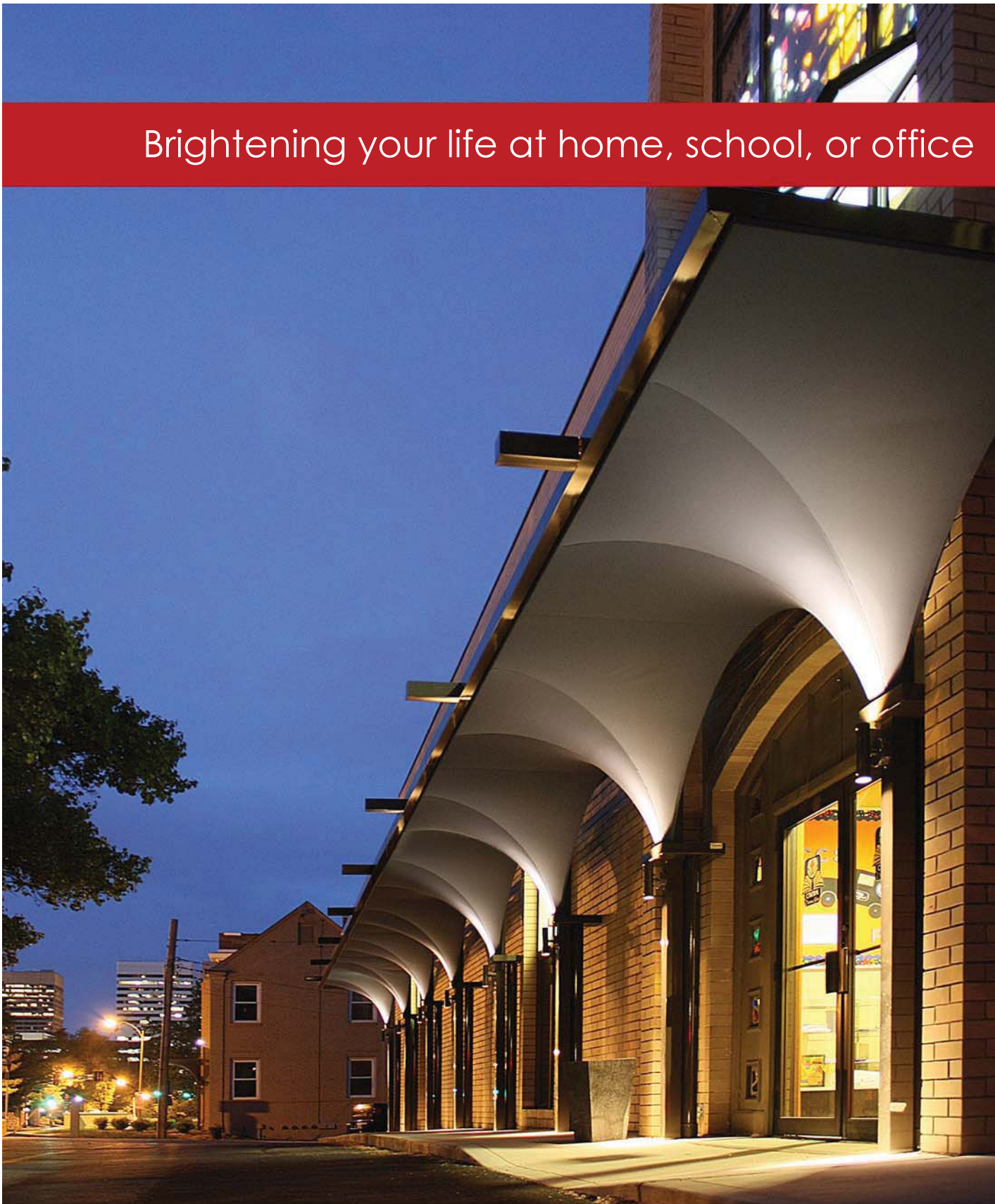
"Used to when I told people I was pastor of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church on Rock Road, they said, 'There's a church on Rock Road?'" Payne said. "Now when someone talks about the farmers' market, they say it's at the church on Rock Road."

The market has gained some

notoriety statewide. On June 26, DFM received an award for Best Market Event and Payne received Market Champion of the Year award from the Missouri Department of Agriculture for her work with the De Soto Farmers' Market. The next big day for the market will be Tomato Fest on August 7.

For more on the DeSoto Farmers' Market, visit its blog at [www.buyfreshlocal.blogspot.com](http://www.buyfreshlocal.blogspot.com).

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# Conference Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Phone #	Contact
7/18/2010	Youth Workcamp-Cherokee Nation, OK Week 2	Oklahoma	(573) 291-9122	Bev Boehmer
7/23/2010	Missouri Conference School of Lay Ministries	Central Methodist University	(573) 441-1770	Mike Harrison
7/25/2010	Youth Workcamp-Colorado Week 1	Colorado	(573) 291-9122	Bev Boehmer
7/29/2010	Cooperative School of Christian Mission	Central Methodist University	(660) 647-2354	Nancy Mountain
8/1/2010	Youth Workcamp-Colorado Week 2	Colorado	(573) 291-9122	Bev Boehmer
8/5/2010	Willow Creek Leadership Summit, August 5-6, 2010	Living Word UMC	(636) 821-2800	Kelly Vincent
8/14/2010	Certified Lay Ministry- United Methodism Polity and Doctrine	Conference Center	(877) 736-1806	Mike Harrison
8/14/2010	UMW Conference Mission Team & Finance	Conference Center	(816) 628-5520	Carol Renfro
8/14/2010	Basic & Advanced Lay Speaking Course	Kingsway UMC-Springfield		Dorothy Brucks
8/20/2010	PAUMC Annual Conference	Wesley UMC	(417) 866-5361	Susie Mason
8/25/2010	Midnight Oil	Christ Community UMC-Joplin	(573) 441-1770	Tammy Calcote
9/11/2010	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
9/11/2010	Camp Jo-Ota Youth Rally 2010	Camp Jo-Ota	(660) 346-8834	Mike Leonard
9/16/2010	MO East Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #127	Camp Mo-Val		Bob Northrup
9/17/2010	Inside the World of Teenagers with Chap Clark	Manchester UMC	(573) 441-1770	Mike Harrison
9/22/2010	Midnight Oil	Community UMC	(573) 441-1770	Tammy Calcote
9/25/2010	United Methodist Women Annual Meeting	Jefferson City First UMC	(816) 628-5520	Carol Renfro
9/27/2010	Midnight Oil	Church of the Shepherd	(573) 441-1770	Tammy Calcote
10/1/2010	BOM Psych Testing	Conference Center	(573) 777-1213	Jenny Gragg
10/7/2010	Fall Walk to Emmaus	Baptist Hill Camp	(417) 739-5008	Dave Williams
10/14/2010	Fall Walk to Emmaus	Baptist Hill Camp	(417) 739-5008	Dave Williams
10/16/2010	Festival of Sharing	Missouri State Fairgrounds	(573) 474-3332	Terri Williams
10/23/2010	Certified Lay Ministry-Five Practices of Vital Congregations	Conference Center	(573) 777-1217	Mike Harrison
10/25/2010	BOM Meeting	Conference Center	(573) 441-1770	Trudy McManus
11/4/2010	MO East Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #128	Camp Mo-Val		Sally Gragg
2/5/2011	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
3/24/2011	2011 Spring MO East Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #129	Pinecrest Camp		TBD
4/14/2011	2011 Spring MO East Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #130	Pinecrest Camp		TBD
5/13/2011	United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Retreat	Rickman Center	573-636-8149	Shari Scott
6/3/2011	Annual Conference	Springfield Expo Center	(573) 441-1770	Mike Harrison
9/10/2011	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
10/15/2011	Festival of Sharing	Missouri State Fairgrounds	(573) 474-3332	Terri Williams
2/4/2012	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
9/8/2012	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
10/20/2012	Festival of Sharing	Missouri State Fairgrounds	(573) 474-3332	Terri Williams

## Job Postings

### Children's 4th and 5th Grade Coord., Morning Star UMC – O'Fallon

The Children's fourth & fifth grade coordinator will be responsible for helping oversee the 4th & 5th Grade programming in Children's Ministry. This is a part-time position for 20 hours. Contact: Patricia Beseda by e-mail at [patricia.beseda@mscwired.org](mailto:patricia.beseda@mscwired.org) or call (636) 561-5680 x113.

### Congregational Care Pastor, Morning Star UMC, O'Fallon

This position has responsibilities in three key areas at Morning Star Church. It is this person's responsibility to manage all aspects of the MSC prayer team, hospital visitation team and care team. As the title suggests this person is to play a pastoral role to those who are in need. This is a part-time position for 15 hours weekly. Contact: Patricia Beseda by e-mail at [patricia.beseda@mscwired.org](mailto:patricia.beseda@mscwired.org) or call (636) 561-5680 x113.

### Church Secretary, Aurora UMC

Aurora United Methodist Church is now taking applications for a Church Secretary. This is a full time position that requires computer skills using 2007 Word, excel, publisher, internet and website; office skills related to communication, production, managing office volunteers; and relational skills of hospitality showing the love of God. Full job description available by contacting [aumcpastor@centurytel.net](mailto:aumcpastor@centurytel.net)

### Children's Ministry Coordinator, Schweitzer UMC, Springfield

This employee must have availability on Wednesday and Saturday evening, and Sunday morning. Location: Schweitzer United Methodist Church 2747 East Sunshine Springfield, Missouri 65804 (417) 881-6800 ext. 135. This person will offer opportunities for spiritual and intellectual growth for the children and the families. E-mail [lcraig@schweitzerumc.org](mailto:lcraig@schweitzerumc.org).



Corn is planted amidst other plants. The top of the plant is intentionally bent over so others will know the corn has been harvested from this plant.

## Guatemala mission planned for 2011

A rich opportunity awaits. On January 8 – 16, 2011, a Volunteers in Mission team will be in Guatemala to work on an environmental project, catch a glimpse of what life is like for our brothers and sisters there and drink in the beauty of this place. You are invited to come.

The team will be based in Cobán in the Alta Verapaz department and will work primarily in the neighboring Baja Verapaz department, a beautiful and mountainous area in central Guatemala. Our primary task will be to plant trees but we will also have an opportunity to learn about the unique ecosystem and

the challenges to the environment in that part of the world. We will also visit one or more Heifer International project sites to see for ourselves the good things happening there.

To make the most of this opportunity, our group will have the very good fortune of spending two nights in a Mayan community. Meeting the people, sharing meals and listening to their stories will heighten our understanding of what life is like for them.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$2,000 and will include all expenses except for meals on air travel day and souvenirs.

If you are interested in shar-

ing this experience please send a check as soon as possible for \$500 to reserve your spot. Checks should be made out to the Office of Creative Ministries and sent to that address at 3009 David Drive, Columbia, MO 65202. The remainder of the cost will be made in 2 payments of \$750 each due on October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. The final payment may be adjusted to reflect changes in the budgeted vs. actual air fare costs.

If you have any questions please contact Terri Williams or Carol Oliver at 573-474-7155 or at [williams@umocm.com](mailto:williams@umocm.com) or [oliver@umocm.com](mailto:oliver@umocm.com).



Music is surely in international language. Here you see two gentlemen performing on a harp and a 3-string violin. Percussion is provided by a third gentleman pounding rhythmically on the base of the harp.