



# Mt. Ida & Joplin United Methodist News

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What would our lives be without rumors? One can only imagine, but I hope it would be something like heaven. We can only wait (and work!) for that day. One rumor recently came to my attention, and I feel I should set the record straight.

To whom it may concern: *I am not moving to a new appointment this year!* Neither the Bishop nor his Cabinet have called. I do not anticipate a call. I have every expectation to be re-appointed to serve the Mt. Ida/Joplin charge once again.



On to truly important things..... One of the great blessings of being part of a worshipping community is the joy of celebrating particular milestones. And we have several to celebrate!

- May 15 Mt. Ida High School Graduation
- May 22 Union Theological Seminary Graduation
- May 31 Confirmation "Graduation"

Joplin UMC will honor Mackenzie Burdine and Kristin Hare as high school graduates during worship on Sunday, May 17. We will also recognize **six** scholarship recipients that same day.

The DeWeeses will be in New York City to attend graduation ceremonies for their daughter, Anna, on May 22. (We'll return on the 26th.)

Mt. Ida will receive Hanna and Madison Ross into membership Sunday, May 31. We appreciate the work of their mentors, Edith Chambers and Loretha Ray, in helping to guide our confirmands along their journey of faith.

Please make every effort to support our young people as we mark their accomplishments together.

Brother Ted



## Congratulations 2009 Joplin Scholarship Recipients

- Mackenzie Burdine
- Jessica Bradshaw
- Jackson Guerra
- Amber Standridge
- Samuel Teague
- Brittany Walden



### CHARGE CONFERENCE FOR JOPLIN

Immediately after worship on May 3, the Joplin church will convene a called Charge Conference for the purpose of electing several new officers of the church.

The Lay Leadership committee nominates the following for service:

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| Trustee (1 yr.)        | Kathy O'Neal     |
| Trustee (2 yrs.)       | Jimmy Smith      |
| PPR Committee (3 yrs.) | Ruth Coleman     |
| Lay Leadership (1 yr.) | Annie Wortsmith  |
| Chair, Wedding Com.    | Kathy Burchfield |
| Chair, Family Life     | Kathy Burchfield |
| Scholarship Com.       | Lou Poole        |

### Mother's Day Concert @ MIUMC

Come join us for an exciting concert with The Southern Plainsmen Quartet. The Southern Plainsmen have been named Louisiana's Goodwill Ambassadors.

From Hornbeck, Louisiana, they have been delighting audiences and lifting Spirits from coast to coast for more than 30 years. You will be happy you came as we enjoy this uplifting ministry. Let's Praise the Lord and have a great time as this talented and dedicated group shares the love of Jesus Christ!

Bring a friend - Christians can have fun too!

The Southern Plainsmen Quartet will sing in the Family Life Center on Sunday, May 10 @ 6:00 p.m. The whole community is invited.

A free-will offering will be received.



A mother is one who  
can take the place of all others,  
but whose place no one else can take

Now, as always, the most automated  
appliance in the house is the mother.



## May 11 - It's Time For:

Recyclers to bring to the church all those things you have saved. We'll send them in soon:

UPC's from Campbell's food products  
Box Tops for Education  
Greeting Card Fronts  
UPC's from Bob's Food City:  
Price Saver  
Shur-Fine  
Shur-Fresh

Thanks to all of you who help.  
(Have you found the spot to leave your articles in the Wesleyan S.S. room?)

## MIUMC Flowers

A "Flower Calendar" has been placed between the Fishermen's and Wesleyan Sunday School rooms to coordinate fresh flowers for the Sanctuary. If you would like to be responsible for providing fresh flowers, please pick a date and sign your name.



### Things you can find on our website:

- † Bulletin announcements
- † Access MIJO Newsletters
- † See Thursday Dinner menus
- † Submit online prayer requests,
- † Find information about upcoming special events
- † Find links to UMC sites
- † Find information about Sunday School Classes & our youth group

[www.fumcmi.org](http://www.fumcmi.org)

Dinners at First Church continue each Thursday night at 6:00 pm.



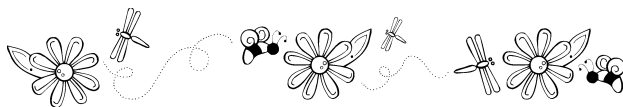
EVERYONE is invited!

Each week, a small group plans and prepares a menu. We eat, then enjoy fellowship time. Some nights we also have a program.

Upcoming menus include:

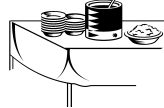
May 7 Creamy Tacos  
May 14 Hamburgers  
May 21 Fish Fry  
May 28 ???

Remember: There is no charge for the meal! We accept contributions to defray the weekly costs. But there is no fee!



## JOPLIN UMC LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship  
Dinner



Save the date of June 12!  
We are planning a BBQ dinner and silent auction for that evening.

We need gift items for the auction, so please be thinking about what you can contribute.

Please, no garage sale, flea market, or white elephant type items, but "gently used" items are fine.

We hope to see you there!

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