

# HUMC HAPPENINGS

June 2010 BI-MONTHLY UPDATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

## HALLSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Come Join us for Sunday Worship!**

Adult Learning Opportunities 9:30a

Sunday Worship & Kid's Church 10:30a



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## Farewell Fellowship Dinner

June 27th, 11:30am



Please join us June 27th for Fellowship dinner at the HUMC to help us wish Loren & Lucy good luck & bid them farewell. We are asking everyone to help contribute to the meal by bringing at least two dishes. Everyone is welcome & please feel free to bring guests. We will start the dinner at 11:30am. The dinner will be hosted by members of the Peacemakers (sewing group). Please contact The Peacemakers with any questions or concerns about the Fellowship Dinner. Please come & help us celebrate the time we've shared with Loren & his family & to congratulate them on their new endeavors.

### Weekly:

Mondays- AA 7p & Boy Scouts 7p

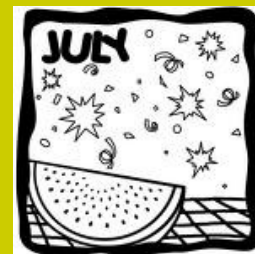
Sundays- Choir 6p



27: Fellowship Dinner  
(please bring two dishes ea.)

Pastor Loren's last Service

30: Blood Drive 4-8p



4: Independence Day!

10: Men's Work Day  
7:30/8a

18: Fellowship

25: Inviting Evang. Mtg.

28: Ad. Council Mtg. 6:30p

31: Darby 11a-5p

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**From The Pastor's Desk**

Saying goodbye to those you love is one of the hardest things to do, and I find that to be doubly true as I face the task of saying goodbye to you at Hallsville United Methodist Church. After all, how do you say goodbye to a congregation that nourished you in the faith and supported you as you followed God's call into ministry? When Lucy and I first moved to Hallsville twelve and a half years ago, she began to attend the little white church with the green roof and I continued to attend Missouri United Methodist in Columbia where I was the Sunday School Superintendant. Within a month, I found myself reluctantly attending that little church in Hallsville. I say reluctantly, because I shared with her that I didn't think there would be enough for me to do in so small a church. But God has a way of moving people to the right place at the right time. We had a toddler with us then, and over the years, Lindsay has grown into a young lady with a heart for God. And when we expected the birth of our son Torsten, the church was there to throw us a baby shower in that old dark basement. How time goes by.

Through the friendships formed in Disciple Bible study, we felt connected to the body of Christ in a way that allowed us to grow in our faith. And through Sunday School and VBS, we were able to serve the Lord by nurturing others. Hallsville changed from the place we lived to the community that we made our home.

Through the encouragement of others, I took a basic lay speaking course and soon found myself frightened and standing before the congregation to deliver my first sermon--December 31, 2000. God used that experience and others that would soon follow to allow others in our Disciple Class to see in me something that I had never seen in myself, a gift for preaching. And a few years later, I discovered for myself that very thing as I heard God call me into ordained ministry on my Emmaus Walk. Eleven months later, the bishop appointed me to serve HUMC as associate pastor with Tom Adams. Tom guided me along, supported, and mentored me and 4 years ago, I became your pastor.

Through the years, I have been blessed to share with you in the celebration of 25 weddings; mourn with you as we remembered the lives of 18 loved ones that passed into the arms of God; welcome with you 34 new members; and rejoice 11 baptisms and 10 new professions of faith in Jesus Christ. We have worked together to build leadership and to form new ministries. And I have seen HUMC grow and I am constantly amazed at the vibrant worship, music, leadership and discipleship this church engages in.

But friends, there is a time to say goodbye and to follow God's call to another place of ministry. The bishop and the Cabinet have determined that place will be Alton and Thayer, Missouri, and to that new place I will go with my family.

It is said that a pastor's first full-time ministry position sets the stage for an entire ministry career. If that is the case, I have no doubt that the ministry in which I am called will be overflowing with God's blessings. I say this because that is exactly what HUMC has been to me—an absolute, abundant blessing! Wherever God sends me in ministry, I know that my experiences at HUMC will go with me and form my future ministry in powerful ways. Lucy, Lindsay, Torsten, and I cannot begin to thank you enough for all the love, support and inspiration you have given us. I continue to be excited about the future of HUMC and the many ways God is working, speaking and moving through you. My prayers are with you as you continue to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in Hallsville. The peace of Christ be with you!

In Christ,

Pastor Loren



**VBS 2010**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP...**



**Vacation Bible School is just around the corner & we need  
volunteers to help out in all areas; teachers, decorators, snack**

**helpers, music, craft helpers, etc. So, if you want to help make VBS 2010 a BLAST— contact Tasha Wade,  
VBS Coordinator, at 886-9357 or humc@centurytel.net and let us know how you'd like to help.**