



# THE ENVOY

*...telling the news of Blue Ridge Church*

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for 41 years of teaching  
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## **Coming up in worship .....**

Ken's message this Sunday will be *Winning The Lottery*. When we become a member of a United Methodist Church we commit to supporting the church through our presence, prayer, service and gifts. For many today, church membership looks a lot like winning the lottery.

The scripture reading will be:  
Matthew 6:19-21

## **Want to sponsor *The Envoy*?**

There are three 2005 dates not reserved for *The Envoy* sponsorship. They are November 15, 22 and 29. If you would like to reserve one of those dates, please come by or call the church office. You will need to sign your name by the date on the white form and then complete a blue "Envoy Sponsorship Form" and leave it for Shirley. To be an Envoy sponsor costs \$30.

## **Scouts will be serving chili next week!**

Can you believe it's time for the Annual Boy Scout Chili Supper? That's right - next Wednesday, November 9! Our Boy Scout Troop 269 will be hosting their chili supper from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an all-you-can-eat event — chili, crackers, dessert and drinks. A ticket will cost you \$5.00 per person or a family ticket for \$20.00. Besides not having to cook dinner that night, you can come and enjoy a delicious meal and warm,

friendly fellowship. To purchase your ticket ahead of time just say, "Yes," to a Boy Scout when he asks if you would like to buy a ticket. Tickets will also be sold at the door that night.



## **Pantry Sunday is this weekend**

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month - Pantry Sunday. Our local agencies can always use non-perishable food items, paper and personal products and cleaning supplies. When you're shopping this week, please try to pick up an extra canned item or two.



When we talked with R.E.A.P. this week, we found out they are running low on everything — especially, peanut butter and disposable diapers for all ages.

What a nice surprise when we came into the building on Monday morning! The youth at been out on Sunday evening going around the neighborhoods collecting canned goods on their night to "Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat". The wooden boxes were overflowing with their collections! Thank you, Blue Ridge youth. Now we adults have our work cut out for us. We will want to bring our share of items to go with what the youth have collected.

## Making the most.....

During the past few months I have enjoyed attending some of the various ministries within our church. It is evident they are successful at building relationships between participants. Our church family is doing great things for God and God's people. Are you involved in a ministry outside of Sunday morning worship? If not, I invite you to be in prayer for what path God would lead you. Have you looked around the Sanctuary and noticed someone you do not know? Have you met someone at Blue Ridge you would like to know? There are many existing ministries in place for you to build relationships with God and one another and many emerging small groups on the way. Pray about it. I know God has an exciting future for you! And...as always, make the most as you live by faith.

...Rev. Russell Smith

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## Wheels that Care needs you

Shepherd's Center of Raytown sponsors a *Wheels that Care* program. Volunteer drivers provide rides for patients from their residence, to their appointment and back home. Right now this program faces a critical shortage of drivers. Do you have wheels? Can you help? As a *Wheels that Care* volunteer, you drive as often or as seldom as you choose. You can make a big difference in someone's life.

For more information about this program, please call the Shepherd's Center office at 356-9000.

## Is acting in your future?

There are several small acting parts in this year's Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata. The cantata will be Sunday, December 11. If you are interested in participating, please call Linda Mann at 353-4826.

## Blue Ridge shirts can be ordered

You can still place your order for a Blue Ridge shirt. In case you would like to order one for a Christmas present, orders placed in November will be ready by Christmas. Please complete the form below and return it with your check to the church office.

### Blue Ridge United Methodist Church Shirt Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #

#### CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

#### LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT

A. Youth - \$18.00      S(6-8)    M(10-12)    LG(14-16)  
B. Adult - \$22.00      S    M    LG    XL    XXL    XXXL

#### SWEATSHIRT

A. Youth - \$22.00      S    M    LG  
B. Adult - \$27.00      S    M    LG    XL    XXL    XXXL

#### HOODED FULL-ZIP SWEATSHIRT

A. Adult - \$44.00      S    M    LG    XL    XXL    XXXL

#### CARDIGAN

A. Adult - \$40.00      One Size

#### LONG-SLEEVE DENIM SHIRT

A. Adult - \$35.00      S    M    LG    XL    XXL    XXXL

ADD \$2.00 for any XXL  
ADD \$3.00 for any XXXL

Payment must accompany order.

Please make check payable to:

Blue Ridge Blvd United Methodist Church

Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$5.00 is Tax Deductible on Youth shirts

\$8.00 is Tax Deductible on Adult shirts

## Coming Next Week...

### Sunday, November 6

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- Pantry Sunday
- Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- Nut orders ready for pick up
- 8:00-9:30 a.m., Prayer Force Training
- 10:30 a.m., Angel Choir, Room 112
- 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel

### Monday, November 7

- 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club
- 6:00 p.m., EVeNing Circle Meeting
- 7:00 p.m., Boy & Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, November 8

- 6:30 p.m., Cornerstone
- 6:30 p.m., Staff Parish Committee Mtg
- 7:00 p.m., Annual Charge Conference, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, November 9

- 10:00 a.m., Sisters in Spirit
- 10:00 a.m., UMW Unit Meeting
- 5:00-7:30 p.m., Boy Scout Chili Supper
- 5:30 p.m., *Kids-on-a-Mission*
- 6:30 p.m., Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Ensemble
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

### Thursday, November 10

- 6:30 p.m., Alpha programs

### Friday, November 11

- 12:00 p.m., Golden Key Potluck Luncheon

### Saturday, November 12

- Alpha Saturday
- 6:00 p.m., G.I.F.T. Class, Fellowship Hall



## Youth Information:

### Sunday, November 6

- 7:45 a.m. **SHARP!!** - Warm up to sing
- @ all 3 services
- 9:30 a.m., Mid High Sunday School, meet in Sanctuary, then go to class
- 10:30 a.m., *The Last Cup* Coffee House
- 11:00 a.m., Senior High Sunday School
- 4:30 p.m., Senior High Bells
- 5:00 p.m., Combined Choir
- 5:45 p.m., Worship/Snack Supper
- 6:45-7:45 p.m., Youth

## We still have *Entertainment Books*

If you purchased an Entertainment Book last year, those coupons have expired by the time you receive this newsletter! However, we still have plenty of the *2006 Entertainment Books*. Most of the discounts are buy-one-get-one free. There are coupons for entertainment, food, services, etc. You might want to consider giving an *Entertainment Book* as a gift. This is a gift that lasts a whole year! The price this year is \$25.00. What profit we make from the sale of these discount books is donated to Spofford Home for Children.

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## Crop Walk donations accepted until November 6

We had several of our Blue Ridge folks participate in this year's Crop Walk on October 9. Donations are still being accepted for this year's walk. You may turn in donations through November 6 and it will benefit this year's needs. Remember that 25% of all money collected by this event stays here in Kansas City to help the hungry here. 75% of the money raised will feed the needy in the world, children of God no matter where they call home. Your help is needed and deeply appreciated. Please be sure to designate "Crop Walk" on your check. Thank you for your support.

## *A chance to help...*

A web site is available for those who would like to help several worthy causes. The address is [www.thehungersite.com](http://www.thehungersite.com). Your click on the "Give Free Food" button funds food for the hungry, paid for by site sponsors whose ads appear after you click and provided to people in need around the world. When you click on the "back" button you will also be linked to sites giving aid to Child Literacy & Health, Animal Rescue, Breast Cancer and the Rainforest. If you visit the internet regularly this is an easy way to help—it only takes a minute to click on all the sites and is free of charge.

## ***Pastor's Corner:***

Over the course of the next three weeks we, as a congregation, will be participating in a stewardship program that I observed area churches conducting while a superintendent. I liked this program because I believed it put the emphasis not on meeting a budget but on fulfilling one's commitment to God. Written by Herb Miller, this program is known as the *New Consecration Sunday*. "Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes...Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship."

I will bring the message the next two Sundays and then Rev. Dustin Cooper will conduct the *Consecration Sunday* on November 20. I hope you find this approach to stewardship refreshing and challenging. As I look over the years, I have come to understand that giving is something I need to do if I am going to be faithful in my discipleship. It is good for me to set a goal and then strive through my giving to meet and even exceed that goal. For some in this congregation, you will be introduced for the first time to percentage giving and to an Every Member in Ministry card. It is my understanding that if this *Consecration Sunday* is too fruitful for our congregation, it will first need your prayers. So please join with me and pray for this congregation to be present Sunday, November 20.

*...Ken Lutgen, Jr.*

## ***Person to person:***

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

- As of October 31, the office has not been notified of any Blue Ridge member in an area hospital.
- Our sympathy to Earl & Alice Wehmhoener for the death of their sister-in-law.
- Our sympathy to Joyce Brueggemann and family for the October 29 death of her husband Larry.
- LaVaughn Durham would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards he received while in the hospital and after his eye surgery.

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