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The Missouri Mid-South Conference, United Church of Christ, depends on the generosity of members and friends to fund its ministries.

Please use the link below to contribute electronically to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) or to The Friends of the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

[Donate Now](#)

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

Last Friday, the Conference Office opened our doors to welcome friends for a Christmas Open House to celebrate the spirit of the season and to offer our best wishes to Sandy Roland on her last day before retirement.



Thank you to all those who attended, and for those who couldn't, we missed you.

Check out our [photo gallery](#).

OCWM GIVING

As the Conference fiscal year draws to a close, we ask you to consider your contribution to Our Church's Wider Mission. Gifts received through Friday, January 15, 2010 may be credited to your 2009 pledge.

Please contact [Laura Errante](#), MMSUCC Business Manager, if you have questions.

Our Church's Wider Mission is . . . "Changing Lives"

Youth Programming in 2010

CYE 2010

OUTSIDE THE ZONE

The early registration deadline for the Conference Youth Event is Thursday, Dec. 31. Materials are available [here](#) or in the BIG YOUTH MAILING that was mailed to local churches last month.

Big Youth Mailing

Did you receive the BIG YOUTH MAILING with registration materials for CYE? If not, all the materials are available online at www.mmsucc.org. If you'd like to receive a packet by mail, contact [Renee](#) in the Conference Office.

MISSION MOMENTS

LOOKING FOR MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER SUMMER JOB?

Consider a SUMMER of SERVICE at Camp Mo-Val.

If you are pursuing a career in education, recreation, ministry, social work, health care or any other service related field, then a summer at camp can provide valuable hands-on experience that, along with the "service" aspect, looks good on a resume. **GAIN PRACTICAL SKILLS IN:** Leadership, Team Work – Collaboration, Behavior Management, Facilitation, Problem Solving, Program Planning & Implementation. And don't forget... you get to spend your summer outdoors, working with children and enjoying life! For more information, contact [Shirley Asmussen](#).

Postage Stamps Collection

Since 2001, members at Ebenezer "Stone" Church (in rural Gerald, MO), having been collecting used postage stamps for Bethel bei Bielefeld in Westphalia, Germany. Learn [here](#) how donating your used stamps can help provide work and wages to the residents of this 5,000-person home for persons with disabilities.

Council of Churches of the Ozarks - Hiring

Executive Director, Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Springfield, MO: Responsible for leadership and management of all facets of the organization. For more detail on the job posting, please go to www.ccozarks.org.

Emmaus Chapel 100th Anniversary

Emmaus Homes celebrated the 100th anniversary of their chapel. Read [here](#) about the celebration.

IRS Releases Mileage Rates for 2010

The Internal Revenue Service has established the following mileage rates for 2010:

- Business - \$0.50/mile
- Medical & Moving - \$0.165/mile
- Charitable - \$0.14/mile (no change from prior years)

CONFERENCE STAFF PREACHING SOON

December 19

St. Peter's, Washington – Jeff Whitman

December 20

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Singing at St. Marks UCC – Jack Seville

December 27

Ebenezer, Augusta – Jack Seville

January 10

St. Johns on Grand – Jeff Whitman
Holy Trinity, Memphis – Jack Seville

January 17

Evangelical UCC in Webster Groves – Jeff Whitman
Grace UCC and Mount Tabor – Jack Seville

LOCAL CHURCH & AFFILIATED AGENCIES NEWS

(For more details click here.... Or visit the website:

www.mmsucc.org

December

Dec. 17, Christmas Play at Emmaus Homes West

Dec. 20, Cantata at St. John in St. Charles

Dec. 20, "A Child is Born" at Bethel UCC

Dec. 20, Children's Christmas Program at St. Peter's, New Haven

Dec. 20, Worship by Candlelight at St. John's - Mantels

Dec. 23, Old-Fashioned Christmas Pageant at St. Johns Casco

Dec. 24, 25, and 28, Conference Office Closed for Christmas

See website calendar for Christmas services.

January 2010

Jan. 1, Conference office closed – Happy New Year!

Jan. 11, Tai Chi Class begins at Calvary UCC

Jan. 13, St. Louis Ministerium at Parkway

Jan. 18, Conference office closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

This email newsletter is published to promote the mission and ministry of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, United Church of Christ, its congregations, and other settings of the United Church of Christ.

These announcements are brief and timely, providing readers with supporting links whenever possible. Please forward these materials to others in your church and share them in your bulletins and local church newsletters.

You are welcome to send news from your congregation to [MMSUCC Communications](mailto:MMSUCC.Communications). Items will be included as space allows. Be sure to

include your name and contact information.