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First United Methodist Church
Growing disciples to reach others for
Christ

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*“Using Media in Christian Mission, Discipleship
and Fellowship”*

Media is everywhere these days and the variety of ways it is reaching us is expanding. 73% of Americans now use the internet. The use of wireless devices has increased by 88% in the past year and 66% of all adults now use such devices regularly. Media is a dominant influence in American life today.

Dr. Robert Papper, a professor of Media Studies at Hofstra University, observes that “the average American is a ravenous media junkie, consuming up to nine hours a day of television, web time, or cell phone minutes. From iPods filling commuters’ ears, the screens scrolling headlines in the elevator at work, to proliferating on-the-move tools like cell phones and handhelds, media is everywhere....It is almost impossible to escape. “What does this mean for society?” he asks.

Hopefully, the media can be a phenomenal channel for the movement of the Christian gospel. It is essential that this happen because recent studies show that more people now get their spiritual content through religious broadcasts, websites, and other media than through attendance at churches. This reminds us of the importance of continuing to invite people to churches so they can experience life within a community of faith. But, Christianity must also have a big presence in the rapidly evolving media age or we will miss out on one of the greatest opportunities for witness of all times.

Many churches are expanding their church’s presence on social networking sites and have increased the volume of teaching materials on their websites. Now people can be part of their church’s worship life even when they can’t be there in person.

For those of you, who are unaware that Newton FUMC is on the web, go to www.firstchurchnewton.org and check it out. Then, spread the word to others.

Shalom,



Pastor Doug



Outdoor Service

**An Outdoor
Worship Service**

Sunday, October 2, @ 10:00am in the parking lot [bring lawn chairs]; A celebration of our downtown presence in Newton and our oneness in Christ. Fellowship picnic and moon walk for children. Fried chicken, table service and drinks will be furnished with every one bringing a covered dish. Bring lawn chairs for outside. In case of rain we will move into the fellowship hall. This is an informal service so dress casual. Please invite a friend or neighbor to come.



Halloween Walk

Saturday, October 29

5:00-6:30 pm.

Would your group like to have a booth at **Halloween Walk 2011**? If so, let the church office know by October 14. Last year we gave away around 800 bottles of water and we could have used more. People enjoyed the water. Only candy or other approved items can be distributed. They do not allow balloons to be handed out.

Advent-Christmas Devotional Booklet

A wonderful opportunity to share how Christ is working a transformation in your life and to encourage others in following Christ. If we can get enough submissions, we will publish an Advent-Christmas Devotional booklet. We encourage all to prayerfully consider submitting a meditation—this includes, children, youth and adults. Consider submitting something yourself and encourage others to contribute. We also encourage submissions in forms other than prose, this would include original poetry, artwork, photography, or other (as long as it can be printed in a booklet). (If something cannot be printed in a book, perhaps we can find another way of sharing it.)

Deadline for submission of materials is October 21st. Submissions can be sent to

Advent_Dev@FirstChurchNewton.org. Guidelines for materials to be submitted are on the table in fellowship foyer. If you have questions please ask Roy Pumphrey.

UMW Sunday, October 9.

Carrie Herrman from Asbury Park will be the speaker. She will speak at both services. Please mark your calendar to be here.

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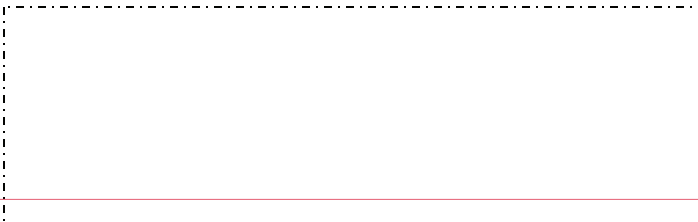
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This newsletter has been prayerfully prepared for:

Office Hours: M-T, 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am—12:00 pm

- Dr. Doug Tofteland, Lead Pastor
- Jay Anderson, Missions Pastor
- Roy Pumphrey, Executive Minister
- Roxie Truan, Administrative Assistant
- Beverly Stigge, Choir Director
- Barry Fulmer, Praise Team Leader
- Karen Kaufman, Organist
- Mary Beth Davies, Organist
- David Portlock, Custodian



Celebrating 45th Bazaar

Saturday, November 5,
8:00 — 3:00 P.M.

Don't miss our Special Edition of members' "Cookie Recipe Book" with Free Samples.



“Crown of Thorns” Hand Quilted Queen Size Quilt” Drawing for quilt at 2:pm

Quilt tickets are available from the church office or UMW members. \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00 donations. United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church.

Peppernut baking is under way. Come Friday, October 7, @ 8:30

and help bake and enjoy the fellowship!

