

Serving our Sunday School at this time; Superintendent, Louanne Urhahn; Sunday School Secretary, Glenda Wright; Teachers, Joy Jean Simmons, Dorothy Pobst, Paula Smith, Gary Ponder-Williams.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) has been very active for many years. Originally, it began as a Missionary Society, changing to Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS) and celebrating their 25th Anniversary, January 15, 1964. On September 20, 1972, the name changed again to United Methodist Women (UMW) and still remains. Officers for 1987 are: President, Joy Jean Simmons; Vice-president, Wanda Dodson; Secretary, Dorothy Pobst; Treasurer, Sandra Michael.

The following is a quote from the Rev. J. Carl Frame, who served the Commerce church from 1971 thru 1973. "The doors to this old Church has seen many worshipers come and go. The spirit of those who devoted their time and energy to the furthering of God's word remain to give us strength and devotion to work. This old church has seen time of happiness and time of sorrow, but always has stood ready to give comfort and ease.

But what is the Church? Is it the building? No, it is the people, the fellowship, the coming together of the children of God to plan and work for the good of His kingdom. The St. Paul Methodist Church has a past history that runs deep in the memories of those who still live. History is inspiring, but it is past, --- it is the future that counts! To have a great future, we must have a membership of dedicated "disciples" of Christ. We must go forth into the community proclaiming God's word. Isn't it strange that the Greek word for "to set at liberty" literally means "to send forth", and that is the same word from which the word "apostle" comes. We must go forth to remain alive as a Church.

The past is bright, but the future can be brighter,"

Rev. Gary Ponder-Williams, (Pastor)  
Sandra Kay Michael, (Sec.-Admin. Board)  
Ann Huck, (St. Paul Historian)

*Submitted by Ann Huck*

## Commerce Methodist Church News

We start the new year with two worthwhile services next Sunday and Monday nights. Sunday evening we will have our first quarterly conference. Rev. Dawson C. Bryan will preach before the conference. Everyone is invited to attend. Monday night the Scott County League Union will meet at our church. We expect a big representation from the various leagues and urge every Commerce young person to be present.

Those who did not miss a Sunday at church school in December were: Ruth McCarthy, Mrs. Ruth Woods, Davis Caldwell, Geneva Caldwell, Annabell Marshall, Mary Caldwell, Jessie Caldwell, Ray Edmonds, Mrs. H. T. Blackledge, Mrs. R. A. Mabry, G. W. Marshall and Fred Woods.

Why not turn over a new leaf and start attending church school if you are not in the school? Come next Sunday and bring someone else along.

Fred Woods, pastor.

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W. R. Beardslee is on the sick list.  
Mrs. Harry Raspberry is on the sick list.

Mrs. Leslie Jacobs is on the sick list.

Mrs. Gertie Duffey is on the sick list.

G. W. Marshall was on the sick list Monday.

Mrs. Eugene Grannemann is visiting in St. Louis.

Miss Virginia Smith was a Benton visitor Tuesday.

H. M. Zaricor and son, DeWint, were in Cape Saturday.

Tillman Wright of Illmo was visiting here Thursday.

Joe Pell of Kennett is visiting his mother, Mrs. Dora Pell.

Mrs. Jessie Brewer of St. Louis is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Caldwell were visitors in Cape Sunday.

H. H. Blackledge transacted business in Benton Wednesday.

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Dr. U. P. Haw of Benton was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Captain John T. Carlton was a business visitor at Oran Monday.

Hoarce Clark, government employee, spent the week end at home.

Elmer Dannemueller of Kelso transacted business here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Young and family visited in Tennessee last week.

M. F. Pell returned to work on the government fleet near Cape this week.

Alex Burger of the Commerce route was in Wednesday and left money for his County Paper.

Thomas Edwards of Benton and Velma Clark of Commerce were married Friday afternoon by Judge W. C. Welman.

Algie Sanders is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bretzel. Mr. and Mrs. James Buck of Illmo visited friends and relatives here Monday.

Miss Alta Edmonds entertained her friends with a New Year's party Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gibson of Clarkton visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mrs. George Shero of St. Louis is visiting her father, C. F. DeWint, and the Zaricors.

Captain J. T. Carlton returned to work on the U. S. Ft. Chartres on Wednesday at Cape.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ledure have moved to the residence formerly occupied by Honley Walker.

Thomas Edwards of Benton and Mrs. Velma Clark of Commerce were married at Benton Saturday.

Tommy Campbell went to Beardstown, Ill., recently, where he has a position with a levee company.

Mr. and Mrs. David Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Vinson moved from the country into their home here this week.

## Joe Anderson Still on McGee Hunt

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Joe Anderson, who relinquished the authority as sheriff of Scott county Thursday night, has pledged his continued efforts to hunt down and recapture Claude McGee, escaped slayer, who was waiting action on an appeal to the supreme court from his sentence to die on the gallows when he dug out of jail at Benton November 19th.

"I have been going constantly for the past month, running down reports which have come to my office about McGee," said ex-sheriff Anderson. "We will catch the slayer and I would like to be the man who does it."

"Even after my term expires I'm going to be right in the middle of the hunt. McGee is treacherous and we intend to take no chances."

One man has been killed and four others wounded since St. Louis police joined with Southeast Missouri officers in their hunt for McGee, Anderson recalled.

"With such co-operation of officers in other cities and other counties in Missouri, I'm sure McGee's liberty will be cut extremely short," said Mr. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stewart and twin daughters of St. Louis spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Eva Blackwell.

Miss Imogene Edmonds and Luther Wise were united in marriage here Saturday night. They will reside here at present.

Misses Julia and Estelle Bondurant of Columbia, Ill., and St. Louis, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bondurant.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fesler and children of Cape spent New Years day at the home of Mesdames Emma Ranney and Bertie G. Davis.

Miss Ella Mae Uelsmann of Cape returned home Sunday. She was a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, last week.

George Keeler returned to his home in Pine Bluff, Ark., last week. Mrs. Keeler and children remained here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raspberry.

An automobile belonging to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mabry was slightly damaged by fire Monday. Mesdames R. A. Mabry and A. G. Bondurant, occupants of the car, were uninjured.

Bly Belk, who has been working in northern states several months, arrived home this week to visit his mother, Mrs. Fanny Belk, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller, and other friends and relatives.

Funeral services for Miss Gleena Cullum, former Commerce resident, were held at Anna, Ills., Wednesday of last week. Her mother, who had been in California with a sick sister, arrived the day before the funeral.