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They're a 'corny' group!

The young women and men of the Christian Youth Fellowship from Dexter's First Christian Church (Disicples of Christ) are all about corn today. Fresh, hand-picked Stoddard County corn.

The young folks picked corn Sunday evening. They youth are now selling the corner at the corner of Mulberry and Stoddard streets on the Cleo's Sinclair station lot. Sweet corn is \$4 a dozen while it lasts.

The youth will use the proceeds of their sweet corn stand for on-going youth activities at the church and for sponsorship of a child in India through the denomination's mission outreach.

Photo above: One hand Monday morning to sell corn were CYF members (from left) Erika Cobb, Addie Kruse, Kelsey Holder and Andrew Garner. (ShowMe Times photo by Annabeth Miller)

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By Taylor Eggimann, ShowMe Times Staff Writer

ADVANCE - The Bethel General Baptist Church Youth Group decided this year instead of going to National Youth Conference somewhere that they wanted to give back; and they did just that.

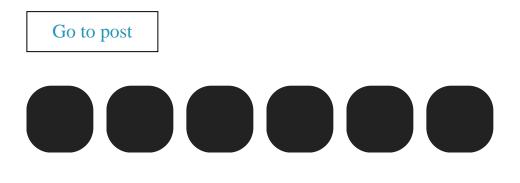
The group wanted to help the people of Joplin, who are still suffering from the tornado a year ago. They had a yard sale during the 100 Mile Yard Sale and raised money to donate to *Mission Joplin* which is a church organization providing for the physical needs of the community members.

Then the first week of June the group of twenty-three headed west. While out there they painted, cleaned up debri, stocked shelves, delivered furniture, listened to some pretty amazing stories people had to share, and prayed.

"It really was a great experience for all of us on the trip. It opened my eyes and I know some others with us too. And it really shows the people of Joplin that people STILL care." said Wesley Garner, youth group member.

Photo above: The Bethel General Baptist youth group pause for a photo during the mission trip to Joplin. (Photo by Sara Mace - thanks, Sara!)

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Trinity/FCC Youth Groups Enjoy Slip-N-Slide

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On Sunday (June 24) afternoon, Trinity FCC Youth group decided to beat the heat with some wet and muddy fun at the home of Tim and Kay Holder. The Holders, along with Alan and Tracy Hedrick, planned an awesome youth event for all ages! Over 90 people joined in the fin, including a slip-n-slide, silly string fights, and barbecue sandwiches and nachos thanks to Darrell Hicks and Hicks Smoked Meats. Some of the adults couldn't resist the slip-n-slide and had to join in on the fun! A big thank you to all who helped and came out for a fun filled day.

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Congregation Honors Longtime Members

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Members of the First United Methodist in Dexter recognized and honored living members with 50 or more years of membership in the local congregation during services on Sunday, May 6. Those present Sunday included (front row, from left) Virginia Gaines (67 years), Carol White (51), Lynda Lovins (52), Verna Godwin (51), Chuck Asberry (74) and Floyd Northington (50); back row, from left) Pat Evans (50), Joe Thompson (50), Lehman Godwin (51), Peggy Palmer (55) and Ivan Lee (60). Other members honored but not able to be present included Betty Minton (76), Joe Weber (72), Pauline Whitener (68), Martha Minton (65), Imogene Arnold (61), Ann Worley (61), Louise Hughes (58), Mary Vowels (56), June Coffey (55), Peggy Matthews (54), Kathryn Arnold (54), Wayne Jean (54) and Robert Isbell (51). (ShowMe Times photo by Annabeth Miller)

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By Susan Passi-Klaus, United Methodist Communications Special to the ShowMe Times

Editor's Note: This report is from the United Methodist General Conference currently meeting in Tampa, Fla. The General Conference is the denomination's top legislative body for all matters affecting the United Methodist connection. More than 1,000 United Methodist from across the country and world are participating.

TAMPA, Fla. - She loves her United Methodist Church. And her United Methodist Church loves her. There was no doubt of that when 106-year-old Louise Short was introduced and greeted by a standing ovation at the morning plenary May 1.

Some might assume Short, widow of Bishop Roy Short, was applauded because of the number of digits in her age and that certainly may have been part of the reason. However, what really garnered admiration was the announcement that the centenarian has attended every General Conference since 1939.

"I just can't understand all the attention given me," Short said. "I don't know what I've ever done to deserve anything. Methodist people are just wonderful people."

"I love The United Methodist Church because of their deep interest in people having an abundant life through Christ and because of the peace and comfort they offer others who face hard times."

Bombarded with requests for photographs and interviews, Short expressed concern that she would miss the "action" on the plenary floor.

"If I don't watch it, I'll just get in there in time for the benediction!"

Battling a bad case of shingles that she admitted was sapping her strength, Short said her interest in church business is still strong. She keeps a close watch on United Methodist issues and is aware that change is definitely in the air at General Conference 2012.

"As we do our legal work," she said, "we should also remember to help our spiritual life."

Why keep coming back?

"My husband was very active and very productive in his ideas in the conduct of The United Methodist Church," she explained. "It overflowed into me. Of course, my main interest is to tell the citizens of the world to follow Jesus Christ.

Short, who lives at a retirement home in Hermitage, Tenn., is the oldest of eight brothers and sisters. Five are still living, including a 100-year-old brother. Both her parents lived beyond their 100th birthdays.

"In our family, we don't believe in dying," she laughed. "It's been marvelous for me to live this long."

Nevertheless, as she continues to lose generations of friends and loved ones, she said it gets harder to say goodbye. Her recent turn of health has left her weakened, and she isn't the spry young thing she was at her 105th birthday party.

"But I'm not afraid of dying," Short said. "He, who has kept me all this time will keep me the rest of the time. I'm blessed."

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