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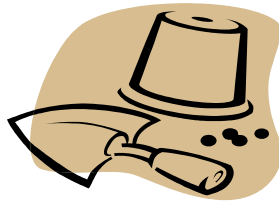
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WORK DAYS

Two Readiness Workdays are planned for spring: **April 16, and May 21**. The Resident Manager has a long list of projects for all ages and abilities to do (middle school on up) from planting flowers to painting. Plan to have your local church group participate one of these days. It is fun to work together, meet new people and enjoy a free lunch! Put these dates on your calendar and come prepare the Park for a busy summer. Bring friends!

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Enough
Food!
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WEBSITE REFRESHED

Our website continues to be enhanced. It includes information about our facilities (for meetings retreats, family gatherings, and outdoor activities), amenities available, how to make reservations, ways to support the ministry, past newsletters, and upcoming programs. You can even make your donations online using Pay Pal through the website (See Ways to Support the Ministry).

VISIT US AT

www.ForestParkRetreat.com

SPECIAL NEEDS:

GRASS SEED, TWO SHELVING UNITS, PICNIC TABLES, EXTERIOR DOOR KNOBS WITH LOCKS, SPONSORS FOR HICKORY HALL BATHROOM PROJECT



ANNUAL REPORT from the CHAIRMAN

2010 Activities:

- +Provided two programs on Science and Faith by Steve Jacobs (Chief Scientist with Discovery Channel) in October for young students (3rd grade –8th grade) in the morning and high school students and adults in the afternoon.
- +Dining Hall roof stripped and shingled. This project was spearheaded by Roger Dressler of Common Ground Ministry with the Kansas East Conference and included several work days with various volunteers.
- +New walk-in refrigerator in the Dining Hall
- +Dining Hall cleaned out, reorganized and minor updates for better usage and presentation
- +Four additional buildings were stripped and had new shingles installed
- +Five cabin exteriors were scraped and painted.
- +New furnace installed in bathroom side of Hickory Hall
- +Cabin 33 was torn down in one day with the help of 12 volunteers on a Saturday work day. The concrete pad was torn up and the area was seeded for grass.
- +Fellowship Hall foundation was leveled and gravel placed under the building to keep it from washing out.
- +A skid-loader was loaned to the Park and much brush that had been encroaching on the grounds was removed.

As you can see 2010 was a busy year for Forest Park Conference and Retreat Center with regard to maintenance. We are hoping to provide the Science programs again this fall and will be focusing on updating bathrooms in 2011 as well as hosting various groups and camps.

Max Klamm, Chairperson, Forest Park Board of Trustees

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"AS THE TWIG IS BENT, SO
GROWS THE TREE." A
PARAPHRASE ON THE BIBLE
VERSE: "TRAIN UP A CHILD
IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO,
AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE
WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT."

PROVERBS 22:6

Thank you to First United Methodist Church in Topeka for allowing Forest Park to salvage items from the building they are demolishing. Sinks, urinals, mirrors and other items are being used to refurbish the bathrooms in Hickory Hall.

Plumbing is being overhauled and the women's bathroom will be completed first.

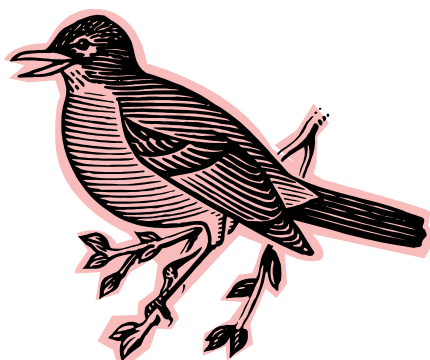
Thank you to Old Mission United Methodist Church in Mission, KS for the donation of used pew cushions. These will provide more comfortable seating in the Tabernacle.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!

OUTLIVE YOUR LIFE by Max Lucado

Most of you have probably read something by Max Lucado. He is an author and preacher in San Antonio. The focus of this book is how common people like you and me can make a difference in the world. From the fable of Father Benjamin to stories of regular people changing lives around the world, the book is inspirational and thought provoking. Do you ever wonder if or why God uses people like us? Max writes: "He did. God stampeded the first century society with swaybacks, not thoroughbreds. Before Jesus came along, the disciples were loading trucks, coaching soccer, and selling Slurpee drinks at the convenience store. Their collars were blue and their hands were calloused, and there is no evidence that Jesus chose them because they were smarter or nicer than the guy next door."

Forest Park may be more "dinghy" than "cruise ship". You may be more "stand-in" than "movie star". But God changes the world with people like us! Forest Park served 2335 people in 2010 and 29 different groups experienced our Christian hospitality. You can help us continue our mission. DONATE to improve the Park; COME to a work day; ENCOURAGE your church to use Forest Park, sponsor a cabin, or do a "Mission Project" at Forest Park. Together we will be doing our part to make memories and change lives, changing the world one life at a time.



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July 25-31

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