



FUMC Newsletter

OCTOBER 2015

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Lord be with you!

Fall is always a busy time of year especially with the start of the school year. I now fully understand that truth with my youngest in kindergarten and my oldest in first grade. It's incredible how time flies. With things moving fast in the church I wanted to give you some important updates and reminders.

Worship News:

- I hope you enjoyed our sermon series on the meaning of Jesus Christ in our lives. We all carry a mental picture of Jesus, which also includes our own personal assumptions and expectations on who Jesus is. Hopefully you've been able to grow in your understanding of Jesus and the blessings, claim, and calling He has on your life. I would be interested in listening to how your picture of Jesus has changed
- Beginning in October we will start a **new sermon series** on Genesis. The word Genesis means "*beginning*." The first book in the Bible covers the beginning of the world, human beings, the origin of sin, and the groundwork for our redemption. My hope with this sermon series is to reaffirm our biblical and theological foundation.
- **October 11 is Children's Sabbath.** Our children will serve as ushers, greeters, liturgist, and communion stewards. (Because of Come & Take It weekend, communion will be on the second Sunday of the month). We also look forward to our Children's Choir singing at both services!
- Laity Sunday is October 18. Ruth and David Smith will be giving the message that morning. We look forward to it!

SWEET LIFE COMEDY THEATRE featuring Scott Davis. ***Do you have tickets yet?*** You should not miss this night of good, clean comedy. Scott is a devout Christian gifted with the ability to make people laugh. Buy tickets for yourself but also tickets you can give to family and friends. This is a great opportunity to invite people to church!

Tickets available now on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office. They are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. **But please get your tickets early. That way we know if we will need to add a second show.**

In Christ's service,

Andy

Veterans...the Archives Committee wish to honor you. If you or a family member is a veteran please submit your branch of service, when you served and a military photo to the church office.



*Altar Flowers for October
are given by:*

October 4

Gonzales County 4-H
In Honor of FUMC
In Recognition of National 4-H Week,
October 4-10

October 11

Darvin Dieringer
In Memory of Margie Dieringer

Joe and Neely
In Memory of Marilyn Qualls

October 18

Norman and Jean Burns

October 25

Bill and Ann Reaves
In Memory of Leola and John Marek
and Mr. and Mrs. George Baros

Charles and Maydell Pankey
In Honor of Loretta Pankey

Staff

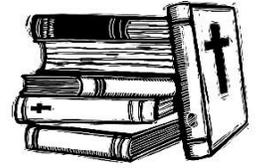
Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor
Ruth Smith, Youth Pastor
David Smith, Director of Discipleship
Willa Keck, Children's Ministry Director
Felicia Cantu, Office Manager
Rosemary Hindman, Business Manager
Shirley Goss, Wesley Nurse
Craig Aamot, Music Minister
Christina Menking, Organist
Bill Meadows, Pianist
Sandra Jandt, Happy House Director
Rosannah Green, Attendance
Lupe Longoria, Custodian

Book Club News

Could you spend twenty-five years in prison for a crime you did not commit and come out without bitterness but with two degrees? In our September selection, we read the story of Michael Martin called Getting Life. Martin wrote the book himself and told the story of his wife's murder and the unfair treatment he received at the hands of the Williamson County police and justice system. The close proximity of the case made the story even more interesting. Martin's story is truly one of forgiveness, reception, and new beginnings. Fran Jackson led our in-depth discussion.

For October, we will be reading Kristen Hannah's novel of the French resistance during World War II. This novel has been on the best-seller list for months and is a complex story that is difficult to put down. Madeleine Bird will lead the discussion on October 22 at 9:30 in the church library.

At our October meeting we will also choose our selections for the next six months, so we are open to suggestions. If you have a book to recommend, please call me at 830-672-9307. Call the same number if you have questions about our group. We welcome new members!



Martha Jo Whitt

Are you looking for a new opportunity to get exercise? Make new friends? Have fun and fellowship at the same time? We have just the deal for you! The Come and Take It Squares are offering lessons starting in October. On Mondays, Oct 5 and 12, we will have a free open house so you can meet the square dancers and get an idea of how much fun dancing is. Then lessons will begin on Oct 19. All this happens at 7:30 at the Presbyterian Church, so come out and have fun, meet new people, get some exercise, and learn a new skill. If you have questions, call us at 830-857-4148.

John & Martha Jo Whitt



**ATTENTION PARENTS OF
COLLEGE STUDENTS!!**

Please give us the address of where your student will receive mail. Call the church office at 672-8521 as soon as possible. Our Membership & Care Committee will be sending them care packages throughout the year. Thank you!



Dear First UMC,
 Thank you so much for providing the back to school luncheon at the Fellowship Hall. It was so welcome on a hectic day of telephone calls and registration to have such delicious food available to get us through the rest of the day. Your thoughtfulness and interest in the educational community of Gonzales is truly appreciated.

Sincerely, Jackie Mikesh
 & VC Gonzales Faculty and Staff

First United Methodist Church,
 Thank you for a great lunch. We truly enjoyed it.
 GISD Athletic Staff

Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch to welcome back the staff of GISD for the 2015-2016 school year. Your kindness and love for the employees of GISD greatly shines through each year. We appreciate you and all that you do to support our students and staff.

Sincerely, East Avenue Elementary Faculty

Your kindness is truly appreciated. Thank you! The salad luncheon was delicious as always!

Sincerely, North Avenue Intermediate Faculty

Dear Prayer Shawl Ladies,
 Thank you for the beautiful yellow shawl that you made for me. I appreciate your kindness & thoughtfulness at this time in my life. Thank you Kathy & also Barbara for your visit. It makes it a little easier with friends like you.

Always, Patsy Stamport

Dear Earth Angels,
 Thank you for sending me the quilt when Lee died. It is just beautiful. It has been a comfort over the last few months. I appreciate your support of several members of Lee's family during this difficult time.

Love, Kelly Schaefer

Dear Prayer Shawl Group,
 Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. The support you gave me meant so much. The week my son died, my mother was in intensive care. I used the shawl in her room, the chapel and on the beautiful hospital grounds as I walked and prayed.

Thank you for the work you do. I know many others have felt loved, as I do, when I use my shawl.

Love, Kelly Schaefer

Dear First UMC Church,
 Thank you so much for all your prayers and concerns after Bill's passing. My church family means so much to me and I'm extremely grateful for the support you provided. I couldn't have made it through this difficult time without your prayers and kindness.

Love, Tommie McMurtry

Dear FUMC Family,
 Thank you so much for the wonderful meal welcoming back faculty and staff to a new school year! What a blessing you are to this community! We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Sincerely, Kim Strozier

Thank you so much to my wonderful church family. I really appreciate all the prayers, cards, calls and concerns I received during my surgeries & illness.

God Bless you all, Noris Gibson

Earth Angels

Earth Angels are changing in various ways. New people, new plans, new projects, and new challenges are all on our monthly agendas. Come see us; come see what we do; come learn with us. Visitors are always welcome. Several people have expressed an interest in our group. Members are working on a Christmas project in conjunction with Winterfest.

Women who are interested in quilting make up our group called Earth Angels. Meetings are usually held at 6 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, in the First UMC Fellowship Center. A typical meeting involves an inspirational reading followed by the mentioning of persons who may be in need of prayers or in need of being "wrapped in God's love" by the presentation of a quilt. Members share ideas, show quilts they have made, and engage in quilting projects. Fellowship and sharing play a major role in Earth Angels. Feel free to visit our next meeting on October 13, 2015; we'd love to have you.

STATISTICAL REPORT AUGUST, 2015

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
2	126	132	258	46	\$ 19,745.26
9	87	132	219	80	\$ 11,476.36
16	96	118	214	72	\$ 9,565.25
23	131	125	256	78	\$ 9,238.47
30	—	209	209	79	\$ 7,366.00
TOTALS:	440	716	1156	355	\$ 57,391.34
AVERAGES:	110	143	231	71	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: \$ 38,839.49
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: \$ 18,551.85
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 75%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/01	Eva Boscamp Anna Smith Levi Hernandez	10/11	Sarah Miller Taylor Mills	10/24	Mary Ella Hurt Peggy Jo White Robert Willman
10/02	Connie Avant Jennifer Davis Nicki Schauer Cody Whitfield	10/12	Phillip Morris	10/25	Pat Thompson Hayley Sample
10/03	Norman Burns Shirley Goss David Bird Kenneth Leonhardt Cotton Munson	10/13	Philip Storey Ellie Mae Lester	10/26	Dean Davis Natalie Storey Nicole Bakken Sadie Morgan Benjamin Woodson
10/04	Angie Boothe Donna Koehler Lyncoln Leal	10/14	George Reese Russell Dreyer	10/27	Madeline Bird John Whitt Geraldyn Matejcek
10/05	Leslie Ploeger Willa Keck	10/15	Kathy Boyd Kimberly Strozier Jason Carter Jason Fogle	10/28	Timothy Wilson Roland Medellin
10/06	Chance Freeman Carol Farek Adam Staton Faith Short Lauren Strickland	10/16	Leigh Pirkle Shannon Watson	10/29	Lyndon Leal
10/07	Barbara DeBerry Bryan Denman Lori Raabe Travis Schauer	10/18	Linda Stulting Tristin Davis Rylee Ruddock	10/30	J. Lynn Barnick Inez Gray Kenzie Vanicek
10/08	Kiley Allen Michael Tuch	10/19	Mary Ckudre Pat Whitehead Reagan Daniel	10/31	Joyce Schellenberg Bethanie LaTourette Morgan Boothe Addyson Kardosz
10/09	Dick Hamilton	10/20	Sally Brown Vyron Craven Jo Sachtleben Brian Sample		
10/10	Jim Arledge Ginger Gibson Gerald Riedel Dylan Cantu Peyton Ruddock	10/21	Jay Gray Chris Murphy Pat Davis Sonny Tuch		
		10/22	Wesly Pierpont		
		10/23	Laurie Taylor Sharon Tenberg Lisa Miller Bella DuBose Byron Lester		



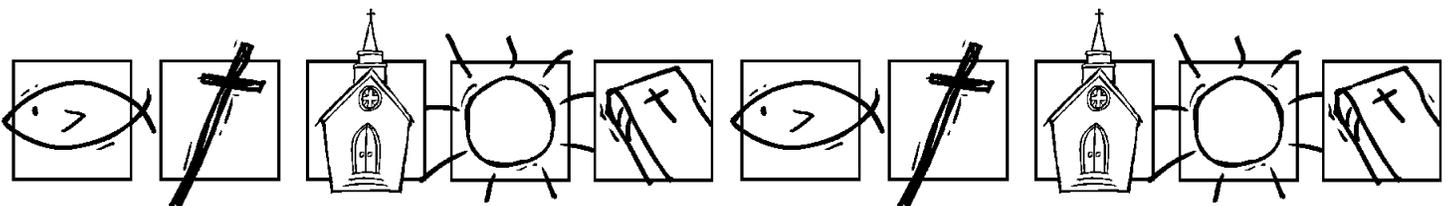
10/13	David & Mona Bivins	10/21	Doyle & Wendy Allen
10/17	Jack & Dyna Dubose	10/22	Michael & Crystal Ehrig
10/18	Dustin & Courtney Williams	10/27	George & Glenna Reese Dustin & Erika Lester
10/20	Fred & Ann Robinson Michael & Kristi Mercer	10/29	John & Valorie Daniel

Please contact Felicia at the church office, 672-8521, if your information is missing or incorrect.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October 4, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
	Cree Stowers Megan Tenberg Quinn Atkinson Emmitt Currie (Lead) Erwin Ckudre Bill DeBerry Herman Grauke Commie Hisey Shirley Spoon Pastor Andy	Weston Ruddock Macy Sample Sadie Morgan Pal Lester (Lead) David Bird Jeffery Braune Mike Davis Bitsy Henderson Deanie Ploeger Pastor Andy	<u>ACOLYTES</u> <u>USHERS</u> <u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u>
October 11, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
 <i>Communion Service</i>	Children's Sabbath Worship Assistants to be Announced		
October 18, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
	Cole Boothe Morgan Boothe Sydney Clack Emmitt Currie (Lead) Joe Britt Hindman Kenneth Fink John Lucas Ronnie Menking Terry Towns Commie Hisey	Parker Storey Kylee Watson Peyton Ruddock Pal Lester (Lead) Eldon Farek Dick Goss Shirley Goss Greg Griffin J. Lynn Barnick Commie Hisey	<u>ACOLYTES</u> <u>USHERS</u> <u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u>
October 25, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
	Hadley Borrer Brody Borrer Cade Davis Emmitt Currie (Lead) Greg Sengelmann Steve Taylor John Whitt Martha Jo Whitt Gary Clack Allison Davis	Baron DuBose Morgan Farrar Sadie Thibodeaux Pal Lester (Lead) Leslie Ploeger Cheryl Meadows Bobby Morgan Ray Neitsch David Bird Allison Davis	<u>ACOLYTES</u> <u>USHERS</u> <u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u>

If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please contact the church office, 672-8521.



October 2015

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November 2015

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 27 - Oct 3	Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
					6:00am Men's Fraternity-N 9:30am Communion @ Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 1:00pm Come & Take It Art Show 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO	Come & Take It 4:00pm Come & Take It Art Show 1:00pm Come & Take It Art Show	
Oct 4 - 10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Come & Take It 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Hosanna Choir Practice-CR 1:00pm Come & Take It Art Show	8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	8:30am Happy House 9:00am HH Creative Movement-FC 10:00am Bible Study-C 1:00pm Alzheimer Supp 2:00pm WN Exercise-F 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:00pm Hosanna Choir 5:00pm Worship Commi 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 7:00pm Community Pep	6:00am Men's Fraternity-N 10:30am District Youth Workers Meeting-EB 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scout Pak-CR		
Oct 11 - 17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Children's Sabbath COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House 5:00pm Youth Bible Study-YR 6:30pm The Gathering-C	8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 12:00pm Cancer Support Group-N 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 12:00pm Grief Support Group-BP 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Wesleyan Circle-N 6:00pm Quilt Group-FC	8:30am Happy House 9:00am HH Creative Movement-FC 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:00pm Fields of Faith 6:30pm Choir Practice-	6:00am Men's Fraternity-N 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:00pm Finance Comm. Mtg-PSS	6:00pm 1st Responder Appreciation Dinner-FC	6:00pm Sweet Life Comedy Tour
Oct 18 - 24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 4:00pm 4-H Meeting-FC 5:00pm Youth Bible Study-YR 6:30pm The Gathering-C	8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	8:30am Happy House 9:00am HH Creative Movement-FC 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 4:00pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	6:00am Men's Fraternity-N 9:30am Book Club-L 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO		
Oct 25 - 31	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 4:00pm Trunk or Treat	8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	8:30am Happy House 9:00am HH Creative Movement-FC 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 4:00pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	6:00am Men's Fraternity-N 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO	Happy House Fall Carni	

Children's Corner

Wow! Pioneer Club is still going strong! We kicked off on Sept. 23 with currently 81 children registered and more already wanting to join! It is such a good feeling knowing children still want to attend and look forward to the program. Pioneer Club, like our VBS program, reaches far into the community! God continues to bless our program. We have new volunteers that have joined us in the kitchen, as drivers and as teachers. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! Without their continued support, we could not have this outreach. Continue to pray for a great year. Parents, thank you for your support. We are in partnership with you to help children develop their relationship, faith and knowledge of Christ. Thank you to our schools for working with us on transportation arrangements! You help us so much! Children are welcome to join any time, but transportation is limited.

Come and Take It News: The children and youth booth will sell sweets, roasted corn on the cob, sausage wraps, and turkey legs. I can still use donations of sweets to sell-pies, cakes, brownies, cookies, etc. **Sign up so I will know what is coming!** (No peanuts or refrigerated items) We sell out of almost every year! Call me if you have questions. **Parents, youth and children – Lots of open time slots left to fill on the Come and Take It sign up Board! We Need Cooks! Remember this is a children and youth fundraiser. Children, youth and parents are responsible for working the booth as the proceeds go to support our events!**

Children's Sabbath is Sunday, Oct 11. Children help with both services: greeters, ushers, readers, and Communion assistants. Contact me if your child would like to help. Signup sheets posted in the Narthex.

Hosanna Choir has started again and will **sing on Oct 11** for Children's Sabbath, both services. Practices are **Sun, Oct 4**, immediately after 2nd service in the choir room and **Wed, Oct 7** in the Sanctuary at 5pm. I can't wait to hear you! Hosanna Choir is open to all children and youth! Members really have fun working and singing with Mr. Craig and he does an amazing job with them! Contact me if interested in joining the Hosanna Choir!

Any children that wish to acolyte or carry in the Cross (2nd and up) please contact me. Remember we need 3 acolytes per service now. I'm happy to help you practice after 2nd service, just contact me.

2015 October Calendar and more

Fri- Sun, Oct 2– Oct 4 - Come and Take It Children and Youth Food Booth. We need parents, youth and children to sign up to work shifts! And bake goodies to sell! Thanks!

Sun, Oct 4 – Hosanna Choir practice after 2nd service in the choir room.

Wed, Oct 7 - Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm

Wed, Oct 7 – Hosanna Choir practice at 5pm in the Sanctuary.

Sun, Oct 11– Communion, Children's Sabbath, Children participating in both worship services

Sun, Oct 11 – Help Pastor Andy with worship and Communion at Romberg House.

Wed, Oct 14 – Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm.

Wed, Oct 21 - Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm.

Sun, Oct 25 – Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot in front of the church. Children's Ministry help needed to take pictures and with events. Come in costume! 5th & 6th graders- you can participate or you can get creative and host a game for younger children. This is a community wide event. Invite your neighbors and friends.

Wed, Oct 28 - Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm.

Fri, Oct 30 - Happy House Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.

Sun, Nov 8 - Rocky Creek Corn Maze trip. Details to come.

Mon-Tues, Nov, 23-24– Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas!

Wed, Nov 25 – No Pioneer Club, School is out for Thanksgiving break!

Thur, Nov 26 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Sun, Nov 29 – Decorate the Sanctuary Christmas tree with Chrismons during worship services!



Sweet Life!
DESSERT COMEDY THEATRE
Featuring Scott Davis

Tickets available now!

Saturday • October 17, 2015 • 6:00 PM

Discipleship News- The Gift of the Weekly Sabbath

Do you feel like you are busy? *Of course*, right? Do you ever feel, though, that you are *too* busy? You can't imagine adding one more thing on to your already filled-to-the-brim schedule of work obligations, your kids' sporting events, or even church activities! Many of us would probably agree that much of our life seems to be flying from one thing to another, just trying to hold on along the way. Here's another question: How do you think our busyness affects our relationship with God? At the very center of our relationship with God is setting aside time simply to be in His presence. How can we have that time with God when it seems like our schedules are constantly filled? The incredible reality is that God has not left us to try to figure this problem out on our own. Instead, He has given us a gift of rest: the weekly Sabbath.

"The word *Sabbath* comes from the Hebrew word that means "to cease, to stop working." It refers to doing nothing related to work for a twenty-four hour period each week. It refers to this unit of time around which we are to orient our entire lives as "holy," meaning "separate, a cut above" the other six days (Gen. 2:2-3). On Sabbaths we imitate God by stopping our work and resting" (author Peter Scazzero, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*).

Author Peter Scazzero lists four elements in his book, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, of a biblical Sabbath:

1. Stop

-“We stop on Sabbaths because God is on the throne, assuring us the world will not fall apart if we cease our activities.”

2. Rest

-“What do we do to replace all we are now stopping during our Sabbath time? The answer is simple: whatever delights and replenishes you.”

3. Delight

-“On Sabbaths, we are called to enjoy and delight in creation and its gifts.” Slow down and enjoy the simple joys of life around you: the taste of our food, the laughter of your kids, the smell of your morning coffee.

4. Contemplate

-“Pondering the love of God remains the central focus of our Sabbaths.” Taking time to be in worship with other believers, taking time to be still in God's presence, or taking time to study Scripture are all forms of contemplation.

Yes, it may seem radical, even crazy to consider taking a whole day of rest each week. The truth is, though, our lives of busyness without times of intentional rest will only lead to discouragement, burnout, and frustration. How about this week you take one day—even half a day—to trust in God's control and receive the gift of rest He has given us.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Do you have a heart for serving the elderly? Do you enjoy bringing smiles to peoples' faces? We are in serious need of volunteers to accompany us on monthly visits to our members who aren't able to leave their homes and who are in the local nursing homes. **If interested, please contact David Smith or Linnea Cowan. There are weekly visits on Tuesdays at 10 am.**

Wesley Nurse News ~ DENTAL HEALTH

We all want to prevent heart disease. The usual recommendations for prevention of cardiovascular disease are to lose weight if overweight, eat a healthy variety of foods, exercise regularly, and do not smoke. There is one more that may surprise you. Research shows a correlation between gum disease and heart disease because infection can travel from the mouth to the heart muscle. Who would have thought that brushing your teeth and flossing regularly might help prevent heart disease?

“Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.” 2 John

Aging is not synonymous with losing your teeth. Good dental care controls plaque, prevents cavities, gum disease, and tooth loss so seniors should continue their twice a year visits to the dentist. It is important to monitor chipped teeth or old fillings where bacteria can enter and cause cavities. Dentists can also treat dry mouth that again and certain medications can cause. Without saliva, the body loses another line for defense against bacteria. Illnesses such as diabetes or arthritis can also affect the immune system causing gum problems. These need to be discussed with the doctor and the dentist to find a solution.

Wesley Nurse Schedule:

- October 10th—Health Fair at Community Health Center. Call Krystal at 672-6511 for info on Free Mammograms.
- November- Planning is in progress for program/lunch on BALANCE by Ron Johnson, Physical Therapist to be held at First UMC
- Flex & Tone Exercise Class every Tues & Thur at 11 a.m., lead by Wesley Nurse.
- Walk Video Exercise Class every Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thur at 2 p.m., . lead by Wesley Nurse.
- Cancer Support Group 2nd Monday of every month at 12 noon in Narthex of First UMC
- Alzheimer Care Giver Support Group 1st Wed of every month at 1 p.m. at First UMC
- Consults for health education and resource information are available in Wesley Nurse office located on church grounds. Call Shirley Goss at 830-672-1031.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters”. -Colossians 3:23

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MEMORIALS 3rd Quarter 2015

HAROLD BRUNS

Jeff & Ann Menking-Stockton Building
Thomas & Saralynne Perryman-Stockton Building
Larry & Norma Ehrig-Stockton Building
Leslie & Deanie Ploeger-Stockton Building
Phil & Jackie Breitschopf-Stockton Building
Norman & Jean Burns
Tommy & Theresa Bruns-Stockton Building
Ralph, Lori, Thom & Travis Raabe-Stockton Building
Ruth Denman, Bryan, Ellen & Morgan Denman

AL GARRETT

Priscilla Finch
Jeff & Sammie Massie-Worship
Robert & Margie Culpepper
HMK61 YaHoo Group
Catherine Finch
Larry & Norma Ehrig-Missions
Michael & Christine Thiele & Family
Genelda Pruett & Donna Pruett
Wendy Lindemann
The Whitson Family
Leslie & Deanie Ploeger-Missions
Phil & Jackie Breitschopf
Oscar & Sherrill Durham-Missions
Bruce & Lisa Gindler-Stockton Building
Wanda Freeman-Missions
Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink
Norman & Jean Burns
Tommy & Theresa Bruns-Stockton Building
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Stockton Building
Paula Barr
Ruth Denman, Bryan, Ellen & Morgan Denman
Twan Brady-HH

BOB SPOON

Bob & Shirley Heath-Music
Norman & Jean Burns
Ruth Denman, Bryan, Ellen & Morgan Denman

MORRIS KECK

Bob & Shirley Heath-Music
Larry & Norma Ehrig-Music
Norman & Jean Burns

RUTH STEEN

Norman & Jean Burns

MARILYN QUALLS

Norman & Jean Burns
Ruth Denman, Bryan, Ellen & Morgan Denman

BILL MASSIE

Norman & Jean Burns
Ruth Denman, Bryan, Ellen & Morgan Denman

ALFRED SPHOHLER

Norman & Jean Burns

IMOGENE NATTRASS

Larry & Norma Ehrig

STEPHEN "BUBBA" PIRKLE

Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink-Youth

DEBBIE DAWE

Greg & Joan Griffin-Music

JOHN FLOYD

Ruth Denman, Bryan, Ellen & Morgan Denman

SUE GRAUKE

Ruth Denman, Bryan, Ellen & Morgan Denman

CHESTER LUCAS

Kenneth & Laverne Brzozowski-Worship
Matt & Lea Ann Wyant-Worship
John & Edith Lucas-Children's Ministry
Jeff & Dinah Braune Family-Youth
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Nancy Burns
Jeff & Sammie Massie-Worship
Erwin & Mary Ckudre-Children's Ministry
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald & Family
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

RUFUS "MICKEY" KING

Nancy Burns
Marian Gindler
Bill & Tommie McMurtry
Larry & Norma Ehrig
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family
Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer-HH
John & Edith Lucas
Jerry & Rebecca Poe-Stockton Building
Peggy & Houston Munson
Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman-Good Samaritan
Jane Johnson
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Norman & Jean Burns
Jeff & Sammie Massie-Worship
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

HERMAN HARRIS

Jane Boothe
Pal & Bethel Lester-Bereavement
Emmitt & Marie Currie
David & Sascha Kardosz-Children's Ministry
LaVerne Davis-Bereavement
Jeff & Dinah Braune Family-Youth
John & Edith Lucas-Children's Ministry
John & Erlene Zavadil
Kenneth & Laverne Brzozowski-Worship
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Sharon Hall
Donald Joe & Sandy Bennett-Bereavement
Curtis & Donna Cooper
Jay & Kara Socol
Erwin & Mary Ckdore-Prayer Shawl
Tom & Pam Lester-Stockton Building
Chris & Amy Thibodeaux
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Stockton Building
Mike, Sarah, JT, Wade & Will Miller-Scholarship
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family
Bill & Linda Webb
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
The Kerry Morgan Family

MATT SCHOMBURG

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Jane Johnson
Belle Witt
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
Marian Gindler
Bill & Gracie Ploetz
JIMMY CONDEL
John Parr Family-HH

Memorials Continued:

PAUL A. ALLEN, JR.

Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Jane Johnson
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family

JUANTIA BAXTER

Jane Boothe
Barry & Lauren Boothe

MIKE CHASTAIN

Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones

W.C. NEWBERRY

Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones

ROBERT "BOB" STAMPORT

Belle Witt
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvements
Billie Bruns-HH
Tom & Pam Lester-Stockton Building
Darren, Melissa, Travis & Allyson Schauer-Youth
Jack & DynaDuBose-Minter Scholarship
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
John & Edith Lucas-Stockton Building
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family
Bobby, Rebekah, Sadie & Grace Morgan-Youth

DIXIE WHITE

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

ROBERT BAKER

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

CHRIS VINCENT

John Parr Family-HH

BILL MCMURTRY

Jeff & Sammie Massie-Worship
Carolyn Harrell-Bereavement
Greg & Joan Griffin- Good Samaritan
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski
Tom & Pam Lester-Stockton Building
Marian Gindler & Missy Elmore
Pal & Bethel Lester-Bereavement
Norma Fink-Wesley Nurse
Bill & Juanita Blundell-Scholarship
Stephen & Kenna Lucas
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Thomas Stulting, Linda Stulting-Bereavement
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
Peggy Baros
Bill & Gracie Ploetz
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Stockton Building

LENORA JUREK

Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family
Emmitt & Marie Currie
John & Edith Lucas
Fred, Ann & Debbie Robinson-Bereavement

RONNIE DENKER

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

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**IN HONOR OF WILLA KECK**

Jane Johnson-Children's Ministry

**IN HONOR OF HAITI MISSION TEAM**

Jane Johnson

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**

**First Annual Meeting of the Rio Grande UMW Conference**

***PEACE WITH JUSTICE***

**Saturday and Sunday October 16-17, 2015**

**Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Rd. , San Antonio, Texas**

***Deadline ..... October 1, 2015***

**Friday, October 16, 2015**

**Registration ..... 1pm - 5pm**

**Program Resources Room ..... 1pm - 5:45pm**

**Workshops (See below) ..... 2pm - 4:45pm**

**2-3:15 Choose One --- Living Water or Where the Money Goes**

**3:30 - 4:45 Choose One --- Sustainability or Our National Mission Institutions**

**Banquet ..... 6:30pm**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

**Program Resource Room ..... 8 - 9am**

**Opening Devotion & Business ..... 9am**

**Luncheon ..... 12am - 1pm**

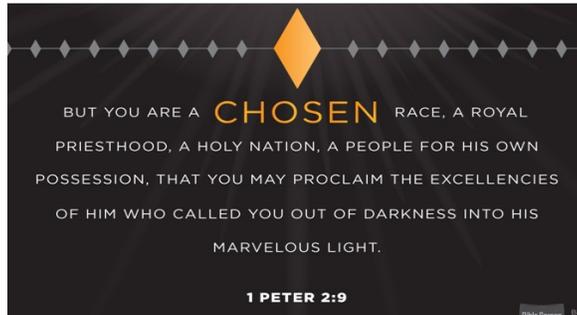
**Business & Closing Worship ..... 1:30pm**

**Let Cheryl Meadows know if you are interested in attending; 672-7711 or 830-857-6417. Flyer and Registration form available in the Church Office.**



# All things YOUTH

For the month of September, our youth group has entered into a new series called *Microphone*. In this series, we have been learning that we all have a voice and as Christians we have a platform to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ. We have discussed our platform to tithe not only our money, but also our time to our community. We have also discussed what it means to be a disciple of Christ and that as disciples God has given us a voice, a role and a purpose designed specifically by God. My prayer for this series is that students would grow and learn to use the voice God has given them—whether it be in the classroom, on the court/field, or at home—to proclaim who God is.



## IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITIES:

- ⇒ **Jr. High Youth: 4:00-5:00PM** \*Snacks are provided for Jr. High\*
- ⇒ **Sr. High Youth: 6:30-8:00PM** \*Dinner provided for Sr. High\*
- ⇒ Just a reminder that on Sunday night's we offer a bible study, which is open for Jr. & Sr. High. It will be up in the youth room and will meet every **Sunday evening 5:00-6:00PM**
- ⇒ **October 7<sup>th</sup>** is the *community pep rally* at the Apache Football Stadium. **NO YOUTH** this night.
- ⇒ **October 14<sup>th</sup>** is *Fields of Faith* put on by the high school FCA. Come to the Apache Football Stadium for a night of worship, fellowship and testimonies. **NO YOUTH** this night. More information to come.
- ⇒ **October 25<sup>th</sup>** is **TRUNK or TREAT**. Sign up to help lead games, pass out candy and food. More information to come.

## OCTOBER 2015

| Sunday                                     | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                  | Thursday | Friday           | Saturday               |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|
|                                            |        |         |                                                                            | 1        | 2<br><b>COME</b> | 3<br><b>&amp; TAKE</b> |
| 4<br><b>IT</b>                             | 5      | 6       | 7<br><b>COMMUNITY<br/>PEP RALLY</b>                                        | 8        | 9                | 10                     |
| 11<br><b>BIBLE<br/>STUDY<br/>5:00-6:00</b> | 12     | 13      | 14<br><b>FIELDS OF<br/>FAITH</b>                                           | 15       | 16               | 17                     |
| 18<br><b>BIBLE<br/>STUDY<br/>5:00-6:00</b> | 19     | 20      | 21<br><b>YOUTH<br/>GROUP<br/>Jr. High 4:00-5:00<br/>Sr. High 6:30-8:00</b> | 22       | 23               | 24                     |
| 25<br><b>TRUNK<br/>OR<br/>TREAT</b>        | 26     | 27      | 28<br><b>YOUTH<br/>GROUP<br/>Jr. High 4:00-5:00<br/>Sr. High 6:30-8:00</b> | 29       | 30               | 31                     |

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