



# FUMC Newsletter

## MARCH 2015

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## All things YOUTH

Hey everyone! I want to start off my first newsletter sharing how thankful David and I are! Y'all as a church have showered us with love, encouragement and hospitality, and in only being here THREE WEEKS we feel like a part of the family. Just moving here three weeks ago I know there are still people to meet, conversations to be had, and programs to be planned- so I ask in this NEW season for grace, love and patience- and know that David and I are excited for God's growth at FUMC!

### **MARCH MADNESS:**

Have you ever heard of the saying March Madness? I am no basketball pro but I know in the month of March begins a season of pure madness as college basketball playoffs begin. Although it is an exciting time it is also a time with a bit of chaos. That is how I would describe this March. Moving to Gonzales a few weeks ago to start a new job I have learned the truth that it is only Christ who is my strength. In this NEW season filled with new friendships, building a youth program, trying to set up a house and secretly plan a wedding I have truly realized that it is only CHRIST that is my strength and that through him all of these things can be done. Philippians 4:12-13 has become a huge source of encouragement and truth as we as a church enter into this exciting season. That we can do ALL THINGS through CHRIST who strengthens us!

### **IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITIES:**

**MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>: PARENTS MEETING!**

12:00-1:00PM in Fellowship Hall! A postcard with all the information was sent out earlier this week, but just a reminder to come for a time of fellowship and food while I share our vision and the role each of us play!

**MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>: SPRING BREAK WEEK!**

This entire week will be FILLED with activities ranging from movies, games, to a day trip to Palmetto State Park and bowling and Chinese in Seguin! Be on the look out this week for a postcard for all details!

**MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>: YOUTH SUNDAY!**

This is an opportunity for all youth and children to play a role on a Sunday morning! Contact Willa or I to see how you can serve!

### **QUICK REMINDER:**

Sunday School is EVERY Sunday at 9:45AM and Wednesday night is still JR HIGH 5:30-6:30PM, Dinner at 6:30 and SR High 6:30-8:00! For the month of March we will be studying WORSHIP, what it is and why we do it!

*Ruth Harnett*



*Altar Flowers for March are given by:*

*March 1*

Marian Gindler  
Bruce and Lisa Gindler  
Andy and Brent Gindler  
In Memory of Otto Gindler and Larry Gindler

Forrest and Sue Penney

*March 8*

“Twan” Brady  
In Memory of Bob Brady

Steve and Mary Willman  
In Honor of Our Mothers  
In Memory of Our Fathers

*March 15*

Raymond Neitsch  
In Memory of Jean Neitsch  
and Michael Neitsch

*March 22*

Bradley and J C. Avant  
Bobby and Connie Avant  
In Memory of Clyde and Jo B. Farmer

Kenneth, Doreen, and Travis Fink  
In Memory of Marvin A. Fink

Rusty Clampit Family  
In Memory of Our Loved Ones

*March 29*

Donna and Commie Hisey



**Happy House News**

Enrollment for 2015-2016 school year has taken off well and we still have a few spots left to fill in our 3 year old class enrollment. We have waiting list for the 2 and 4 year old classes.



Our program is Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m. Enrollment forms are available in the church office or school office.

We also have a teacher’s position opening for next school year. Any questions please call 672-7879, 830-387-9516 or email [happyhouse@gvec.net](mailto:happyhouse@gvec.net).

Sandra Jandt, Happy House

**Haiti 2015: June 25 - July 1**

**Next Haiti** planning meeting is **Sunday, March 1** at 6pm in the fellowship hall.

Registration Deadline is **March 18** along with a \$100 deposit.



**Staff**

Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor  
Ruth Harnett, Youth Pastor  
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



Thank you seems like totally inadequate words to describe how I'd like to show my gratitude to all of you who sent cards and helped put on such a wonderful luncheon after Bob's grave side service.

I am so lucky to be part of a caring, thoughtful church family.

Love in Christ,  
Shirley Spoon

I certainly appreciate the "Gift in Memory" in Bob's name which was given by the members of the Lenore Boothe Circle. Thank you, ladies.

Love to you all,  
Shirley Spoon

Much thanks to the people who provided and served the food to the family of Bob and Shirley Spoon. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and especially the delicious food. The tables were set to welcome us and were beautiful. Again thank you all.

Sincerely,  
Gene & Linda Iley  
Brother & sister in law of Shirley Spoon

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for your prayers & words of comfort and encouragement during Marge's recent health challenge.

Special thanks to the ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl.

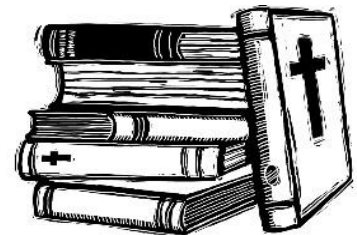
Yours in Christ,  
Marge & Larry Frye

## Book Club News

Our February selection was Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. The book is a coming-of-age novel, told by the thirteen-year-old son of a Methodist minister in New Bremen, Minnesota, a small town where everyone knows everyone else and their business (sound familiar?). A series of deaths in the summer of 1961 create the action and the mystery of the story which is told in a very readable manner; the result of the deaths and the intrigue surrounding them lead to numerous instances of God's grace, ordinary and extraordinary. A very interesting read that touches on many of life's problems from a simpler time but which still plague us as a society. We met on February 26 with Norma Fink as our leader.

Our choice for March is The Nazi Officer's Wife by Edith Hahn Beer, the true story of a woman who survived World War II in Austria and Germany, including time in a labor camp. Her story is one of deceit, cruelty, hardship coupled with acts of bravery, love, and honor during that difficult time. The group is looking forward to an excellent discussion led by Fran Jackson on March 26; please join us at 9:30 in the church library. Everyone is welcome.

If you have questions (or suggestions for books for us to read), please call 830-672-9307. We often get suggestions for books from non-book club members, so we are open to ideas, as well as new members or visitors.



Martha Jo Whitt

### STATISTICAL REPORT JANUARY 2015

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
4	97	117	214	68	\$ 20,605.50
11	104	113	217	73	\$ 16,159.75
18	118	142	260	78	\$ 7,606.50
25	107	139	246	77	\$ 9,918.76
<b>TOTALS:</b>	426	541	937	296	<b>\$ 54,290.51</b>
<b>AVERAGES:</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>74</b>	

**TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: \$ 53,514.57**  
**NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: \$ 775.94**  
**APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 1%**

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Bruce Gindler	3/15	Lu Ann Shelton	3/24	Ruth Denman
3/2	Christian Almaguer		Brady Herndon		Ethan Mendel
	Lane Mills	3/16	Kenneth Brzozowski		Tina Lyles
3/3	Randon Ulcak	3/17	Jayne Finch		Bobby Avant
	J.R. Ryan		Wade Witzkoske		Lisa Brown
3/4	Kelley McNabb		Valorie Daniel	3/25	Dale Schellenberg
	Lanece Gibson		Kenneth Fink		Joshua Malaer
	Mike Mendel		Dorothy Tenberg		Jessica Arledge
	Barbara Blanchard	3/18	LaVerne Davis		Case Petras
	Greta Sommers		Donovan Brooks	3/26	Virginia Hallmark
3/5	Carolyn Harrell		Weston Ruddock		Martin Dawe
	Clay Keefe		Addison LaTourette	3/27	Jane Johnson
3/7	Bill Blundell	3/19	John Boyd		Heather Henry
	Mary Lena Kosser	3/21	Alvin Lacy		Allyson Kusak
3/9	Robbie Harris		Elsie Mosher	3/28	Victor Dolezal
3/10	Kelly Allen		Hadley Borrer	3/29	Maggie Barnick
3/11	Ryan Kocian		Brody Borrer		Allyson Schauer
	Audrey Thibodeaux	3/22	Avery Wilson		Larry Frye
	Wade Zella		Laura Wolting		Presley Tuch
3/12	Kathie McLain		Jase Ehrig		Abigail Hornung
	Sarah Gottwald	3/23	Forrest Penney	3/30	Nathan Medellin
3/13	Trey Lester		Jason Ploetz	3/31	Mike Miller
3/14	Blakely Mercer		Baron DuBose		Houston Munson, III
	Judy Gentry				



## ANNIVERSARIES



3/3	Ronnie & Christina Menking
	Bruce & Lisa Gindler
3/6	Bill & Juanita Blundell
3/7	Matt & Cheryl Atkinson
3/14	David & Leslie Bird
3/17	John & Kathy Boyd
3/18	Bert, Jr. & Frances Ehrig
	David & Jeanette Pruett
3/23	Lance & Kelsie Remschel
3/30	Dakota & Sierra Brown



**Daylight Savings Time begins March 8th. Be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.**



# MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>March 1, 2015</b> 	<b>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</b> Cole Boothe Morgan Boothe Ancel Atkinson Emmitt Currie (Lead) Jimmy Borrer Erwin Ckudre Gary Clack Bill DeBerry Martha Jo Whitt Willa Keck	<b>10:45 A.M. SERVICE</b> Landon Holub Grace Morgan Sadie Thibodeaux Pal Lester (Lead) Tom Lester Sr. Beverly Malatek Cheryl Meadows Bobby Morgan Dick Goss Willa Keck	<u><b>ACOLYTES</b></u>  <u><b>USHERS</b></u>  <u><b>LITURGIST</b></u> <u><b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b></u>
<b>March 8, 2015</b>	<b>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</b> Brody Borrer Hadley Borrer Quinn Atkinson Emmitt Currie (Lead) Kenneth Fink Dena Fritz Herman Grauke Joe Britt Hindman Gary Clack Lisa Gindler	<b>10:45 A.M. SERVICE</b> Paisley Ploeger Slone Gibson Nicholas Casares Pal Lester (Lead) Ray Neitsch Mary Tomas Justin Pope Kelly Allen Shirley Goss Lisa Gindler	<u><b>ACOLYTES</b></u>  <u><b>USHERS</b></u>  <u><b>LITURGIST</b></u> <u><b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b></u>
<b>March 15, 2015</b>	<b>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</b> Mallory Clack Braden Clampit Sydney Clack Emmitt Currie (Lead) John Lucas Ronnie Menking Travis Schauer Greg Sengelmann Haley Clampit Commie Hisey	<b>10:45 A.M. SERVICE</b> Macy Sample Kiley Allen Trent Wilkerson Pal Lester (Lead) Dick Goss Shirley Goss David Bird Jeffery Braune Lisa Gindler Commie Hisey	<u><b>ACOLYTES</b></u>  <u><b>USHERS</b></u>  <u><b>LITURGIST</b></u> <u><b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b></u>
<b>March 22, 2015</b> <b>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</b> <b>10:45 A.M. SERVICE</b>  <i><b>Children &amp; Youth Sunday</b></i> <i><b>Worship Assistants to be announced.</b></i>			
<b>March 29, 2015</b> 	<b>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</b> Ashtyn Kardosz Brendon Mercer Cade Davis Emmitt Currie (Lead) John Whitt Martha Jo Whitt Commie Hisey Steve Taylor Marie Currie Pastor Andy	<b>10:45 A.M. SERVICE</b> Peyton Ruddock Weston Ruddock Weldon Holub Pal Lester (Lead) Jim Benedict Jenice Benedict Bitsy Henderson Mike Davis Pam Lester Pastor Andy	<u><b>ACOLYTES</b></u>  <u><b>USHERS</b></u>  <u><b>LITURGIST</b></u> <u><b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b></u>

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

# March 2015

March 2015

April 2015

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Mar 1 - 7	<b>Mar 1</b> COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Youth Parent Meeting-FC 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR 6:00pm 6:30pm Haiti Meeting-FC	<b>2</b> 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	<b>3</b> 9:30am Private Event-N 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-P55	<b>4</b> 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Lenten Service & Luncheon 1:00pm Alzheimer Support Group 2:00pm WN Exercise-F 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	<b>5</b> 9:30am Communion @ Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-P55	<b>7</b>	
	Mar 8 - 14	<b>8</b> 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S	<b>9</b> 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	<b>10</b> 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Wesleyan Circle-N 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-P55 6:00pm Quilt Group-FC	<b>11</b> Spring Break		<b>12</b> 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-P55
Mar 15 - 21		<b>15</b> 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	<b>16</b> 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	<b>17</b> 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-P55	<b>18</b> 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Lenten Service & Luncheon 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	<b>19</b> 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting-FC	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00am 10:30am Bridal Shower for Ruth-N 2:00pm Private Event-N
	Mar 22 - 28	<b>22</b> Children & Youth Sunday 8:30am Worship-S 9:30am Brunch-FC 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	<b>23</b> 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	<b>24</b> 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-P55	<b>25</b> 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Lenten Service & Luncheon 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	<b>26</b> 9:30am Book Club-L 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB 6:30pm Finance Committee Mtg.-P55 7:00pm Ad Council-CR	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-P55	<b>28</b> District Youth Rally-Seg
Mar 29 - Apr 4		<b>29</b> Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:00pm Private Event 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	<b>30</b> 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	<b>31</b> 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-P55	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## Children's Corner

With the new year, we have had a wonderful addition to our staff, Ruth Harnett, our new Youth Pastor! To children and their parents, I encourage you to get to know Ruth and her fiancé, David. This is your child's future! I encourage the 6th graders to continue their journey with Christ by attending youth programs with Ruth as soon as they are old enough! Don't stop once you have moved on from Pioneer Club! Ruth and I work closely together and I see such Joy and Love for Christ in her. I want your children to experience her Joy and Love!

### Calendar of Events:

**Sun, Mar 1 - 2:30pm** – Help Pastor Andy with Worship and Communion at Romberg House.

**Wed, Mar 4** – Pioneer Club afterschool – 5:30pm.

**Sun, Mar 8 - Hosanna Choir practice** in the choir room after 2nd service. Preparing for Children and Youth services on March 22 and Palm Sunday, March 29

**Mar 9-13** - Spring Break for GISD. Have fun and be safe!

**Wed, Mar 11** – No Pioneer Club, but activity planned for Thursday.

**Thur, Mar 12 - Children's event at church. Join us for a Service project around the church, Fun, Fellowship and Legos!! Children's Ministry has purchased sets of Legos! Come build and get creative! Lunch provided. Parents and volunteers welcomed and needed!**

**Sun, Mar 15 - Hosanna Choir practice** in the choir room after 2nd service.

**March 16-21** - Start filling Easter Eggs! Please let me know if you can help! I have plenty of eggs and will provide candy!

**Wed, Mar 18 - Hosanna Choir practice in Sanctuary** at 5 or 5:15pm.

**Wed, Mar 18 – Pioneer Club, afterschool - 5:30pm.** Pioneer Club classes will transfer butterfly larva to their new homes during class times!

**Sun, Mar 22 - Children and Youth Services.** Children and youth lead Worship for both services. Hosanna Choir singing at both services. Brunch in the Fellowship Hall between services. **Parents - I am asking you to provide breakfast foods for the brunch! and help with set up before services begin! Contact Willa or Ruth for more information.**

**Wed, Mar 25** - Spaghetti Supper Tickets go on Sale and sign up to help!

**Wed, Mar 25 - Hosanna Choir Practice** in Sanctuary at 5pm.

**Wed, Mar 25** – Pioneer Club, afterschool – 5:30pm.

**Sun, Mar 29 - Palm Sunday - Hosanna Choir leads Palm Processional. All Children participating in Palm Processional gather in the Narthex @ 8:20 for 1st service and 10:30am. for 2nd service. Hosanna Choir meets at 8am in Sanctuary for warm up.**

### *Important Upcoming Dates*

**Wed, April 1 - Easter Egg Hunt at 5:15pm. meet in the fellowship hall.**

**Sun, April 5 – Happy Easter and Butterfly Release!**

**Wed, April 15 - Last Day of Pioneer Club**

**Wed, April 22 - Help prepare for Spaghetti Supper**

**Fri, April 24 - Spaghetti Supper**

### *Camping Opportunities*

**Basic Training Camp at Cathedral Oaks-July 26-29.** For all exiting 3rd through exiting 5th grade. Contact Willa for more information and if interested in attending! Camp fills quickly. Registration forms are not available yet.

**July 13-17 - SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School!!** Theme this year is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power, 5:30pm-8:30pm. Start thinking about how you can help with this awesome community wide event.

**Lego camp-** August 3-7, Watch for more details to come!

## Wesley Nurse News

### “BRAIN INJURY”

The scriptures tell us about God’s laws: “No temporal commandment gave I, ... for my commandments are spiritual”. This means that His commandments concerning our physical state are for our spiritual good. When we keep the Lord’s law of health and obey his other commandments, the Lord promises to bless us physically and spiritually. One brain injury that we may encounter in our lifetime with a family member is a **stroke**. A stroke is a medical emergency. The more common kind, ischemic stroke, is caused by a clot that blocks or plugs a vessel in the brain. The other kind, called hemorrhagic stroke, is caused by a blood vessel that breaks and bleeds into the brain. “Mini” strokes, or transient ischemic attacks (TIAs), occur when the blood supply to the brain is briefly interrupted. **Symptoms of a stroke are: \*Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg (especially on one side of the body) \*Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech\* Sudden severe headache with no known cause \*Sudden trouble walking dizziness, loss of balance or coordination\* Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.** If you have any of these symptoms, you must get to a hospital quickly to begin treatment. Acute stroke therapies try to stop a stroke while it is happening by quickly dissolving the blood clot or by stopping the bleeding. **Managing blood pressure** is the most important thing you can do to lessen your risk for stroke, **treatment f or High blood pressure can save your life. High blood pressure damages your arteries so they burst or clog more easily.** Discuss your history and family history with your primary health professional to determine potential risk factors for hypertension and stroke. Your

Wesley Nurse, Shirley Goss

## GONZALES MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE 2015 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>LUNCH HOST</u>
February 18	Paul Smith	Belmont & Monthalia UMC
February 25	Scott Massey	Emmanuel Fellowship
March 4	Forrest Hamilton	Faith Family Church
March 11	Paul Raaz	Catholic Community
March 18	Gene Wilson	Eastside Baptist Church
March 25	Jesse Elizondo	Two Rivers Bible Church
April 1	Chris Irving	First Baptist Church

Services will be held at First Baptist Church at Noon  
with lunch to follow in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Center.



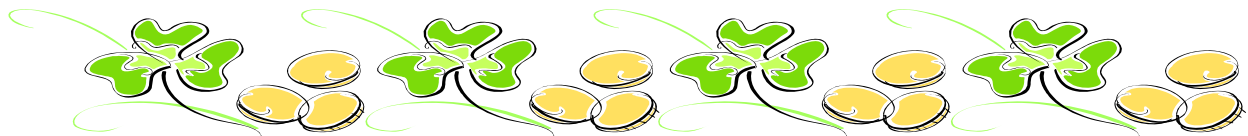
# United Methodist Women News



On Monday, February 2nd in the Narthex, we held the UMW study entitled, "How Is It With Your Soul?" led by Pastor Andy Smith. We were blessed to have twenty-five ladies and one gentleman present. Six ladies came from the Cuero UMW unit, three joined us from Smiley UMW, with one coming from Victoria Webster Chapel and one from William Taylor in Luling. Fourteen from the Gonzales church were in attendance.

Pastor Andy led the group through thought-provoking discussions based on the first four chapters of the book -- "pray," "learn," "mentor" and "transform." John Wesley encouraged persons to meet in the small groups to a pattern or "method" of investigating the nature of one's own soul by asking the question, "How is it with your soul?" Wesley taught that through prayer, fasting, reading scripture, participating in the Eucharist weekly, mentoring others and transforming souls, one could become more "Christ like" -- the goal of every Christian.

Everyone enjoyed a lunch of soup, sandwiches, and dessert.



## Victoria District Retreat

Need a day apart from the stress and confusion of everyday life???????

**Saturday, March 14th** at Cathedral Oaks Worship and Retreat Center, the Victoria District United Methodist Women will host a retreat entitled, A Multicourse Meal: Food, Scripture, & Fun by Marsha Preismeyer. The group will gather between 8:30 and 9:00 AM and continue until around noon when lunch will be provided. The program will continue with one session after lunch and end with communion. Everyone should be on the road between 2 and 3 PM.

Registration deadline is **March 6, 2015**. Cost for the event is \$15.00 if your form is sent to Maxine Ross at P.O. Box 1051, Victoria, Texas 77902. Her phone number is 361-573-4938 if you can't meet the deadline. Late registration is \$18.00.

Cheryl Meadows will be attending so let me know if you want to carpool.

## *EARTH ANGELS*

Earth Angels are always creating projects to benefit local citizens and local groups. Our latest endeavors are a block-sharing Gonzales-themed quilt project, a sew day in April, and a summer retreat as well as continuing to produce quilts to share with others.

We wish to thank Shirley Spoon for her generous donation of lovely fabric that will be put to good use.

Women who are interested in quilting make up our group called Earth Angels. Meetings are usually held at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, in the First United Methodist Church 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. Earth Angels also enjoy going on road trips to area quilt shops and quilt shows. Fellowship and sharing play a major role in Earth Angels. Feel free to visit our next meeting on March 10, 2015; we'd love to have you.



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