FUMC Newsletter

APRIL 2015

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Children and Youth Sunday was this past March 22. Hannah Keck and Travis Schauer gave wonderful messages about God's constant presence in the ever-changing seasons of our lives. The special music from our children was inspiring. The children's sermon by Emmi Morgan was a powerful reminder of our need to let God's light shine through us. I'm grateful for ***everyone*** who participated and served in both services. We are blessed with such wonderful children and youth and with a church that welcomes their presence and leadership. God is good!

I must say, I thought it was clever how Hannah opened her sermon. She apologized to the congregation for not having any NASCAR jokes or references, causing someone in the 8:30 service to say NASCAR itself was a joke. (which I thought was funny!) Then at the 10:45 service, the congregation ***enthusiastically*** applauded Hannah's opening statement!

Some things do get old, like constant references to NASCAR and Ford in Sunday morning sermons! I'm not sure I will ever wane from my enthusiasm for such things. It's just who I am! After all, I'm not a Longhorn, Aggie, or Baylor Bear…so what else am I supposed to talk about?

I can, however, see how some things get old because of repetition. No one likes to say, hear, or do the same thing over and over again. We like variety and a change of pace. But does this apply to everything? I ask this because Easter is right around the corner. We have gone through many Easter seasons and heard the resurrection story countless times. Does this ever get old for you? Do you ever find yourself taking this for granted?

Remember…Easter is everything! The empty tomb is the only place where we can get something from nothing! And that something is God's incredible grace and mercy. I hope Easter never gets old for you and pray that God will bless you in a special way and grant you new and abundant life. Happy resurrection day! See you Sunday!

In Christ's Service,
Andy (Go Ford!)

Coming in May…

On Sunday, May 3 join Texas State's favorite a cappella singing sensation VocaLibre under the direction of Craig Aamot for an inspiring and engaging day of music making in Gonzales. This free half-day festival welcomes singers in grades 3-12 for a day of fun and learning, culminating in an evening performance featuring VocaLibre and the "Festival Choir." The day will be interactive, with members of VocaLibre working with the singers. The festival will include:

-Lessons on singing technique, posture, breath and resonance.
-Age-appropriate music ranging from classic to "pop" a cappella.
-Musical games for our younger singers.
-Advanced techniques and creating a contemporary a cappella cover for our older singers.
-An inspirational combined mass-choir piece to close the evening concert.

Look for more information in your upcoming church bulletins and the May newsletter.

The bereavement committee is in need of plastic left over containers.
If you have some you can spare please bring them to the church kitchen.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Thursday, April 2: Holy Thursday

6:00p.m. Holy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 5: EASTER

6:30a.m. Sunrise Service at the Amphitheater

7:15a.m. Easter Breakfast FUMC Fellowship Hall

8:30a.m. Easter Sunday Service

10:25a.m. Butterfly Release

10:45a.m. Easter Sunday Service

EARTH ANGELS

Earth Angels continue to create projects to benefit others. Our latest endeavors include a block-sharing, Gonzales-themed quilt project, a sew day in April, and a summer retreat as well as continuing to produce quilts for sharing.

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 April 14, 2015; we'd love to have you.

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

Monthly Communion & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

Meet in the small chapel at Noon for a 30 minute service. It is a great to renew yourself during the work week. Afterwards we eat lunch in the narthex. All are welcome!

If you would like to help by fixing the meal served at the Prayer Luncheons please contact the Felicia at 672-8521.

Book Club News

Our March selection was The Nazi Officer's Wife by Edith Hahn Beer. This true story told of the bravery and struggles of a Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust, even marrying a Nazi officer. Edith, an Austrian, toiled in a labor camp picking vegetables and making boxes. Several stories of sacrifice and bravery by Jews and Gentiles alike made the book inspirational and intriguing. Our discussion was ably led by Fran Jackson.

April has been poetry month for several years. Each member chooses a favorite poem or book of poetry to share with the group. April is also when we choose our new books for the next six months (May through October). Members bring suggestions for books to read, and we are open to suggestions from non-members. Call me if you have a book you think we would like: 672-9307.

Also, remember that we welcome new members and/or visitors. We will meet again on Thursday, April 23 at 9:30 in the church library. Please come and bring a poem!

Martha Jo Whitt

It's time to start working on the New Flower Calendar to run from July, 2015 through June, 2016. We have been so blessed to have had two arrangements several Sundays besides Communion this years. A Huge Thank You to all of you who gave so generously, and to our florists who provide us with such amazing, beautiful arrangements. This year's request form will be bright green, so look for it coming soon in your mail. I love forward to working with you for another year.

Love in Christ,
Sue Penney

Thank You

Dear FUMC & Earth Angels,

We would like to express deep appreciation and gratitude for the diapers and beautiful quilt for Clay. We feel grateful to be members of a church full of kind and generous people.

Love, The Wyants
Matt, Lea Ann, Kenley & Clay

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for your prayers that God answered, your cards, food & flowers. Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming during my illness. Your kindness is so appreciated. Thank you Church Family.

Myrtle Ann Robinson

Dear Church Family,

The family of Sue Grauke would like to thank everyone for the food, phone calls and cards during our time of loss. Words can not express how much this has meant to us. We greatly appreciate Andy coming to the hospital and staying with us and for the beautiful service for Mom. We are so proud to be a part of such a wonderful, loving church family.

Herman Grauke
Loretta, Tyree, Ashley & Robert Schurig
Carolyn, Jason, Layne & Jasey Rogers

My Dear Friends,

I am so blessed to have a church family such as you. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers and food mean so much when you are recovering from surgery.

Your continuing support is wonderful! God bless each of you.

Love, Maydell

Dear Church Members,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, and help with medical costs. God has given us such a blessing in this church family. May the Lord bless and keep you all.

John Boyd

Dear First UMC,

Thank you to the most special congregation in Gonzales. All of your thoughts and prayers have been felt and appreciated. We are very luck to have Andy & family. I still need prayers.

Thank you again,
Teresa Reed

Dear Marie & Bereavement Committee,

Thank you so much for a truly beautiful & wonderful lunch you all did for Robert's service. Everything was perfect-chicken, sandwiches, chips & dips and fruit grays were all wonderful & the tables so beautiful. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Blanchard & Family

To the Earth Angels,

You are each so special and the quilt you gave me seems like it was chosen by me! It couldn't be more perfect. I've found if I'm feeling down or alone, all I have to do is hold it and say a prayer and my day is turned around. You are all truly blessed with an amazing talent.

Thank you,
Teresa Reed

Thank you all so much for the Love Offering. It is wonderful to have a such a great Church family. Thank you for your prayers. God is walking this journey with us. May God bless & keep you all.

The John Boyd Family

STATISTICAL REPORT FEBRUARY, 2015

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
1	107	118	225	69	$ 12,806.00
8	97	151	252	73	$ 13,357.75
15	132	136	268	70	$ 7,717.55
22	119	148	267	85	$ 10,475.41
TOTALS:	455	553	1012	297	**$ 44,356.71**
AVERAGES:	***114***	***138***	***253***	***74***	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 53,443.18
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 9,086.47
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 24%

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01	Coby Pruett	4/10	Dorothy Green	4/19	Joe Qualls
	Daniel Sullivan		Kegan Kay		Billy Ploetz
4/02	Bert Ehrig, Jr.		Kevin Bird		Kiley Braune
	Dustin Pish		Kaylee Pearson		Chase Arledge
	Heather Ramsey		Thomas Hardcastle	4/22	Katie Garrett
4/03	Jean Burns	4/12	Julie Lester	4/23	Derrick Lester
	Paisley Gibson		Crystal Ehrig	4/24	Commie Hisey
4/04	Ruth Minyard		Joshua Massey		Gene Reed
	Bruddy Brown	4/13	Loni Lester		Megan Massey
	Cheryl Atkinson		Jared Poteet	4/25	Travis Thibodeaux
	Angela Witzkoske	4/14	Travis Fink		Kenley Wyant
	Valerie Cantu		Coby Witzkoske		Zackary Brown
4/05	Christina Menking	4/15	Robert Cowan	4/26	Crystal M. Boyd
	Kellie Staton		Lucas Hurt		Paisley Ploeger
	Hunter Williams		George Gescheidle		Braelyi Williams
4/08	Ralph Raabe	4/17	Karen Vaughan	4/27	Anita Hornung
	Megan Keck	4/18	Clyde Bond	4/28	Tonya Eppright
	Kaylin Petras		Steve Willman	4/29	Akiko Rockers
4/09	Keeton Ehrig		Gene Kridler		Wesley Brown
	Jacob Bird			4/30	Cory Riedel

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

4/02	Kenna and Stephen Lucas	4/25	Rebekah and Bobby Morgan
4/06	Sue and Forrest Penney	4/26	Mary and Erwin Ckodre
4/09	Geralyn and Joseph Matejcek	4/27	Shylo and Randon Ulcak
4/20	Keri & Billy Hornung		Susanne & Kirk Bennett
4/22	Linda and Jim Arledge	4/29	Jennifer and Garrick Davis
	Shelley and Randall Thomas		

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

Altar Flowers for April are given by:

April 5 ~ Easter Lilies

April 12 ~ Kenneth and Sue Gottwald-In Honor of Our Families

April 19 ~ Jeff and Dinah Braune-In Memory of Douglas Barabas and Elmo Braune
Kelly Allen-In Memory of Sandy Allen, In Honor of Arline and Percy Pettus
Bill and Barbara DeBerry-In Honor of the Music Department
Barry and Lauren Boothe

April 26~ The Bobby Morgan Family-In Memory of Trista
Brody, Hadley, Brendon, Kenzie, MC, Blakely & Hunter-In Honor of Nana and Papaw

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 5, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Megan Tenberg	Kylee Watson	**ACOLYTES**
	Brendon Mercer	Baron DuBose	
	Chase Heldarsen	Sadie Morgan	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Sue Boothe	Eldon Farek	
	Billy Boothe	Greg Griffin	
	Jimmy Borrer	Tom Lester, Sr.	
	Erwin Ckodre	Beverly Malatek	
	Allison Davis	Cheryl Meadows	**LITURGIST**
	Willa Keck	Willa Keck	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

April 12, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Cole Boothe	Morgan Farrar	**ACOLYTES**
	Morgan Boothe	Faith Lester	
	Jaylen Johnson	Sadie Thibodeaux	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Gary Clack	Cheryl Meadows	
	Bill DeBerry	Bobby Morgan	
	Kenneth Fink	Ray Neitsch	
	Dena Fritz	Leslie Ploeger	
	Johnnie Fogle	Deanie Ploeger	**LITURGIST**
	Lisa Gindler	Lisa Gindler	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

April 19, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Mallory Clack	Ava Medellin	**ACOLYTES**
	Braden Clampit	Grace Morgan	
	Josie Stowers	Trent Wilkerson	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Herman Grauke	Mary Tomas	
	Joe Britt Hindman	Justin Pope	
	John Lucas	Kelly Allen	
	Ronnie Menking	David Bird	
	Rosannah Green	J. Lynn Barnick	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

April 26, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Brody Borrer	Slone Gibson	**ACOLYTES**
	Hadley Borrer	Paisley Ploeger	
	Daniel Sullivan	Nicholas Casares	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Commie Hisey	Bitsy Henderson	
	Steve Taylor	Mike Davis	
	Travis Schauer	Dick Goss	
	Greg Sengelmann	Shirley Goss	
	Dale Graham	Kelly Allen	**LITURGIST**
	Emmitt Currie	Emmitt Currie	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

April 2015

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May 2015

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 29 - Apr 4	Mar 29	30	31	Apr 1 8:30am Happy House-Easter Egg Hu 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Lenten Service 1:00pm Alzheimer Supp 2:00pm WN Exercise-F 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:15pm Easter Egg Hun 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	2 Holy Thursday 9:30am Communion @ Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:00pm Holy Thursday Service-S 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	3 Good Friday Office Closed 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	4 Private Event-FH
Apr 5 - 11	5 COMMUNION SUNDAY EASTER SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:20am Butterfly Release 10:45am Worship-S 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House	6 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	7 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS 6:00pm Happy House Board Meeting	8 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	9 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	10 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	11 12:00pm Private Event-N
Apr 12 - 18	12 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Fajita Dinner-FC 3:00pm RFL Decorate for Survivor Dinner 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	13 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 6:00pm Relay for Life Survivor Dinner-FC 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	14 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-PSS 6:00pm Quilt Group-FC	15 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Communion Prayer Service-N & C 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club-Last Day 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	16 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting-FC	17	18
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Apr 26 - May 2	26 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	27 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	28 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS	29 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	30 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Gonzales High School Shattered Dreams (FH) 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	May 1	2

Children's Corner

Wed, April 1 - *Easter Egg Hunt!* Children attend Pioneer Club classes then all children gather in the fellowship hall between 5 and 5:15pm for Easter Egg Hunt. "Hunting Sacks" provided! Egg Hunt starts at 5:15pm. Redeem your tickets for prizes**.** Parents bring your cameras! **All children are invited!**

Thur, April 2 - *Holy Thursday Service* @ 6pm in Sanctuary.
Sun, April 5 – Happy Easter!! Christ has Risen!! Invite your friends and family to worship. **Butterfly release between services @ 10:25am. All invited!!**
Wed, April 8 - Pioneer Club, afterschool till 5:30pm.
Sun, April 12 - *Fajita Lunch Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser @noon.* Dine in or take out-$8. See Ruth for tickets.
Wed, April 15 - Pioneer Club, afterschool till 5:30pm.
Sun, April 19 – Happy House Children singing at both services.
Wed, April 22 - Help prepare for Spaghetti Supper – put up curtains, move tables, decorate, wash roasters and pots, wrap silverware, etc. No afterschool pick up.
Thur, April 23 – Prep Work for Spaghetti Supper.
Fri, April 24 - **Spaghetti Supper!! Start cooking sauce at 8:00am! Butter bread, make salad, make tea, and be ready to serve at 4:30pm. This is the 47th year of Spaghetti Supper and takes many hands to make it happen!! We need parents, youth and children to cook, serve, and clean-up. Additional outside station set up to help cut wait time down. But more hands needed to fill to go plates!** Profits go to the children and youth! Tickets on sale now from youth and children. The community is looking forward to our "Methodist Spaghetti". Thank you in advance for helping!
May 3 – **Vocalibre Choral Workshop 2-5pm, for 3rd–12th grade**. Craig Aamot Directing. Concert @ 7pm in Sanctuary! Watch for more information! Open to Community Children and Youth! Vocalibre is singing at the 10:45am Service!!

Camping Opportunities
June 1 – June 4 and June 8 – June 11 Palmetto State Park Day camps – June 1–June 4 & June 8–June 11. For ages 8-12. $119 Contact Rena Gray at 857-3889 for more information and registration.
June 8-12 – First Baptist Church VBS
July 13-17 - SAVE THE DATE for VBS!! Theme this year is Everest 5:30pm-8:30pm. **Start thinking about how you can help with this awesome community outreach program!** Let me know now if you can volunteer! Remember how many kids we reach each summer and how many helping hands the program requires!!
July 26-29 - **Cathedral Oaks Basic Training Camp** for exiting 3rd-5th. Registration forms have been mailed to last year's campers. New campers contact me about registering. If your child is interested, call me. 857-6630
Aug 3-7 - Play-Well Lego Day Camp at First UMC. 3 different camps offered this year-Solar, Jedi, and Engineering!! Learn Engineering and Physics! 2 age groups, ages 5-7 (9:00am-noon) and ages 8-12 (1:00pm – 4:00pm). **Registration starts in May for Congregation.** Limited spaces so register early. Registration open to everyone June 15. wkeck@gvec.net 857-6630

Wesley Nurse News ~ Gardening Safety

Dear Church family: Spring gives us such pleasure as we see everything coming back to life, and it's a reminder of the new life that we have through Christ's resurrection. Consider a garden and treat it as a sport. Warm up and stretch the muscles before beginning. Plan your work carefully to avoid injuries. Dress appropriately. Protect your hearing when using machinery. Use sunscreen with SPF factor. Remember good body mechanics: When lifting heavy bags of dirt or mulch keep your back straight, bend your knees, lift with the legs, and hold objects close to your body. Change it up: Use different muscle groups and minimize the repetitive stress placed on joints and extremities by frequently changing activities. Use a cushion, stool, or small bench when weeding: the support helps reduce stress placed on knees and spine from gardening movements. Take frequent breaks: By stopping to stretch, getting a drink or just enjoying the progress every half hour, you minimize your chance of injury or dehydration.
"I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me." Hosea 14:8
We can learn lessons about God from our garden since the cycle of plant life is just like the cycle of people. The process of preparing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting takes great care and can't be rushed. Plants need the right soil, mixture of water, and amount of sunlight to grow to their full potential. God does the same for us, He offers us His love, adds His presence, and encourages us through our faith, church, and family, Like the plant, our spiritual life is a journey through life's ups and downs. With God's guidance we come to full bloom and bear God's love to all of those around us.

From your Wesley Nurse, Shirley Goss Office Phone 830-672-1031

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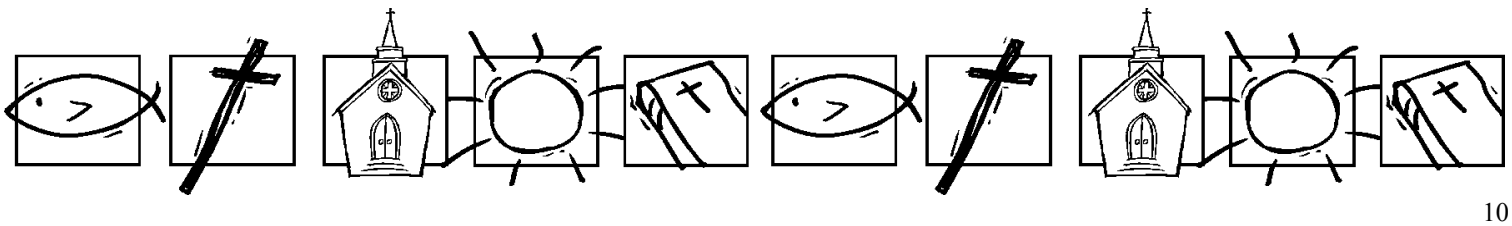

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47th Annual Spaghetti Supper

Friday, April 24, 2015

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Center

4:30 to 8:00-Take Out 5:00 to 8:00- Dine In

Children & Youth Ministry Fundraiser

$ 7 per plate

United Methodist Women News

May 10 Is Senior Recognition Sunday

The United Methodist Women in conjunction with the church will be honoring 11 seniors. As always, it is a pleasure to present each senior with a Bible that they can carry with them into the next stage of his or her life. If anyone wishes to help with this project, let Cheryl Meadows know. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Helping Children in Haiti

As President of the United Methodist Women, I am inviting the members of our church to help the children in Haiti. As you know Pastor Andy, our Youth Pastor - Ruth Harnett, and others will be making a trip to Haiti June 26 through July 2 to share Vacation Bible School with the children from an orphanage. We need to realize that these children really don't have clothes that belong just to them – all items are shared by everyone at the facility.

It would be wonderful to collect a new pair of underwear, a new shirt and a new pair of pants for as many children as possible.

In May we will be putting up the "Sock Tree" once again – only this time it will be for the children in Haiti. Watch for details – for sizes – as we receive information from Haiti.

All things YOUTH

Hey everyone! Can you believe it is already April? I can't! This month is extremely special because it is the month David and I are getting married! We are beyond excited to start this chapter of our lives and cannot wait to begin it as husband and wife here in Gonzales. We will be out of town from April 4th to April 20th so if you need any information during that time please do not hesitate to contact the church office and they can assist you.

On March 22nd our youth and children led the church services and did an amazing job. Thank you to all the youth, children, volunteers and parents that helped make that day possible!

IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITES:

APRIL 4th to APRIL 20thà Ruth out of the office
APRIL 8th & APRIL 15thà Special events for youth more details to come
APRIL 12thà FAJITA LUNCH: HAITI FUNDRAISER!!!
APRIL 22ndàHelp prepare for Spaghetti Supper
APRIL 24thà SPAGHETTI SUPPER

QUICK REMINDER:
Check your bulletin for more information for the events that will be going on while I am out of town and remember that Sunday School will still be going on while I am away at 9:45AM.

2015 Haiti Mission Trip

Good news! We are returning to Haiti this summer and will work with missionaries Matt and Sarah Rideout. Remember...the Rideouts are working to build and run a spiritual retreat center for the orphans in Haiti. Imagine a medical clinic, only this clinic cares for the emotional and spiritual needs of Haiti children!

We depart for Haiti on Thursday, June 25 and return on Wednesday, July 1. We fly out of Austin on American Airlines, change plans in Miami, and land in Port-au-Prince. Thus far, we have 27 participants *(11 adults, 3 college students, & 13 Youth).*

There are still 3 seats still available!

Those interested in this trip need to contact Pastor Andy or Ruth Harnett

Part of our mission team will lead Vacation Bible School activities for local orphans. Others will do construction work around the retreat center. And with a Medical Doctor on our mission team, we are looking to provide some sort of clinic for the children. It is very exciting and we pray that God use us to bless the children of Haiti!

How Can You Support This Mission Trip?

There are several ways you can support this trip: **1)** Pray. Ask God for good weather, travel mercies, protection, and our faithful service. **2)** Please come to the ***fajita dinner fund* raiser** scheduled for Sunday, April 12. Tickets are $8 and you can dine-in or get a to go plate. Lunch will be served from Noon to 1:30pm. **3)** Starting in May, the church will lead a children's clothing drive. You can donate money or articles of clothing for children ages 2 through 12. We need shirts, pants, and underwear.

Fajita Dinner
Fund Raiser
Sunday, April 12 $8
Noon to 1:30pm

Pastor Andy will be the spiritual director for an upcoming men's walk at Cathedral Oaks retreat center. Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3. This is a wonderful retreat that strengthens our understanding of God's grace and work in our lives. So share the news! And encourage someone to attend!

Our audio/visual updates are complete.
Please contact the church office to request
a DVD copy of Sunday's service
or to be put on a weekly mailing/delivery list.

Our April 5 Altar Rail will support UMCOR/One Great Hour of Sharing.

75 YEARS OF UMCOR

Made possible because of YOUR support

1940

The General Conference of the Methodist Church responds to an appeal by Bishop Herbert Welch to create an agency that will serve as a "voice of conscience among Methodists to act in relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color or creed."

- The Methodist Committee on Relief (MCOR) begins its work.
- The Methodist Church sends $30,000 to China to assist refugees and repatriate missionaries who suffered from the deprivations of World War II.

Photo Credit: General Commission on Archives and History

1960s

MCOR addresses the root cause of hunger and poverty and works with communities in need to achieve self-sustaining livelihood opportunities.

Photo Credit: April 1967 MCOR Inasmuch

1968

With the merger of Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches into The United Methodist Church, MCOR becomes the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR).

1970s

UMCOR works in 62 countries on five continents.

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1979

When thousands of Vietnamese refugees arrive in the United States, UMCOR resettles 2,500 people.

- More than 260 United Methodist local churches sponsor refugee families.

1949

Church leaders from several denominations organize an appeal. Major networks carry a Saturday broadcast, "One Great Hour," that asks listeners to attend their local church the next day and give sacrificially.

1950

The title "One Great Hour of Sharing" emerges.

1950s

MCOR focuses on rehabilitation and helps individuals obtain skills for self-sufficiency.

- MCOR distributes $80,000 per year for refugee-assistance programs.
- MCOR helps more than 200,000 refugees resettle in the United States, Canada, Australia and Latin America.
- MCOR resettles 5,000 Chinese refugees and constructs homes for fishing villages in Hong Kong.

Photo Credit: General Commission on Archives and History, Helen Buckley Papers

1972

The organization's name changes to the United Methodist Committee on Relief and becomes part of the newly structured General Board of Global Ministries.

- The work of UMCOR comprises four "R's" —relief, rehabilitation, resettlement and renewal.

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

1983

More than 1,200 United Methodists serve as UMCOR volunteers in Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico and other Caribbean countries.

1984

Ethiopian famine reaches acute proportions. UMCOR requests a Bishop's Appeal for Africa to bring relief to Ethiopia and 25 other African nations affected by the drought.

1985

An earthquake strikes Mexico City. Through gifts contributed by United Methodists to the Methodist Church of Mexico, lives are restored through reconstruction of homes.

2005

When Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastate large areas of the Gulf Coast, a $66 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency allows UMCOR to organize Katrina Aid Today, a consortium of case-management organizations helping survivors.

2010

When a 7.0-magnitude earthquake strikes Haiti, UMCOR develops and institutes a five-year plan to support rebuilding efforts.

2012

UMCOR responds to Hurricane Sandy by working with local conferences on storm recovery and renovations.

2014

UMCOR responds to the Ebola crisis in West Africa with grants to provide supplies and medical equipment to United Methodist hospitals in Sierra Leone and Liberia. Global Ministries sends medical and administrative personnel to assist African personnel.

1980s

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Within UMCOR's first 50 years, United Methodists donate more than $200 million to UMCOR and its predecessors, and 50,000 refugees receive resettlement assistance in the U.S.

1996

The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot opens as a destination for volunteers to engage in relief-supply kit ministry, assembling cleaning buckets.

Photo Credit: UMCOR

2006

UMCOR directors approve $7.6 million for development programs in Pakistan, Sudan, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

2008

Along with partner agencies, UMCOR distributes 1 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets to at-risk communities in Côte d'Ivoire in Africa.

2011

After a 9.0-magnitude earthquake hits northern Japan, triggering a massive tsunami and a nuclear threat, UMCOR responds to the triple disaster with grants to support emergency-relief efforts by partners.

2013

Following Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, UMCOR helps rebuild destroyed and damaged houses.

- In Memory of Dr. Sam Dixon and Rev. Clinton Raab who died in the Haiti earthquake when visiting UMCOR Haiti Project.
- Learn more at www.umcgiving.org/OGHS
- Please find also a link to a video which highlights God's work in the world through UMCOR over these last 75 years. https://youtube.com/watch?v=DzhWnsWPYg4
- For UMCOR'S 164 ADVANCE SPECIALS: www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Projects