FUMC Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2015

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2014 Christmas Pageant

Hey y'all! My name is Ruth Harnett and I am your new Youth Pastor. I am originally from South Carolina, but I currently live in Kentucky where I just graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. A few things y'all need to know about me are I am engaged and getting married on April 11th to my best friend David Smith, I have the cutest dog in the world Sinopaw, I love Chick-Fil-a, and ever since I gave my life to Jesus I have had a heart and calling to Youth Ministry. I am so excited to move to Gonzales and I am looking forward to meeting each of y'all in February!

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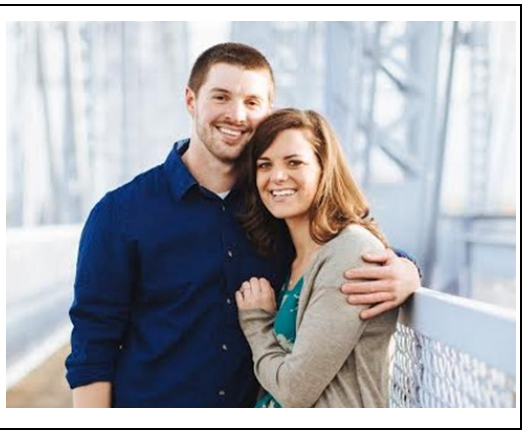


Sunday February 8th we will have a covered dish luncheon to welcome Ruth and David. The meat will be provided so bring your favorite side dish/dessert for this special potluck to welcome Ruth Harnett and her fiancée, David Smith, to Gonzales!

Altar Flowers for February are given by:

February 1

Sally and Vic Brown
In Honor of Our Children, Our Grandchildren,
and Our Great-Grandchildren

February 8

Dorothy Green
In Memory of Dikes Green

Shirley and Bob Spoon
In Memory of Grace Carleton Keck

February 15

Doyle, Wendy, and Kiley Allen
In Memory of Colby Parker Craig

Emily Neuse
Glenn Preuss, II
Jason and Stephanie Carter
In Memory of Loved Ones

February 22

Cara Nell and John Decker
In Memory of Olga and Wilfred Baron

Al and Katie Garrett

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

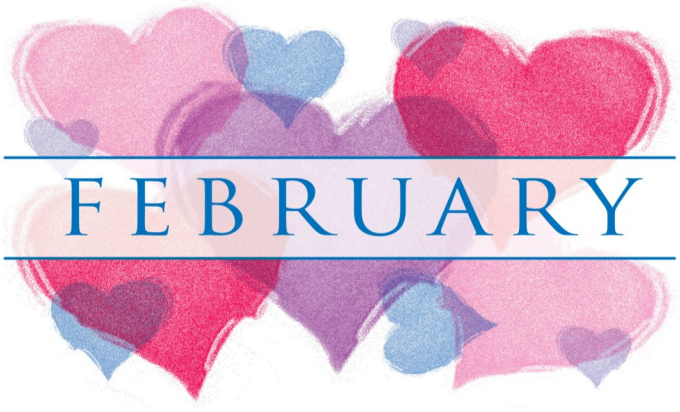
Welcome to our new members!
Lee and Dana Williams
and their daughter Jordan

Happy House Bake Sale
Sunday, February 8th
Between Services

EARTH ANGELS

Earth Angels are always working on projects to benefit local citizens and local groups. We are beginning a new Gonzales-themed quilt project as well as continuing to create quilts and to donate quilts to others.

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 February 10, 2015; we'd love to have you.



Thank You

Dear FUMC,
Thank you for your kind donations and support at the bake sale I put on. Your donations bought toys for unfortunate children this Christmas. Your donations gave some people a Merry Christmas.

Love, Grace Morgan

Thank you for all your help in getting John to the Dr. Thank you for all the prayers.

The Boyd Family

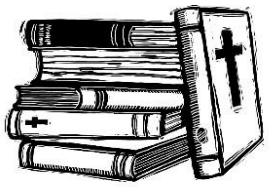
Lenten Living

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 this year. Christians have observed this season of the church year since the fourth century. It's traditionally a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter.

During Lent, some Christians give up something that hinders their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth — a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.

"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

Book Club News



The Book Club met on our usual fourth Thursday meeting day, January 22, to discuss this month's selection, Killing Patton, the latest of a series by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. The book was an interesting read and a very thorough account of the Battle of the Bulge and the last years of World War II, describing in detail the conflicts between enemies and Allies and their leaders with fascinating glimpses into the lives and personalities of these people. We all agreed that we learned things we did not know before. Detailed maps of the battles and movements of troops helped make the scenes come alive in ways that previously read WWII books did not. Patton himself was a very complex general who was either loved or hated, but evidence seems to be that he was mastermind warrior who died under unusual circumstances. The authors did not subscribe totally to a conspiracy theory but certainly think more investigation should have been done at the time of his car accident and death.

Ordinary Grace, a coming-of-age novel by William Kent Krueger, is our February selection. The story is told by a young boy, the son of a Methodist minister, and the setting is the small town where the father pastors. It is a mystery and love story told with humor, pathos, and lots of grace...ordinary and extraordinary. Norma Fink will lead our discussion.

Everyone is welcome! See you at 9:30 on February 26!

Martha Jo Whitt

STATISTICAL REPORT DECEMBER 2014

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
7	144	100	244	90	$ 15,810.55
14	115	150	265	92	$ 20,076.20
21	157	175	332	95	$ 11,818.75
28	—	139	139	—	$ 24,733.00
TOTALS:	416	564	980	277	**$ 72,438.50**
AVERAGES:	***139***	***141***	***245***	***92***	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 29,207.91
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 43,230.59
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 100%

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Felicia Cantu
	Jeanette Mayer
2/2	Daniel Lester
	Travis Raabe
2/3	Marie Currie
	Tyler Morgan
2/4	Josh Lucas
	Lacey Ploeger
2/5	Kelly McGuffin
2/6	Thom Raabe
	Chelsea Petty
	Samantha Barnick
2/7	Samantha Turk
	Bryan Logan
2/8	Amanda Reed
2/9	Edith Lucas
2/10	Bill St. John
	Sue Gottwald
	Helene Seidel
2/11	Jaylen Johnson
	Danni Lester
2/12	Kyle Crozier
	Isabella Crawford
	Kara Watts
2/13	Christi Leonhardt
	Anne Boothe
2/14	Jackie Hodgkiss
	Brevin Wilson
	Paden Boothe
	Kohen Mills
2/15	Sheila Pruett
2/16	Scott Bakken
2/17	Stayton Lester
2/18	Jennifer Almaguer
2/19	Kathleen Howard
	Jacey Lester
	Sue Ortman
2/20	Bernice Heldarsen
2/22	Lynda Frazier
	Bill Weaver
2/23	Dyna Dubose
	Travis Keck
2/26	Mike Kosser
	Trent Schauer
2/27	Tommie McMurtry
	Barry Boothe
	Billy Boothe
	Gay Riedel
	Josh Avant
	Jarren Johnson
2/28	Twan Brady
	Bryce Carleton

ANNIVERSARIES IN

2/04 *Martha Jo & John Whitt*

2/05 *Joyce & Dannie Schellenberg*
Janet & Mike Yoakum

2/08 *Natalie & Philip Storey*

2/11 *Jo Ann & Scott Keck*

2/14 *Linnea & Bob Cowan*
Leann & Pete Wilkerson
Laura & Wade Zella

2/16 *Pat & Lynn Wilburn*

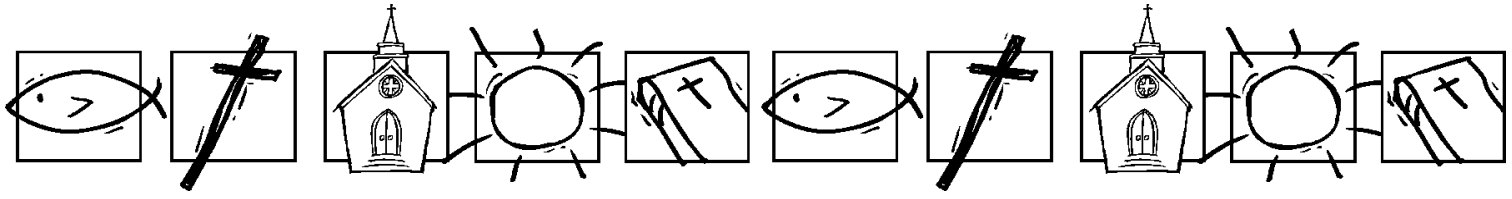
Lent begins

February 18
Service at 6:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February 1, 2015	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 A.M. SERVICE**	
	Mallory Clack	Peyton Ruddock	**ACOLYTES**
	Braden Clampit	Weston Ruddock	
	Jaylen Johnson	Sadie Thibodeaux	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Gary Clack	Eldon Farek	
	Bill DeBerry	Dick Goss	
	Dena Fritz	Shirley Goss	
	Commie Hisey	Greg Griffin	
	Forrest Penney	Lisa Barnick	**LITURGIST**
	Willa Keck	Willa Keck	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
February 8, 2015	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 A.M. SERVICE**	
	Brody Borrer	Parker Storey	**ACOLYTES**
	Hadley Borrer	Kylee Watson	
	Josie Stowers	Trent Wilkerson	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Kenneth Fink	Beverly Malatek	
	Herman Grauke	Cheryl Meadows	
	Joe Britt Hindman	Bobby Morgan	
	John Lucas	Ray Nietsch	
	Amanda Reed	David Bird	**LITURGIST**
	Lisa Gindler	Lisa Gindler	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
February 15, 2015	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 A.M. SERVICE**	
	Ashtyn Kardosz	Ava Medellin	**ACOLYTES**
	Brendon Mercer	Baron DuBose	
	Daniel Sullivan	Weldon Holub	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Ronnie Menking	Leslie Ploeger	
	Travis Schauer	Mary Tomas	
	Greg Sengelmann	Justin Pope	
	Steve Taylor	Kelly Allen	
	Terry Towns	Eldon Farek	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
February 22, 2015	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 A.M. SERVICE**	
	Megan Tenberg	Morgan Farrar	**ACOLYTES**
	Jordan Williams	Faith Lester	
	Natalie Tenberg	Sadie Morgan	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	John Whitt	Jeffery Braune	
	Martha Jo Whitt	Mike Davis	
	Billy Boothe	Bitsy Henderson	
	Sue Boothe	Greg Griffin	
	Allison Davis	Gene Kridler	**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.



February 2015

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March 2015

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22	23	24	**25**	26	27	28
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House	**2** 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Happy House Zoo Show-FC 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	**3** 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS	**4** 8:30am Happy House 10:00am 10:30am Bible Study-CO 1:00pm Alzeheimer Support Group 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	**5** 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	**6** 10:00am Private Event-CO 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	**7**
8 8:00am Blood Drive 8:30am Worship-S 9:30am Happy House Bake Sale 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Church-wide Luncheon-Welcome Ruth! 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	**9** 8:30am Happy House Pictures-N 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** 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	**11** 8:30am Happy House 10:00am 10:30am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 5:30pm Worship Committee Mtg-CR 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	**12** 9:00am District Pastor Prof. Mtg.-FC 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 1:00pm DCOM Interviews 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	**13** 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS 7:00pm Pinewood Derby Check-In	**14** 9:00am Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby-FC
15 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 3:00pm Private Event 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	**16** 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	**17** 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS	**18** Ash Wednesday 8:30am Happy House 10:00am 10:30am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Lenten Service & Luncheon 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service-S	**19** 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting-FC	**20**	**21** 10:00am Private Event
22 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	**23** 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	**24** 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS	**25** 8:30am Happy House 10:00am 10:30am 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-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	**26** 9:30am Book Club-L 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 11:00am WN Program-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	**27** 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	**28** 12:00pm Boys Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet-FC

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Children's Corner

"For God so loved the World that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16 NLT Happy Valentines!

February Events:

Sun, Feb 1 –Communion and Worship at Romberg House at 2:30pm. Any children wishing to help Pastor Andy at Romberg, contact me at 857-6630.
Wed., Feb 4 – Pioneer Club***,*** afterschool – 5:30pm
Sun, Feb 8 – Happy House Bake Sale in Narthex, Pot Luck luncheon to Welcome Ruth and David, Confirmation.
Wed, Feb 11 – Pioneer Club, afterschool – 5:30pm
Sat, Feb 14 – **Happy Valentines! God Loves You!**
Sun, Feb 15 - Confirmation classes
Wed, Feb 18 – Pioneer Club, afterschool – 5:30pm**; Ash Wednesday-All are welcome to the Ash Wednesday Service @ 6pm.**
Sun, Feb 22– Confirmation classes
Wed, Feb 25 - Pioneer Club, afterschool – 5:30pm

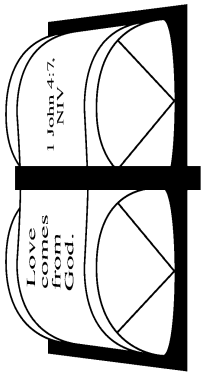
Important Note: The Children and Youth Led Services originally scheduled for Feb 22 have been postponed until later in the Spring.

Highlights of Months to come:

March - Butterfly caterpillars arrive in March. Date to be announced.
March 9-13 - GISD Spring Break, Watch for more information on an activity that week. No Pioneer Club.
Wed, March 25 – Spaghetti Supper tickets go on sale.
Sun, March 29, Palm Sun - All Children invited to participate in Palm Processional. Hosanna Choir will sing at both services. Spaghetti Supper Tickets on Sale.
Wed, April 1– **Easter Egg hunt, 5:15pm.**
Fri, April 3 – **Good Friday Service,** Evening Service
Sun, April 5 **- Easter Sunday with Butterfly Release between services**
Wed, April 15 **– Last Day of Pioneer Club**
Wed-Thur, April 23-24 **- Help prepare for Spaghetti Supper**
Fri, April 24-**Spaghetti Supper**
Sat, May 9 – Confirmation Retreat
Sun, May 10 – Senior Recognition
Sun, May 17 – Confirmation Sunday
Mon, June 22 – Annual Splashway Trip (tentative date)
July 13-17 - **Vacation Bible School**, "Everest"—SAVE THE DATE!!!!
July 26 -29 - **Cathedral Oaks Summer Camp** for exiting 3rd-5th graders
August- Lego Camp is coming!!

GOD'S SWEET WORD

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.



What you need:
- Black card stock or construction paper (2" x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

What you do:
1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!

Wesley Nurse News

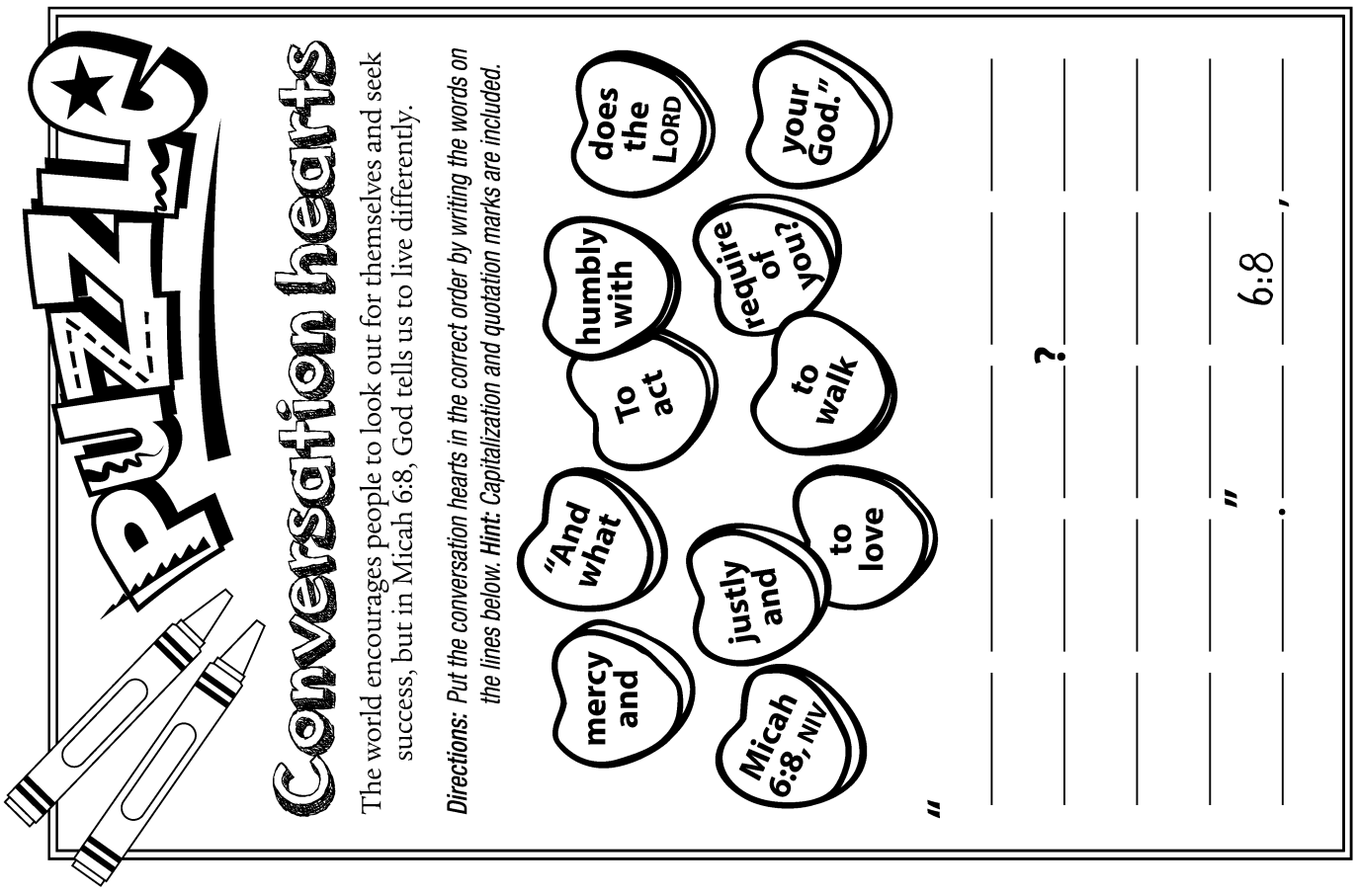
"When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet." Proverbs 3:24

Sleep is essential to your well-being. It is necessary for the body to recharge its batteries, heal its wounds, rest the spirit, and regroup for another day. Everyone needs good quality rest, deep, uninterrupted sleep for at least 6 or more hours a night, or you may experience fatigue, moodiness, irritability, poor memory, decreased dexterity, decreased energy level, and possibly depression. Whether related to stress, illness, or just a long day, people often have difficulty falling asleep. Establish a bedtime routine that prepares you and your mind for sleep. The room should be dark, a comfortable temperature, and quiet to allow the mind to relax. A light snack of carbohydrates (yogurt, apple, cheese, or granola) before bed may be helpful but heavy spicy foods, alcohol, or caffeine will keep you awake. Remember a bedtime prayer for additional comfort and relaxation.

"So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees." Hebrews 12:12

Sleep apnea, a repetitious stop and start in bedtime breathing, will cause chronic fatigue which then impacts clarity of thinking and levels of activity. A variety of issues such as weight, snoring, alcohol intake, or physical make-up may cause this condition. If you are consistently tired after a long night's sleep you may not be getting sufficient oxygen during sleep. Consider seeing a physician as this treatable condition is a risk for high blood pressure and severe cardiovascular problems. Many things can cause a poor night's sleep also: excessive napping, physical ailments, excessive worrying, or even hormonal changes.

Shirley Goss, RN 673-1031


Puzzle
Conversation hearts
The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.
Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.
mercy and
justly and
to love
Micah 6:8, NIV
"And what
To act
humbly with
does the LORD
to walk
require of you?
your God."
" ____ ____ ____

United Methodist Women News

Where has 2014 gone? The years seem to be flying by at a faster rate with each passing year.

Blessings to each of you as we begin 2015! The purpose of United Methodist Women calls us to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participating in the global ministries of the church. Our emphasis is to help women, children, and youth of our community and throughout the world.

As members of Gonzales UMW, we are asked to answer the call to step out in faith to meet our local pledge of $1,600 and to share what we have with those less fortunate. We did so in 2014. Can we do so again for 2015?

On December 1st United Methodist Women hosted the annual Christmas Luncheon in the Narthex at 12 P.M. Twenty-one attended enjoying a time for lunch and fellowship. Christina Menking and Bill Meadows provided lovely entertainment while we visited and ate. Thank you to all who attended and brought your favorite salad or dessert. You truly made it a festive affair.

We will **NOT** be having a January unit meeting, however the Wesleyan Circle will meet at 5:30 p.m. on January 13th for their pledge service.

Invitation to Join

If you think that you might be interested in joining United Methodist Women, please come to the meeting on January 13th at 5:30 in the Narthex. We will have a light meal and our program. We would love to have you visit our group.

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UMW Study

UMW will host a study on February 2nd. We invite anyone in the church to attend. Letters will be sent to surrounding communities.

The study entitled, "How Is It With Your Soul?" is written by Priscilla Pope Levison & John Levison. The Study Guide is written by Faye Wilson. Framed within four verbs, "pray," "learn," "mentor" and "transform," the study gives an overview of the setting for this question -- "How Is It With Your Soul?" – in Methodist class and band meetings, and moves in a trajectory from the individual to the church to the world. The study is bookended by key Wesleyan questions such as: "Have you carefully abstained from doing evil?" "Have you zealously maintained good works?" and "Have you constantly attended on all the ordinances of God?" The writers lead the readers to reflect on their own responses by focusing on the four aforesaid verbs, *pray*, *learn, mentor,* and *transform*, and learning insights from the lives of leaders from the Bible as well as those from Christian mission history. **This intriguing study will be lead by Pastor Andy Smith.**

Come for coffee, juice and pigs in the blanket at 9:30 a.m. The study will begin at 10 a.m. We will break for lunch at noon provided by the UMW members. The study will end at 3pm. The study will last for 4 hours in order to meet study guideline requirements.

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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated socks, underwear, and warm-up pants for the children in our community. They have not been counted but the extra large plastic bag Cheryl took was filled to capacity. We also received a $100.00 dollar donation to the sock tree project. This will be used to purchase warm-ups and other sizes of undies as needed.

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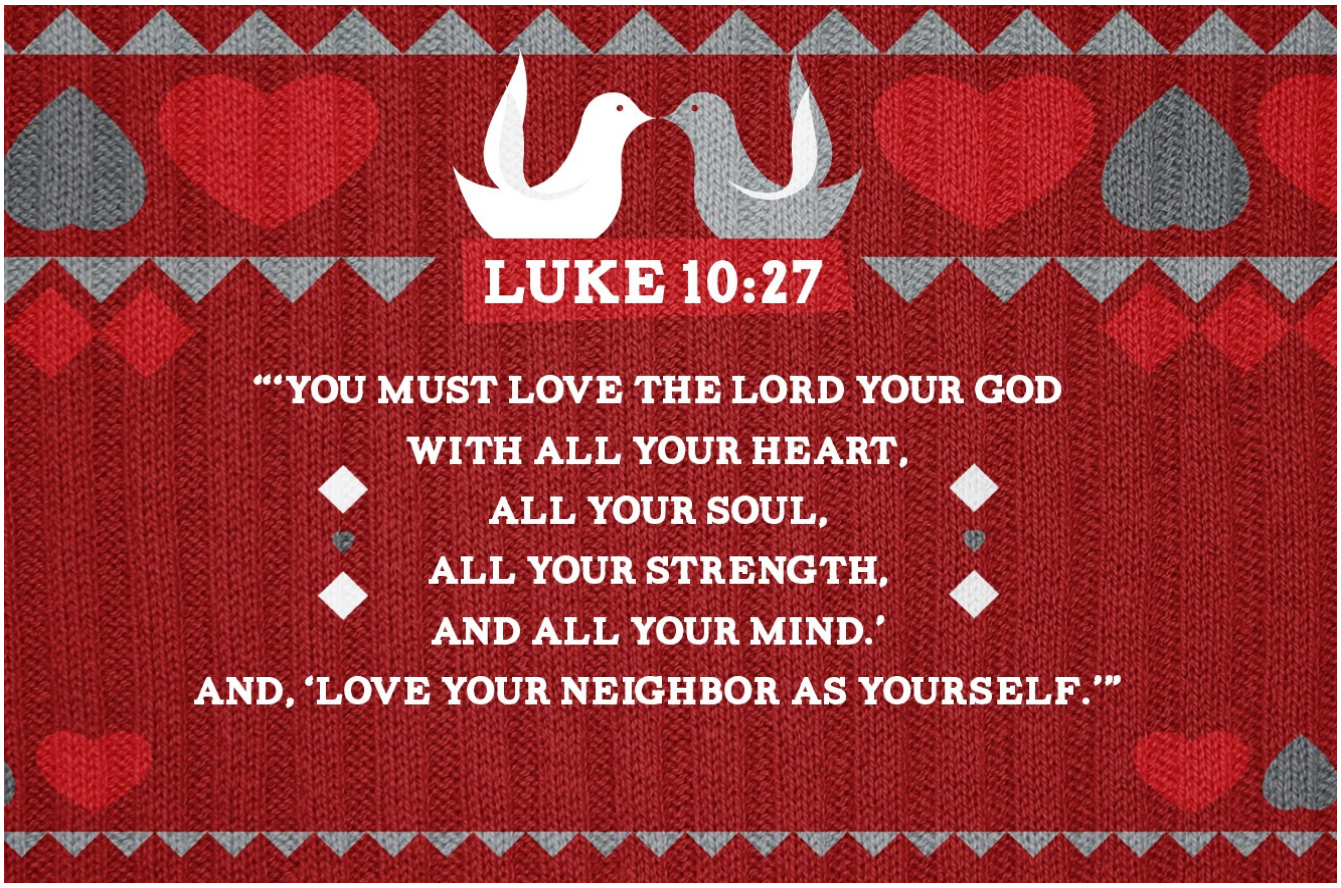
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