FUMC Newsletter

JANUARY 2015

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For the New Year

H old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
A ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
P ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
P ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Y ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

N eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
E xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
W ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Y ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)
E xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
A im for a perfect, mature faith (Hebrews 6:1)
R edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols

To Forgive is to Love…

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

Resolve To Listen

Christian philosopher Paul Tillich said, “The first responsibility of love is to listen.” Yet in our fast-paced culture, truly listening to someone has become a lost art.

The intricate Chinese written character for the verb to listen offers wise insight about how to listen to people so they feel heard. The symbol is actually a combination of characters for ears, eyes and an open heart. Basically it reads, “I give you my ears, my eyes and my undivided attention.” What a great image of being fully engaged during the act of communication!

James 1:19 offers two wise resolutions for the year ahead: Be “quick to listen” and “slow to speak” (NRSV). Practicing the skill of active listening is a much-needed way to minister to other people, serving as Jesus’ “ears” in a hurting world.

Senior Bibles???

Yes, May is five months away, but it is never too early to begin thinking about honoring our graduating seniors who will be embarking on the next very important segment of their lives.

In the past, United Methodist Women has purchased Bibles for our seniors who are members, but have needed help to supply them for other deserving seniors. We have had a generous benefactor who always stepped up to help.

However, recently Cheryl Meadows has been asked to invite you, the members of our church, to participate in this program so that we can reach out to more deserving seniors who are a part of our youth program.

If you are interested in helping, you can make your donation to UMW and it will go into a special fund for just this purchase.

United Methodist Women News

Where did 2013 go? Did it fly past as fast for you as it did for me?

Blessings to each of you as we begin 2014! 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 2013. Can we do so again for 2014?

On December 2nd United Methodist Women hosted the annual Christmas Luncheon in the Narthex at 12 P.M. Fifteen ladies attended enjoying a time for lunch and fellowship. Following the luncheon, we presented Lupe Longoria a Special Mission Recognition pin as a thank you for all he does for UMW and for our church. 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 on January 14th for their pledge service while the Lenore Boothe Circle will meet on January 21st for their pledge service.

Monthly Communion & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

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.

Square Dance Club

The Come and Take It Squares of Gonzales are offering two free "open houses" on Monday, January 5 and Monday, January 12 to introduce the fun of square-dancing to others. Lessons will begin on Monday, January 19. Open houses and lessons will be held at The Presbyterian Church of Gonzales, 414 St. Louis St., Gonzales (just south of the Courthouse) at 7:30 PM.

All interested students are invited to attend the open house for an introduction to square-dancing, to learn a few steps, and meet the friendly square-dancers. Square-dancing is a lively social activity that promotes exercise and fitness while encouraging social interaction. Lessons are open to all ages from teens to "seniors." The club invites anyone interested to call 672-9307 or 672-7384 for further information.

You can now make offerings and memorials on the church website via PayPal.

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Staff

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

Thank You

First UMC,

Thanks once again for opening up the sanctuary for Richard's Memorial Service. Your kindness and support in this time of sorrow is very greatly appreciated.

With heartfelt gratitude, Clint Hille

Dear Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt and the diapers. Also, thank you for the love, prayers, & support during this time. We greatly appreciate it!

Love, The Vanicek Family

Dear First UMC,

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continue support of Oil Patch Chapel Ministries. Your monetary gift will have eternal impact and blessings for generations to come. It is because of folks like you that this ministry is able to carry on its mission of ministering to those involved in the oil fields of Texas. May God bless your faithfulness to Oil Patch Ministries as you are blessing others through your generosity.

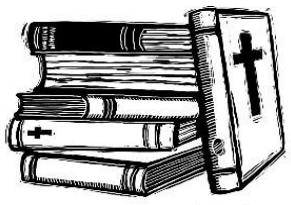
Gratefully, Hollas & Nelda Hoffman

Dear FUMC Family,

Your generosity never cases to amaze us. We are truly touched by your outpouring of support for Grace and helping children in our community have a blessed Christmas. We all know that children will outgrow their toys but the feeling of receiving something in celebration of our Savior's birth is something you will allow them to have forever. We are so grateful for each one of you!

Merry Christmas,
Bobby, Rebekah, Sadie & Grace

Book Club News



On December 11, the church book club met in the Narthex for our annual Christmas luncheon and book discussion. After a delicious meal, Madelaine Bird led the discussion of our December selection, The Christmas Clock by Kat Martin. Madelaine had discovered that Ms. Martin is a prolific, award-winning writer but was new to our group. She told an entertaining Christmas story that had many lessons about family, love, giving, Alzheimer's, adoption, and recovering from loss. Each character in the book had "lost" someone, and their recoveries made for thoughtful reading.

The group also enjoyed discussing past Christmas books we had read and other past and possible selections for the future.

Our January meeting will be the usual time and date: the fourth Thursday of January at 9:30 AM in the church library (in the office building). As you make your New Year's resolutions, why not add: Join church book club!

Our January selection is the brand new, best-seller by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard, Killing Patton. The carefully-researched book concentrates on the Battle of the Bulge, the last months of Patton's life, and his death, following a somewhat mysterious car wreck. O'Reilly and Dugard do not emphasize the possible conspiracy theories promoted by some in relation to Patton's death, but they certainly bring out some little-known information about his life and the crucial times of World War II. Read it and join us on January 22 for the discussion to be led by Marian Hayes. For information, call 672-9307.

Martha Jo Whitt

STATISTICAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2014

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
2	102	121	223	71	$ 31,324.06
9	121	111	232	63	$ 8,527.50
16	97	143	240	79	$ 10,023.65
23	135	98	233	72	$ 11,367.50
30	107	131	238	76	$ 8,497.40
TOTALS:	562	604	1166	361	**$ 69,740.11**
AVERAGES:	***112***	***121***	***233***	***72***	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 29,974.96
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 39,765.15
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 98.4%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1	Jimmy Mills
2	Holly Woodson
	Ruth Steen
4	Kara Tuch
5	Tommy Barnick
	Cody Witzkoske
	Angelica Castro
6	Bill Reaves
	Daniel Tomas
7	Lisa Barnick
8	Grayson Peterek
	Ellen Johnson
	Joyce Harris
	Dawn Brooks
10	Michael Lackey, Sr.
	Jessyca Malaer
11	Erik Currie
12	Courtney Williams
	Maria Sullivan
	Roy Johnson
13	Cree Stowers
	Cookie Munson
14	Scarlett Crawford
	Glen Sachtleben
	Fisher Davis
	Bowen Davis
15	Jordan Escobedo
	Michael Lackey, Jr.
	Trace Herndon
16	Bill Meadows
	Cheryl Meadows
	Dawson Hull
17	Janet Yoakum
	Dannie Schellenberg
	Emily Hull
18	Carol Wallace
	Britt Hindman
	Robbie Heldarsen
	Steve Petty
	Angela DuBose
	Andrew Sullivan
	Parker Petras
19	Shirley Spoon
	Nicholas Casares
20	Rachelle Pearson
	Todd Crawford
	Andrew Storey
21	Norma Ehrig
	Jack Dubose
	Zac Clack
22	Bryan Pope
23	Sherri Schellenberg
24	Peggy Munson
	Dale Graham
	Harold Bruns
	Dakota Brown
	Logan Hurt
	Madelyne Parr
25	Kenneth Poe
	Rachel Smith
26	Justin Morris
	Zachary Taylor
	Linnea Cowan
	Bubba Ehrig
27	Herman Grauke
28	Ann Robinson
	Byron Freeman
	Beth Newman
29	Phil Koehler
	Kenneth Brown
	Kenneth Gottwald
	Herman Harris
	Al Wayne Ehrig
	Jax Lipke
30	Read Staton
31	Glenn Pruess
	Sean Dubose
	Bryan Condel
	Connor Fogle

ANNIVERSARIES IN

1	**Allen & Kara Watts**
6	**Michael & Stephanie Fritz**
7	**Steve & Kathleen Ehrig** **Lance & Leah Behlen**
8	**Jimmy & Hope Mills**
12	**Johnnie & Debbie Fogle** **Mike & Karen Vaughan**
15	**Herman & Sue Grauke**

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

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

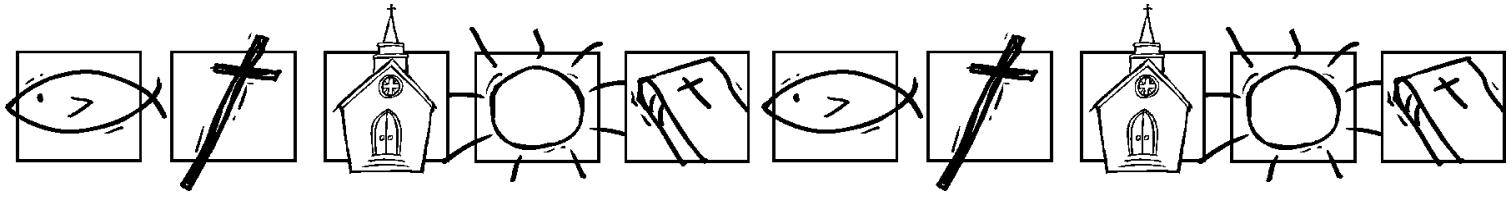
January 4, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Mallory Clack	Ryan Kocian	**ACOLYTES**
	Braden Clampit	Faith Lester	
	Quinn Atkinson	Trent Wilkerson	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Commie Hisey	Dick Goss	
	John Lucas	Shirley Goss	
	Ronnie Menking	Greg Griffin	
	Greg Sengelmann	Beverly Malatek	
	Rosannah Green	Cheryl Meadows	**LITURGIST**
	Pastor Andy	Pastor Andy	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

January 11, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Ashtyn Kardosz	Slone Gibson	**ACOLYTES**
	Brendon Mercer	Landon Holub	
	Sydney Clack	Nicholas Casares	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Gary Clack	Bobby Morgan	
	Joe Britt Hindman	Cheryl Meadows	
	Kenneth Fink	Ray Neitsch	
	Dena Fritz	Charles Pankey	
	Commie Hisey	Deanie Ploeger	**LITURGIST**
	Lisa Gindler	Lisa Gindler	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

January 18, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Megan Tenberg	Ava Medellin	**ACOLYTES**
	Jordan Williams	Grace Morgan	
	Cade Davis	Weldon Holub	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Steve Taylor	Jim Benedict	
	John Whitt	Jenice Benedict	
	Martha Jo Whitt	Leslie Ploeger	
	Jimmy Borrer	Kelly Allen	
	Emily Neuse	J. Lynn Barnick	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

January 25, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Cole Boothe	Paisley Ploeger	**ACOLYTES**
	Morgan Boothe	Macy Sample	
	Chase Heldarsen	Sadie Morgan	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Billy Boothe	David Bird	
	Sue Boothe	Jeffery Braune	
	Erwin Ckodre	Mike Davis	
	Herman Grauke	Bitsy Henderson	
	Maydell Pankey	Kelly Allen	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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



January 2015

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February 2015

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 28 - Jan 3	**Dec 28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	**Jan 1, 15**	**2**	**3**
					Happy New Year Office Closed 12:00pm Private Event 6:30pm Cub Scouts Meeting-EB	6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	
Jan	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
	COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House	10:30am Staff Mtg.-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS	8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 1:00pm Alzeheimer Support Group 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Prasie Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	9:30am Communion at Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR 6:30pm Cub Scouts Meeting-EB	6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	9:00am Private Event-PSS
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Jan	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**
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Children's Corner

The Youth and Children Christmas Pageant and Christmas Craft Fair were the two highlights in December for Children. The Shepherd's and Angel's choir did an amazing job this year! It was wonderful to see so many children participate in the program. This thirty minutes of pageant is our 'quiet' time before the rush of holiday activities. It is our reminder of what Christmas is all about, a small babe born to save us.

And the Christmas Craft Fair is always fun! Families spent precious time together and that is something that is hard to accomplish these days!

Thank you to the Hosanna Choir for bringing smiles and joy to the residents of the Nursing homes and Romberg house when we went Christmas Caroling! All of the residents as well as the staff are so glad you came to visit them! Parents-You have some great children-they love singing! The Congregation loves to hear them sing! Thank you!

Spring Semester of Pioneer Club begins January 14th. If your child attended the fall semester and will not attend the Spring Semester, please contact me to update records. Registration Fees that have not been paid are due by January 31. Children can still register for the Spring Semester.

The Youth and Children led service and Sunday School Teachers and Pioneer Club volunteers' appreciation and recognition will be coming up soon. Children and youth will lead both services (8:30am and 10:45am) on this Sunday. During the service, children and youth deliver the message, usher, perform music, greet and hand out bulletins. The kids always do a great job! And on this Sunday, we say thank you to our faithful volunteers that work so hard for the kids and youth throughout the year. Watch for details and for signup sheets in the Narthex!

Thank you to everyone helping and supporting the Children's Ministries! You make the programs happen!! You are wonderful volunteers!! God Bless You All!!

Parents and children – I invite you to attend one of our many Sunday School classes with the beginning of the New Year. Please call me if I can give you more information about the Sunday School classes.

Happy New Year, Peace and Blessings,
Willa

Altar Flowers for January are given by:

January 4 - Greg and Joan Griffin

January 11 - Erwin and Mary Ckodre, In Memory of Our Parents

Marie and Emmitt Currie, In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Currie,
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Currie, Jacks Qualls, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Qualls, and Louise Salter

January 18 - Sandra, Matt, Cheryl, Ancel, and Quinn Atkinson, In Memory of Frank Atkinson,
Mr. and Mrs. K. V. McGinty, Ann Garger, Larry McGinty, Cody Childress,
and Wesley Richards

January 25 - Zilpha Dolezal, Sherry and Ken Callaway, In Memory of William "Willie T" Callaway

Larry Ehrig Family, In Memory of Frank and Helen Stockton

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lacy, In Memory of Our Parents

Kelly Allen, In Memory of Sandy Allen, Our Parents, and Our Grandson In Heaven

"ONE" PAINTING

Ephesians 4:4-6 talks a lot about *one*. Create one painting that says it all.

What you need:

- Foam letters or letter stickers
- White painting canvas
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Water

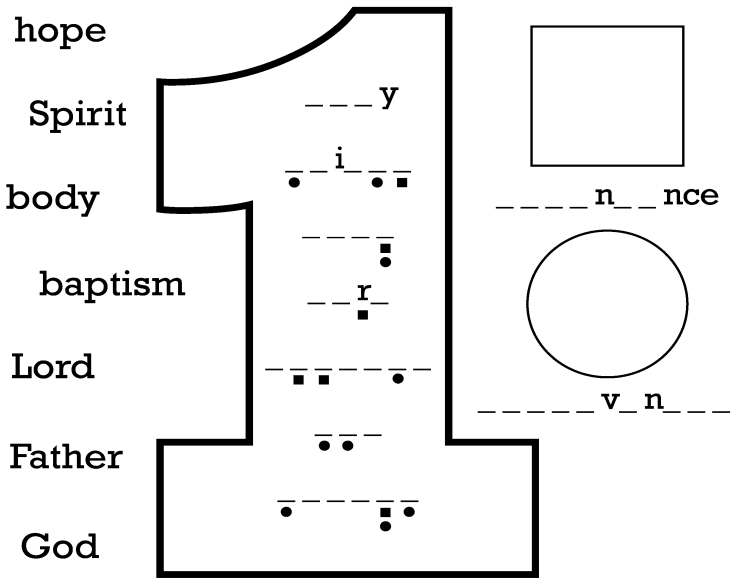
What you do:

1. Place letters on the canvas to spell out the "ones" in Ephesians 4:4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God).
2. Paint over the letters, using various colors.
3. When the paint is dry, peel off the letters to reveal words that explain important Bible truths.
4. If desired, finish by painting some number 1's in any blank spots.

One Baptism

The "one" theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

Directions: *Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John's message about baptism in Mark 1:4.*



Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance, forgiveness

UMW Study

UMW will host a study on February 3rd. We invite anyone in the church to attend. Letters will be sent to surrounding communities.

The study entitled, *"*The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly,*"* is written by George McClain, Tilda Norberg, and Ruth Kruk; Study Guide by Becky Louter & Pat Hoerth. It is a "how -to-manual" for anyone interested in deepening his/her spirituality and engagement in mission. The study explores spiritual personhood which is inseparable from engagement in social action and being in community. This study is about spiritual formation and the culture of calling in light of John Wesley's two-fold thrust on "personal holiness" and "spiritual holiness." The study looks at Baptism and Communion and the sacramental under-standings relating to key passages from the Bible and the United Methodist *Book of Discipline.* The study also lifts up models of individuals who have responded to God's call through a variety of ministries. The study offers tools to deepen one's spiritual identity, and engagement in community. Involvement in mission--being and doing-is seen as two sides of the same coin. The study is an invitation to being open to God's call and being receptive to God's break-through moments in our midst here and in the world. 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MEMORIALS 4th Quarter 2014

JUDY ZELLA
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
HUBERT LIFORD
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
DON LOGAN
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Marian Gindler-Bereavement
CRICKETT ILEY
Elenore Ehrig-Worship
RICHARD "BUTCH" HARRIS
Joyce Harris-Bereavement
RUBY KAPAVIK
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvement
Marian Gindler-Bereavement
Booty Neitsch
Jay & Donna Gray-Wesley Nurse
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Chris & Amy Thibodeaux-Children's Ministry
Michael, Kristi, Brendon & Blakely Mercer-HH
Amy & Chris Thibodeaux
PETE BAKER
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Bill & Juanita Blundell-Capital Improvement
DONALD BRZOZOWSKI
Bill & Juanita Blundell-Capital Improvement
Jeff & Dinah Braune Family-Missions
LAWRENCE KRIDLER
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
JOHN FLOYD
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvement
Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman-Youth
Emmitt & Marie Currie-Youth
Nancy Burns
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Gene & Teresa Reed-Scholarship
Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink-Youth
Marian Gindler-Bereavement
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Booty Neitsch
Jeff & Dinah Braune Family-Scholarship
Jay & Donna Gray-Scholarship
LARRY FINCH
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family-Youth
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvement
Jeff & Dinah Braune-Youth
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Marian Gindler-Bereavement
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Joe & Marilyn Qualls
Booty Neitsch
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson-Wesley Nurse
Emmitt & Marie Currie
Harold & Billie Bruns-HH
Forrest & Sue Penney
Jay & Donna Gray-Scholarship
Belle Witt-Bereavement
JOHN FRITZ
Gene & Teresa Reed-Scholarship
ROBERT LEE "BOBBY" DUBOSE
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
DONALD STOTZ
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
CATHERINE WHITTEN
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvement
RICHARD TILLER
Nancy Burns-Bereavement
Joe & Marilyn Qualls
LORENE GAST
Emmitt & Marie Currie-Bereavement
John & Edith Lucas
Pal & Bethel Lester
WILLARD LOOKABILL
Jay & Donna Gray-Scholarship
LUELLA MCKEE
Arva Nell Needham-Youth
MARY BETH MORGAN
Jeff & Dinah Braune & Family-Youth
FRED B. PHILLIPS
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
TERRY ALLEN
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
JAMES LOW
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
MARY L. "JIMMIE" BOULDIN
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvement
Greg & Joan Griffin-Children's Ministry
Carol Wallace-Wesley Nurse
Nancy Burns-Bereavement
Joe & Marilyn Qualls
Madeline Bird-Children's Ministry
Al & Katie Garrett-Children's Ministry
Mrs. Norma B. Fink-Children's Ministry
Tom & Pam Lester-Children's Ministry
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Pal & Bethel Lester
Belle Witt-Children's Ministry
Bill & Juanita Blundell-Scholarship
Jane Boothe
Steve, Laurie & Zach Taylor-Children's Ministry
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Harless
Alice Marie Curtis
Alicia Williams-Youth
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
CALVIN EARL SPACEK
Kyle & Debbie Crozier
MYRNA MCLEROY
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family
MARTHA JONES
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
BOBBIE SUE HAHN
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
ROY MIKE WRIGHT
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
JULIUS MICAN
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
AVIS LESSOR
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones

Memorials Continued:

SANDRA "SANDY" ALLEN

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Children's Ministry
Stephen & Kenna Lucas- Children's Ministry
Matt & Lea Ann Wyant-Children's Ministry
Harold & Billie Bruns-HH
David, Tonya & Cullen Eppright-Children's Ministry
Nancy Burns-Children's Ministry
John & Edith Lucas-Children's Ministry
Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman-Children's Ministry
Erwin & Mary Ckodre-Children's Ministry
Emmitt & Marie Currie-1st & 2nd Grade SS Class
Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink-Youth
Pal & Bethel Lester-Children's Ministry
Tom & Pam Lester-Children's Ministry
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family-Youth
Gene & Teresa Reed-Children's Ministry
James Alford-Children's Ministry
Jeff, Dinah, Kiley Braune, Bobby,Bethanie & Addison LaTourette-Children's Ministry
Denise & Russell Green-Children's Ministry
Mrs. Pauline Allen-Children's Ministry
Casey, Debbie, Kyle & Larry Allen-Children's Ministry
Carolyn Harrell
Marian Gindler-Children's Ministry
Butch & Dottie Knudson-Children's Ministry
Rusty & Melissa Clampit-Children's Ministry
Carol Wallace-Youth
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Percy Pettus-Children's Ministry
FUMC Progressive SS Class-Children's Ministry
Kathleen Teyssandier-Children's Ministry
Joe & Marilyn Qualls-Children's Minstry
Greg & Joan Griffin-Youth
Booty Neitsch
Samuel Campion-Children's Ministry
Carol Green-Children's Ministry
Norma B. Fink-Children's Ministry
Debbie Robinson-Children's Ministry-VBS
Jane Johnson
Ray & Judy Neitsch-Youth
David, Sascha, Ashtyn & Addyson Kardosz-Children
Jane Boothe-Children's Ministry
Charlie & Maydell Pankey-Children's Ministry
Laverne Davis
Betty Schroeder
Joyce Harris-Bereavement
Eva Boscamp-Youth/Children's Ministry
Nancy Littlefield-Youth/Children's Ministry
Jim & Jenice Benedict
Al & Katie Garret-Children's Ministry
Ricky, Kelly, Jacey & Loni Lester-Children's Ministry
Darrell & Kathie McLain-Children's Ministry
Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Penney-Youth
William & Susan Nahill-Children's Ministry
Daniele Teyssander-Children's Ministry
Joan Tulloch, Sherrie, Michael & Joey Garrett
Paul & Karen Allen-Children's Ministry
Janice Menking-Children's Ministry
Bert & Francis Ehrig
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Children's Ministry
Eldon Farek-Children's Ministry
Barry & Lauren Boothe-Children's Ministry
The Kerry Morgan Family-Children's Ministry
Susan S. Burbank, Paul Betsy, Patrick & David Shiels

SANDRA "SANDY" ALLEN

Jay & Donna Gray-Youth
Dena Fritz & Family-Youth
Robert & Sharon Bourne-Children's Ministry
The Bobby Morgan Family-Youth
Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink-Youth
J.Lynn, Lisa, Jake & Samantha Barnick-Ch Min.
Ralph & Lori Raabe-Children's Ministry
Kelly Allen-Children's Ministry
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
Bill & Jeanette Mayer
Bill & Chris Weaver-Children's Ministry
Phyllis Hairston & Family-Youth

PAULINE ALLEN

Al & Katie Garrett-Children's Ministry
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald-Youth
John & Edith Lucas-Children's Ministry
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Tom & Pam Lester-Children's Ministry
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvement
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Children's Ministry
Jeff & Dinah Braune & Family-Children's Ministry

SUE GRAUKE

John & Edith Lucas
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski
Emmitt & Marie Currie
Carol Wallace-Missions
Al & Katie Garrett
Fred, Ann & Debbie Robinson-Bereavement
Nancy Burns
The Bobby Morgan Family
Pal & Bethel Lester-Children's Ministry
The Kerry Morgan Family-Scholarship
Chris, Amy, Sadie, Travis & Audrey Thibodeaux
Ralph & Lori Raabe
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Bruce, Lisa, Andy & Brent Gindler-Children's Ministry
Jeff & Dinah Braune & Family-Missions
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson
John & Erlene Zavadil
Mrs. Norma B. Fink-Minter Scholarship
Tom & Pam Lester-Bereavement
Mr. & Mrs. Larry J. Mercer
Harold & Brenda Grauke
Rusty & Ellen Lehnert
Kay Brzozowski
Mark & Patti Lindemann
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Loomis
Kenneth & Carolyn Seals
Junior & Marilyn Buchholtz
Leroy & Bobbie Polasek
Kenneth & Francis Saliger
John & Marjorie Ann Swannack
Butch & Dottie Knudson-Bereavement
Marian Gindler
Bill & Juanita Blundell-Bereavement
Onie Baker
Billie & Harold Bruns-HH
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Caraway Family & Caraway Ford Gonzales Employees
Bitsy Johnson
Jeanie Noack-Scholarship

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65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Butch & Dottie Knudson-HH
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-HH

Christmas Food Box Update

Thanks to your support and generosity, we have completed the preparation and distribution of 200 food boxes for needy families in the Gonzales area. I want to thank everyone for your donations of money, time and groceries in making this project a success. This project helps those less fortunate to have some extra groceries and fix a holiday meal for their families. I feel this outreach is a testament to our faith and the loving spirit of Christ at work in our community. All of the recipients expressed their gratitude and want you to know that it does make a difference.

Since we had such a good response to our Sunday School donation contest, I decided to award a Children's/Youth class winner and an Adult class winner. Congratulations to the Kindergarten class and the Progressive Class.

Again thank you for your support and generosity.
Rosemary Hindman

EARTH ANGELS

Earth Angels are always working on projects to benefit local citizens and local groups, as well as several deserving entities in the surrounding area. To recap 2013, Earth Angels has donated seventy five quilts to many special recipients.

Earth Angels continues to grow. At our December meeting, we had 2 more visitors who we hope will become regular members. In the last month, we have added another email member. Come for a visit and stay a while.

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. Fellowship and sharing play a major role in Earth Angels. Feel free to visit our next meeting on January 13, 2015; we'd love to have you.

Wesley Nurse News ~ "Year of Health"

"I am the one who answered your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always great; all your fruit comes from me." Hosea 14:8.

Changing old habits or creating new ones is hard to but making healthier choices will improve your life by preventing heart disease, diabetes, and even some cancers. Choosing healthier foods and losing excess weight will also impact the physical problems you have from the added stress that weight adds to your joints. This year, make a vow to become healthier. Change your dietary choices, add movement, and exercise to your day, and ask God for the strength to follow your plan. Change begins with baby steps which you add to as you see success. If you are committed to change, you will see a new and improved you! Free exercise classes are offered by the Wesley Nurse at FUMC several times weekly. Come and bring a friend. Call WN office for days and times.

"You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11

The New Year is a good time to look at your life and determine what you need to change or improve. Start the year by considering your health. Follow the monthly tips from your Wesley Nurse to see how you can become healthy, prevent disease, or minimize complications to your current health. Explore your community for organizations or agencies where you could volunteer in those capacities and pick a project. Good health is more than eating right; it is sharing the love of Jesus Christ by sharing your time and talents. Giving of yourself benefits the recipient and you. Focusing on the future and a well-balanced life will help you participate more fully in the love and joy of family.

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