FUMC Newsletter

JULY 2014

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Summer is here! Time for Vacation Bible School, summer camps, vacations, and if you're like my 2 daughters, it's time to swim! Summer is also a time for gardening. The other day I enjoyed a truly magnificent tomato. Honestly, it was one of the best I've ever tasted. (It probably came from Fred Robinson's garden!) Summer is a lot of things but summer is a time when things grow. Over the last several months in church we've celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord, remembered the birth of the Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and looked at how this Spirit transformed and shaped these early followers of Christ.

Now that it's summer, it's time for us to grow spiritually. Christ is risen! We are temples of the Holy Spirit. The seeds of faith have been planted and it's time for those seeds to produce fruit. That's why we're beginning a new sermon series on the fruits of the Spirit. From Galatians 5 it says that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We're going to spend these summer months growing in grace and allowing these fruits to become more apparent in our daily lives.

With all your "summer plans" be sure to make church a priority. Because as everything around us grows, we want to grow as well and be fruitful to the glory of God!

See you Sunday!

Andy

breakfast church

Are you hungry on Sunday mornings?

In addition to our traditional cinnamon toast & coffee, we have an assortment of cereals, bagels, milk, juice, oatmeal, and other items for breakfast!

This is all free and open between 7:30am to 9:45am.

Sunday, July 20

...we will be serving pancakes for breakfast. Don't miss out!

Check out our new website: www.fumcgonzales.org

Altar Flowers for July are given by:

July 6

Bubba, Lisa, and Jase Ehrig
In Memory of Theresa Ehrig

July 13

Jo & Glen Sachtleben
In Memory of Glen's Parents,
Harry Sachtleben and Clara Sachtleben

July 20

Eva Boscamp
In Memory of Clinton Boscamp

Leroy and Michelle Lavender
In Honor of
E. T. and Noris Gibson's Anniversary

July 27

Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer
In Honor of Keith and Malinda Borrer's
Marriage on July 26

Staff

Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor
Mike Ziadeh, Youth Director
Betty Wharton, Program Director
Felicia Cantu, Secretary
Willa Keck, Children's Director
Shirley Goss, Wesley Nurse
Craig Aamot, Music Minister
Christina Menking, Organist
Bill Meadows, Pianist
Rosannah Green, Attendance
Sandra Jandt, Happy House Director

Monthly Communion & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, July 16

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 Betty in the church office at 672-8521.

August Salad Luncheon

August 4th at Noon
In the Narthex
All women of the church are invited. Bring your favorite salad and a friend.

EARTH ANGELS

Summer is definitely here! Earth Angels continue to make quilts, to go on special retreats, to donate quilts, and to go on personal vacations. After hearing a brief discussion from Cheryl Meadows on the UMWC's project of birthing kits, Earth Angel members volunteered to help, if possible, in some capacity with the next project.

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, share 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 July 8; we'd love to have you.

Dear Church Family,

We really appreciate your prayers and support during this joyous time in our life. Our new little Methodist really appreciates the gift of the diapers.

Love your family in Christ,
Jason Stacy and Emily Fogle

Dear First UMC,

Bill and I would like to thank all our church family for the love and concern for us during his heart surgery and recovery. We appreciate all your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and plants as well as the food.

A special thanks to Brother Andy Smith for his visits, prayers and phone calls.

We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful, caring church.

Love, Bill & Juanita Blundell

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for all your love and support. The laundry basket with other gifts was perfect. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Travis Raabe

Dear Church Family,

Thank ya'll so much for the adorable quilt and diapers you gave to Bowen. We absolutely love being parents! Bowen is our greatest blessing. Thank y'all again for thinking of us as we welcomed our sweet boy into this world. We love ya'll.

Love, Taylor & Blaine Davis

Dear First UMC,

Words cannot express how thankful I am for my church. The FUMC of Gonzales has always been there for me and even now as I am heading off to college, I have been blessed with a scholarship from FUMC. I thank God everyday for my church family, and now I thank you all for selecting me as a recipient.

Love Always, Angela Witzkoske

Book Club News

The June meeting of the Book Club was held on Thursday, June 26. We had read the best-seller, Killing Jesus by Bill O'Reilly and Mark Dugard. The book was filled with historical information about life in the times of Jesus, especially noting the customs and traditions of the Jews and the Romans who dominated the area of Jerusalem and Nazareth. We felt that no matter how much one knew about the Bible and Jesus's life and teachings, there were facts to be learned from the book.

Our selection for July is a novel about the Vietnam War. The title is The Lotus Eaters, and the author is Tatjana Soli. Basically, it is a love story but is very informative about the war, the country, and the people. The story is centered around American photo-journalists and is an interesting read.

Join us on Thursday, July 24 at 9:30 for an interesting discussion.

Martha Jo Whitt

Did you know? That the bell at Mt. Wesley campgrounds came from Gonzales? It was donated by the old German Methodist Church after that congregation joined with the Gonzales First Methodist in 1940.

STATISTICAL REPORT MAY, 2014

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
4	91	178	269	66	$ 29,194.20
11	125	174	299	72	$ 11,112.40
18	141	165	305	—	$ 8,786.15
25	106	137	243	81	$ 12,143.00
TOTALS:	463	654	1116	219	**$ 61,235.75**
AVERAGES:	***116***	***164***	***279***	***73***	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 41,528.58
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 19,707.18
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 89%

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Barbara Thigpen
	Jonathan Seale
7/2	Tom Lester, Sr.
7/3	Quinn Atkinson
	Vance Lucas
	Chase Heldarsen
	Jordan Johnson
7/4	Barbara Davis
	Jo Ann Keck
7/5	Courtni Munson
	Betty Wharton
	Sydney McCray
	Dylan Storey
7/6	Patrice Gray
	Glenna Willeford
	Phillip Morris
7/7	Dinah Braune
	Seth Gibson
7/8	Dena Fritz
	Warren Hornung
7/9	Greg Miller
7/11	Penci Petty
7/12	Lisa Short
	Emmitt Currie
	Logan Connor
7/13	Kristen Bird
	Anthony Kuntschik
7/14	Wendy Allen
	Shylo Ulcak
	Brenda Kuntschik
	Jim Benedict
7/15	David Kardosz
	Morgan Denman
7/17	Sandra Dickey
	Bella Dawson
7/18	Ki Wilson
	Bailey Connell
7/19	Dee Dee Sengelmann
	Landon Holub
7/20	Martha Jo Whitt
	Lisa Henry
7/21	J. D. Baker
	Grant Griffin
	Ava Medellin
	Rebekah Morgan
7/22	Keelie Ramirez
7/23	Rickey Gibson
	James McCray
	Brittany Brown
	Jack Dubose
	Gregory Dubose
7/24	Mona Bivins
	Lynn Wilburn
7/25	Matthew Atkinson
	Jerry Oakes
	Kathleen Bowman
7/26	Noris Gibson
	Chris Pearson
7/27	Dub Whitehead
7/28	Charlena Parr
	Jake Barnick
	Janelle Lester
7/31	Bailey Bennett

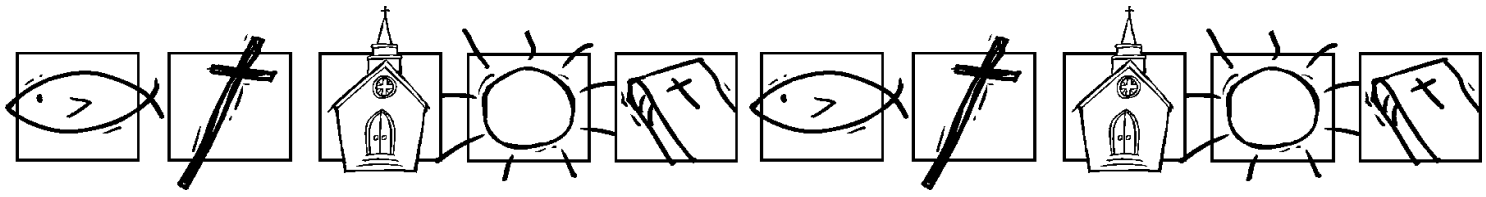
Anniversaries

7/1	Barry & Lauren Boothe
	Al & Katie Garrett
	Glen & Jo Sachtleben
7/2	Warren & Anita Hornung
7/3	Bobby & Connie Avant
	Norma & Larry Ehrig
	Hensley & Mary Ella Hurt
7/4	Scott & Nikki Bakken
7/5	Tim & Lisa Henry
7/6	Larry & Marge Frye
7/7	Clifford & Jamie Bryant
7/12	Phil and Donna Koehler
7/13	Darrell & Kathie McLain
7/17	Brian & Shannon Sample
	Daniel & Kristie Seale
7/18	Kenneth & Brenda Brown
	E.T. & Noris Gibson
	Brian & Mia Schauer
7/19	Kyle & Debbie Crozier
7/22	Kenneth & Laverne Brzozowski
7/24	Sean & Lana Dubose
	Jacob & Manda Leal
7/25	Dean & Allison Davis
7/26	Jeff & Dinah Braune
	Garland & Sharon Tenberg
7/30	Darren & Melissa Schauer
7/31	Michael & Kara Tuch

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

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 6, 2014	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
	Cole Boothe	Macy Sample	**ACOLYTES**
	Morgan Boothe	Natalie Tenberg	
	Quinn Atkinson	Trace Herndon	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Sue Boothe	Kelly Allen	
	Billy Boothe	David Bird	
	Erwin Ckodre	Jeffery Braune	
	Gary Clack	Eldon Farek	
	Forrest Penney	Cheryl Meadows	**LITURGIST**
	Lisa Gindler	Lisa Gindler	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
July 13, 2014	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 SERVICE**	
	Mallory Clack	Sadie Thibodeaux	**ACOLYTES**
	Sydney Clack	Kylee Watson	
	Chase Heldarsen	Sadie Morgan	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Bill DeBerry	Tom Lester, Sr	
	Kenneth Fink	Mike Davis	
	Herman Grauke	Bitsy Henderson	
	Dena Fritz	Greg Griffin	
	Amanda Reed	Deanie Ploeger	**LITURGIST**
	Sandy Allen	Sandy Allen	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
July 20, 2014	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 SERVICE**	
	Braden Clampit	Kiley Allen	**ACOLYTES**
	Cade Davis	Bella DuBose	
	Jaylen Johnson	Trent Wilkerson	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Joe Britt Hindman	Dick Goss	
	John Lucas	Shirley Goss	
	Ronnie Menking	Beverly Malatek	
	Greg Sengelmann	Cheryl Meadows	
	Shirley Spoon	Dwaine Siptak	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
July 27, 2014	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 SERVICE**	
	Ashtyn Kardosz	Morgan Farrar	**ACOLYTES**
	Jordan Williams	Weldon Holub	
	Daniel Sullivan	Kacee Fink	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	John Whitt	Kenneth Poe	
	Martha Jo Whitt	Bobby Morgan	
	Travis Schauer	Ray Neitsch	
	Steve Taylor	Leslie Ploeger	
	Terry Towns	Kelly Allen	**LITURGIST**
	Emmitt Currie	Emmitt Currie	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**



July 2014

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Jul 27 - Aug 2	27 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S	28 10:30am Staff Mtg.-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	29 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	30 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:30pm Intercessory Prayer 5:30pm Jr. High Youth-YR 5:30pm Presie Band Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Sr. High Youth-YR	31 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR	Aug 1	2

United Methodist Women

July brings Mission u at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville. My grandson, Sawyer Boothe and I, Cheryl Meadows will be leaving for Kerrville on Thursday, July 10th. The opening session begins on July11th at 10:30 a.m. We will be involved in activities from that moment on until noon on Sunday July 13th when we will depart for Gonzales.

This year at "Mission u" our Mission Action project will be to bring items for "Birthing Kits." Through the gracious donations of the members of our congregation to the tune of $150.00, UMW was able to prepare 22 kits at an approximate value of $8.00 each. These kits will be sent to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot at Baldwin, Louisiana where they will be housed until a need arises somewhere in the world.

Ladies, can those of you who have given birth to a child imagine having done so in a hut with a dirt floor or even out under a tree. This is what many women face throughout the world! Can you fathom having only the following items--a square yard of plastic sheeting on which to lie down, sterile plastic gloves, a bar of soap, string to tie the umbilical cord and a razor blade to cut the cord? The "birthing kits" provide only the essentials nothing extra no frills, except two receiving blankets to swaddle their precious newborn. There are women in many countries who are thankful to have these few items provided by the UMCOR workers who have dedicated their lives to helping others.

Think back to the time when you gave birth and compare this to what you had. These women probably feel blessed to at least have these essentials.

If by chance you missed the opportunity to donate, you can still help by contacting me -- Cheryl Meadows at 672-7711. Gonzales UMW would greatly appreciate any and all donations. Thank you.

Thank You Congregation

On June 1st United Methodist Women and you, the congregation, honored fifteen graduating seniors. They include Christopher Cerda, Kalli Davis, Jase Ehrig, Stacey Havel, Jordon Johnson, Loni Lester, Jessyca Malaer, Trent Malaer, Taylor Malatek, Nathan Medellin, J.T. Miller, Zac Perez-Clack, Travis Raabe, Cory Riedel, and Angela Witzkoske.

As it turned out we currently have nine Bibles to apply to next year. Your donations of $695.00 were a blessing! What a giving church family you are! Thank you!

Wesley Nurse News

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.
I thirst for God, the living God." Psalm 42:1

How much water did you drink today? Yesterday? Normally you should drink eight 8-onces glasses of water every day. Drinking water prevents symptoms such as fatigue, dry skin, headaches, and constipation. Severe dehydration can affect blood pressure, circulation, digestion, kidney function and even your joints. Dehydration can occur quickly without warning and children are at greater risk than adults because of their fluid volume and small body weight. The elderly have a high risk for dehydration since the aging process decreases their sense of thirst. If you exercise, drink a glass of water about 20 minutes before the activity and at least a half a glass every 15-20 minutes during the activity. Physical water is essential for life. Just as essential but more abundant is the spiritual water offered to us for eternity through Jesus Christ. How do you tap into God's living water during your day? Do you take in eight servings of God's word along with your eight glasses of physical water? If not, think how you can connect with God throughout your day. Reference: Centers for disease control-www.cdc.gov

Shirley Goss, Wesley Nurse 830-672-1031

LOST: If you picked up a copy of the book <u>The Lotus Eater</u> by Tatjana Soli when the church library had their recent book give-away, would you please call 672-9307.

Children's Corner

Has there ever been a time in your life that you have felt left out, or different from everyone else? We probably all have at some point or another. Our Weird Animals Vacation Bible School theme this year explores these feelings and how Jesus accepts each one of us and how his Love is One-of-a-Kind! These are lessons that impact all of us! VBS runs July 14-18 and is open for age 3 – exiting 6th grade. Weird Animals is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Every evening will start in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm for Sing and Play Stampede. Then everyone, (except the exiting 5th & 6th graders) will rotate to their stations: One-of-a-Kind Bible Adventures, Untamed Games, Imagination Station, but we will all come together for our great dinners and all gather at the end for The Tail End in the Sanctuary. Mike Ziadeh, our Youth Director, will lead the exiting 5th & 6th graders in their very own special VBS program designed just for them! The Tail End begins at approximately 8:00pm and parents are invited to join us. Plus, everyone will have the opportunity to help with two or three mission projects during the week.

On Friday night, we have our big water party and dinner for all-families, volunteers, and kids! Be prepared to get wet, so wear (or bring) your swimsuit and towel. (Girls: swimsuits -1 piece or 2-piece with a t-shirt cover-up). Have fun on water slides/bounce house and enjoy a snow cone and cotton candy!! Families are invited to join us Friday night beginning at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary and stay for hot dogs and trimmings and the water fun.

Registration forms are available in the narthex, office, and breezeway. Forms can be downloaded from www.fumcgonzales.org. ***Please, Please, Pre-register your children early and please check out the sign up board for volunteers in the narthex***. T-shirts are in and still only $5 for the kids! Free for volunteers!! If you can help in some way with VBS, take a look at where I still need volunteers. The program needs crew leaders and assistants in classrooms, decorators, substitutes and nursery workers! And if you would like to donate something for VBS, the donation request items are located in the Narthex at the "Weird Animals" display. Most food for the delicious evening meals is donated from you-the congregation and friends of FirstUMC! And if you can't do the shopping, but want to donate, monetary donations are gladly accepted. The shopping will be done for you!! Call me at 672-8521 or 857-6630 if you can help or have questions. ***The volunteer work/prep week is July 7-13. During this week, we decorate everywhere but the Sanctuary, prepare name tags, finalize all the details, review and organize supplies!! Station leaders and preschool-decorate your rooms this week! All crew leaders –please attend important volunteer meeting-Thursday July 10 at 6:00pm. I will have material available for you.***

I ask everyone for prayers for VBS-before, during and after! Keep all of our VBS volunteers, children, and their families in your prayers that all goes well, that we share Christ's love with the community and that God's love touches each one of us and draws us closer to Christ. I pray that the children realize that Jesus' loves each and every one of us

July Calendar

Sunday, July 6 – Dedication and Blessing of VBS volunteers during services.
Sunday, July 6- Communion at Romberg at 2:30pm.
Week of July 7-13– VBS work/prep week- see notes above.
Thursday, July 10 @ 6:00pm Mandatory crew leaders meeting. It is important to attend, pick up material and review. Station leaders-if you still have questions or need to meet with anyone, or work in your rooms, please attend also!! Dinner provided. Child care available.
Sunday July 14 – Decorate Sanctuary for VBS 2:00pm. Set up stages!! Finish all other set up and decorations. Narthex registration set up. Kitchen prep! ***Volunteers needed all Sunday afternoon into early evening!***
Sunday, July 15-19 Kingdom Rock: Where kids stand strong for God. Begins at 5:30pm. Crew leaders arrive by 5:15pm. Station leaders – have rooms prepared and ready to go.
Sunday July 20- VBS children singing at both services! Hope you can be there!
Monday - Thursday, July 21-23 Clean up from VBS!
Sunday, July 28 – Julie Fairchild, myself, and a great group of kids leave for Basic Training Camp at Cathedral Oaks! Keep us all in your prayers for a Great Spirit filled week.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MEMORIALS 2nd Quarter 2014

MARY ELIZABETH TINSLEY
Bob & Shirley Spoon-Organ
Jane Boothe-Organ
John Parr Family-Building

MARY FRANCES WEST
Dr. & Mrs. Jim Benedict

HELEN STOCKTON
Billie & Harold Bruns-HH
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Al & Katie Garrett
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Cap Imp
Thomas Stulting, Linda Stulting-Scholarship
Butch & Dottie Knudson
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Mercer
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
Jane Boothe
Tom & Pam Lester
Carolyn Harrell
Robert A. Young-Organ
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
John & Edith Lucas
Dwaine & Linda Siptak-Missions
Marian Gindler-Organ
John L. Tinsley-Missions
Phil & Jackie Breitschopf-Missions
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Harless-Scholarship
Ralph & Ida McGarity-Scholarship
Booty Neitsch
Terry & Royce Towns, Jr.-Organ
John Goodrum
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Pal & Bethel Lester- Bereavement

FRANK STOCKTON
Robert A. Young-Organ

JAMES EDWARDS
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

L. A. LINDEMANN, JR.
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

THOMAS RAABE
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

BARBARA HARSCH
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

BETTY CUVELIER
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

DR. BARNEY KLEIN
Rosannah Green-Organ

DAVID SIPTAK
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Al & Katie Garrett
Tom & Pam Lester-Youth
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Organ
Butch & Dottie Knudson
Terry & Royce Towns, Jr.-Organ
Erwin & Mary Ckodre
Joyce Harris-Bereavement
Arva Nell Needham-Youth
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Youth
Kathy Jurek-Good Samaritan
Pal & Bethel Lester-Bereavement

THELMA WEHMAN EHLERS
Erwin & Mary Ckodre

EMMITT O. "BUDDY" BURROWS
Booty Neitsch

RUBY RUTH GANDRE
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

DENNIS RICHTER
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson-Wesley Nurse
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
Jeff & Dinah Braune & Family-Scholarship

MARTHA "MOOCHIE" TURK
Jay & Donna Gray-Youth

ROBERT LORD
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson

TERRY BOWMAN
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
John & Edith Lucas
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Landscape
Carol Wallace-Youth
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Pal & Bethel Lester-Bereavement
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Mrs. Norma B. Fink-Wesley Nurse
Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink-Youth
Terry & Royce Towns, Jr.-Organ
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Scholarship

VINCENT DALE DECOLA
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson-Bereavement
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

MARGIE BRADLEY
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

JODY SHANK
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

VIRGIE BAKER
Jack & Dyna DuBose-Minter Scholarship
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Landscape
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

EDNA PATTESON
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

LOTTIE NULL
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

MARGARET SHELTON
Shirley & Bob Spoon-Music

ROBERT LARRY SPEER
John Parr Family
Jeff & Dinah Braune & Family-Missions

FRED RHODE
Jeff & Dinah Braune & Family-Organ

Memorials Continued:

PHYLLIS ONCKEN
Carol Wallace-Bereavement
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Landscape
Rosannah Green-Bereavement
Forrest & Sue Penney
Harold & Billie Bruns-HH
Al & Katie Garrett-Bereavement
Erwin & Mary Ckodre-Orgn
Herman & Sue Grauke-Bereavement
John & Edith Lucas
Pal & Bethel Lester-Bereavement'
Tom & Pam Lester-Music
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Terry & Royce Towns, Jr.-Organ
Danny & Sharon Newsom & Family-Bereavement
Jack & Peggy Barnett
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson-Scholarship
Mrs. Norma B. Fink-Bereavement
Butch & Dottie Knudson-Bereavement
Dwaine & Linda Siptak-Bereavement
Nancy Burns
Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman
Thomas Stulting & Linda Stulting
Charles & Maydell Pankey-Organ
Barry & Lauren Boothe
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Mercer
Laura Chandler
Jerry & Julia Oakes-Bereavement
Booty Neitsch
Jane Boothe
Arva Nell Needham
Shirley & Bob Spoon-Bereavement
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Scholarship
Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer-Bereavement
Catherine Finch

D. K. DILL
Jeff & Dinah Braune & Family-Scholarship

KENNETH WITTEN
Booty Neitsch
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Cap Imp.

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IN HONOR OF PERRY SMITH ON HIS BIRTHDAY
Donna & Jay Gray-Good Samaritan

IN HONOR OF DOTTIE KNUDSON ON HER BIRTHDAY
Billie & Harold Bruns-HH

CHOIR 1ST SERVICE
Emmitt & Marie Currie-Music

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A Timely Reminder

During one of our frequent phone calls, my 95-year-old mother related what had happened during the previous night. She'd awakened and glanced at the oversized digital clock on her nightstand. It read 3:16 a.m.

Immediately her mind went to John 3:16, the Bible's most well-known verse. She lay back down and recited it from memory. She drifted back to sleep but awoke again momentarily. The clock read 3:20, so she thought of Jesus' invitation in Revelation 3:20.

Again, Mom fell asleep, only to awaken about an hour later. (The Spirit was active on this night!) It was 4:19, so she thought of a favorite verse: Philippians 4:19. Eventually she arose and started the new day with God's Word ringing in her heart and mind.

Mother has been a faithful student of God's Word all her life. Now, as she draws closer to her departure on the Gloryland Express, that Word sustains her. It's her daily bread and her nightly portion — mediated by an illuminated clock with bright red numerals.

—Timothy Merrill

Comforting Word

A florist loved preparing bouquets for weddings, birthdays and joyful occasions. But he dreaded funerals, never sure what to say to grieving families. Over time, the florist learned from his assistant, who routinely stopped her work, brought tissues and sat down with survivors. Few, if any, words were exchanged, but *the* Word — of God — was present. Thank-yous, hugs and even smiles often followed the tears.

Like the florist, many caring Christians struggle with offering sympathy. We may ramble meaninglessly or unintentionally say something hurtful. Comments such as "It was God's will" or "God needed her in heaven" might upset a mourner who likely thinks, "But I need her here!"

Instead, simply say, "I'm sorry" or "You're not alone." Or just be present and let God's Word offer comfort.

From Our Youth Director

Hello everyone, I am writing this update just a few days after getting back from our first annual Haiti mission trip. The last 8 days have been an amazing opportunity for God to touch our hearts and show us his love knows no boundaries. It gives me great satisfaction to see God at work in such a powerful way as our teens served and loved on the children of the orphanages of Haiti.

The Haiti trip will not be the only opportunity to serve, this summer will be an exciting time of fun and fellowship for the youth of First United Methodist Church. We will be attending (2) UM Army trips in July, one for the Jr. High July 20-24, and one for the Sr. High July 6-12. This will be an exciting time for our youth to get to serve and love on our neighbor's within the community.

We will continue to have Wednesday night services all summer long, we will have a "Mystery Van Tour" Date and some paintball events this summer. The dates are TBA so stay tuned!

Sign up for VBS is available now! I will be working with the 5th and 6th graders this year, we could use a lot of youth involvement throughout the week.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please let me know.

God Bless,
Mike Ziadeh

2014 Haiti Mission Team

Church Directory Portrait Schedule

Friday, August 1	**12:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.**
Saturday, August 2	**9:30 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.**
Tuesday, August 5	**2:00 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.**
Wednesday, August 6	**2:00 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.**
Thursday, August 7	**2:00 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.**
Friday, August 8	**12:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.**
Saturday, August 9	**9:30 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.**

Follow the link on the church website to sign up online.
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