# FUMC Newsletter

## JUNE 2015

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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

*"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."* ~ Matthew 5: 14 – 16

Who are your heroes? Who are the people you look up to for inspiration? We are actually surrounded by a great company of heroes. Did you know that? We might walk through our Narthex without paying much attention, but their memory is recorded in that mural. The wonderful images beckon us to remember the immortal 32 and all those who died defending the Alamo.

There's a great story about Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett. Both men were sitting around the campfire talking about how hard it was to live up to the legend of "Davy Crockett." As the story goes, Bowie looks at Crockett's head and notices that he isn't wearing his "coon skin cap." He asks him if it had crawled away. Crockett smiles and says that he only wears it when it's extra cold. He admits that he only wears the cap because of a stage play where an actor portraying Crockett wore one. He said to Bowie, *"People expect things."*

All of a sudden cannon fire explodes all around. Crockett confesses, *"If it was just me, simple old David from Tennessee, I might drop over that wall some night and take my chances to get otta here. But that Davy Crockett feller, they're all watchin' him. He's been on these walls every day of his life."*

Who are your heroes? It doesn't take the ultimate sacrifice to become someone else's hero. It can actually begin with faith and a commitment to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. It can happen through a servant attitude and a willingness to bless others with the love and grace of God.

Sometimes we might be tempted like Davy Crockett and *"drop over the wall"* in order to serve our own interests. It takes a lot of courage to put God's agenda before our own. Jesus said it a different way: *"Let your light shine before others…"* The point being that you never know who is watching you. You never know how your actions and words will inspire and influence others. Your life represents the Christian faith. God can do great things through you. God can and will use you to advance His grace and love throughout this world.

May the Lord bless you and use you to be a hero in the Christian faith.

In Christ's Service,
Andy

## From the History & Archives Committee

### For Fathers' Day

Will you write a tribute to your father or grandfather (with photo if possible) to display in the Fellowship Hall on June 21st? Please bring to office by Wed. June 17th. If question call Anita Hornung at 437-2826.

### June is traditionally Wedding Month

Will you share your wedding picture with us? It can also be one of your parents or grandparents. They will be displayed in the Cabinet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring anytime to office. We would love to see them! Question? Call Anita Hornung at 437-2826.

## *Altar Flowers for June are given by:*

### *June 7*

Jimmy and Kathleen Borrer
In Memory of Horace and Bernice Sample,
and Hope and Louise Borrer

### *June 14*

Herman Grauke
In Memory of Sue Grauke,
Garland Tenberg, Sr., Ruth Conger,
and Robert and Velma Grauke

Garland Tenberg, Jr. Family
In Memory of Garland Tenberg, Sr.
and Sue Grauke

### *June 21*

Derrick, Janelle,
Dixie Rea, Ellie Mae, and Stayton Lester
In Memory of Abby Lee and Bella Lynn Lester

### *June 28*

Ellen Johnson
Jeffery Mills
In Memory of Fletcher Johnson

**Staff**

Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor
Ruth Smith, Youth Pastor
David Smith, Director of Discipleship & Connections
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, June 17**

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!

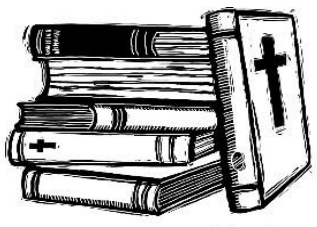
If you would like to help by fixing the meal served at the Prayer Luncheons please contact

## Book Club News

David Kokernut: Rogue Soldier of the Texas Revolution by Alan Barber was our club's selection for May. This biography was meticulously researched by Mr. Barber who is a descendant of David Kokernut. Mr. Barber traced the family to their time in Amsterdam before coming to the United States. DNA testing places the family in the middle East even earlier than that. This book is a "must read" for anyone who is at all interested in Texas history and/or Gonzales history. Our meeting included a very interesting discussion led by Norma Fink who is always a good source of local and Texas history because of her affiliation with several historical associations like the DAR and DRT. Several members had lots to add about their families' connections to the historical period of the book.

We are looking forward to June when we will read The Train to Crystal City by Jan Jarboe Russell, a former columnist and writer for the San Antonio Express. The non-fiction book relates the story of a confinement camp in Crystal City, Texas, where German, Japanese, and other families were interred during World War II. Nan Berkley will be leading the discussion.

Remember that we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the church library. The group is open and welcomes anyone who would like to read and discuss the book or who would like to come just to listen to the discussion. June 25 is the date this month!



Martha Jo Whitt

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the meal you provided after Alfred's funeral service. The food was wonderful. You all are such a blessing. Thank you!

Sincerely, The Alfred Spohler Family

We are awed by this church family. Thank you all so much for your love, prayers & friendships & monetary help.

We would have been not only so worried about bills etc, but very lost without all your help.

Kathy, Crystal, & Chance Boyd

Thank you so very much for the generous donation to our center. We sincerely appreciate all the support that you continue to give us.

Deane Parsley-Novosad,
Gonzales Youth Center Director

FUMC,

Thank you so much for the diapers and baby blanket. We appreciate it.

Thanks, Malinda & Keith Borrer

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting Pilot Club and Project Graduation. We plan a safe, fun evening for the seniors and their guests.

With much gratitude from the Pilot Club of Gonzales.

Janice Menking

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for your many prayers, cards and calls - I am so blessed! My eye surgery was successful, it's healing well and I'll soon see you with both eyes! Thank you God and thank you dear friends.

Sincerely, Nancy Burns

Dear Bereavement Committee,

Thank you for the lunch you provided for our family after the funeral. We truly appreciate it very much. Each of you are very special friends to us.

The Family of Harold Bruns

Dear Church Family,

Just a note to say "Thanks" for all you have done for us these past few months. So many of you have brought food and I didn't always know who, but I really enjoyed finding food in the "fridge". All of you have sent cards, phone calls & a kind word spoken. Your prayers and love have helped so much. Harold & I both felt the love and caring these past few months. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love, Billie Bruns

Dear First UMC,

Our Family would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of your caring thoughts, prayers, cards and especially the kindness you extended to Mom & Dad during the past few months. The love and support has helped us during this difficult time.

Each of you have a special place in our hearts.

Tommy, Theresa, Chris & Cody Bruns

**STATISTICAL REPORT APRIL, 2015**

| DATE | 8:30 | 10:45 | TOTAL | SS | OFFERINGS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 199 | 218 | 417 | 60 | $ 18,049.96 |
| 12 | 128 | 130 | 258 | 100 | $ 7,449.60 |
| 19 | 170 | 156 | 226 | 67 | $ 8,795.25 |
| 26 | 114 | 131 | 245 | 71 | $ 7,640.50 |
| **TOTALS:** | 611 | 635 | 1146 | 298 | **$ 41,935.31** |
| ***AVERAGES:*** | ***153*** | ***159*** | ***287*** | ***75*** | |

**TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 51,433.26**
**NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 9,497.95**
**APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 47%**

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---|---|
| 6/1 | Corie Connell |
| | Megan Tenberg |
| 6/2 | Jeffrey Mills |
| | Kirk Bennett |
| 6/3 | Susanne Bennett |
| | Brandon Brown |
| 6/4 | Allen Watts |
| | Braden Clampit |
| 6/5 | Jeanette Pruett |
| 6/6 | Doreen Fink |
| | Marge Frye |
| | Katie Garcia |
| | Kenna Leonhardt |
| | Adryan Brooks |
| | Madison Thomas |
| | Weldon Holub |
| 6/7 | Timothy White |
| 6/8 | Julia Oakes |
| | David Pruett |
| 6/9 | Kate Ehrig |
| 6/10 | Percy Pettus |
| 6/11 | Cody Stowers |
| 6/12 | Stephen Tenberg |
| | Louis Wolting |
| | Brent Gindler |
| | Tyler Pierpont |
| 6/13 | Georgie Gandre |
| | Janie Massey |
| | John Parr |
| | Alexis Cerda |
| 6/14 | Easton Daniel |
| 6/15 | Jane Boothe |
| | Candice Witzkoske |
| 6/16 | Connor Pruett |
| 6/17 | Michael Fritz |
| | Roland Escobedo |
| 6/18 | Peggy Baros |
| | Gena Kridler |
| | Ashtyn Kardosz |
| 6/19 | Lisa Ehrig |
| | Royce Towns, Jr. |
| 6/20 | Debbie Fogle |
| 6/21 | Michelle Lavender |
| | Steven Gottwald |
| | Will Dubose |
| 6/22 | Leroy Lavender |
| 6/23 | Pam Lester |
| | Emma Morgan |
| 6/24 | Pam Connor |
| | Maydell Pankey |
| | Dixie Lester |
| | Kadie Dawson |
| 6/25 | Victor Brown, Jr. |
| | Connie Riley |
| 6/27 | Irene Oakes |
| 6/28 | Sonya Crawford |

# *June Anniversaries*

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|---|---|
| 6/1 | Chris & Rachelle Pearson |
| | Billy & Sue Boothe |
| 6/2 | Royce, Jr. & Terry Towns |
| | Herman & Sue Harris |
| 6/3 | Cody & Noelle Stowers |
| 6/4 | Greg & Dee Dee Sengelman |
| | Seth & Christi Fullilove |
| 6/5 | Bill & Willa Keck |
| 6/8 | Leslie & Deanie Ploeger |
| | Todd & Sonya Crawford |
| 6/10 | Bryan & Ellen Denman |
| | Al Wayne & Nila Ehrig |
| 6/11 | Mike & Irene Oakes |
| | Bill & Jeanette Mayer |
| 6/12 | Josh & Molly Lucas |
| 6/13 | Mike & Sarah Miller |
| 6/14 | Clint & Julie Fairchild |
| 6/15 | Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer |
| 6/16 | Jay & Donna Gray |
| 6/18 | Steve & Mary Willman |
| 6/22 | Bubba & Lisa Ehrig |
| 6/24 | Roland & Lisa Escobedo |
| 6/25 | Commie & Donna Hisey |
| 6/28 | Ross & Sarah Gottwald |
| 6/29 | Keith & Judy Schauer |
| 6/30 | Tom & Pam Lester |

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

# JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| June 7, 2015 | 8:30 A.M. SERVICE | 10:45 A.M. SERVICE | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Ashtyn Kardosz | Faith Lester | **ACOLYTES** |
| | Brendon Mercer | Ava Medellin | |
| | Chase Heldarsen | Weldon Holub | |
| | Emmitt Currie (Lead) | Pal Lester (Lead) | **USHERS** |
| | Steve Taylor | Eldon Farek | |
| | John Whitt | Greg Griffin | |
| | Martha Jo Whitt | Tom Lester, Sr | |
| | Jimmy Borrer | Cheryl Meadows | |
| | Maydell Pankey | Gene Kridler | **LITURGIST** |
| | Willa Keck | Willa Keck | **CHILDREN'S SERMON** |

Communion Service

| June 14, 2015 | 8:30 A.M. SERVICE | 10:45 A.M. SERVICE | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Brody Borrer | Grace Morgan | **ACOLYTES** |
| | Hadley Borrer | Paisley Ploeger | |
| | Jaylen Johnson | Sadie Morgan | |
| | Emmitt Currie (Lead) | Pal Lester (Lead) | **USHERS** |
| | Billy Boothe | Beverly Malatek | |
| | Sue Boothe | Dick Goss | |
| | Erwin Ckodre | Shirley Goss | |
| | Gary Clack | Bobby Morgan | |
| | Amanda Reed | Pam Lester | **LITURGIST** |
| | Lisa Gindler | Lisa Gindler | **CHILDREN'S SERMON** |

| June 21, 2015 | 8:30 A.M. SERVICE | 10:45 A.M. SERVICE | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Megan Tenberg | Peyton Ruddock | **ACOLYTES** |
| | Mallory Clack | Weston Ruddock | |
| | Josie Stowers | Sadie Thibodeaux | |
| | Emmitt Currie (Lead) | Pal Lester (Lead) | **USHERS** |
| | Bill DeBerry | Ray Neitsch | |
| | Dena Fritz | Ruth Smith | |
| | Herman Grauke | Mary Tomas | |
| | Joe Britt Hindman | Justin Pope | |
| | Shirley Spoon | Tom Lester Sr. | **LITURGIST** |
| | Commie Hisey | Commie Hisey | **CHILDREN'S SERMON** |

| June 28, 2015 | 8:30 A.M. SERVICE | 10:45 A.M. SERVICE | |
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| | Braden Clampit | Macy Sample | **ACOLYTES** |
| | Ashtyn Kardosz | Parker Storey | |
| | Daniel Sullivan | Trent Wilkerson | |
| | Emmitt Currie (Lead) | Pal Lester (Lead) | **USHERS** |
| | Kenneth Fink | Leslie Ploeger | |
| | Commie Hisey | Kelly Allen | |
| | John Lucas | David Bird | |
| | Ronnie Menking | Jeffery Braune | |
| | Terry Towns | Cheryl Meadows | **LITURGIST** |
| | Allison Davis | Allison Davis | **CHILDREN'S SERMON** |

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

calendar

# Children's Corner

Congratulations to all our Confirmands! I'm so proud of all of you!

The highlight of the summer is Vacation Bible School!! This year our theme is **"Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power".** The dates are July 13-17, 5:30-8:30pm. The Icy Expedition is open to children age 3 through exiting 6th graders.

Do you realize how many children and families hear the word of God through our Vacation Bible School each summer? We have registered 200 children the past several years, plus all the volunteers!! Thank you for always helping me to prepare and welcome the children and parents to our VBS program.

**Everest VBS Registration is** underway now! Registration Forms for children (age 3 – exiting 6th grade) and volunteers are located in the narthex, breezeway, church office, www.fumcgonzales.org, and have been mailed out. T-shirts are still only $5 for participants and free for all volunteers! Register early! For the exiting 5th and 6th graders, Ruth Smith, our awesome Youth Pastor, will lead them on their own Everest Expedition! Come see what she has planned for youth and get to know our new Youth Pastor!

As you know, many hours are spent preparing for VBS and many volunteers are needed during the week and beforehand too. I am asking for our congregation to be the hands and feet of Christ by volunteering for VBS. Did you know it takes around 130 volunteers working all week long to make VBS run smoothly and this doesn't count all the prep work ahead of time!! Anyone wishing to help can sign up on the VBS Board in the Narthex, text me or call me. All of the various jobs are listed. If you have a certain age group that you want to work with or job that you like to do, sign up now! Be sure to fill out a form, too. All volunteers receive a free t-shirt! **VBS station leaders and assistants, crew leaders, preschool leaders and volunteers are needed! 857-6630.** I hope you, your children, grandchildren, friends and families can join us on this Expedition and explore God's Mighty Power!

**Cathedral Oaks Basic Training Camp for exiting 3rd-exiting 5th** grade still has spots available for girls and boys. Camp dates are July 26-29. This is a great 1st time camp! Remember if you are a member of First UMC, 1/2 camp registration fee is paid. Contact Willa for more information.

**Lego Camp is back this summer! August 3-7!** Registration is underway for our Congregation and will be open to community starting June 15. Registration forms have been mailed to our Congregation. 3 classes are offered this year-Engineering, Jedi, and Green. See the back of registration form for class descriptions. Mr. Eli and Mr. Heiko are returning to teach our classes! Cost is $85.00. Ages 5-7 classes are 9am-12:00noon. Ages 8-12 classes are 1pm-4pm.

Our Annual Trip to **Splashway Waterpark at Sheridan is Tuesday, June 23.** Meet at church office on St. Lawrence Street @ 8:45am. Your entry fee is paid by The Children's Ministry by our fundraising events! Parents need to send snacks/lunch or provide money for meal and the gift shop. **RSVP for Van Seating as limited**. Additional drivers and personal cars may be needed. Adult or chaperone must accompany 1st grade & under. Volunteers needed to chaperone! RSVP to 672-8521, 857-6630 or wkeck@gvec.net

**Children's Ministry will meet in June**, date to be determined. **VBS Volunteers will meet** throughout June and July!

**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.

**Sunday, June 7** – **Registration for VBS- children and volunteers in the Narthex every Sunday!** Forms in Narthex, Breezeway, and Office.

**June 8-12 –** First Baptist Church VBS

**June 15-19 -** Lutheran & Presbyterian VBS (hosted at Lutheran Church) 9am-12pm

**Sunday, June 21** – Happy Father's Day!

**Tuesday, June 23** – Annual trip to Splashway Waterpark in Sheridan. See details above.

**Wednesday, July 1 - Deliver 4th of July Spirit to the nursing homes and Romberg**. Meet at the church office at 9:45am. Pick up from church will be approximately at 1:30pm. Sign up in the Narthex and office. We will go to lunch after our visits!!

# United Methodist Women News

Save the Date- 2015 Mission u

**"Faith, Hope and Love: Laying Out Foundation"** is the title for the 2015 UMW Rio Texas Conference Mission u which opens at 8:00AM on Friday, July 10th and ends with Closing Worship which begins at 10:30AM on Sunday, July 12th.

Mission u program begins at the Byrd Auditorium with gathering music for the Opening Plenary at 10:00AM on Friday, July 10. If you are interested, you can arrive early on Thursday, July 9 for an extra fee.

Studies and the leaders for each class for 2015 include: "**Latin America: People and Faith"**- the Geographical Growth study will be led by Becky Harrell and Rev. Ella Luna (She will teach in Spanish.). The repeat study is "**The Church & People with Disabilities**," the Social Issue study; will be led by Rev. Liliana Padilla (She will teach in Spanish.) The Spiritual Growth study **"Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God"** will be led by Ralph Thompson, Katherine Maples, and Elizabeth Jimenez (She will teach in Spanish.)

We will host the Geographical Growth study, **"Latin America: People and Faith"** as a one-day study held on Saturday, July 11th for those whose schedule won't accommodate the two and one-half day format. This study will be held at St. Paul's UMC at the end of Encampment Road and will be led by Sandy Wilder.

This year we will have two new class offerings --One is entitled, **"Teaching the Teachers: Youth and Children Teachers Only."** This class will help participants go back to her home church and lead the youth and/or children's study. The other new item this year will be an abbreviated study about missions along with a hands-on mission project. The new activity is designed for women 18 to 40 years old. The group will meet on Saturday, July 11th.

Our music leaders include Clayton Karrer and other helpers.

If you are interested in attending Mission u at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville, contact Cheryl Meadows for information and registration forms. **Deadline for registering is June 23rd**. More detailed information on the studies is also available. Contact Cheryl at 672-7711 or by email at cmeadows2@gvtc.com

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**2015 MISSION ACTION PROJECT – Health Kits**

UMCOR has become very particular with their specifications for the kits prepared by those of us in the field. UMW would like to take some of these kits to Kerrville this summer. If you would like to help, you may wish to make a donation and let us purchase and assemble the kits. Here are the required items:

- 1 hand towel: 15X20 to 17X27 in. (NO kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels, must be new and unwashed)
- 1 washcloth (must be new and unwashed)
- 1 comb: sturdy and over 6 in. long (NO pocket combs or picks; rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable if they have over 6 in. of teeth.)
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers (NO emery boards)
- 1 bath-size soap: 3 oz. and larger only (NO Ivory or Jergens, leave in original packaging)
- 1 toothbrush: adult size only, leave in **original** packaging
- 6 adhesive bandages: 3/4 to 1-inch size, common household Band-Aids
- 1 plastic bag: One-gallon sealable bag only
- $1 to purchase toothpaste **(UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Don't put single dollar bills in each kit.)**

Set the $1 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more. Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be removed and will delay the shipment.

Remember: $2 per kit for transportation. Monetary gifts over this amount (or instead of kits) are gladly accepted.

United Methodist Women
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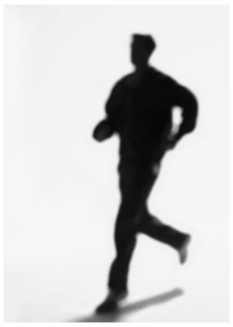
## Wesley Nurse News -"Men's Health"



*"Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!" 1 Samuel 25:6*

Men can live healthier, longer lives just by knowing their **health threats** and how to work through those **risks**. A healthy, balanced diet will greatly reduce the risk some threats: heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and kidney disease. The game plan to get the ball rolling includes: Do not skip breakfast; it gets your metabolism started. Reduce your portions. Eat lean chicken, turkey, and fish, eggs, and beans. Focus on carbohydrates like fruits, vegetables, brown rice, baked sweet potatoes. Limit sweets and white flour. Eat when you are hungry and stop when you are full. Snack smartly. Exercise most days of the week. Try to skip heavy evening meals. Limit alcohol. **Depression** is a neurological malfunction caused by genetics or life/environmental experiences and can be treated. Look for symptoms of inappropriate anger, compulsive behavior, difficulty sleeping, risky behavior, alcohol/substance abuse, or thoughts of suicide. **Snoring** can occur when your air flow is affected. Snoring can be triggered by eating too much before bed, smoking, sleeping position, alcohol, drugs/sedatives, age-older people often snore because of weaker muscles, obesity, enlarged adenoids, nasal congestion, or sleep apnea. **Prostate cancer** is the second leading cause of cancer deaths. It is most frequently found in men over 65. If caught early, it is generally slow in growing and easily treatable. With few symptoms, it is important to not ignore signs of potential problems like: difficulty urinating, pain during urination, blood in the urine, and pain in the lower back/ hips/upper thighs. See a physician for an exam and blood testing for PSA to determine if they indicate cancer. If diagnosed, treatment may include surveillance, surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, or chemotherapy. Discuss your options with your physician to determine which is appropriate. Health screenings are as important for men as they are for women. Screenings should include a body mass index for obesity, lipid profiles starting at age 35, blood pressure assessment, colorectal cancer screening at age 50 or earlier if indicated by family history or abnormal symptoms, and diabetes evaluation. See your physician when things do not seem to be right. For more information, call Wesley Nurse, Shirley Goss @ 672-1031.

The mission trip is June 25 through July 1. Our purpose is to work with missionaries Matt & Sarah Rideout and assist them in building and equipping their Christian Retreat Center for the orphans of Haiti. Imagine a place like Cathedral Oaks or Mt. Wesley where children can go to have a multiday spiritual retreat and grow in their relationship with God.

While in Haiti we shall focus on three areas. Each day part of our team will lead orphans in VBS style activities, some will work on construction projects, and others will serve in a local clinic. We will also visit orphanages and a remote village.

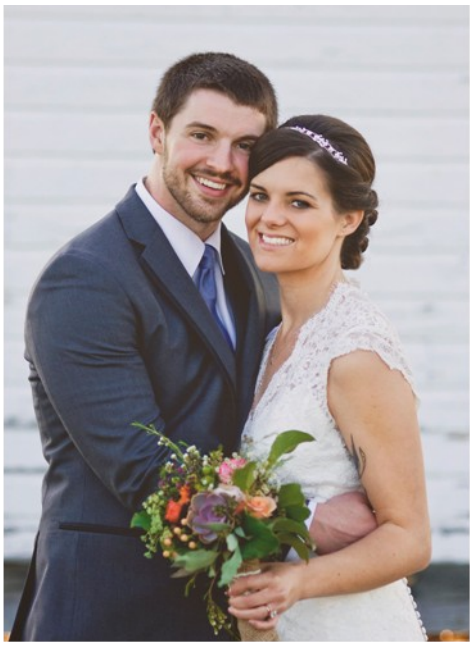
We have 32 mission team members. From our church: ***Pastor Andy, Ruth & David Smith, Cheryl Atkinson, Dale Graham, Keith Schauer, Tammy Morgan, Rebekah Morgan, Roni Epperson, Jacey Lester, Megan Zella, Nathan Medellin, Emma Morgan, Sadie Morgan, Lauren Strickland, Delsia Maldonado, Jelly Castro, Nicki Schauer, and Bailey Bennett.*** From our community we have: ***Dr. Tim Wagner, Christine Wagner, Melanie Wagner, Leah Janecek, Jack Janecek, Maria Janecek, Devin Pesek, Delynn Pesek, Abby Hull, Alex Hull, Parker Clay, Natalie Jackson, and Jenna Williams.***

**We are thankful for your prayers and support! And we are most grateful for all your donations!**

**Haiti Fund Raiser: *Parent's Night Out* Thursday, June 18 5pm to 8pm**

This event serves two purposes: it gives our mission team the opportunity to practice the VBS activities planned for Haiti, ***plus through a love offering***, it raises funds to support this trip. You may register your child through our church office (857-8521). Dinner will be provided.

## Discipleship and Connections News



Hey everyone! My name is David Smith and I have the honor of filling the position of Director of Discipleship and Connections here at FUMC. I am originally from South Bend, Indiana, and graduated from Bethel College (Mishawaka, IN) in Spring 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies. This past April, I married my best friend, the most beautiful and loving woman, Ruth! We are blessed with the opportunity to do ministry together here in the church and in the community. Some things I love to do: working out, watching NFL football and NBA basketball, reading, listening to music/ singing/playing guitar, and eating all kinds of great food!

The Lord has given me a heart to help people come to an understanding of who they are in Christ and how that affects every part of their life. The last thing Jesus commanded us to do was to "Go therefore and *make disciples* of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). We are called not only to make disciples but there is the implication there that we ourselves have to *be disciples*. And what is a disciple? The Greek word for disciple literally means "learner" or "pupil." It means we follow what Jesus said. It's that simple!

My role in the church will be primarily to implement and develop a ministry of small groups. Small groups are an amazing way that we can grow together as followers of Jesus Christ through fellowship, encouragement, accountability, and teaching. It is a very practical way of being the Body of Christ to one another. I cannot say how excited Ruth and I are to see this ministry start to develop in our community because I firmly believe the Lord will do incredible things as we intentionally meet together and push each other towards Christ. Along with small group ministry, I will also be regularly serving at our local nursing homes, fulfilling various pastoral duties within the church, and ministering to our college aged students this summer. Thank you all for welcoming Ruth and I to your church family with such grace and kindness. We are so blessed to be here and are excited for what God has planned for our church.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

- **MONDAY, JUNE 1st - Small Group General Interest Meeting**
  - ⇒ **Meet in Fellowship Hall**
  - ⇒ **6:00pm-7:00pm**
  - ⇒ **Dinner provided!**
  - ⇒ **This will be a meeting for anyone who is interested in learning about what small group ministry actually looks like, our vision for the**

Our United Methodist Men will resume monthly meetings in June. Men of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. The first meeting will be Thursday, June 18 from 7:00-7:45 a.m. in the Narthex. Please join us for breakfast tacos, coffee and a devotional. We will meet the third Thursday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. We'd love to have you!

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"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And *walk in love*, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" Ephesians 5:1-2

Hey everyone,

SUMMER IS HERE and so many amazing things have taken place in such a short time. There have been great memories already made with experiencing Spaghetti Supper, painting the youth room, celebrating our graduating seniors and most recently, seeing this year's confirmation class confirmed in the faith. As I reflect over this past month and all that God has done I must say how thankful I am for the youth of our church. So many students have stepped up to help serve our church in various ways and I know we could not accomplish all that we have without them. I am thankful for all the students who have freely given their time and effort and have done so with a great attitude. I am excited for this coming summer break where we will be able to have a lot of fun and grow together! Above all, I am excited to see how God continues to move in the lives of our youth as we study his Word and discuss how we can apply it to our daily lives!

**IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITES:**

JUNE 1, 15 & 22: JR HIGH (12:00-1:30PM) SR HIGH (6:00-7:30PM)!
We will meet upstairs in the youth room! Food will be provided!

JUNE 17th: Senior High Trip to SIX FLAGS!
We are planning to leave the church at 9AM that morning and plan to be back by 6PM that night! COST: $35 + food money. Please contact me if interested!

June 18th: Haiti VBS Fundraiser! Our Haiti Mission Team will be hosting a parents night out to help prepare and practice our VBS for Haiti. More info to come.

June 25th-July 1st: Haiti Mission Trip!

**June 2015**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 JR HIGH (12-1:30PM) SR HIGH (6-7:30PM) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| 14 | 15 JR HIGH (12-1:30PM) SR HIGH (6-7:30PM) | 16 | 17 SR HIGH Six Flags | 18 HAITI VBS FUNDRAISER | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 JR HIGH STUDY (12-1:30PM) SR HIGH STUDY (6-7:30PM) | 23 | 24 | 25 HAITI | 26 MISSION | 27 TRIP |
| 28 HAITI | 29 MISSION | 30 TRIP | | | | |

**Our 2015 Graduating Seniors: Front row, Madeline Parr, Alexis Cerda, Hanna Keck, Bailey Connell, Ashley Dixson; Back row, Ashton Miller, Nicki Schauer, Travis Schauer.**

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# Special Worship Service

## Sunday, June 28 (both services)

Rev. Mark Winter of ***One Man Show Ministries*** brings to Gonzales one of his new monologues entitled, ***"Gone Fishing."***
Don't miss this special opportunity and be sure to invite your family and friends!

We will take up a love offering to support Mark's visit and his ongoing ministry to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Mark Winter is an evangelist in the United Methodist Church. His gift of humor and drama presents the gospel in a fresh and delightful manner. His lives in Fort. Worth. Visit his website at **www.onemanshow.org**