FUMC Newsletter

OCTOBER 2014

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Do you ever get angry when something isn't exactly right? I remember watching a certain customer order a beverage at Starbucks. I was with my brother at the time (Mike is a Starbucks fanatic.) Anyway, this customer ordered some sort of tea latte with skim milk and no foam. (I thought tea only came as sweet or unsweet.) The customer had a conniption fit when the beverage was made with whole milk and served with the foam. The whole day seemed ruined simply because the morning beverage wasn't prepared in the correct manner.

I understand the basic laws of commerce: we want what we pay for. But there is another lesson in all this, and it's a lesson on perspective. Jesus had something to say about perspective: ***"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*** (Matthew 6: 21) ***"For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?"*** (Matthew 16: 26)

Our world teaches us to focus on the things that are trivial. We can get so caught up in the little things that we forget the big things. Perspective is everything; it's about remembering what's truly important. It's about getting angry over children going to bed hungry or religious persecution happening around the world.

Our church was blessed with a new perspective as we hosted Matt and Sarah Rideout. As missionaries in Haiti, the Rideout's purpose is to create a lasting impact on the children of Haiti. Their goal is to develop a piece of coastal property and turn it into a Christian camp for the orphans of Haiti. Imagine a program that fosters spiritual growth and relationships. Imagine a program that addresses immediate needs but also includes the eternal needs of these children.

Matt and Sarah have a wonderful vision for ministry and it's one that we should support as a congregation. Any contribution directly given to the Rideouts is tax deductable and can be designated to any specific area of their ministry. Contributions can even support Matt and Sarah directly as they are not given any salary. As missionaries, they live off the contributions of supporting churches.

Please visit: www.therideoutfamily.org for more information and to make personal contributions. You can also support our church's efforts as we support this ministry.

In Christ's Service,

Andy

Altar Flowers for October are given by:

October 5

The Fletcher Johnson Family
In Memory of Fletcher Johnson

October 12

David and Mona Bivins
Bailey Bivins
In Memory of Melva DuBose

Darvin Dieringer
In Memory of Margie Dieringer

October 19

The Fred Robinson Family

October 26

Bill and Ann Reaves
In Memory of John and Leola Marek,
and George and Margie Baros

Charles and Maydell Pankey
In Honor of Our Families

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

Monthly Communion & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

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

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

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS!!

Please give us the address of where you or your student will receive mail. Call the church office at 672-8521 as soon as possible. Our Membership & Care Committee will be sending them care packages throughout the year. Thank you!

HAPPY HOUSE FALL FUNDRAISER

October 1st thru October 29th

Rada Cutlery and Little Lambs Popcorn

Brochures will be in the Narthex to view

Thank You for your support!

We are excited to welcome Rosemary Hindman to our church office family. Rosemary has accepted the position as our part-time Business Manager.

Monthalia UMC Pumpkin Patch

October 12th - 31st

The church is located on CR 112, just off Hwy 97, four miles west of Cost.

Come out to the country and see the biggest pumpkin patch in the county. Be sure to bring your camera.

Thank You

Merciful Heavens! Thank you all for stuffing our mailbox with get-well cards (and fast-food gift cards as well!).

All of these greetings, thoughts and prayers certainly does lift my spirits.

Shirley Spoon

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your many months of prayers.

I appreciate all the cards, flowers, and memorials in honor of my mother. May God bless you.

Sandra Jandt & Family

First UMC Congregation and Pastor Andy,

We would like to express our sincere thank you for all your prayers and support that you have given us during this time of Jason's illness. As days go by, Jason is recovering and doing well.

And also a special thanks to Pastor Andy, for his visit while we were in the hospital.

God Bless you all.

Billy, Kathy & Jason Ploetz

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so very much for your generous scholarship; it will be a blessing to represent FUMC at Texas A&M University. Thank you for all of the love, support, fellowship, and family I have received.

Love, Stacey JoAnn Havel

Dear First UMC,

The back-to-school luncheon is our favorite even! Thanks again for a delicious lunch.

North Avenue Staff

Dear First UMC Members:

We are truly grateful for your generous donation to the Gonzales Youth Center. Your contribution will benefit not only the youth of Gonzales, but ALL of Gonzales. Your support improves the quality of life of our kids.

On behalf of the Members, Parents, Volunteers, Staff and Board of Directors of the Gonzales Youth Center, a most sincere THANK YOU is extended for your generosity and kindness in giving to the youth of Gonzales County.

Most Sincerely, Past Anders-Ryan

First UMC Earth Angels,

Thank you so much for the quilt for our new bundle, Kinley Jane. It was so thoughtful of you. I am very blesses in that I had such a great place to grow to love Jesus in the Methodist Church. We pray Kinley will also grow up and love the Lord as well.

Love, Krista Keefe

Book Club News

Sycamore Row by John Grisham was our September selection and one that we all agreed was a book that we could not put down. Set In the same town and with some of the same characters as Grisham's first novel, A Time to Kill, the book dealt with family relationships, racial conflict, and an unusual inheritance. Connie Kearns led our interesting discussion.

Our October selection is Isaac's Storm by Eric Larson, a book that deals with the Galveston hurricane. This non-fiction book by one of our favorite authors paints a vivid picture of a tragic event in Texas history. Please join us on the fourth Thursday in October. Marian Hayes is leading the discussion, and we will be selecting books for the next six months. Everyone is welcome, and we also welcome suggestions for books to read.

Martha Jo Whitt

STATISTICAL REPORT AUGUST 2014

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
3	92	115	207	63	$ 20,919.95
10	137	139	276	85	$ 12,819.05
17	117	129	246	80	$ 7,567.50
24	129	170	299	90	$ 7,626.00
31	—	126	126	51	$ $5,596.25
TOTALS:	475	679	1154	369	**$ 54,528.75**
AVERAGES:	***119***	***136***	***231***	***74***	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 34,593.54

NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 19,935.21

APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 94%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/01	Eva Boscamp
	Anna Smith
	Levi Hernandez
10/02	Connie Avant
	Jennifer Davis
	Nicki Schauer
	Cody Whitfield
10/03	Norman Burns
	Shirley Goss
	David Bird
	Kenneth Leonhardt
	Cotton Munson
10/04	Angie Boothe
	Donna Koehler
	Lyncoln Leal
10/05	Leslie Ploeger
	Willa Keck
10/06	Chance Freeman
	Carol Farek
	Adam Staton
	Faith Short
	Lauren Strickland
10/07	Julie Fairchild
	Barbara DeBerry
	Bryan Denman
	Lori Raabe
	Travis Schauer
10/08	Kiley Allen
	Michael Tuch
10/10	Jim Arledge
	Gerald Riedel
	Dylan Cantu
10/11	Sarah Miller
	Taylor Mills
10/12	Phillip Morris
10/13	Philip Storey
	Ellie Mae Lester
10/14	George Reese
	Russell Dreyer
10/15	Marilyn Qualls
	Kathy Boyd
	Kimberly Strozier
	Jason Carter
	Jason Fogle
10/16	Leigh Pirkle
	Shannon Watson
10/18	Linda Stulting
	Tristin Davis
10/19	Al Garrett
	Mary Ckodre
	Pat Whitehead
	Reagan Daniel
10/20	Sally Brown
	Vyron Craven
	Jo Sachtleben
	Brian Sample
10/21	Jay Gray
	Chris Murphy
	Pat Davis
10/22	Wesly Pierpont
10/23	Laurie Taylor
	Sharon Tenberg
	Lisa Miller
	Bella DuBose
	Byron Lester
10/24	Mary Ella Hurt
	Peggy Jo White
	Robert Willman
10/25	Pat Thompson
	Justyn Davis
	Hayley Sample
10/26	Ruth Dullnig
	Kris McLain
	Dean Davis
	Natalie Storey
	Nicole Bakken
	Sadie Morgan
	Benjamin Woodson
10/27	Madeline Bird
	John Whitt
	Geralyn Matejcek
10/28	Timothy Wilson
	Roland Medellin
10/29	Lyndon Leal
10/30	J. Lynn Barnick
	Inez Gray
10/31	Joyce Schellenberg
	Bethanie LaTourette
	Morgan Boothe
	Addyson Kardosz

10/2	**Joe & Marilyn Qualls**
10/13	**David & Mona Bivins**
10/17	**Jack & Dyna Dubose**
10/18	**Dustin & Courtney Williams**
10/20	**Fred & Ann Robinson** **Michael & Kristi Mercer**
10/21	**Doyle & Wendy Allen**
10/22	**Michael & Crystal Ehrig**
10/27	**George & Glenna Reese** **Dustin & Erika Lester**
10/29	**John & Valorie Daniel**
10/30	**Wade & Candice Witzkoske**

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

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October 5, 2014	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
	Cole Boothe	Paisley Ploeger	**ACOLYTES**
	Morgan Boothe	Macy Sample	
	Daniel Sullivan	Trace Herndon	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	John Whitt	Charles Pankey	
	Martha Jo Whitt	Leslie Ploeger	
	Greg Sengelmann	Mary Tomas	
	Steve Taylor	Justin Pope	
	Maydell Pankey	Shirley Goss	**LITURGIST**
	Lisa Gindler	Lisa Gindler	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

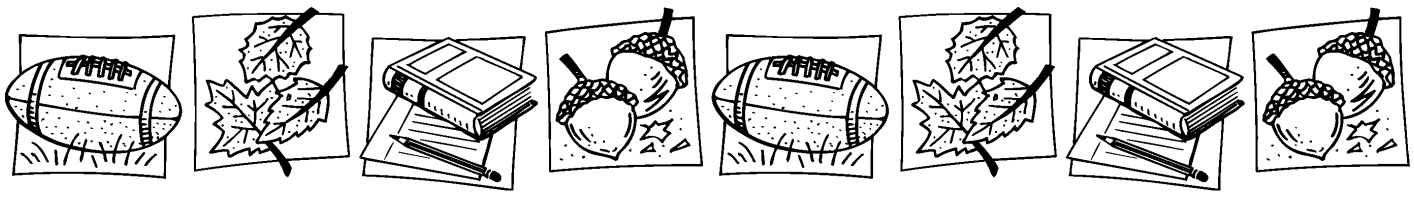
October 12, 2014	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE

Children's Sabbath
Worship Assistants to be announced.

October 19, 2014	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
	Mallory Clack	Natalie Tenberg	**ACOLYTES**
	Sydney Clack	Sadie Thibodeaux	
	Ancel Atkinson	Sadie Morgan	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Billy Boothe	Kelly Allen	
	Sue Boothe	David Bird	
	Jimmy Borrer	Jeffery Braune	
	Erwin Ckodre	Eldon Farek	
	Forrest Penney	Pam Lester	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

October 26, 2014	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 SERVICE	
	Braden Clampit	Kylee Watson	**ACOLYTES**
	Cade Davis	Kiley Allen	
	Quinn Atkinson	Trent Wilkerson	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Gary Clack	Mike Davis	
	Bill DeBerry	Bitsy Henderson	
	Kenneth Fink	Dick Goss	
	Dena Fritz	Shirley Goss	
	Amanda Reed	Cheryl Meadows	**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.



October 2014

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 28 - Oct 4	Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 1:00pm Alzeheimer Support Group 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Prasie Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	2 9:30am Communion at Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone 1:00pm Come & Take It Art Show 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR	3 4:00pm Come & Take It Art Show	4 1:00pm Come & Take It Art Show
Oct 5 - 11	5 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Children's Choir Practice-CR 1:00pm Come & Take It Art Show	6 8:30am Happy 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	7 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	8 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:00pm 5:30pm Children's Choir Pract 5:30pm Prasie Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 7:00pm Fields of Faith	9 8:30am Wesley Nurse Program 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR	10 5:00pm 1st Responders Dinner	11
Oct 12 - 18	12 Children's Sabbath COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House	13 8:30am Happy 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	14 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Wesleyan Circle-N 6:00pm Quilt Group-FC	15 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Communion Prayer Service-N & Chapel 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Prasie Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR	16 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting-FC	17	18
Oct 19 - 25	19 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S	20 8:30am Happy House 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	21 9:45am Lenore Boothe Circle-N 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:30pm Private Event	22 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Prasie Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	23 9:30am Book Club-L 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR	24 Happy House Fall Cami	25
Oct 26 - Nov 1	26 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 4:00pm Trunk or Treat	27 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg.-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N	28 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	29 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Prasie Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	30 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR 6:30pm Finance Committee Mtg.-PSS 7:00pm Ad Council-CR	31	Nov 1

Children's Corner

Hats off to the **Hosanna choir** (Children's choir)! Your performance on Sept 21 was amazing!! I'm so proud of you! And you are having a great time singing! We are blessed to have so many talented children! Thank you to Mr. Craig for working with the kids. You make choir fun for the children. Hosanna choir will sing again at both services on Sunday, Oct 12, Children's Sabbath. I can't wait to hear you! If children or youth are interested in joining choir, contact me. The next practice is Sunday, Oct 5th, after 2nd service (noon) in the choir room.

Pioneer Club kicked off Sept. 17 with currently 71 children registered. It makes me happy to know that kids look forward to Wednesdays at church. We were fortunate enough to have Matthew and Sarah Rideout speak to the Pioneer Club kids and tell us more about what they do as Missionaries. The plans are for our kids to become pen pals with children in the orphanages in Haiti!

I am blessed again this year with my volunteers with new faces joining our regulars! Thank you for our volunteers! Continue to pray for a great year for us. And parents-we are in partnership with you to help children develop their faith and knowledge of Christ. Thank you for your support, too!

Children are welcome to join Pioneer Club at any time, but transportation from the 3 GISD schools is limited. If you know of anyone that is still interested in joining Pioneer Club, please have them contact me at church, 672-8521 or wkeck@gvec.net. Remember that Pioneer Club is a chance to share Christ with children from all over the community.

Come & Take It News: The children and youth booth will sell sweets, roasted corn on the cob, sausage wraps, and turkey legs. I can still use donations of sweets to sell-pies, cakes, brownies, cookies, etc. **Sign up so I will know what is coming!!** (No peanuts or refrigerated items, please.) We sell out of almost everything every year! Call me if you have questions on this. **Parents, youth and children – Lots of open time slots left to fill on the Come and Take It sign up Board!** Remember this is a children and youth fundraiser. Children, youth and parents are responsible for working the booth as the proceeds go to support our events!

Children's Sabbath is Sunday, October 12. Children help with both services: greeters, ushers, readers, and Communion assistants. Contact me if your child would like to help. Signup sheets posted soon.

Any children that wish to acolyte or carry in the Cross (2nd and up) please contact me or the church office 672-8521. Remember we need 3 acolytes per service now.

Monthalia Methodist will host the Pumpkin Patch this year! Pumpkins arrive on Saturday, October 11!! Make sure to take your cameras for great photo shots!

2014 October Calendar and more

Wed, Oct 1 – Pioneer Club
Fri- Sun, Oct 3–Oct 5 - Come and Take It Children and Youth Food Booth. We need parents, youth and children to sign up to work shifts! And bake goodies to sell! Thanks!
Sun, Oct 5 – Hosanna Choir practice after 2nd service (noon) in the choir room.
Wed, Oct 8 - Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm
Wed, Oct 8 – Hosanna Choir practice at 5pm in the Sanctuary.
Sun, Oct 12– Communion, Children's Sabbath, Children participating in both worship services
Sun, Oct 12 – Help Pastor Andy with worship and Communion at Romberg House.
Wed, Oct 15 – Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm.
Wed, Oct 22 - Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm.
Fri, Oct 24 - Happy House Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.
Sun, Oct 26 – Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot in front of the church. Children's Ministry help needed to take pictures and with events. Come in costume!! 5th & 6th graders – Get creative and host a game for younger children. This is a community wide event. Invite your neighbors and friends.
Wed, Oct 29 - Pioneer Club after school to 5:30pm.
Sun, Nov 9 - Rocky Creek Corn Maze trip. Details to come.
Mon-Tues, Nov, 24-25 – Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas!
Wed, Nov 26 – No Pioneer Club, School is out for Thanksgiving break!
Thur, Nov 27 – Happy Thanksgiving!
Sun, Nov 30 – Decorate the **Sanctuary Christmas tree with Chrismons** during worship services!
Thur, Dec 4 – Decorate the **Christmas Tree at the Heights Nursing home.**
Sun, Dec 7 - Christmas Pageant at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.
Wed, Dec 10 - Children and Families Christmas Craft Fair in the Fellowship Hall.
Wed, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services 4:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:30pm.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MEMORIALS 3rd Quarter 2014

PHYLLIS ONCKEN
Michael & Irene Oakes-Bereavement
Twan Brady-Landscape
Jane Johnson
Barbara & Larry Lockstedt

FANNIE WATTS
John & Edith Lucas

DON THOMAS
John & Edith Lucas

HELEN STOCKTON
Twan Brady-Landscape

DAVID SIPTAK
Twan Brady-Landsacpe

VLASTA POLASEK
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Nancy Burns-Bereavement
Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer-Bereavement
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowksi-Bereavement
Bernice Heldarson-Bereavement
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Jerry & Julia Oakes-Bereavement
Terry & Royce Towns, Jr.

DOROTHY STEELE
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald Family

ALBERT "BUBBA" MORRISON
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones

A.O. HAMON
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

EVERETT TAYLOR
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Tom & Pam Lester-Landscape

EDNA PATTESON
Jane Johnson

LAURA HUSEBY
Jane Johnson

MARGIE WILSON
Erwin & Mary Ckodre-Children's Ministry

JIM LOGAN
Wyatt Arp Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Inc.

DAVID EADS
Butch & Dottie Knudson-Good Samaritan
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Worship
Stephen & Kenna Lucas-Children's Ministry

AUDIE WILBURN INGALLS
Ronnie & Christina Menking-Music
FUMC Choir-Music
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Worship
Jane Johnson
Nancy Burns
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Music
Terry & Royce Towns, Jr.

MILDA GORDEN
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Capital Improvements
Belle Witt
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

REVEREND JOHN BERKLEY
Dale Graham
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Carol Wallace-Children's Minstry
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Worship
Spade & Trowel Garden Club-Landscape
Nancy Burns-Bereavement
Joe & Marilyn Qualls
Tom & Pam Lester-Worship
Clint & Julie Fairchild
Bill & Juanita Blundell
Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Penney
Harold & Billie Bruns-Minter Scholarship
FUMC Progressive SS Class-Worship
Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman-Worship
Belle Witt-Bereavement
Jerry & Julia Oakes-Bereavement
Pal & Bethel Lester-Bereavement
Joyce Harris-Bereavement
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Worship
Nancy Logan
Al & Katie Garrett-Missions
Bill & Virginia Hallmark-Library
Butch & Dottie Knudson
Rosannah Green-Worship
Chip & Lisa Latcham
W.R. & Jonnie Jordan
Eldon Farek
Ralph & Ida McGarity
Jane Johnson
Charles & Maydell Pankey-Music
Booty Neitsch
Jane Boothe
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Erwin & Mary Ckodre-Worship
Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer
Madeline Bird-Bereavement
Bell Helicopter B525 Team
Norman & Mildred Jostes
Dwaine & Linda Siptak-Worship
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Marian Gindler-Bereavement
Stanley & Imogene Tegge
Megan Perkins & Melanie Wright
Twan Brady
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
Dennis & Opal Lee Gill
Tim & Suzan Wieners
Mark & Annie Wieners

PATRICIA HEINEMEYER
Nancy Burns-Bereavement
Amy & Chris Thibodeaux- Youth
Belle Witt
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson-Bereavement
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Capital Improvements
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

BOBBIE NELL PAGEL
Belle Witt

MEMORIALS CONTINUED:

JUDY ZELLA
Chris & Amy Thibodeaux-Children's Ministry
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones

SHARON MCCULLOUGH
Greg & Joan Griffin-HH
Carol Wallace-HH
Billie & Harold Bruns-HH
Debbie Robinson-HH
John & Edith Lucas-HH
Emmitt & Marie Currie-HH & Children's Ministry
Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer-HH

FAYE FORTENBERRY
Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan
Butch & Dottie Knudson
Chris & Amy Thibodeaux

DONALD BRZOZOWSKI
Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Capital Improvements
Charles & Beverly Beeson
Marian Gindler-Bereavement
Nancy Burns
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Chris & Amy Thibodeaux
Bill & Gracie Ploetz-Landscape

KENNETH WITTEN
Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

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FOR MUSIC FUND
Clare Ann Hall

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Help Us Find Them!

We are in the process of correcting and updating our church membership information. We are requesting information on the following members who we have lost contact with.

Brittany Avant	Collins Crozier	Sorelle Goodwin	Cookie Munson
Josh Avant	Barbara Davis	Jessica Gray	Philip Perfetto
Betty Connaughton	Bo Davis	Marvin Heinemeyer	Dusty Pish
Crystal Borrer	Jymmy Kay Davis	Louise Howard	Lacey Ploeger
Eric Connor	Justyn Davis	Tom Johnson	Sheila Pruett
Logan Connor	Jayd Davis	Bryan Logan	Kelli White
Bobby Cornett	Ginger Dreyer	Ray Logan	Patrick White
Mike Craig	Russell Dreyer	Erin Marshall	
Vyron Craven	Tara DuBose	Hayley Mendel	

Wesley Nurse News

Medications are used to maintain a certain level of health, prevent an illness, or cure a physical condition. It is important to understand why you need the medication, how to take it, how to store it, and what to expect from it. Remembering to take your medicine is the key to compliance. Medicines will be effective only when taken as prescribed by your physician.

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses." Deuteronomy 30:19 Please be sure to inform your physicians of any over-the –counter or herbal supplements that you are taking. These non-prescription items may be helpful but can change the effectiveness of many medications because of the way they interact. Without full disclosure, you may not be receiving the correct medication for your condition and could even be harming you health. So in order to receive the most benefit, inform your doctor of everything that you are taking.

"…a time to keep and a time to throw away." Ecclesiastes 3:6

Most everyone at some point has medication that they no longer take or which is expired. Proper disposal is important to ensure that no one takes the medication unintentionally or illegally and to protect the environment. One way is to take the medication and mix with kitty litter or sawdust (or any material that absorbs the dissolved medication and makes it less appealing for pets or children to eat). Then place in a sealed plastic bag before tossing in the trash. Remove and destroy ALL identifying personal information (prescription label) from the container of the medicine. Talk to your pharmacist as they are medication experts on the team of health, and are available to guide you on how to properly dispose of unused medications. DO NOT FLUSH UNUSED MEDICATIONS. Recent environmental impact studies report that this could be having adverse impact on the environment. Medications are to be helpful not hurtful. Learn as much as you can to get the greatest benefit from them. *Source: US FDA*

United Methodist Women

Norma Fink and Cheryl Meadows attended the last meeting of what was known as the Victoria District UMW on September 13, 2014 at Yoakum First United Methodist Church. About sixty women from across the district came together to worship, study and attend to the business concerning the district. Canned food and cereal was collected for the Yoakum Food Pantry.

The morning began with an opening worship, roll call, memorial candle burning, the pledge service and recognition of Mission Today Awards and Study Reports. Gonzales also received a certificate for having a study and were recognized for being a Five Star Unit having paid the pledge in full, given a Special Mission Recognition Pin, given a Gift to Mission as well as a Gift in Memory and contributed to the World Thank Offering. Cheryl Meadows received a ribbon for having been a Minute Woman (having burned the memorial candle for one minute) and for being a Five Star Woman (which is giving to the same five areas as which the unit participated.

After a short break, the women broke off into their chosen studies. Attending either *The Roma of Europe* led by Nancy Maples, The Church and People with Disabilities or How Is It with Your Soul? Norma attended The Church and people with Disabilities while Cheryl attended, How is it With Your Soul.

After a delicious lunch, Norma and Cheryl attended the business meeting where they voted on incoming officers for the new Crossroads District—Susan Rivas-Juckett, president; Nancy Maples, secretary, Kathy Hunt, treasurer, and three members of the Committee on Nominations- Anne Roddy, Sonya Saul, and Susan Southard. During the afternoon session, we heard Maxine Ross' last report as District President, the district approved the budget for 2015, and heard the membership report was given. Out-going District President, Maxine Ross was awarded a Special Mission Recognition Pin for her years of service to the district. Cheryl Meadows installed these new officers.

The final UMW Annual Meeting for the Victoria District closed with worship with Crossroads District Superintendent, Rev. Robert Lopez leading communion.

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Youth News

Important Dates

- October 1st
  Wednesday Youth Returns
- October 3-5
  Come & Take It
- October 8th
  Fields of Faith
- October 12th
  Bingo at The Heights
- October 15
  Community Pep Rally
- October 26
  Trunk or Treat

Sunday School

9:45AM

We have a wonderful class on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome! Pastor Andy is leading a study on following Jesus. It includes video of places where Jesus lived and ministered!

COME AND TAKE IT

Please don't forget to sign up! We need workers and cooks! Call or come by the church to sign up!

Wednesday Youth Group Returns!

Wednesday, October 1
Jr. High - 5:30pm
Dinner - 6:30pm
Sr. High - 7pm

SHIFT
No longer conform to the pattern of this world...*SHIFT*!

It's back!! Mark your calendars and remember to come back to Youth on Wednesdays!

Why Come To Youth?

With all that you have going on (school, band, athletics) why add one more thing? ***Why come to Youth?***

Because our self-worth is woven from a sense of uniqueness, belonging, hope, and purpose. God wraps all those things into our baptism and gives us the church as the place to grow and develop our self-worth as Christians.

1) So come to Youth and you will find a place to ***belong!*** Here you will find a caring and welcoming place where you can grow in your relationship with God and with other Christians!

2) Come to Youth and find a sense of ***hope*** in this crazy world! Life can be tough unfair, and confusing. Youth Group is the place to find direction and strength from God!

3) God made us unique with our own special gifts, skills, and abilities. We want to discover what God wants us to do in this life with our ***uniqueness!***

4) Youth is where we will practice being a disciple of Jesus Christ! It's all about remembering our ***purpose*** to love others because Christ first loved us.

We will have fun together!

Sunday, October 26

Volunteers needed to lead games and provide prizes for the children in our community. Please talk with Tammy Morgan or Pastor Andy to sign up.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring a time of worship and fellowship on **Wednesday, October 8** at the Apache Field.

More information to come!

Our group will be participating on that night!

Sunday, October 12

The Youth Group will lead bingo games at The Heights nursing home. Gather at the church by 1:30pm. Parent Pick up is at 4pm.

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