



# THE VOICE

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My Community.  
My Church.  
My Connection.

Check us out on  
the web @  
www.fumcmc.org.

**Youth  
Sunday**  
  
August 15  
8:30 a.m. (Combined)  
& 11 a.m.  
**Sanctuary**

**Our youth will share their faith,  
lead us in worship and more! Please join us.**

**Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks**

**Sunday, August 22**  
During each worship  
service.

Bring your backpacks for a special blessing and get ready for back-to-school!

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**  
  
**Sunday, August 15**  
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ~ Music Suites A & B



## The Pastor's Journal

Rev. Preston  
Greenwald

ten:02

A few weeks ago, I found myself straightening up clothes in William's room just after his three month anniversary of entering the world. He was sleeping soundly in his bed, and I committed the cardinal sin of making too much noise and waking the baby up. Though the world did not come to an end as I thought it might, my world seemed to come to a slow motion crawl as he looked up and smiled at me for the very first time. There are not enough words or enough space in the voice this week to even begin to describe that wonderful feeling. It melted and molded my heart.

In my experience of worshipping God I often come expecting just another ordinary day of church wide chores and responsibilities. Then I see what it means to look into the face of God and remember that feeling of joy as I offer up my praise and thanksgiving for what God has done, and is doing in my life. Psalm 100 says Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with songs of joy. Should we be so surprised to feel joyful in worship?

On Sunday, August 22 we are starting a new worship experience at FUMCMC. It will be called **ten:02** and will begin at 10:02 on Sunday morning. This new service is being built on the expectation of the joy and gladness we will bring before God. There are so many different ways in our church to worship and we are excited to add yet another opportunity to praise God in a new way.

I hope this week we can be challenged to bring a new expectation to worship. An expectation that as we prepare for this new worship experience and build up our existing worship communities, that we do so with gladness in our hearts and joy in our souls. Would that change my experience of worship? Would it change yours? Maybe we will find that the surprise is not that we find new joy in ourselves but that we have the underserved privilege of finding joy on the face of God. I'm certain it would be enough to melt and mold our hearts in new ways.

Grace and Peace,

Preston

**ten:02 ~ Sunday, August 22 ~ 10:02 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hall**



## SUNDAY, August 15

- 8:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 8:30 a.m. *Open Skies* & Traditional Worship Combined in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School & Youth "Celebration"
- 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship in the Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. arts@11
- 1:30 p.m. Family Promise Set-up
- 4:00 p.m. Friends of the Arts
- 5:00 p.m. Host Family Promise

## MONDAY, August 16

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group
- 5:00 p.m. Host Family Promise
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees

## TUESDAY, August 17

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 5:00 p.m. Host Family Promise
- 7:30 p.m. *Open Skies* Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY, August 18

- 6:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Host Family Promise
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Recovery

## THURSDAY, August 19

- 5:00 p.m. Host Family Promise
- 7:00 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Group

## FRIDAY, August 20

- 9:00 a.m. Visual Arts Ministry
- 5:00 p.m. Host Family Promise

## SATURDAY, August 21

- 10:00 a.m. ten:02 Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. *Open Skies* Set-up
- 5:00 p.m. Host Family Promise

## Sunday, August 15 YOUTH SUNDAY!

### Sunday Mornings at FUMC MC

- 8:30 & 9:45 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. *Open Skies*, A Creative Worship Experience - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Communion served each Sunday (excludes 1st Sunday of the month)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School - Ages 2 yrs. through Adult Youth "Celebration"

**Nursery is available all morning**

## Our Church Family

### Concerns:

We include the following people in our prayers this week:

Those recovering from recent hospitalizations or illness: *Joe Bowden, John Clarke, Warren Franz, Lily Harrison, Claudine Reavis, Doyle Reynolds, Benjamin Stelzer, Jerry Storseth and Diann Whisennand*; and *Pat Dalton, John Hopson, Giesela King and Sandra Whyte*, as they are included in our ongoing prayers.

We continue our prayers for *Elmer Hill, Bonnie Hopson, Eloise Ogden, Dorothy Reaves, Nelson Reber and Jim Rector*, as they undergo treatment for cancer.

We pray for those members of our church family serving in the military: *Shannon Fleming, Daniel Long, Justin Lutze, Daniel Smith, Adam Turek, Lacey Ward, Nick White and Morgan Wolverton*.

We pray for missionaries Bill and Jerri Savuto, as they continue their missionary work in Kenya.

### Children and Youth Ministries:

Prayers of praise are offered for Step-Up, our junior high mission, held August 6-8. A wonderful weekend of fellowship, fun and service was enjoyed by our youth, their friends and our adult volunteers.

Please be in prayer for Youth Sunday, August 15. The youth of our church will lead us in worship all morning. It will be a wonderful experience!

### Celebrations:

*Julia Johnson*, daughter of *Jack and Lorraine Johnson*, and *Michael Milam* were united in marriage on Saturday, August 7 in The Chapel of the Resurrection. We rejoice in this union and wish them well in their life together.

*Chloe Winter*, daughter of *Andy and Tina Winter*, was baptized Sunday, August 8. Proud big brother *Carson* was on hand to witness this joyful event. We are excited to welcome *Chloe* into our family of faith.

### Deaths:

*Roberta Abbett*, mother of *Kathy Curtis*, passed away Monday, August 2 in Greeley, Colorado. Services were held Friday, August 6 in Platteville, Colorado. Prayers of comfort are offered for her family and friends during this difficult time of grief.

## We Promise To Uphold Our Church

### OUR PRESENCE

Sunday,  
August 8, 2010

Worship  
Attendance~ 547

Sunday School - 252

Remember to wear  
your name tag on  
Sunday morning!

## Welcome New Member!



Amanda Forquer and Kris Wilkerson joined FUMCMC on Sunday, August 8. Welcome! They are engaged to be married on Saturday, September 18 in our church. We are so glad you are now part of our church family.



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come to UMYF!  
 Contact Logan Armatys, Youth Director, for information about Youth activities at 281-499-3502 or larmatys@fumcmc.org.



## Sunday, August 15 Youth Sunday!

8:30 AM – Open Skies & Traditional Worship  
 Combined in the Sanctuary  
 9:40 AM – Celebration & ReMix Sunday School  
 9:45 AM - Testamonies in the Chapel  
 11 AM – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

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Sunday, August 22  
 @10 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

### What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three day short course in Christianity. It's an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. (Luke 24:13-35)

Now is the time to register for the upcoming events. The men's walk will be held October 28-31 and the women's walk will take place November 4-7.

Contact Jennifer Daniels at 713-503-9093 or visit [www.hwec.org](http://www.hwec.org) for more information.

### Food Pantry Items

Food Pantry items for August are jelly, canned pasta and dry beans. All contributions benefit the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry Food Pantry. You can place your donations in the food barrel located in the Memorial Courtyard Hallway.

### MDS Openings

The Methodist Day School had a successful registration for the 2010-2011 school year. There are limited openings for our Bridge Class and for children ages 2 years and under.

Since the early 1970's, the school has provided a loving, Christian program filled with rich experiences that provide a strong foundation for learning and growing. Children benefit from years of quality programming, materials and a staff dedicated to this important ministry.


If you are interested in learning more about the Methodist Day School, please call 281-499-2581.

### Play with fire!

Ever wanted to play with fire, but in a safe way? Well, being an acolyte is about as close as it gets. We're looking for some third, fourth and fifth graders to be a part of our acolyte crew.

Stay tuned for more details. Contact Kris Bagley at 281-499-3502 or [kbagley@fumcmc.org](mailto:kbagley@fumcmc.org) for more information.





## THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

**JOHN 6:35**

**WORD LIST**

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Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV