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will serve and connect people to Christ
and one another for the
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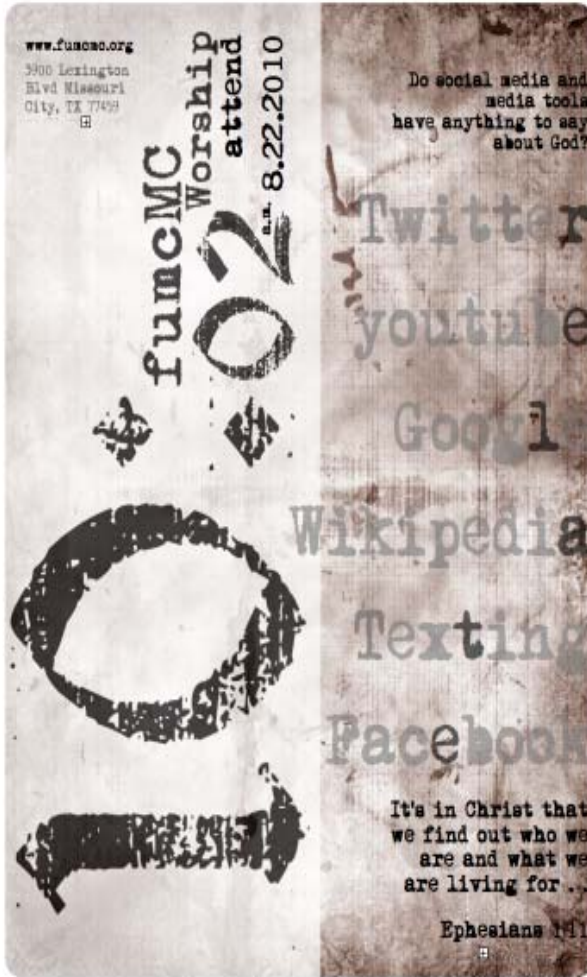
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The Pastor's Journal

Dr. Lynne Settlemyre

WHAT A GIFT!

I am so pleased to announce that we are being given an incredible gift! We are the recipients of a grant from Renew International to fund the complete build out of our upstairs youth wing! The plans for the build out have been developed by the Trustees and approved by the Church Council. Once the construction is complete, we will invite two local ministries - Homeschool Academy and Cornerstone - to use the facility during the week, and we will use it in the evenings and on weekends.

Homeschool Academy was established in 2004 by our own Lisa Williams in order to reach out to students, grades kindergarten through 12th grade, who need individualized instruction which the public school system cannot provide. In the current location, Homeschool Academy can only accept 24 students; on our campus they will be able to expand to enroll up to 50 students in a loving, Christian environment.

Cornerstone is a 12 step sobriety program for young people and their families. For the past three years they have met in our facility for a weekly support group; with the completion of the new wing they will be able to provide an after school program for these at-risk youth.

One of the things that I love most about this congregation is that you are always looking for ways to reach out to our community with the love of Jesus Christ. This new outreach is just one more example of how God is using us - and our facility - to "serve and connect people to Christ and one another for the transformation of the world."

Grace and Peace,


Lynne
Lynne



My Community.
My Church.
My Connection.

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


**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!

Bless the Students



Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.

My Community....My Church....My Connection



this week at FUMC MC

SUNDAY, August 22

- Upward Soccer & Fall Bible Studies Sign-Ups
- 8:30 a.m. *Open Skies* in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School & Youth "Celebration"
- 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship in the Chapel
- 10:02 a.m. *ten:02* in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

MONDAY, August 23

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, August 24

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
- 7:30 p.m. *Open Skies* Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, August 25

- 6:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Recovery
- 7:10 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, August 26

- 7:00 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Group

FRIDAY, August 27

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

SATURDAY, August 28

- 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Retreat
- 10:00 a.m. *ten:02* Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. *Open Skies* Set-up

FAITH IS LIKE...SOCIAL NETWORKING

Sunday, August 22

"Google: Searching for Meaning"

Ephesians 1:11; Matthew 16:24-28

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)
- 10:02 a.m. *ten:02* Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 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:

Jot Hodges, as he is currently hospitalized; those recovering from recent hospitalizations or illness: *Joe Bowden, John Clarke, Warren Franz, Lily Harrison, Tami Moon, Claudine Reavis, Doyle Reynolds and Mary Speer*; 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 our Youth Sunday, August 15. The youth of our church led us in worship all morning. It was a wonderful experience!

Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday morning!

We Promise To Uphold Our Church

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday,
August 15, 2010

Worship
Attendance~482

Sunday School - 225



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 barrel located in the Memorial Courtyard Hallway.

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 for more information.

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 for more information.



Fall Garage Sale Drive

to benefit East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry

Sunday,
September 5

9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Church Parking Lot

A truck from the Ministry will be parked in our parking lot to receive your donations of clothing, shoes, books, small appliances (in working order) and other household items.

If you have items that are too large to bring to the church, contact 281-499-8833 to arrange for pick-up.



Life Line Screening will conduct:

Ultrasound Screenings

Saturday, September 25

Arteries in Neck
Main Artery Off Heart
Thyroid
Liver
Spleen
Kidneys
Gallbladder
Leg Arteries

If you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or if you have family history of heart disease, stroke or internal cancers, then consider these ultrasound screenings for early detection.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Contact Carol Farley (281-835-6302) for more information.

To register, call 800-931-4772.

A representative will also be on-site on Sunday, September 19 for registrations.

Volunteer needs

East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry is looking for volunteers to interview clients on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. These volunteers work one-on-one with families and individuals needing assistance. Training is provided. If you have the time and would like to know more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity please contact the organization at Ministry@HumanNeeds.org or call 281-261-1006 and ask for Connie or Diane.

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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 22

8:30 AM – *Open Skies* in the Fellowship Hall
Traditional Worship in the Chapel

9:40 AM – Celebration & ReMix Sunday School

11 AM – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

No UMYF - Enjoy your last day of summer before the first day of school!

A HUGE “thank you” goes out to everyone who was involved in Youth Sunday. From our youth leading worship to the band to the ushers and more, it was a wonderful Sunday.

THANK YOU!

United Methodist Women
Back-to-School Supply Drive

United Methodist Women thanks you for helping our children as they embark on a new school year. Because of your generosity, many school children and teachers will be well prepared for back-to-school. **Schools supported this year are: Methodist Day School, Armstrong Elementary School and Homeschool Academy.**

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.

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

CPR and first aid course

On Saturday, September 11, our healthcare ministry will be hosting an American Heart Association CPR and First Aid class in the church Parlor. The event will be 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration is requested by Saturday, September 4. For registration or questions, contact Carol Farley at 281-835-6302.

Sunday morning rehearsal for children's choir

Starting Sunday, August 22, kindergarten through 5th grade children will be able to sing and ring with our children's choirs at our new time on Sunday morning! They will rehearse in the music suites area from 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Under the direction of Judy Farley and Matt Robinson, the children will rehearse music to be offered in worship. They will be escorted from 8:30 a.m. traditional worship and *Open Skies* to their rehearsal areas. If you don't attend one of those services, join us in the music suites area at 9:15 a.m.