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**CHURCHWIDE
PICNIC**

Join your church family for a church-wide picnic celebrating the end of summer and to consecrate the new playground! Did you know? This playground is 100% funded through the fundraising efforts of the Methodist Day School!

Sunday, August 29
11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We'll be grillin' hamburgers; serving homemade desserts; and more! It's fun for all ages!

Serving will take place from 11:15-11:45 a.m., consecration will take place at 12 p.m. and then serving will resume at 12:15 p.m.



The Pastor's Journal

Dr. Lynne Settlemyre

IT'S A TGIF WORLD!

When I was in seminary theologian Karl Barth was often quoted as saying that good preaching came from having the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.

These days he might say something a little different, something like "good preaching comes from having the Bible in one hand and your access to the internet in the other!"

I'll admit it. I'm a dinosaur. Although I do prefer word processing to old-fashioned carbon paper and white-out, I like to hold a book when I read; to see a person's face when I'm talking to them; to browse the shelves of the library when I'm doing research.

But that's not the way life is any more. In the last decade we've been given a whole new vocabulary to master: google, facebook, instant messaging, twitter, wikipedia, You Tube. No wonder dinosaurs became extinct!

But that's the world I find myself living in, so that's the context in which my preaching is done. I went to a seminar recently in which Leonard Sweet said: "it's a TGIF world...twitter, google, internet, facebook!" And he's right!

So this fall I'm taking a deep breath and plunging right in...what can we learn by holding the Bible in one hand and (in my case) an iPhone in the other? Or does the Bible still speak to us living in a culture so radically different from ancient Palestine?

Come join us in worship every Sunday through September as we explore what it means to be faithful disciples in a TGIF world.

See you Sunday!

Grace and Peace,

Sunday rehearsal for children's choir

Kindergarten through 5th grade children's choir has started. Join us at our new time on Sunday morning! We 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.



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the web @
www.fumcmc.org.

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this week at FUMC MC

SUNDAY, August 29

- Fall Bible Studies & Upward Soccer 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
 11:15 a.m. Church-wide Picnic & Playground Consecration
 12:10 p.m. UMW Junia Circle
 5:00 p.m. Nominations Committee
 5:00 p.m. UMYF Fall Kick-Off

MONDAY, August 30

- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group
 7:00 p.m. Walk to Emmaus Gathering

TUESDAY, August 31

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 6:30 p.m. *Open Skies* Rehearsal
 8:00 p.m. *10:02* Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, September 1

- 6:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast
 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Chancel Bells
 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Recovery
 7:00 p.m. *Disciple II*
 7:10 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, September 2

- 6:30 p.m. National Alliance on Mental Health
 7:00 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Group

FRIDAY, September 3

- 9:00 a.m. Visual Arts Ministry

SATURDAY, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. Upward Soccer Evaluations
 5:00 p.m. *Open Skies* Set-up

FAITH IS LIKE...SOCIAL NETWORKING

Sunday, August 29

"Facebook: Longing for Community"

John 15:9-17; Exodus 33:7-11

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, Claudine Reavis* and *Doyle Reynolds*; and *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:

Please be in prayer for our children and youth as they recently started school. Also, our children and youth ministries are starting Fall programming, new curriculum and more, so please pray for the success of these wonderful ministries.

Celebrations:

Ron and Joyce Evans are grandparents! Parents Allison and Brady Bussey recently welcomed Avery Rose into their family. We are very excited for this wonderful addition to God's family.

Deaths:

James Smith, son of *Gladys Witte* and brother to *Daphne Sampson*, recently passed away. Prayers of comfort are offered for his family and friends during this difficult time of grief.

Kirk Wardlaw's father, Onus Wardlaw, passed away Wednesday, August 25 at the age of 81. Services will be held in his hometown of Denton, Texas. Please lift up his wife, Twila, his family and friends in your prayers during this time of sorrow.

We Promise To Uphold Our Church

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday,
August 22, 2010

Worship
Attendance~ 561

Sunday School - 231

Welcome New Members!



Kristine Wood joined FUMCMC on Sunday, August 22. She lives in Missouri City with husband Clinton and 3-year-old son Landon. We are so glad she is now part of our church family.



On Sunday, August 22, Chrissie Janak joined the church. Welcome! We are very excited this Stafford resident is now a part of our family of faith!

Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday morning!

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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.

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.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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

5 PM - UMYF - Fall Kick-off

Yeehaw! Join us for food (only \$3 for dinner), fellowship and FUN as we dance the night away...square dancing, that is! We'll start out in Crosswalk and then head down to the Fellowship Hall for some square dancin'.



Seekers Bible Study

"Daniel: Lives of Integrity - Words of Prophecy"

Wednesdays beginning September 8

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Music Rooms A & B

It's that time of the year again! The lazy, hazy and hot days of summer are winding down, so it's time to set your alarm and meet with Seekers Bible Study as they explore the book of Daniel. Their Fall study is *Daniel: Lives of Integrity - Words of Prophecy* by Beth Moore. The study includes daily workbook lessons to be done at home with time for discussion in each class followed by a video session.

If you have not been involved in a Bible study before, or if it has been a while since you have been in a Bible study, come and meet the ladies of the Seekers Bible Study. We are all sizes, shapes and ages. We are all at different places in our Christian walk. So if you are new to Bible study or an old pro, all will be comfortable.

We meet each Wednesday until November 17 where we will conclude with Holy Communion and a wonderful lunch. The cost of the book is \$20.

If you looking for a positive way to start the Fall, please join us. If there are any questions please don't hesitate to call Sue Morse 281-499-2692. Looking forward to seeing old and new faces.



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.

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 would like to know more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity please contact Ministry@HumanNeeds.org or call 281-261-1006.

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.

CPR and first aid

On Saturday, September 11, our healthcare ministry will be hosting an American Heart Association CPR and First Aid class in the church Parlor from 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.

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 (713-503-9093) or visit www.hwec.org for more information.

Emmaus gathering

If you have been on an Emmaus walk, please come to the next meeting on August 30 at 7 p.m. in Room 160. We will discuss up coming walks, 4th day reunion monthly meetings and other topics. At our last meeting we decided to wear our crosses on the first Sunday of every month. If you have any questions, contact Clarissa Frampton (281-208-1820).

Join us for these outstanding

Adult Educational Opportunities

Fall / Winter 2010

Sundays:

Adam Hamilton's ENOUGH: *Enough* is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. Find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. Change your life by changing your relationship with money.

Time: 5-7 p.m.
Starts: October 3 (five weeks)
Room: 124
Leader: Rev. John Settlemyre

Tuesdays:

"Jesus in the Gospels": Who is the Jesus you see? This is the question explored as believers look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels. This study deepens discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their messages.

Time: 7-9:30 p.m.
Starts: September 14
Room: 124
Leader: Richard Zey

Wednesdays:

Disciple II - "Into the Word, Into the World": Go deeper into Scripture. Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines for the purpose of changing habits and transforming lives. All life experiences are viewed as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

Time: 7-9 p.m.
Starts: August 25 (34 weeks)
Room: 160
Leader: Rev. Preston Greenwaldt

Advent Study:

James Moore's CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT WON'T BREAK: There are those gifts that cannot be lost, that never go out of style and that are independent of the chances and changes of life. They are the gifts that have been graciously given by God. This study focuses on four of those gifts that also coincide with the four outer candles of the traditional Advent wreath: hope, love, joy and peace.

Time: 6:30**
 **Soup supper at 5:30 p.m.
Starts: December 1 (four weeks)
Room: Fellowship Hall
Leader: Nedra Oyen

Judy Matthews Lectureship Series:

When: March 6 (5:30 p.m.)
 March 7** (6:30 p.m.)
 **Soup supper at 5:30 p.m.
Room: Fellowship Hall

Educational Opportunities Registration

Fall / Winter 2010

YES! I would like to register for an upcoming study.

Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Please check those applicable:

Sundays:

Adam Hamilton's *ENOUGH*

Tuesdays:

Jesus in the Gospels

Wednesdays:

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James Moore's *CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT WON'T BREAK:*

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March 6 & 7

