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My Community.
My Church.
My Connection.

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



**Clean out those closets! De-clutter your garage!
Get rid of all that old stuff lying around!**

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.



The Pastor's Journal

Dr. Lynne Settlemyre

The Little River

This story is attributed to the late Henri Nouwen.

Once upon a time there was a little river that said, "I can become a big river." It worked hard to get big, but in the process, encountered a huge rock. "I won't let this rock stop me," the river said. And the little river pushed and pushed until it finally made its way around the rock.

Next the river encountered a mountain. "I won't let this mountain stop me," the river said. And the little river pushed and pushed until it finally carved a canyon through the mountain.

Next the river came to an enormous forest. "I won't let all these trees stop me," the river said. And the river pushed and pushed until it finally made its way through the forest.

The river, now large and powerful, finally arrived at the edge of a vast desert. "I won't let this desert stop me," the river said.

But as the river pushed and pushed its way across the desert, the hot sand began soaking up its water until only a few puddles remained.

The river was quiet.

Then the river heard a voice from above. "My child, stop pushing. It's time to surrender. Let me lift you up. Let me take over."

The river said, "Here I am."

The sun then lifted the river up and turned it into a huge cloud. And the wind carried the river across the desert and let it rain down on the hills and valleys of the faraway fields, making them fruitful and rich.

Sometimes in life there comes a time when the heat is intense and we don't know what to do. We don't have the strength or the resources to make it through on our own. Our deserts may contain failure, rejection, disappointment, or loss. What do we do then?

Surrender. Hear the voice of God. "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. And you will find rest for your soul."

Grace and Peace,

Lynne
Lynne



UPWARD
SOCCER
EVERY CHILD PLAYS. EVERY CHILD LEARNS.
EVERY CHILD IS A WINNER.

Teams are forming.
Register now at:
www.fumcmc.org

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

this week at FUMC MC

SUNDAY, September 5

- 8:30 a.m. *Open Skies* in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship in the Chapel
- 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

MONDAY, September 6 - LABOR DAY

All Day Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 7

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 11:30 a.m. United Methodist Women Lunch Bunch
- 2:30 p.m. Visual Arts Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. *Open Skies* Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. *10:02* Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, September 8

- 6:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Seekers Bible Study
- 4:00 p.m. Methodist Day School Chick-Fil-A Night
- 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 9

- 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Arts Sponsors Reception
- 7:00 p.m. Depression/Bipolar Support Group
- 7:00 p.m. Jerry Allen Study Group

SATURDAY, September 11

- 8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Retreat
- 9:00 a.m. Congregational & Community Health CPR/First Aid Class
- 5:00 p.m. *Open Skies* Set-up

Our Church Family

Concerns:

We include the following people in our prayers this week:

Jason Frampton and *Jot Hodges*, as they are currently hospitalized; those recovering from recent hospitalizations or illness: *Joe Bowden*, *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.

Celebrations:

Lizan and *Barry Ward* are grandparents! Their daughter Kate Weston and her husband Nathan welcomed son John Raphael Crop into their family on Wednesday, August 25. We are very excited for this wonderful addition to God's family.

Deaths:

Oran Britton, brother of *Sondra Mitchell* and uncle of *Marcy Cashion*, passed away Friday, August 27 in Bryan, Texas. Prayers of comfort are offered for his family and friends during this difficult time of grief.

We Promise To Uphold Our Church

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, August 29, 2010

Worship Attendance ~ 583

Sunday School - 248

Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday morning!

Welcome New Member!



Phil Hanson joined FUMCMC on Thursday, August 28. We are so glad he is now part of our church family.



FAITH IS LIKE...SOCIAL NETWORKING

Sunday, September 5

"Texting: Prayer..."

You Don't Get a Message in an Instant"

Luke 5:16; Psalm 46

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

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.

Hold those vases!

Due to a tremendous response to the call for bud vases, we now have more than enough. Our storage cabinet "runneth over." Thank you!

Food Pantry Items

Food Pantry items for September are vegetable oil, tuna and macaroni & cheese. 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.

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.

Flower calendar

Altar flower arrangements are available for several Sundays throughout the Fall. If you would like to honor or remember someone, this is a terrific way to do it while helping make our worship spaces beautiful.



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

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.

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, September 4

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 Labor Day Weekend!



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.**

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.

Christmas greenery

Place your orders now for...Christmas greenery! Brighten your home for the holidays with fresh wreaths, garlands and door swags!

The Missions Ministry will be taking orders Sunday September 12 and 26 and at the Fall Festival on Saturday, November 13. Order early!

Covenant Cup Golf Tournament

Golf & Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 25 ~ Quail Valley Golf Course



The Third Annual Covenant Cup Golf Tournament & Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, September 25 at the Quail Valley Golf Course. Tournament check-in begins at 12 p.m. with an awards banquet at 6 p.m. following tournament play. If you are a golfer, we would love to have you play. If you are not a golfer, there are plenty of opportunities to assist or attend the awards banquet for an enjoyable evening. This event is sponsored by the Covenant Sunday School Class.

Brochures are available in the church office, adult Sunday school classrooms and at the church's Welcome Center. Tournament sponsorship/donation information and registration is also available on the church website at www.fumcmc.org. Sign-up tables will be available the mornings of Sunday, September 12 and 19. As in previous tournaments, proceeds will be designated to reduce the long-term debt on our church facility.

We would like to utilize this event to promote the inform our community of the great outreach our church provides. We encourage all church members to embrace and support this event by letting your neighbors, business associates and personal contacts know about the tournament and ask for their support. Your friends will further understand why you attend FUMCMC (In addition to the wonderful folks who worship here) once they realize how much our church supports the community.

Also, check out the Covenant Cup Golf Tournament & Awards Banquet website at www.covenantcup.webs.com. Thank you for your support and let's spread the word! It will be a great day!

Tacos 4 Missions....



For the Glory of God!

Mmmm....

Come early or stay late for...

Breakfast Tacos!

Sunday, September 26

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Suggested Donation of \$2

All donations support the work of our Missions Ministry.

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:

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