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Youth 'Whoop' It Up at TAMU



Pictured are Taylor Fawks, Justin Barbee, Tyler Stewart, Elizabeth Reed, Brendan Sobczak, Bethany Schaffer, Janet Dempsey, and Nick Dyslin.

Crunch Time at Texas A&M is an annual activity sponsored by the Wesley Foundation for high school juniors and seniors. Accompanied by Janet Dempsey, our youth director, 7 of our youth attended the activities on the A&M campus. The theme "The Mystery Revealed" centers on how to stay spiritual in college and keep faith in God, informed about campus ministry, and among other things how to stay grounded while away from parents and friends.

If the youth were planning on attending A&M, they were taught traditions of the school and were escorted by students who are members of the Wesley Foundation. If they had other colleges in mind, they were taken on a general tour of the campus.

This past weekend 15 junior high youth went on a mid-winter retreat to Bridgeport and this weekend 5 senior high kids will be having their mid-winter also in Bridgeport.



Pictured above is the Endowment Committee. Cheryl Engelmann, Rick Jaynes, Jim Shipley, chairman, Judy Hudson, Elon Werner, chair of the Finance Committee, and Larry Groce, Chair of the Trustees. Not pictured are Peggy Ogden, and Gib Kobler.

The Endowment Committee oversees the investments of the church and is responsible for awarding grants to various groups and individuals to further the work of the church.

2007
Committees
at
work

Their hard
work is
appreciated.



Above is the Stewardship Committee. David Gregory, Connie Tucker, Bob Talbot, chairman, Paul Jacobson, Pat Shipley and Harvey Maloney. Not pictured are Tawny Schaffer, Allen Schneider, Gary Fisher and David Gregory.

The Stewardship Committee leads the church to understand its God given role of managing not only our money but all that God has given us.



February 21, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Lenton Study

by Mike Nichols

"On the Road Again"

by James Moore

This series explores the significance of Jesus' experiences on the road, and takes a closer look at some of the people he met along the way.

February 28-March 28
Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.
Snack Bar

February smiles

Congratulations to Amanda Sonnier for her 10 years of invaluable service to the church nursery. Thanks for loving our babies.

Congratulations to Lee Martin who has been named Teacher of the Year at Duncanville High School.

Many thanks to Janice Kalinec for heading up the Taste Test and Connie and Glynn Tucker for all of their help--a great fundraiser for our youth.

Larry Groce, Chairman of the Trustees, for all he has done and is doing.

Ladies Only

If you have read "Blue Like Jazz"

join us for discussion on

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

at the home of

Donna Dismukes

1417 Nettleton Drive DeSoto

March Book Selection:

"Six Hours One Friday--Living in the Power of the Cross" by Max Lucado.

Discussion will be on Monday, March 12 at

7:00 p.m. at the home of

Letitia Nachtrieb

218 Robin Hill Lane Duncanville



QUILTING GROUP

FUMC will begin work on the quilt for the 2007 Fall Festival. Quilting was to begin on Monday, February 5 but has been delayed until February 12. There will be 2 groups quilting. One at 10 a.m. each Monday and one at 7 p.m. each Monday. Both groups will quilt in the Progressors Classroom in the Alexander building. All quilters in the church are welcome.

Chancel Choir Officers 2007 and their Duties

President--Jeannine Valentine. She is the liaison to the music department.

Ambassador Chairperson--Jerry Bair. Ambassadors will meet and greet the congregation in the Narthex and Jerry will make those assignments.

Treasurer--Sandy Stowe
Take up weekly money and keep a checkbook.

Secretary--Carol Weller
She is responsible for attendance rolls for rehearsal and Sunday mornings and also the Sunshine Chairperson.

Maintenance Chair--Mary McBee. Her responsibilities are robe maintenance and assignments as well as reorganizing weekly anthems to return to the music department.

Social Chair--Laura Gonzales She will organize the social functions

Section Leaders contact absent members from their section. Soprano, Netta Rodenburg; Alto, Lorri Jordan; Tenor, Bob Clark; Bass, Bob Nachtrieb

Confirmation Calendar

February 26 - SS class will be 9:00-10:00.

Will then leave for FUMC Richardson to visit during their 11:00 service. Lunch will follow and then return to FUMCR for Confirmation Celebration.

April 22 - Confirmation Service Breakfast in Aldersgate hosted by current 5th grade class at 9:45.

Confirmation Service and Reaffirmation of Baptism and/or baptism at the Memorial Fountain. 11:00 presentation to the congregation.

Youth studying "God's Extreme Makeover"

On Sunday, January 28, 45 youth attended UMYF and are studying a new series called "God's Extreme Makeover." While our culture tells us to change our outside, God points to the Fruit of the Spirit and tells us He will change us from the inside.

Youth meet at 6:00 p.m. for Snack Supper in Aldersgate, have study time from 6:45-7:45 and then go to the Chapel for a short message.

The latest addition to our church family



Evanna Kathryn Jacobsen, infant daughter of Eric and Jessica Jacobsen, was baptized on Sunday, January 21. The beautiful gown worn by Evanna originally was worn by her great grandfather and every generation since at their baptisms.

Staff Highlight



A big thank you to Amanda Sonnier for her 10 years of service to our church nursery.

Read the Bible in a year

Pick up a brochure in the Narthex that guides you through reading the Bible in a year.

Progress is being made



On Friday, February 2, much needed insulation was placed in the ceiling of the Administration Building. Up to this point, no insulation was there and this should help with the heating and air conditioning issues of the church staff.

Our Methodist School Students Also in Mission



The children in Ms. Jane's 4-year old class at The Methodist School are pictured here with their check to Habitat for Humanity for \$216.65. Over the Christmas holidays, they participated in a project called "Work For Change." They each did chores to earn coins to put into their collection bottles. In January they performed a skit during Chapel to show how Habitat for Humanity helps people build homes for themselves.

Valentine's Dinner



Boy Scout Sunday

This Sunday, February 11, is Boy Scout Recognition Sunday. If you are currently a boy scout and wish to participate in the service, please wear your uniforms and meet in the Narthex at 10:30 for rehearsal. All other Boy Scouts, no matter the age, will be recognized.



Rev. Mike Nichols presents a Bible to Phyllis at the reception in her honor.

Thanks so much to the SPR, the staff and the Homebuilders SS Class for a wonderful reception in my honor and for all you have done for me these past few months.

Thank you to the whole congregation for giving me the privilege of serving you for 23 1/2 years. Blessings to all,

Phyllis Goldman

Join the United Methodist Men for their annual Valentine Dinner at Macaroni Grill in Cedar Hill Monday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. to visit and by 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

cares and concerns

Bettye Rice
Brantlee Sontag
Sandy Courville
Jon Kinslow
Jimmy Dunham
Martha Leewright
Lou Fain
Jo Dover
David Knox
Owenda Douglass
Mary Dabiere
Garland Smith
Harold Garvin
Our military
Our firefighters and police

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**Be ye fishers of men.
You catch them--He'll clean them.**

Remember

Call the church office and make us aware if you or someone you know in the church is in the hospital or plans surgery. 972.298-6121

memorials and honorariums

in memory of

Marie Mitchell's brother
Kathryn Carder
Sam Brandenburg
Ray Dabiere
Kathryn Carder
Marie Mitchell's brother
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Marie Mitchell's brother
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in honor of

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If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, just indicate on your check the name of the individual and the fund to which the money is to be donated. A note will be sent to the family indicating a donation was made and the name of the donor.

Flowers may also be ordered for Sunday morning in memory or honor of a loved one or an event. These dates may be reserved by calling the church office and speaking with Barbara Cline or Carol Weller. The price of each arrangement is \$35.00. You may take the flowers home following the 11:00 a.m. service on the Sunday you selected. Church office is 972.298-6121.

Class Notes

CUP & SAUCER

We were delighted to welcome Dorothy Scheerer as a new member of our class today.

A memorial service is scheduled for Ray in the chapel Sat, Feb. 10 th. at 11 am.

We had 41 present Sunday. Dick introduced unit 3 from our quarterly "Christ Guides & Protects." He also taught the 1st lesson of 4 "Protection From Evil" from the book of John Chapter 10. Our lesson next Sunday will be taught by Dick, the subject is "Life After Death" from John 11: 1-44.

Our first class social for 2007 is Feb. 12th. in Aldersgate @ 11:30 am. Food will be prepared by Doris & Co.

Cup & Saucer members are invited to join the Legacy

Choir. Rehearsal is 1 & 3rd Thursday. Their first performance is in March. Come and join the fun.

Continue to pray for our sick and shut ins--Louise Barton, Bettye Rice & Harold Houser

NEW HORIZONS

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Betty Lang on "Protection From Evil." Pat Harthcock played the piano to start the class. Betty Shugart said our prayer.

The Super Bowl Party at Elizabeth Gregory's house was another entertaining gathering for the class. Good food, fellowship, and visitation. Thanks, Elizabeth, for again hosting the Super Bowl fun.

Joys this week go to Bob Ammons, John & Ruby Murray, and Charisse's daughter.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Larry and Willa Yost, Danny Craig, Joanna Nelson, Sandra Rodrick, Gene & Barbara Browder, Martha Williamson, Cami Leigh Crews, Russell Gosko, Rev. Bill Stephenson, Jean Lewis, Mary Ann Davis, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Nancy DeShazo, Wylie Craig, Mark Vhorhee, James Jordan, Billy, Jennifer, Lillie Ashcraft, Mary Ann Lee, Ruby Edgar, Mavis Mathis, Charlene Martynowski, Lou Fain, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, and Karen Kelly.

On February 11th our lesson will be "Life After Death" taught by Carole Deffebach. The scripture is John 11:1-44, so read your Bible this week and we will see you Sunday.

UNITED CLASS

Gary Fisher brought our

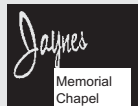
January 28 lesson in his usual excellent style involving the class members reports of joys and concerns and travels for the past several weeks.

Marie brought an inspiring lesson on February 4. We could feel she knows the "shepherd's" voice and vice versa. Thanks also for sharing your "confirmation" experience.

Linda and Theresa were welcome visitors. Party at 11:30 on February 14 includes a sing along!



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