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First United Methodist Church 403 S. Main Street Duncanville, TX 75116 972.298-6121 www.fumcd.com Rev. Mike Nichols, Senior Pastor

FINE ARTS AT FUMC

Over 85 children were welcomed onto the campus of FUMC fun-filled of "fine art" activities including music, art, and cooking. Many volunteers came forward to make this event possible.



Message from Mike

September Services Coming 9:00 10:00 11:00

In response to a number of factors, the Administrative Board has established a new Sunday morning schedule that begins on September 2nd.

- 9:00 Crossroads (contemporary) Worship
- 10:00 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 Traditional Worship

The 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 format is easy to remember for communication purposes as we offer worship, education, and fellowship opportunities to the entire regional area.

The open Administrative Board meeting on July 29th allowed all interested parties to voice their opinion about the merits of the two principal alternatives for the Sunday morning schedule.

With the 9, 10, 11 arrangement all musical groups staff will be available for both worship hours, and all clergy staff will be present in both services. The revised schedule will also require only one preaching pastor for Sundays should the need arise.

Reverend Marie Mitchell will continue to preach primarily at the Crossroads service, and Reverend Mike Nichols will preach principally at the 11:00 service. From time to time Mike and Marie will switch preaching venues so that both pastors and congregations can share worship together.

Reverend Sheri Hollingsworth will also preach at both services on occasion, and Reverend Steve Sobczak will give music and liturgical leadership in Crossroads and the traditional service. The staff looks forward to worshipping in both settings and to expanding and enriching our worship opportunities here at First Church.

A huge expression of gratitude goes to all of our musical organizations and staff personnel for providing tremendous support for the three previous worship services. During August, we will continue to offer traditional worship at 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock with contemporary worship at 9:00. See you in worship and Sunday School this Sunday!

It's 5th Sunday Brunch Time



Sausage, biscuits, gravy, fruit and coffee was consumed by almost 200 people on a come-and-go basis in the gym on Sunday, July 29. The Family Ministries Committee, chaired by Denyce Inmon, sponsored the second Fifth Sunday Brunch. Sunday School classes were asked to assist in the preparation and did so graciously.



Covenant Child: A Story of Promises Kept by Terri Blackstock

Twins know they are heirs to a fortune but are forced to live with uncaring relatives in squalor. Thinking that their stepmother has stolen their inheritance, they can't wait 'til the day they turn 18 and can sue her. They never guessed the riches help in trust for them or the love that lived to call them home. East and fast 300 pages.

Book highlight written by Carol Bigelow

Let's Roll

by Lisa Beamer

We have heard stories about the 911 tragedy. Our lives have been shaken and our faith reawakened by the events and stories that followed. Lisa Beamer, wife of hero Todd Beamer on United Flight 93, shows us how faith and courage can sustain us through personal tragedy. This young mother of 3, homemaker and widow, shares the story of an ordinary woman in an international tragedy.

Book highlight written by Anne McCommas

The Red Tent

by Anita Diamant

This book was a New York Time bestseller. The Boston Globe said this fiction story is about what the Bible would be like if it had been written by women.

LIBRARY HOURS
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00 a.m. to noon
Sunday
8:00 a.m. to noon



AUGUST ACCOLADES

to Brenda Davis for directing Crossroads and The Chancel Choir on Sunday, July 29.

to Bryan Davis, member and student at Texas Tech, for playing the drums at Crossroads all summer long.

Ladies Book Club

August Book Selection:

“When Crickets Cry”
by Charles Martin

Join us for discussion and fellowship

Monday, August 13
7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Contact Letitia Nachtrieb
for information
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FALL FESTIVAL TREASURES GALLERY SALE

Planning has begun for this year's Treasures Gallery Sale. Church groups, church members, and Preschool/MDO staff will have the opportunity to participate in this sale. The Treasures Gallery Sale will be only one part of the annual Fall Festival. This event will be in the Alexander Building Gym on Saturday, October 27, 2007. Our goal is to provide a gym full of tables and booths with arts & crafts, antiques, collectables, and quality attic items, jewelry, gifts, food, and much more. Proceeds from the Treasures Gallery Sale will be used for church mission projects that are not in the church budget.

There are two ways you can be a part of this event. The tables around the outside walls will be free for church groups, individual members, and Preschool/MDO staff if ALL of the proceeds from your sales go to the Fall Festival funds. Another opportunity is for you to rent one of the sixteen 8' x 10' spaces in the center of the gym for \$30 (corners will cost \$40), and the money you make is all yours.

Church groups, church members, and Preschool/MDO staff who are interested in reserving a table or a booth should contact David or Joyce Gregory at 972-298-0214, email joyce_gregory@sbcglobal.net, or call the church office at 972-298-6121. A reservation form is also available on the church website at www.fumcd.com. Many participants from previous years have indicated that they want to participate again, so we hope to fill the spaces quickly. Booths and spaces will be assigned on a first come basis. We Look forward to hearing from many of you soon.



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Adults		
Chancel Choir	August 8	7:00 p.m.
Praise	August 20	6:00 p.m.
Wesley Ringers	September 4	9:00 p.m.
Celebration Ringers	September 5	6:00 p.m.
Legacy Choir	September 6	11:00 a.m.
Turning Points	September 10	7:00 p.m.
Messengers	September 17	6:00 p.m.
Youth		
Youth Choir (7th-12th)	August 26	4:30 p.m.
Youth Choir Retreat	September 8	8:00 a.m.
Youth Handbells	September 16	3:30 p.m.
Children		
Children's Choirs (K-6th)	September 5	4:30 p.m.
Alleluia Ringers (4th-6th)	September 12	3:45 p.m.



FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all of you who helped in the collection of 406 pounds of non-perishable food items during the month of July. This food was donated to Duncanville Outreach Ministries.

Junior High in Mission



they scraped . . . they painted . . . they roofed and reroofed . . . they had fun

Twenty of our Junior High kids went to San Marcos on mission the last week in July. This was done in conjunction with the Southside Community Center organized in 1927. In 1930, operation of the Center was assumed by the Methodist Church.

Sheri Hollingsworth and Janet Dempsey accompanied them. They were the last group to

be a part of this mission; therefore, the only work left to do was outside. They took off an old roof and replaced it with a new one, they painted a car port and outside part of the house, and because of the rain had to become inventive to occupy their time.

Every summer, Southside Community (SSCC), in conjunction with Methodist Youth

from across the United States, help perform God's work through a labor of love which includes home repairs, weatherization, painting, roof repair, and much more.

GRANNY'S ATTIC, COLLECTABLES, & ANTIQUES BOOTH

2007 FALL FESTIVAL—FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS

CONTACT PERSON: DON DEFFEBACH—PHONE # 972-298-1764



The Granny's Attic, Collectables, & Antiques Booth will feature all kinds of collectable and antique items plus quality attic items donated by Church members.

- Each collectable and antique will be placed in the booth on a consignment basis
- The selling price of antiques and collectables will be set by the donating individual
- Should the antique or collectable not sell—it will be returned to the donor
- Each donor will receive a receipt for tax purposes
- All attic items must be undamaged and in working condition
- All proceeds from attic items will go to the Church
- Donor is responsible for any damage to items

DATE: OCTOBER 27

Alexander Youth Center
First United Methodist Church
403 South Main Street, Duncanville, TX



memorials and honorariums

in memory of

Barbara Holloway
Barbara Holloway
Red Elliott

in honor of

Youth Mission Team
Colton Haze Reed
Jaz Clayborne

designated fund

Music
Music
Budget

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FUMC Allen Seekers Class
John Earl Martin
Anita Elliott

Youth Missions
Children's Bible
Crossroads

Lorri Jordan
Lorri Jordan
Rick and Ada Bendall

Christian One Liners

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qualified, He
qualifies the
called.

cares and concerns

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Jo Kalinec
Frances Cowart
Art Shirley
Myrt Airhart
Georgia Becker
Rev. Gene Welborn
Brantlee Sontag

Grace Brandenburg
Mary Dabiere

Sandy Courville
Jon Kinslow
Martha Leewright
David Knox
Owenda Douglass

Class Notes

Cup & Saucer

The potluck social for the class was fantastic and well attended. We were entertained by Chris and Pat.

Our class has been asked to work with the United Class for the Sweet Shoppe during the Fall Festival.

The class is giving a donation to DOM for school supplies. A \$1,000 donation was from Candy and Bill Phillips and their children and grandchildren in honor of Dan and Doris Poole. This donation will be divided between Golden Cross for the organ transplant program and the Citizens Development Center that trains mentally challenged/disabled persons to be productive and self-sufficient.

Thanks to Alex Pearce

for his lesson on the last Sunday in July. Many thanks to Marcie Hughson for her lesson this past Sunday. We welcomed Mary Morriss back to piano after her foot surgery.

It was good to have Sarah Lovdahl back in class. Congratulations to the McAlpins on their 61st anniversary. Continue to pray for Gene Welborn, Myrt Airhart, Janie Rittenberry, Helen Jones, Jim Carver, Bettye Rice, Beulah Strong, Frances Cowart, Mary Dabiere, Laura McAlpin and Georgia Becker.

New Horizons

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Betty Lang giving the first lesson in unit 3: *What Does God Require* entitled "Maintaining Hope." Joyce Gregory

played the piano to open the class and Barbara Browder led us in prayer.

There will be a salad social at the Murray's on Saturday, August 18th at 6:30 PM.

Joys this week go to Jeanette Strickland who has arrived in Kuwait and likes her new job.

Please keep the following in your prayers; Larry and Willa Yost, Gene Welborn, Scott Jordan, Evelyn Ammons, Heather Foose, Jeanette Strickland, Shannon John, Carole Deffebach, Elizabeth Gregory, Juno Garrett, Pat Rattan, Charles Cason, Sandra Coyle, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Billy, Mavis Mathis, Weldon Dickson, Mary Ann Lee, Jim Rogers, Ruby Edgar, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, Karen Kelly, and

Kathleen Godwin.

On August 12th, our lesson will be "Personal Consequences of Sin" taught by Carole Deffebach. This lesson is the second in Unit 3, "How Shall We Respond?" The scripture background for the lesson is Ezekiel 18. "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live." So read your Bible this week and we will see you next Sunday.

PROGRESSORS

The Progressors Class has begun a study on Jesus' Parables About Making Choices. Janeen gave the lesson on "Choosing to Grow Up".

Prayers and concerns mentioned: Claudia had shoulder surgery, Jeri had foot surgery and Letitia and Bob have had illnesses in their family and the death of Bob's aunt.

There will be a Fall Festival meeting August 11th at 9:45.

We welcome a returning visitor to our class-

Marguerite Cherry-Hau.

Our ice cream social will be August 11th at the Dickerson's home. Bring your favorite ice cream. C lass officer voting will be August 19th.

UNITED CLASS

Louise Taught the 5th Sunday and Marie brought our lesson this past Sunday. The class says "thanks" to both for thought provoking treatments of profound truths.

Don and Peggy initiated our new Joyous Jug with the first dollar for "joys" contributions. This will become a regular part of our program.

We welcomed Lil's daughter, Lorena Trocina, as a visitor to the class.

Our next party is Wednesday, August 15 at 11:30 at Ruffinos in their private meeting room.

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