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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

Finding new youth minister top priority with staff

On Sunday, September 16, Rev. Mike Nichols met with first the parents of youth at 4:30 in the chapel to explain the process for selecting a new youth minister and later met with the youth and explained the same process to them. Outlined below are the steps presented to both groups:

- Mike searches for candidates for the staff position.
- Mike, other clergy, and Brenda Davis, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair, review viable candidates.
- When 2 or 3 viable candidates emerge, Mike will invite the candidate(s) to meet with youth representatives, possibly Youth Leadership Team, Amy Allen, Cathy Ogle, all clergy staff, other SPRCers, and others. This will be an interview and get-to-know-you time.
- At UMYF the candidate will lead the evening's activities.
- After this, we will assess consensus and make a tentative selection.
- SPRC will meet with the candidate. If there is agreement on the selection, we will attempt to employ the person, offering the compensation as determined by the SPRC. If the offer is accepted, we will determine the start date.



The Cherub Choir, 4 years-K, will rehearse on Sunday mornings in the Children's Choir Room in Wesley at 9:30 am. This choir is directed by Maggie Manning.

The Carol and Alleluia Singers sang "Rhythm of Life" during Crossroads on Sunday, September 16.



Bound For Greater Things

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Children's Choir Rehearsal 4:30 - 5:15
Youth 3-D from 6:30 to 8:00



Churchwide Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Aldersgate Fellowship Hall
\$5.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children
\$20.00 family maximum.



Rev. Mike Nichols, Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins and Rev. Marie Mitchell sing during *Crossroads*.

Reverend Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins will conduct a seminar on "Unmasking Depression" from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Aldersgate

Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins is a board certified psychiatrist in private practice in Dallas and an Associate Professor of Pastoral Care at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. Throughout her career, she has had a particular interest in the interface between psychiatry and religion and the role clergy can play in decreasing stigma and promoting greater understanding of mental illness and its treatment.

Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins received her bachelor's degree in Biology (cum laude) from Harvard College, and her medical degree from Harvard Medical School. During her senior year of college, she responded to a call to Christian ministry and was licensed and later ordained. She is currently a member of St. Luke "Community" U.M. Church of Dallas where she serves as an Assistant Pastor and Directress of the Angel and Cherub Choirs. She is married to Kevin B. Wiggins and is the proud mother of 4 children.

Fall Festival 2007

Be a Part! Be Involved! Be Festive!

We need to people to help and be involved.

Come be a part of the fun!

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

UMW will be serving lunch in Aldersgate from 11-2.
Silent Auction will take place in Aldersgate from 10-2
Connie and Glynn Tucker are in charge.

Treasures Gallery Alexander Gym from 10-4
Sponsored by David & Joyce Gregory

The following booths will need donations:

TOY SHOPPE Contact Sandy Stowe or Brenda Davis

PUZZLES AND GAMES SHOPPE Marcie Hughson

RE-GIFTING SHOPPE Contact Netta and Byron Rodenburg

GRANNY'S ATTIC, COLLECTABLES, & ANTIQUES

SHOPPE Don Deffebach

GARDEN SHOPPE Ralph and Sandy Jones

CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK SHOPPE Barbara McGee and Charla Edwards

SWEET SHOPPE The United Class and the Cup & Saucer Class

BOOK SHOPPE Lorri Jordan and Mary McBee Narthex

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES sponsored by Pathfinders will take place in the from 2-4

HOT DOG STAND will be on the center grounds from 10-4
Sponsored by the Serendipity class

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

BBQ LUNCH immediately after the 11:00 service sponsored by the Homebuilders Class. The United Methodist Men will be smoking brisket; don't miss this yummy treat!

The **LIVE AUCTION** will follow lunch, the live auctioneer will be the always entertaining David Hira.



BLOOD NEEDED

Give the Gift of Life!

The Carter Bloodmobile will be at the church from 10-2. We need at least 20 people to sign up, 24 would be wonderful! Please bring a list with you of medications that you are taking. You may be able to designate the donation with a Credit Donor Replacement Form. You will need the Name of the Person, Address, Date of Birth, and the hospital where they are being treated.

Please Contact Rhonda Slovak (972-298-2808) to sign up or for more information.



DESSERTS

Donations are needed for desserts for the Sunday lunch.

Contact Lori Cress 972-296-2870 or Marylyn Post 972-298-8747 to sign up. There will be a sign up sheet in the church office.

Health Fair in the Snack Bar

The times are tentatively set for 10 - 2. Come by and check your Blood Pressure, Glucose levels, Cholesterol levels, and Get a Flu Shot!

Going Going Gone!



FUMC Fall Festival
Live and Silent Auctions

Silent Auction

If you have something to donate for the Silent Auction please contact Connie and Glynn Tucker 972-298-8607

Live Auction Items can be brought by the Progressors Sunday School classroom or contact Cynthia Harris at 469-552-0649 or 214-356-8768 or Jimmy Dickerson can be contacted to pick items up. Cell 214.729.6411 or this e-mail address.
Jimmy_Dickerson@genpt.com



Bachelor's Puzzle by Judith Pella

The new circuit-riding preacher is welcomed with a patchwork quilt which includes blocks each of the young women have created in an effort to gain the young bachelor's attention. However, the new preacher's secret and deception leave the entire town with a variety of emotions.

A List of 2006 Live Auction Donations to give suggestions for 2007 Auction

1. Church Pew
2. Church Double Chairs from the Balcony
3. Quilt
4. Fish Fry for 30
5. 1 Bedroom Condo
6. 3 Bedroom Condo
7. Dinner for 12 at Ruffino's
8. Drink Box
9. Thorntree Country Club Golf for 4
10. (2) Dallas Mavericks vs Boston Celtics + Blue Parking
11. (2) Season passes-Duncanville Deputies Baseball 2007 league
12. Christmas Tree Cluster
13. 'W Dallas - Victory' Hotel \$500 gift card
14. Meyerson Christmas Pops-Grand Tier 4 tickets, w/restaurant
15. 3 Months membership at Thorntree
16. BBQ dinner for 30
17. 6 Tickets to Meyerson
18. Golf for 4 Oak Cliff Country Club
19. Prime Rib Dinner for 10
20. Outdoor padded rocking chairs
21. Bookshelf/media cabinet
22. Lovfest Dinner with the "King" (Elvis)
23. Children's Bible Stories wall hanging
24. Tickets to Nokia Theatre and dinner



Congratulations to Phyllis Goldman who had a hole-in-one on #15 at Red Oak Golf Club.

Ladies Book Club

October Book Selection:

"Night"
by
Elie Wiesel

Join us for discussion and fellowship

Monday, October 8
7:00 p.m. in the Parlor
November selection: *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers

December Selection: *Can Martha Have a Mary Christmas?* by Brenda Poinsett

VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Can you donate a couple of hours to work at a table from 12:00 to 2:00 during the Treasurer's Gallery Sale? These tables will be selling items that have been donated by church members who want the proceeds to benefit the church. This will allow our folks in charge of the tables to take a lunch break and have a little time to make their purchases. Also needed are persons who can help with clean up at 4:00. Call Barbara Browder to volunteer.

TRUCK NEEDED

The Fall Festival Treasures Gallery needs a truck to pick up 40 tables and backdrop material that have been donated for our use. Please contact David Gregory at 972-298-0214.

SHARE A MEMORY



Eric, Eva and Jessica Jacobsen shared this picture from their August vacation to Destin, Florida.



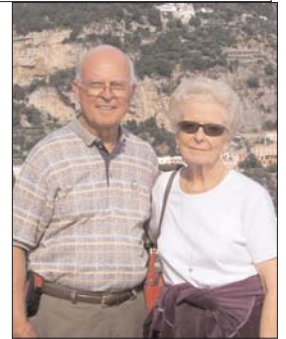
Jim and Reta Carver on the shore of Mackinac Island on Lake Michigan



Don and Hazel Shepherd, Pat and Bob Daniel at Pike's Place Market in Seattle, Washington



Jodie Sills, Carol Weller and Dottie Schearer at the Parthenon in Athens



Many in our church families have traveled to fun and exotic places this last summer and before. When traveling, we can appreciate the beauty of the world that God has created but it is always nice to return home.

Above are Robert and Sharra Lankford in the south of France with the Isle of Capri in the background.

Left is a picture taken of the Church on the Spilled Blood in St. Petersburg, Russia taken while Netta and Byron Rodenburg were on vacation.



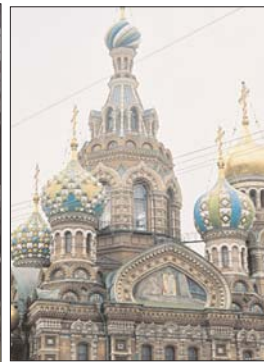
Cubba and Denyce took this of another ship as they were docking in Skagway, Alaska during a cruise.



Todd Hemphill and Shelley visited Rome and other sights in Italy.



The Nickersons, Todd, Nick, Tiffany and Natalie were in Playa Del Carmen this summer.



Rebekah, Jason and Andrew fish and play in the water on Navarre Beach, Florida.



Joyce and Jim Thrash visited the Hill of Crosses in Lithuania.



This was taken in the Swiss Alps in Interlagen, Switzerland where Jean Kolich recently visited.



Jenny and Claire Scott play in the sand in Hawaii.



Local Youth Mission Project

Yeah! to our youth who are taking on a mission project for people in our own community. From now through October they are asking that you bring clean coats and jackets on hangars to the Narthex in Aldersgate and the Sanctuary. In November they will have a sale in our area for people in need of warm clothing for the winter.

Let's all help our youth as they help others by going through our closets. If you can't find one in your closet, pass the word to your neighbors, or if you see a real bargain, pick one up at the store.

The Youth thank you for all you do!

Our Church in Mission

DUNCANVILLE OUTREACH MINISTRIES September, 2007

The Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for DOM during the month of September, and collection boxes have been placed in each adult Sunday school classroom. Baskets will be in the Narthex on September 30th for church wide collection.

This month they are in particular need of the following items:

- Hamburger Helper
- Flour
- Spaghetti-o's
- Ravioli
- Pork & Beans
- Black-eyed Peas
- Tomato Sauce
- Jelly



Since 1995 First United Methodist Church and Famous Footwear have teamed up with the Duncanville Independent School District to help provide shoes for needy children in the Duncanville area through The Happy Feet Program. Children in K-6th grade are eligible to participate and over 1,000 children have received shoes thanks to the generosity of people like you who support the program! Last year we helped over 100 children. This year the financial need is growing.. Our goal is to help 150 children and the average pair of shoes costs \$45. We are encouraging you to fund one pair of shoes if possible. Please make your payment out to First United Methodist Church and in the "memo" line write "Happy Feet."

cares and concerns

Dr. Steve Mueller	Karen Sonnier on the death of her mother
Don Deffebach	
Ray Smith	
Frances Cowart	
Sam Laden	Our young men and women who are currently serving our country.
Noel Leon	
Myrt Airhart	
Georgia Becker	Firefighters and police officers.
Rev. Gene Welborn	
Brantlee Sontag	
Mary Dabiere	
Snooky Sanders	
Ruth Cross	
Sandy Courville	
Jon Kinslow	
David Knox	
Owenda Douglass	

memorials and honorariums**in memory of**

Emma Gilbert
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 Sharon Davis' father
in honor of
 Marriage of Zachary Smith and Jennifer Spain
 Rhonda Slovak
 Lori Cress
 Gene Browder
 Marie Mitchell
 Sheri Hollingsworth
 Mike Nichols
 Youth Choir

designated fund given by

Budget Homebuilders SS Class
 Budget Jim & Joyce Thrash
 Budget Jean and Larry Groce
 Budget Bob & Stephanie Talbot
 Budget Michael & Judy Hudson
 Budget DHS Class of 1958
 Budget Dick & Janie Rittenberry
designated fund given by
 Budget Ray & Vicki Smith
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 Budget Lorri Jordan

Class Notes**CUP & SAUCER**

Twenty-nine members enjoyed the end of summer outing at the Oasis on Lake Joe Pool. It's been announced the Pummels, known by many, will perform at the piano on Sept 29 at 7:15 p.m. at Duncanville High School. There will be 4 players at 4 piano and the concert is free. Tickets still available at the church office.

It was pointed out how to recognize a possible stroke occurring; have the possible victim:

S SMILE

T TALK A SIMPLE SENTENCE
 R RAISE THEIR ARMS OVER THEIR HEAD.

New directories were distributed to the class by Helen Houser.

Prayer concerns for: Carl & Betty Scott, Jesse & Myrt Airhart, Bart & Frances Cowart, Georgia Becker and

Bud Treadaway were brought to us by Pat Kern the last 2 Sundays.

Sarah Lovdahl continued her month of teaching Genesis, book of faith, with literary and sacred text. Our conclusion so far, "Is there anything too wonderful for God."

NEW HORIZONS

Our Game Night was well attended and a great success! Thanks, Nancy, for opening your home to us for fun, good food, and great fellowship!!

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Gene Welborn, John Lang, Don Deffebach, the Shugart's, Wayne Standerfer, Shannon John, and Jeanette Strickland.

Next week David Gregory will lead ABRAHAM, HAGAR, AND ISHMAEL. So read your lesson and have a blessed week!

UNITED CLASS

Thanks to Sheri for our lesson 2 this past Sunday on "God Creating Humankind in His Image." and for Gary Fisher about Abraham, Sarah and Isaac, "Miracles Do Happen When Living the Faith."

Remember Sam Laden in your prayers and also Owenda Douglass and our other members who are ill and unable to be with us.

Don't forget Rev. Gene's Prayer Pager--972-760-0052 and after the beep enter 7777.

God Bless You All.

**Prayer Pager for Rev. Gene Welborn**

Say a prayer for Rev. Gene Welborn and dial this number. At the beep enter 7777, and he will know you have said a prayer for him. You will not speak directly with Gene.

972-760-0052

If you wish to send Gene a card, drop it by the church office and we will see that it gets delivered to him.

Bible Study led by Rev. Marie Mitchell

Desperate Women of the Bible

Begins Wednesday, October 3

Seven weeks

6:30 to 7:30 in the Snack Bar

\$10 for the text

To register contact Jean Kolich at the church office 972.298-6121 ext. 26 or jean@fumcd.com

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