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Fall Festival 2007

Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28



It's once again Fall Festival time at our church. On Saturday, October 27, join in the fun of Treasures Gallery from 10am to 4pm. Paintings, note cards, photography, children's hand-painted aprons, doll clothes, ladies' vests, yarn cats, one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry, whimsical drawings of names with animal shapes, fused glass pendants and belt buckles, Homemade Gourmet, candles, gourmet salsa and dip seasonings, baskets, needlecraft, magnets with Bible verses, flowers, wreaths, baby quilts, aquilas, preserves, jelly, pickles, pecans, pumpkins, purses, 2008 calendars, children's books, Arbonne skin and body care, plus you can get a chair massage and sponsor a Prayer Bear for US deployed troops.

You can purchase even more items from our church sponsored shops: Toy Shoppe, Puzzles and Adult Games Shoppe, Granny's Attic Collectables and Antiques, United Methodist Men's Coffee Shoppe, Sweet Shoppe, Regifting Shoppe, Book Shoppe, Crafts and Needlework Shoppe, and Garden Shoppe.

You can give the Gift of Life at the Carter Bloodmobile from 10-2 and designate the donation to a particular person if you so choose. Also on Saturday, there will be a Silent Auction in Aldersgate from 10-2, the United Methodist Women will serve lunch in Aldersgate from 11-1, you can have a Family Fall Picture taken by a professional photographer from 10-4, and enjoy food at the Hot Dog Stand in the Commons from 10-4.

Family Fall Portraits can be taken by a professional.

Children's Activities will be happening from 2-4 around campus.

On Sunday, October 28, BBQ prepared by our United Methodist Men will be served following the I am service and a Live Auction with incredible items will take place with the always entertaining David Hira as the auctioneer.

Begin your Christmas shopping early and have a great day of fun!

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction will take place in Aldersgate on Saturday, October 27 from 10 to 2.

If you have something to donate for the Silent Auction, please bring to the Narthex of the Sanctuary on Sunday between Crossroads and the I am service or contact Connie and Glynn Tucker at 972-298-8607.

Sunday, October 28 BBQ Dinner and Live Auction

BBQ prepared by the Methodist Men and all the fixins' \$10 for adults \$7 for 12 and under



Some of the items are:

Quilt
Antique organ
2 Maverick tickets and parking pass
2 nights stay at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas
2 bedroom/2 bath week stay at time share
GPS system
Prime Rib dinner for 10 by the Seekers Methodist Men
Fish Fry for 30
2 oil paintings by Pearl Geren
20 tickets to the Tour of Tables Preview Gala
Little Girls Size 7 velvet/taffeta/organza dress created by Betty Dunn
Golf outing for 4



BRIDGE THE GAP UPDATE
\$48,468 have been pledged representing 95 households.

Your commitments are still needed from now until December 31 to Bridge the Gap of \$122,000. Contact Mona at 972.298-6121, mail your commitment, or place in the offering plate.

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! (free with medicare card)

Give the Gift of Life!

The Carter Bloodmobile will be at the church from 10-2. You can still enroll this Sunday in the Narthex. 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.



**BLOOD
NEEDED**

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



Wednesday, October 24

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

- Fabulous homemade
- Roast Beef
- Garlic Roasted Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Rolls
- Dessert

Thanks to Janice and Mike Nichols who have been preparing all these delicious meals.

Commons Area continues to bloom



Our new landscaping service, Emerald Cuts, is doing a great job on our church property. In the Commons, the shrubs have been trimmed and pansies have been planted.



Fall is in the air.

This means that our flower beds must be prepared for the planting of fall and winter flowers.

Your help is needed to remove the summer plants, lightly cultivate the bed, fertilize and plant pansies.

When - Saturday, November 3 starting at 9:00 a.m.
Tools needed - Rakes, hoes and other tools you use to prepare and plant flowers in your home flower beds.

If you can help, please call the church office at 972.298-6121 or drop your name in the plate on Sunday specifying that you are willing to help.



Family Fall Photographs will be taken during the Fall Festival in Aldersgate. Professional photographer Keith and Deborah Austell, are donating their services. Make a reservation time by calling the church office 972.298-6121

Package A
(1) 8x10
(2) 5x7
\$29.50

Package B
(1) 8x10
(4) 5x7
(8) Wallets
\$37.50

Package C
(up to 2 images)
(2) 8x10
(4) 5x7
(8) Wallets
\$42.50

Additional a la carte (available only with A, B, or C package purchases)
(1) 8x10 - \$10
(2) 5x7 - \$10
(4) Wallets - \$8
(4) 4x5 - \$10
(1) 11x14 - \$15

These wonderful pictures make great Christmas gifts and cards.



A Skeleton in God's Closet

by Paul Maier
This is the story of a Harvard professor and biblical scholar who anticipates spending a year on an archaeological dig in Israel. A surprising discovery may shed light on Jesus' life, or shake the faith of Christians.



to all the people who are working on the Fall Festival to make it a huge success for 2007.

Bob Valentine and Maggie Manning who are working very hard to make the Children's Church Room something to behold. Grand opening coming soon.



A BANNER OF BELLS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 4, 2007

The Worship Committee will once again sponsor a bell

banner as part of the worship services on All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 4th. The main support of the banner is in the shape of a cross from which brass bells are hung by ribbons. The bells bear the names of those in or connected with our church family who passed away this year or at any time in the past. If you have submitted a name in the past years, the bell is still on the banner. The banner will then be carried in during the Crossroads service and the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

If you would like to have the name of someone in your life who has passed away included on the bell banner, simply fill out the form below. It must be received in the church office no later than October 28th. You may place this form in the offering plate, mail it to the church office or fill out the form on our website at fumcd.com. A donation of \$3.00 per submission will help cover the cost of the bells.



Please print clearly

NAME _____

NAME FOR THE BELL _____

TOUR OF TABLES

November 17

is like a Tour of Homes only with beautiful Tablescapes.



If you were not part of the Tour of Tables in 2006 or did not attend, you missed an incredible event.

Plan this year to be a part. There are about 5 table slots still available. Use your individual creative talents or join with a partner and display your favorite dishes, handmade antique clothes, childmade favorite items, or anything you want.

Contact Cynthia or Paul Jacobson at 972-264-8558. They will gladly take your reservations and answer your questions.



Ten kids, 3rd through 5th grade and 4 adults attended the Old Testament Bible Retreat in Bridgeport. Congratulations to these kids for going and expanding their Christian lives. Rev. Sheri Hollingsworth spearheaded this retreat.



Tyler Stockton, age 14, center left, was baptized on Sunday, October 14 and became a full member of our church family. He was joined by many family members for this special occasion.

Much needed roof repair stops leaks



Just in time for the rain, long needed roof repairs were done to walkways and roof areas on most buildings on our campus and most of the cost was defrayed through an Endowment grant. Rotting boards and rusted metal roof areas were replaced, rusted lights replaced, caulking was done on many buildings, sanctuary roof leaks were fixed and lights replaced that shine on the church steeple at night. Also, all of ceiling tiles missing in Aldersgate were replaced.

Thank you for your continued donations to the Endowment Fund which made many of these much needed projects possible. Larry Groce, chairman of the Trustees, spent many hours overseeing these projects.

Youth Need Your Help Coat Closet Mission



Our Youth are working on a potentially huge mission project--a Coat Closet. It will only be a success if you help by donating coats that you no longer wear or need. Please bring to the church office, the Narthex of Aldersgate if you attend Crossroads or the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

There is going to be a sale on Saturday,

November 10, to the community where these coats will be sold at very reasonable prices to those who need help in keeping warm this winter.

Take time to go through your closets or purchase one for this very important project.

Let's help our youth help others.



The FABULOUS FIVE from the Cup and Saucer Class went to adult Sunday School classes with treats in hand to ask for volunteers to bring items to the Sweet Shoppe at the Fall Festival. Worthie Usher, second from right, organized these men and Dick Rittenberry, Jim Carver, Art Shirley and Erv Lovdahl, (Weymond Dunn not pictured) made up this group. The snacks were great and consumed by all classes.

The Sweet Shoppe is just one of the areas of the Treasurers Gallery on Saturday, October 27 at the Fall Festival. If you didn't sign up, your goodies will still be greatly appreciated. Accepting pies, cakes, cookies, muffins, breads, brownies, etc. You may price the items or they will do it for you. Please have in the gym by 9am on that morning. It opens at 10.

cares and concerns

Frances Cowart	
Sam Laden	Our young men and women
Myrt Airhart	who are currently serving
Georgia Becker	our country.
Rev. Gene Welborn	
Brantlee Sontag	Firefighters and police offi-
Mary Dabiere	cers.
Sandy Courville	
Jon Kinslow	
David Knox	
Owenda Douglass	
Wayne Standerfer	

memorials and honorariums

in memory of

Emma Gilbert
 Emma Gilbert
 Emma Gilbert
 Emma Gilbert
 Shirley Harlow
 Shirley Harlow
 Shirley Harlow
 Inez Ervin
 Inez Ervin
 Jack Blevins

designated fund

Budget
 Budget
 Budget
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given by

Don & Hazel Shepherd
 Iris Armstrong
 Jim & Pat Shipley
 Bob & Pat Daniel
 Bob & Pat Daniel
 Betty Morgan
 United Class
 Joan Garrett
 Preschool Staff
 United Class

in honor of

Sam Laden
 Stan Scott

designated fund

Budget
 Budget

given by

United Class
 Ladies of Alpha Delta Kappa

Class Notes

CUP & SAUCER

The attendance was much better this week. It was good to see Janie Rittenberry, Bud Treadaway, Reta Carver & Georgia Becker back in class. This Friday at 7:15 am Millie Treadaway will have a procedure at Charlton. Prayers were urged for Gene Welborn who is now in a nursing home in Greenville for rehab.

Last week the FAB FIVE (Art Shirley, Erv Lovdahl, Weymond Dunn, Dick Rittenberry and Jim Carver) visited Sunday School classes, choir practice, etc. with samples urging sign-ups for the Sweet Shoppe.

Sign-ups abounded for many events at Fall Festival and Lovdahl's party this coming Saturday at 4 pm today in class.

Peggy Ogden doing her usual terrific job of teaching brought Genesis stories to

understanding.

NEW HORIZONS

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Carole Deffebach (giving the second lesson in Unit 2; God's People Increased) and was entitled "Jacob's Dream at Bethel." Joyce Gregory played the piano to open the class and Barbara Browder led the class in prayer.

Weymond Dunn made a plea to the class for items to be made for the Sweet Shoppe in the Fall Festival. If you haven't signed up, make something anyway.

Joys this week include Angela Putty being home from the hospital and getting slowly better and Sharon Edwards home from the hospital and well.

Please keep the following in your prayers; Larry and Willa Yost, Gene Welborn,

John Edwards, Rebecca, Edwyna Rutledge, Angela Putty, Chancy Way, Larry, Don Deffebach, Van Trace Burkes, Wayne Standerfer, Cami Crews, Scott Jordan, Shannon John, Jeanette Strickland, Pat Rattan, Sara, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Bill Howard, Billy, Mavis Mathis, Heather Foose, Mary Ann Lee, Shane, Jim Rogers, Weldon Dickson, Ruby Edgar, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, Karen Kelly, and Kathleen Godwin.

On October 21st, our lesson will be "Jacob and Rachel." This lesson is the third in Unit 2, God's People Increased. The scripture background for the lesson is Genesis 29.

PROGRESSORS

The Progressors Class enjoyed the lessons on the Prodigal Son given by Ada and Byron the last two Sundays.

The class is busily preparing for the Tour of Tables event November 17th. Don't forget to pick up your tickets.

We are also preparing for Fall Festival regarding the auction items.

UNITED CLASS

Our lesson Esau and Jacob as rivals was brought to us by Rev. Marie. We always enjoy Marie's lessons. Thanks you Marie for the time you share with us. Our lesson 7 Jacob's Dream at Bethel was taught by Rev. Sheri. Thanks Sheri for a great lesson.

One of the members of the Cup & Saucer brought us a plate of sweet samples to try. Prayers and concerns for Sam and Gene and other sick members. Congrats to Owenda, Resident of the Month at Grace Presbyterian Village.



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.

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