

# The **FIRST EDITION**



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### TOUR OF TABLES

November 17

is like a Tour of Homes only with beautiful Tablescapes.



#### A Touch of Class

Join your friends at Aldersgate Fellowship Hall  
on Saturday, November 17 from  
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Be totally amazed by the decorating ideas that will be displayed at the Tour of Tables. Those who attended last year are still talking about the creativity of those who participated. You will see handmade linens, heirlooms, fun ideas, shower centerpieces, themes, Thanksgiving and Christmas table settings and so much more.

For a \$15 admission donation, you will receive light refreshments, music, and be surrounded by beauty. There will also be displayed a Snow Village consisting of over 100 pieces.

A silent auction will be in the Narthex where flower arrangements by local florists, cakes and pastries from various bakeries, 2 sports cars for weekend uses, and Campuzanos restaurant dinners will be available for bidding.

On Friday night, November 16, there will be a Tour of Tables Gala from 7 pm-9 pm. at a cost \$50 a person. The Celebration Ringers and a string quartet will provide the entertainment and catered heavy hors d'oeuvres will please the palate. Black tie is optional. The Gala benefits Happy Feet, Rotary Club Wheelchair Foundation and Duncanville Outreach Ministries. This price also includes a ticket for Saturday. You may purchase your Gala tickets until Tuesday, November 13, by calling Paul or Cynthia Jacobson at 972.264-8558 or cydj15@hotmail.com.

### Steve Blow to be guest speaker at FUMC

Steve Blow, columnist for *The Dallas Morning News*, will be a guest speaker at our church on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Mr. Blow, a well known writer and speaker, will entertain and inform all who will be present. Mr. Blow was raised in Tyler, Texas, where he attended Tyler Junior College and later the University of North Texas. He began his journalistic career as a reporter at the *Fort Worth Press* and the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, later joining *The Dallas Morning News* in 1978. He says his most unforgettable experience on the job was flying in a fighter jet with the Blue Angels. His secret to a good news column is introducing the reader to a person worth knowing. Light snacks will be served from 6:30 to 7:00 in the Narthex and all are invited to attend. Invite your neighbors and friends for this special evening with this special person.

### Youth Need Your Help Coat Closet Mission



Please bring your coats for the Coat Closet Sale by this Sunday, November 4. 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.

The Coat Closet Sale is on Saturday, November 10, from 9 a.m. to noon and all coats will be priced at \$2, \$5 or \$10.

**Let's help our  
youth help others.**

**All Saints' Sunday** is this Sunday, November 4. On this special day the names of members who have died since January 1 of this year will be read. In the Crossroads service the 11 names will be displayed on the screen and a candle lit for each one. In the traditional service at 11am, the procession of the Banner of the Bells will take place and as each name is read a bell is tolled.

#### BRIDGE THE GAP UPDATE

\$56,618 has been pledged representing  
118 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.



Join Us

**Wednesday, November 7**  
 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.

Grilled Chicken Baked Potatoes  
 Roasted Asparagus Dessert

### Newest Members



Welcome to David and Mary Anderson who became part of our church family on Sunday, October 28. Many members of the Progressors SS Class joined them at the altar.

Mark your calendars now for the Christmas Pops Concert on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 & 2 at 7 p.m. It will be a combined Chancel and Youth Choir performance.



Donations at the Fall Festival for the Prayer Bears went to support bears sent to deployed troops. This program is sponsored by the Children's Ministry & Friends.

It's time!

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 people like you who support the program! Last year we helped over 120 kids. This year the financial need is greater than ever. Our goal is to help 100 children and the average pair of shoes costs \$45. We are encouraging you to fund one pair of shoes if possible. The event will once again happen at the Famous Footwear store in Cedar Hill and will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 8am-noon. Over the past 12 years we have been able to outfit over 1,500 children with new shoes.

Please make your payment out to First United Methodist Church and in the "memo" line write "Happy Feet."

**Advent Bible Study**  
 2 Wednesdays  
 December 5 and 12  
 Taught by  
 Rev. Mike Nichols and  
 Alex Pearce

The sessions will deal with lessons from both Old and New Testaments.



Meet Melissa Due to a special scholarship gift that was

given, FUMC is fortunate to have in our Chancel Choir Melissa Graham. She is a scholarshiped voice major from Dallas Baptist University. This \$1000 gift is being matched by DBU and offers Melissa an opportunity to practice her wonderful talents on Sunday mornings, on Wednesday evening rehearsals, and as displayed last Sunday, also singing solos.

Melissa is a junior Music Education major at DBU and began her singing career in the children's choirs of FBC Plano and credits her time with the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas for her beginning training. She remained active in her church and school music programs and graduated from Wylie HS in 2005. She is an active member of her local MENC (Music Educators National Conference). After graduation, she plans to teach high school choir and work on her master's degree.

### Bid 'em Up



With the help of auctioneer David Hira, raised \$15,450 at the Live Auction. BBQ prepared by the Methodist Men all enjoyed the competitiveness of bidding.

### Thanks to the FF leaders



Lori Cress, top left, FF Co-chair, David and Joyce Gregory, top right, chair couple of Treasures Gallery, bottom left Marylin Post, co-chair of FF, and Glynn and Connie Tucker, chair couple of the Silent Auction.



So many to thank for making the Fall Festival the huge success that it was. Lori Cress and her co-chair Marylin Post for chairing the Fall Festival. David and Joyce Gregory with the help of the New Horizons Class for organizing the Treasures Gallery. Byron Rodenburg for providing the truck to pick up and return the tables and making arrangements for the Dr. Pepper trailer. Marge Hendrickson for making arrangements through her company, The Expo Group, to donate the tables, skirting, and backdrop. Mark Cox and Cox Farms for donating the pumpkins and Victor Brandenburg for donating the mums. The Youth Choir wishes to thank all who purchased pansies and kale and the youth and parents for manning the area on Saturday when people picked up their beautiful purchases. Special thanks to Phyllis Jarvis and Sharon Fawks.



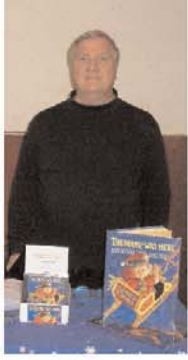
A beautiful day on the commons

### The Children enjoyed the day



Keith and Deborah Austell took professional pictures at the FF.





Fall Festival 2007  
Treasures Gallery

**cares and concerns**

Verna Plummer  
 Frances Cowart  
 Sam Laden  
 Mary Lou Laden  
 Myrt Airhart  
 Georgia Becker  
 Rev. Gene Welborn  
 Brantlee Sontag  
 Mary Dabiere  
 Sandy Courville  
 Jon Kinslow  
 David Knox  
 Owenda Douglass  
 Wayne Standerfer  
 Carolyn Wells  
 Glenda Powell

Sue Mueller on the death of her father.

Our young men and women who are currently serving our country.

Firefighters and police officers.

**in memory of**

Barbara Holloway  
 Jack Blevins  
 Ann Vinyard  
 Shirley Harlow

**in honor of**

Sharon Edwards  
 Tyler Stockton's Baptism

**designated fund**

Budget  
 Budget  
 Budget  
 Budget

**given by**

John & Julie Morrow  
 Betty Morgan  
 Ramona Jorden  
 Pat Smith

**designated fund**

Missions  
 Budget

**given by**

Star Circle  
 Lorrie Jordan

**memorials and honorariums**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.**

**New Pictorial Directories are here**

If you had your picture taken for the church directory, you may pick up your free copy in the Narthex on Sunday or come by the church office.

Soon they will be offered for \$5.00 to those who missed having your pictures taken.

**Class Notes**

**CUP & SAUCER**

The Oct 20th Social at the Lovdahl's was a great success honoring the Godbeys and an opportunity to bless their new home. The food served was outstanding. Thanks to everyone for making this happen for the Lovdahls.

Our Sweet Shoppe at the Fall Festival was a big hit making over \$1300. Thanks to everyone who made it happen with your baked treats & volunteer hours.

Our class contributes monthly to the church budget & DOM also annual contributions to Happy Feet, children's choir, VBS, funeral meals, memorials, honorariums plus much more.

Peggy Ogden, our teacher of the month, brought Genesis to new light. Her closing lesson emphasized their need & our need for "Forgiveness" in our life, as the Lord's Prayer

instructs.

Bud Treadaway made it home for his 91st birthday; many more, Bud!!! Helen Jones is home also.

**NEW HORIZONS**

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Corky McGee (giving the Fourth lesson in Unit 2: God's People Increased) and was entitled "Esau and Jacob Reconciled." Carolyn Babb played the piano to open the class and Robert Shugart led the class in prayer.

Joyce Gregory relayed to the class that the Treasurers Gallery raised about \$5,000 in yesterday's Fall Festival. David Gregory thanked the class members for all the hard work to make the Treasurers Gallery a success. Thanks to David and Joyce for their leadership for this event.

The class was the successful bidder for the Methodist Men's Fish Fry at the Fall

Festival live auction. A sign up sheet will be passed around the class for those interested in participating in the Fish Fry.

Please keep the following in your prayers - Larry and Willa Yost, Gene Welborn, Anita Avery, John Edwards, Rebecca, Angela Putty, Chancy Way, Bill, Larry, Van Trace Burkes, Wayne Standerfer, Cami Crews, Scott Jordan, Shannon John, Jeanette Strickland, Pat Rattan, Sara, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, 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 November 4th, our lesson will be "Joseph's Dream." This lesson is the first in Unit 3, God's People Recreated, and will be taught by Betty

Lang. The scripture background for the lesson is Genesis 37. Purpose is "To recognize how our brokenness can cloud our discernment of God's will." So read your Bible this week and be prepared to participate next Sunday.

**UNITED CLASS**

It's that time again! Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour on November 4.

Rev. Mike gave our lesson about "Jacob and Rachel." To learn how to act faithfully in the midst of disappointment.

Prayers and concerns for Sam and Mary Lou. Gene is in a Greenville nursing home for rehab. Keep him in your prayers.

Gary Fisher gave our lesson Esau and Jacob Reconciled. To discover how to give and receive forgiveness. Thank you both.

The Fall Festival was a fun and busy day! The Sweet Shoppe brought in \$1340 or more.

We welcome Nan Hughley to our class for a visit. Hope she will be back soon.



**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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