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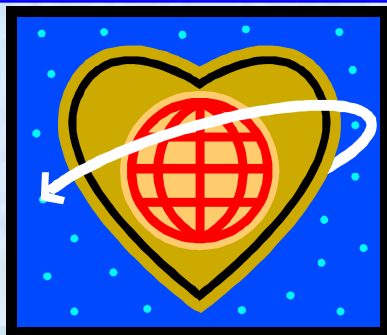
April 21, 2011

Confirmation Sunday

Photographs from Monya Castle, VelvetLee Finckbone, and Charlotte Sessom

Congratulations to our 2011 Confirmands! They are (from left to right) Pierce Reeves, Kyle Castle, Allison Sessom, Zack Goodwin, and Isaac Echols. Thank you to facilitators David Cameron, Archie Echols, and Daniel Echols, mentors Jim Clopton, Lance Dixon, Brad Hunt, Sally Kennedy, and Lisa Viator, and to David Robertson who made the crosses.





*Open hearts,
Open arms,
Open minds*

*With open hearts, open arms and open minds,
we welcome you to St. John's United Methodist
Church and invite you to join our community
of faith, for a day, a week or a lifetime.*

**Weekly Sunday
Opportunities**

- 8:15 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth

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A note from Kathryn



Twenty-three years ago I was getting ready to graduate from high school and received a call from Chris Hobbs who, at the time, was the Director of Music Ministries at St. John's. I was being recruited! I visited St. John's with my parents and was greeted warmly by the congregation. You passed the peace as well then as you do now! So began the relationship with my new church family. If First Methodist in Big Spring raised me, you continued the job. You saw me through six years of school, two degrees, marriage, children, death, divorce---and you have begun the process of raising Henrik and Espen. I have been blessed to develop and share my ministry with this congregation for fourteen years, and now has come the time to allow someone else the privilege. I will be marrying Dr. Jeff Kendall on August 6 here at St. John's and we will be making our home in Flower Mound, TX. We have purchased a house and will begin making it our home as we move in June. My last Sunday as Director of Music Ministries will be May 22, yet I have no doubt we will return often to visit and worship with you. I will not be teaching or taking another church position anytime soon, so I happily and excitedly anticipate the first time in my life I get to be a stay-at-home mom. So many big changes are in store for all of us and I look forward to getting settled in a new routine as we begin this next chapter of life. I'm not saying goodbye to St. John's because, as I told Henrik and Espen, we're not walking through a door that closes and locks behind us. We're simply walking through a new doorway that will always remain open and keep us connected to our St. John's family.

Thank you, St. John's, for holding us in your arms and nurturing us so well. Thank you for allowing me to discover my ministry among you, and thank you for sharing in our joy and excitement as we begin this new chapter in life. You will go with us as we certainly leave a piece of ourselves with you.

God's peace,

Kathryn

Lectionary Scripture Readings

April 24: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10

May 1: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

From the Editor: Here's a big thank you to the Nurture and Care Committee for the idea of adding each month's birthday list. Thanks also go to Charlotte Sessom, Monya Castle, and VelvetLee Finckbone for the great photos of Confirmation, the map in the Garden Room, and the Family Work Day!

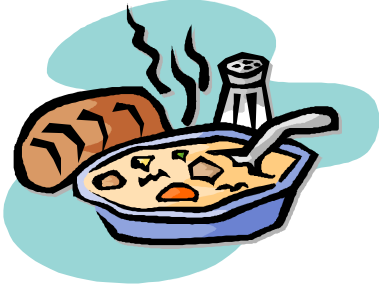
The next newsletter deadline is: April 29.

Later! mrt

If you know of any St. John's church members going into the hospital, please contact the church office at 762-0123 or openminds@stjohnslubbock.org.

If you have changed your phone #, home or e-mail address, call the church office.

Week of Family Promise April 24-May 1



Welcome to our guests and thank you to all who have signed up to help! We still need overnight hosts for Monday, April 25, and Saturday, April 30, as well as evening hosts for Easter Sunday and Saturday, April 30. If you would like more information, then please call Jim Clopton at 392-2116.



St. John's Neighbors

Get acquainted with the members of St. John's who live in your neighborhood on **Sunday, May 1**.

Our membership has been divided into 12 neighborhoods and host families are being recruited.

If you would be interested, contact the church office or email dcameron@stjohnslubbock.org.

Important News from the Missions Committee

Tuesday, May 3, from 5:45-6:15 p.m., we will hold a prayer vigil in our parking lot in protest of the death penalty.

Also, May will be canned meat and soup month for our food collection for HOPE Shalom. If each household could bring at least one can, we can make an appreciable contribution. Thank you!



Happy May Birthdays! The Nurture and Care Committee has requested that we publish each month's birthdays. If you are not listed, please call the church office and tell us your birthday. **(We promise that we won't ask for the year!)**

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| May 1 | Jeff Kennedy | May 15 | Kyle Castle |
| May 3 | Cecilee Echols | | Christine Teaff |
| May 5 | Madison Dickey | May 18 | Ashley Baker |
| | Anna Hunt | May 19 | Bob Albin |
| May 6 | Kelden Cook | May 21 | Mary Crites |
| | Brook Hendrix | | Debbie Dickey-Pate |
| May 8 | Coleen Sedberry | May 23 | Joey McCarty |
| May 10 | Kamen Williamson | May 30 | Bryan Hastings |
| May 11 | Devon Chandler | | |
| May 13 | Jeannine Shannon | | |

Teacher Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, May 11
6:00 p.m.
Garden Room

Meal by My Lips Are Sealed

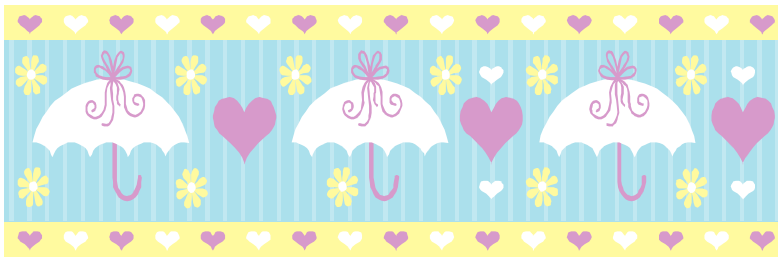
Guest Speaker: Holly Betenbough

Soup's On Troupe Auditions in the Garden Room

Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.,
and
Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m.

To be there or not to be there,
THAT is the question!





Baby Shower for Church Nursery

Go online or to the store to purchase needed items for our church nursery. Here is the online information you may need:

www.target.com/registry/baby/find
 gift registry #014219000002538
 or First Name: Trish
 Last Name: Castillo
 Store Location: Texas

If you go to the store, you may find the registry list in the store gift registry under #014219000002538, store location: Texas.

Purchase changes of clothes for boys or girls, sizes 12 months-5 Toddler, bedding for cribs, diapers of various sizes, DVDs for children, microwave, age-appropriate toys.

The baby warmer and DVD player have been given.

Make Our Church Directory Complete!

Sign up Sundays or call the church office to schedule your appointment to have your family portrait taken for our

St. John's Pictorial Directory
 published by Olan Mills Church Directories.

Photography sessions are here at the church, Tuesday-Friday, May 10-13, from 2:00-9:20 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, from 9:30 a.m.-5:10 p.m.

Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 color portrait and a free church pictorial directory.

It's your option whether or not you buy pictures.

Make our church directory complete with your family!!



BOUND FOR SAGER BROWN!

Margie and David Robertson leave on April 29 to spend the month of May as Volunteers in Mission at Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana. Sager Brown is the United Methodist Church's depot for gathering articles from United Methodists for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to be sent to areas of need throughout the world.

Margie will be in charge of the sewing room where volunteers make tote bags for school supplies. David will be working with the outreach ministry in the community and surrounding areas.

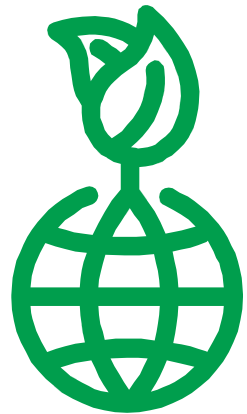
This is the Robertsons' fourth trip to Sager Brown—two one-week mission trips sponsored by St. John's and for the month of May in 2009.

To qualify as a long-term Volunteer in Missions, one must participate in a weekend training program, be approved by the church, and be willing to provide for their travel expenses. While at Sager Brown the Robertsons will be provided a furnished apartment and most of their meals.

In September, St. John's will again sponsor a week-long mission trip to Sager Brown. Persons are able to work at their own pace in the areas of outreach, packaging supplies, serving or any of the other programs offered at the center. For additional information about how to be a short or long-term volunteer, talk to David Cameron, Minister of Christian Education.

GOING GREEN!

From the Missions Committee: Striving to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, we have begun phasing out Styrofoam and plastic ware; therefore, there will be SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES on Wednesday nights and Potluck Sundays! Communicate your desire to serve to Craig Rutherford. The next opportunities are Wednesday, May 11, at 7:15 p.m., after the Teacher Appreciation Dinner, and Sunday, May 22, after the reception for the Seniors. Thanks!



Wondering what to do now that Wonderful Wednesdays are over?

The Chrismon Workshop is continuing to meet this summer at 6:00 p.m. in Room 215. Come and try your hand at making beautiful ornaments!
 P.S. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets year-round too and would love to teach you to knit or crochet and have the pleasure of your company!!!

Welcome, Dwayne Millman!

Dwayne joined St. John's on Palm Sunday, April 17, at the early service. He is retired and enjoys making beaded jewelry to sell. Dwayne chose St. John's because he lives nearby, and he and his family have been helped by the joint food voucher program we share with St. Paul's. Dwayne wants to return the favor and support St. John's. Thank you, Dwayne!



Scenes from St. John's or South America?



Easter Story Cookies

An activity for families to do the evening before Easter!
Who knows, it may even become
one of your Easter family traditions!

1 cup whole pecans
1 tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
Pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
Ziploc baggie
Wooden spoon
Tape
Bible

Preheat your oven to 300 degrees.

Place pecans in Ziploc baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. This represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. Read John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed.

Fold in the broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto a wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door, and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27: 65-66.

Go to bed! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were sad when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.

He is risen! Hallelujah! Have a joyous Easter!



United Methodist Men's Breakfast Thursday, May 5, 7:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to Dwight (dwrightfinckbone@netscape.net) or the church office (762-0123) by 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 2.

Lubbock Church Women United

celebrates Friendship Day, Friday, May 6, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, 1411 13th St.

The theme is "Living our friendship, passing on the key." Carolyn Sowell will speak on "Warm Treasure—Special Treasure," about quilts that were quilted during the Civil War, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Please use the 13th Street parking lot, south of the building, and enter through the door by the drive through to the Christian Life Center, Room 106-107. Lunch is \$5 at 11:40. Bring your coins for the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering.

UMW April/May Events

The Dora Harris Circle meets on Wednesday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m. "Joy to the World: Mission in the age of global Christianity" is the program led by Jane Haynes.



The Dorothy Manning Circle will meet Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 6501 4th St.

Soul Sisters Small Groups

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Sarah Nuckolls, 4501 103rd St.
"Forgiveness" led by Leslie Cranford.

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Donna Echols, 5723 78th St.
"Patience" led by Mary Ruth Thurmond.

Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m., Garden Room
Hats Off to You with Bible Study

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 a.m., Room 212
"Forgiveness" is the program.

Bunco Night Coming Soon!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

League of Women Voters invites you to join LWV-Lubbock County, WTOS, and LULAC to learn more about the redistricting process from former State Representative Delwin Jones at a public forum on Thursday, April 28, here at St. John's. The public is invited and the brown bag lunch event will begin at 11:45 a.m. For more information, call 744-0023.

From Sandy Goodloe: Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and calls during this time of challenge with my vision. I had a good report today at the doctor visit and have a temporary eye prescription that allows me to see to read and drive as my eye continues to improve over the next few weeks postoperatively. Your prayers and concerns have been comforting.

In the news: Rita Pettigrew was in the newspaper on April 10. There were pictures of her and her magnificent wisteria bushes and an article on gardening in small spaces.

From Randy Harcom: Hey, guys and gals! I know most of you can't travel here for my graduation, but I want you to know how much I appreciate everything you have done and all the encouragement you have given.

"You are invited to the graduation of Randy L. Harcom from TSTC West Texas with an Associates of Applied Science in Culinary Arts. Graduation exercises will take place at Moody Coliseum on the campus of Abilene Christian University on April 30, at 10:30 a.m."

The New Beginnings Sunday School Class is starting a new study on the Seven Deadly Sins on May 1. Please join us in Room 219. Everyone is welcome!

From Donna Albin: I appreciate your cards, telephone calls and prayers. I am gaining in strength every day. I see my doctor on the 21st, so hope to be back after that. God bless!

From HOPE Shalom: Dear Friends, Thank you so much for all your help collecting stamps to get new pots and pans for HOPE Community of Shalom. Through your generosity and others we were able to get 38 new pots and pans for our kitchens and Asbury's, with enough left over to help the next person who comes to us in need. We were able to tell St. John's and Aldersgate to keep their last bunch of stamps to help stock their own kitchens. Blessings on you, Nancy Clopton, Executive Director.

Coming Up at Youth!

Easter Sunday, April 24
NO UMY!

LOOKING AHEAD
May 13

Junior High youth will be having an **Overnight Barn Party!!** We will have lots of fun, outdoor games, cookout, movie, and more. Please invite a friend—the more the merrier! We will welcome the new sixth graders into the youth group at this event. Watch for more details later and save the date!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 24, 2011, Easter Sunday

WEEK OF FAMILY PROMISE

- 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
- 9:15 a.m. Easter All-Church Brunch
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. University Lunch/Meredith Abbe's
- 5:30 p.m. NO UMY

Monday, April 25, 2011

OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

- 8:45 a.m. Monthly Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Interfaith Dialogue
- 12:45 p.m. Sanctuary Time for FV Clients
- 1:30 p.m. Food Voucher Program
- 5:30 p.m. Legal Clinic
- 7:00 p.m. Soul Sisters at Sally Kennedy's

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Dora Harris Circle
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls /Chrismon Workshop
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I Class
- 6:15 p.m. Theology Group
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 28, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 11:30 a.m. League of Women Voters
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Dorothy Manning Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Soup's On Troupe auditions

Sunday, May 1, 2011

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. University Meal
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Potluck
- 3:00 p.m. Soup's On Troupe auditions
- 3:00 p.m. St. John's Neighbors/Turner's
- 3:30 p.m. St. John's Neighbors/Cammack's
- 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth
- 5:30 p.m. St. John's Neighbors/Bagby's, Morton's, and Kennedy's

- 6:00 p.m. Disciple IV Bible Study

- 6:00 p.m. St. John's Neighbors/Howard's

Monday, May 2, 2011

- 7:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

- 8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. Sanctuary Time for FV Clients
- 1:30 p.m. Food Voucher program
- 5:30 p.m. SPRC meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Prayer Vigil

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls /Chrismon Workshop
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I Class
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5, 2011

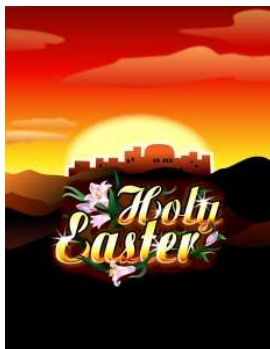
- 7:30 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 5:00 p.m. League of Women Voters

Friday, May 6, 2011

- 11:30 a.m. Church Women United

Easter Activities at St. John's

Easter Sunday, April 24



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| 6:30 a.m. | Easter Sunrise Service (At the door of the Sanctuary) |
| 9:15 a.m. | Easter Brunch (Garden Room) |
| 9:15 a.m. | Children's Easter Egg Hunt |
| 10:30 a.m. | Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 11:30 a.m. | University Meal (Meredith Abbe's, meet in Narthex) |

*St. John's United Methodist Church
Mission Statement*
The mission of St. John's United Methodist Church is to worship and serve God with open hearts, open arms, and open minds. To respond to this calling, we will nurture each other in the Christian faith, we will work so that all people can experience God's love, and we will examine critically and respond prayerfully to the difficult issues that face us.



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