



Our Reconciling Banner

Story by Mary Vines; Photograph by Evelyn Davis



Have you wondered about the banner hanging in the Garden Room at St. John's? It's been hanging there since October 2003, and many who were members of St. John's have probably forgotten the story of the banner. It hasn't been told again at St. John's since the banner was dedicated in 2003 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the adoption of St. John's Statement of Reconciliation. The statement is hanging in the hall next to the west entrance to the Garden Room and is found on pew cards in the backs of the pews in the sanctuary.

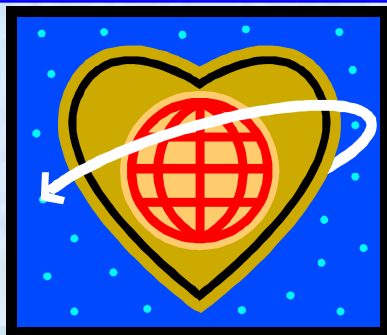
In this banner you can see unbleached cotton muslin and print fabric held together with thousands of tiny hand stitches in the traditional Cathedral Window pattern. In the center is the symbol of the Holy Spirit, a dove breaking through, the symbol being used in 2003 for reconciling ministries.

So it has been with Methodism since its beginning when John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed by the Holy Spirit. He reconciled traditional Anglican beliefs with an ongoing and outreaching love that transcends barriers of all sorts. Our charge today is to be faithful both to that love and to the best of our tradition, always open to the newness of faith and experience which the Spirit brings.

The carefully planned diversity of color in the banner reflects the motto of St. John's United Methodist Church adopted in the early 1990s: "Open Hearts, Open Arms, and Open Minds." The motto was incorporated into St. John's Mission Statement, adopted in the mid-1990s, and may have been a model for the similar slogan of the United Methodist Church ("Open Doors" replacing "Open Arms") which was adopted later.

The Mission Statement was further amplified with the adoption in 1998 of St. John's Statement of Reconciliation. In 2003, for the fifth anniversary celebration of the Reconciling Statement, Dr. Evelyn Davis, with the assistance of her husband, Texas Tech professor and artist Jimmy Davis, designed the banner and did the machine stitching of the Cathedral Window pattern. The handwork was completed by Mary Vines with the assistance of Nell Matthews, Margie Robertson, and Nita Zukauckas.

St. John's United Methodist Church's Statement of Reconciliation: We affirm that through God's redeeming love for all, we are one in Christ. We respect the inherent and valuable contributions each member makes to the Body of Christ. We celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, age, ethnicity, physical or mental capacity, education, or economic or marital status. As we journey toward reconciliation, we proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination within the church. We welcome all persons to full participation in the life and ministries of St. John's United Methodist Church. At the same time, we recognize that there remain differences of opinion among us. We do not seek to erase our differences. We welcome all in our journey together in faith toward greater understanding and mutual respect. As a congregation affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network, we believe that we are being reconciled to God and to one another. "All this is from God, who reconciled us . . . through Christ who gives us the ministry of reconciliation." II Corinthians 5: 18 (Adopted October 18, 1998 by the St. John's Church Conference.)



*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.*

**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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PASTOR'S NOTE



I occasionally drink coffee with a group at Market Street. There is a retired man who is part of the group who has a daughter in Colorado. There is hardly a coffee time that goes by when he does not mention going to Colorado. I am sure that my love of Colorado may encourage this. But it reminds me that there are times when we get "caught up" in something and it takes over our thoughts and dreams.

I suppose that I might appear that way about **Imagine No Malaria**. We set a strong goal for our church to raise \$40,000. We spent four weeks getting ourselves ready for **Sunday to Save Lives**. We set up a mosquito net in the sanctuary and have been watching the mosquitoes disappear as pledges have come in. We sent out notices inviting persons who have missed church to participate. Pledges and donations continue to come in. Someone has asked when we will put away our net. Will it stay up for three years? And here I am writing about it again.

Although it may be time to put our campaign on the back burner, I hope that the enthusiasm for the children of Africa will not wane. There are still 2,000 children dying each and every day. Almost twice as many children have died in Africa since the Japan earthquake as persons lost in Japan.

Let me celebrate what we have already done. Our children raised \$73 in one Sunday. Our University raised almost \$400 with a pancake supper. Twenty-six persons have committed to "Impact 100" which saves 100 lives. And a total of 65 persons from our church have pledged or given a total of \$32,377! That means only 76 mosquitoes are left on our net. Every time we receive \$100, another ten lives are saved and another mosquito is gone. I am convinced that we will reach our goal of saving 4,000 lives. That is the same as saying that for two days no child will die in Africa just because of our church!

Well, it's getting time to put our net away for a while. But I hope that you keep making me pull it out over and over because you have taken off more mosquitoes.

Thanks for your great heart for God's children. And thanks to the United Methodist Church for such a great dream. Imagine if you can, some day - "No More Malaria."

Grace and Peace,

Archie

Lectionary Scripture Readings

April 10: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

April 17: Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11,
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

From the Editor: Thank you to everyone submitting articles, photographs, and ideas! Please keep them coming. I will try to get all of them in the newsletter. This issue is extremely full, so I was unable to put in some excellent and very interesting photos of the Africa in Me Banquet from VelvetLee Finckbone. Stay tuned though! **The next newsletter deadline is: April 15.**

Thanks! 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.

Invitation to St. John's Lenten Activities

Lenten Communion Services

Every Wednesday morning in Lent (March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13)

Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m.

One Day that Changed Everything

Every Sunday morning during Lent (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10). A special Sunday School presentation using Adam Hamilton's video from the Holy Land concerning the last 24 hours of Christ's life.

Moderated by Nancy Clopton.

Sunday, April 17, 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

A service of Holy Communion and foot washing for those who desire along with preparing the sanctuary for Good Friday

Friday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship Service

A service of music and word celebrating the crucifixion

Sunday, April 24 **EASTER**

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (At the door of the Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. Easter Brunch (Garden Room)

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)



Wonderful Wednesdays

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Meal (cost - \$5.00)

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Classes

Menu:

April 13—Sliced honey ham, fruit, cucumber/tomato salad, broccoli/cheese/rice casserole, cheese rolls, carrot cake

Reservations are required for the meal by: telephoning the church by 4:30 on Monday, or registering the number of meals weekly on the worship registration pad or signing up for a standing reservation.

Movie Discussions

April 13

A Single Man

facilitated by Rebecca Hunt

A Walk to Beautiful

facilitated by Deborah Bratcher



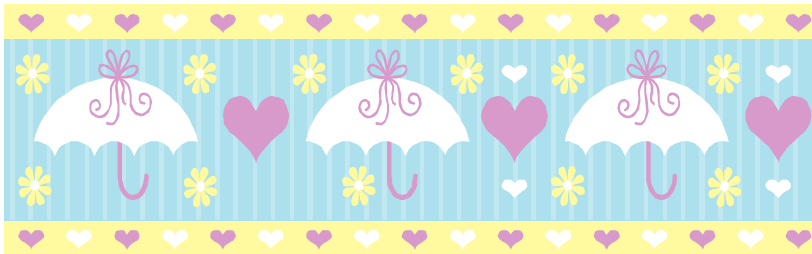


The Worship Committee is selling Easter Lilies for Saint John's sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Cost is \$10 each. The last day to order Easter Lilies is Wednesday, April 20. Easter Lilies will be available to take home following the Easter Sunday services. If you have any questions about your order, please call the church office at 762-0123.

JOURNEY TO SOUTH AMERICA!

(Please remove your shoes before viewing)

Your mission should you choose to accept it: This Sunday, visit the garden room and travel to new lands! Reese Todd is bringing the room-sized National Geographic map of South America to St. John's. Explore and discover a different part of the world! **But seriously, you must take off your shoes to protect the map.**



The Church Nursery is having a baby shower in the month of April!

Gift registry at Target. Items needed in the nursery have been identified under "Baby Shower—St. John's Nursery". Items selected indicate what is needed: changes of clothes for boys or girls, sizes 12 months-5 Toddler, bedding needed for cribs, diapers of various sizes, DVDs for children, DVD player, microwave, desired toys selected. Bring items to the church office. Thanks!!!



Quilters Silent Auction

(Bid now or forever hold your "piece")

The last day to bid on the quilt on display in the Garden Room is April 17. This quilt is truly a labor of love made by our own St. John's Quilters. Each of the current quilters, as well as former quilters Emma Jacobs, Jo Carr, and Nita Zukauckas, made the blocks based on a common fabric. We hope you will participate in the silent bidding. The proceeds will be donated to the Food Voucher program at St. John's.

The quilters meet to quilt every Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. You are always welcome to join us. All our quilting proceeds go to the Food Voucher program!

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.



Ash Wednesday Lesson with the Youth



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

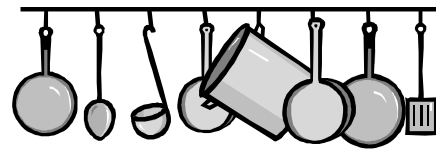
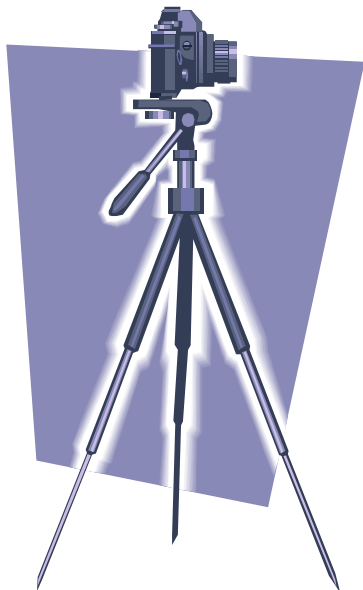
St. John's Pictorial Directory
published by Olan Mills Church Directories.

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!!



Bonus Stickers Pay Off

Thanks for sharing United Supermarket's Professional Cookware Bonus Stickers! HOPE Community of Shalom was able to completely stock their kitchen with the new pots and pans they needed so badly. Not only were they able to completely stock their kitchen, but Director Nancy Clopton was also able to purchase several pieces to give to families that might come to Asbury seeking help.

The stickers kept coming in! Through your generosity you have also provided enough stickers to purchase the following for our St. John's kitchen:

- One 1.5-quart saucepan with glass lid
- One 3-quart saucepan with glass lid
- One 3-quart casserole with glass lid
- One 10-inch non-stick fry pan
- Two 5-quart Dutch ovens with glass lids
- One 11-inch non-stick grill pan
- Two 8-quart stockpots with glass lids
- One 3-quart sauté pan with glass lid

Thanks for recycling the bonus stickers that you did not use! As a result, so many have benefited!

The date for redeeming the stickers has now passed, so we are no longer collecting them.

We extend a special thanks to Nancy Clopton for initiating the pay off!



UMW April Events

Conference Spiritual Growth
Retreat, Ceta Canyon, Friday-
Saturday, April 8-9

The General Meeting and Luncheon is Wednesday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m., and the Dora Harris Circle meets on Wednesday, April 27, also at 9:30 a.m. "Joy to the World: Mission in the age of global Christianity" is this month's program for both groups led by Jane Haynes.

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

Ceta Canyon Opportunities

Friends of Ceta Canyon Dinner, St. Luke's UMC
Southwest, 5805 98th St., Thursday, April 14

Mother/Daughter Get Away, April 15-17

Call 1-806-488-2268 or toll-free 1-800-593-1992
or visit www.cetacanyon.org.

Try This Family Suggestion for Easter!

Recipe used in the Cooking Rotation Sunday School Class this Lent while studying about Mary Magdalene and the empty tomb.

Mini-Popovers

Preheat oven to 425°.

large egg at room temperature

½ cup milk at room temperature

½ cup flour (for best results use bread flour)

¼ tsp. salt

1 recipe makes 12 mini-muffins.

Spray the mini muffin tins with Pam and warm tin before filling.

Whisk egg until frothy, then add in all other ingredients. Whisk until all lumps are gone.

Fill each mini-sized muffin tin cup ¾ full.

Bake at 425 degrees for about 15-18 minutes until brown.

When you pull them out of the oven, use a toothpick to make an air hole.

In class we watched the popovers rise and talked about them symbolizing Jesus' resurrection from the dead. When they took their mini-muffins out of the oven, we opened them to find them hollow on the inside symbolizing the empty tomb. We then spread honey butter on the muffins and enjoyed eating them.

Confirmation Sunday

April 10

Congratulations to

**Kyle Castle,
Isaac Echols,
Zack Goodwin,
Pierce Reeves,
and Allison Sessom!**

There will be a reception honoring the confirmands following the service.

Pizza Party Playground Clean Up this Sunday! Following the 10:30 worship service, we'll meet on the playground to rake leaves, clean up acorns, pick up any trash and trim bushes. We'll get the playground cleaned up in time for the Easter egg hunt and in preparation for some upcoming playground improvements! It won't take us long, and we'll enjoy pizza while we're at it! Please contact Amy Johnson-Rubio at 773-4877 or ajrubio@marchofdimes.com to contribute to the pizza fund.

Funday for Retirees, Wednesday, April 20

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Great fellowship, food and rousing games of your choice! Open to anyone that would like to spend the morning with a great group of retirees!

Lunch: \$5.00 per person catered by My Lips Are Sealed.

Advance reservations requested for the meal so we know how to order.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all bakers!

If you like to bake bread, then we need you! We are starting a list of substitute bakers for communion bread. Please share your talent with us by calling 762-0123.

COMMUNICATIONS

Are you interested in web design, graphic design, advertising, journalism, photography, or mass communications? If "yes", the Communications Committee wants you! We do the newsletter, the pictorial directory, the website, and church publications and advertisements. If you would like to contribute your gifts and talents, please call Mary Ruth at 762-0123.

Substitute Office Volunteers

If you would like to help in the office when our scheduled volunteers can't come, please call 762-0123 to be added to our list. We can't do all this without our beloved volunteers!!!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

A Conference on Torture at TTU: Part 1 is Saturday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and 1:30-4:00 p.m., in Room 150 of Holden Hall. Part 2 is Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 169 of the Health Sciences Center. For more information, contact Darrell Vines or view posters at St. John's.

Matador Fire Fundraiser: To honor those brave firefighters who risked their lives to save ours, we are having an appreciation and fundraising dinner, Saturday, April 9, 4:00-8:00 p.m., at Matador High School. Please join us in honoring our heroes and praising God. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to Matador Volunteer Dept. and send it to me, Bill Manney (pastor, Matador/Roaring Springs), P.O. Box 443, Matador, TX 79244.

An Evening with Ron Hall and Denver Moore: On Sunday, April 10, these authors of two fine books describing people's relationships initiated by a caring Christian response to homelessness will speak at First UMC at 6:30 p.m. The tickets are \$28.50 from Select-a-Seat, and some of the proceeds will go to Family Promise. Although we will also be serving dinner at Asbury, some of us might also see/hear these authors and get them to sign our books. The event at FUMC is a credit to Lubbock. Family Promise tried hard to get them to come two years ago, and now here they are!

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 Pastor Kate Floyd: I will be leaving Holy Covenant in June and moving back to North Georgia. As many of you know, I am engaged and will be married in May. My fiancé, Kyle, is in school in Atlanta. His program lasts five years. We contemplated having a long-distance marriage, but after much prayer have discerned that living apart is not how we want to begin this next phase of our lives. I'm clear that God is calling me first and foremost to my relationship, and that I'll be better able to live out my ministry while Kyle and I are living in the same place. I'll be taking an appointment at a church somewhere in North Georgia, though I won't know the specific church until May.

From the Ambrosios: Former members Anthony and Tammy Ambrosio notified us that her dad, Robert Williams, died earlier this month. The family is doing well but they miss our congregation.

Coming Up at Youth!

April 10

Both Senior and Junior High Youth will help serve HOPE Shalom's Fiesta Domingo Meal! Meet at HOPE Shalom (in Asbury United Methodist Church, 2005 Ave. T) at 5:00 p.m. A youth sponsor will meet youth in the parking lot at the back door of the church (parking lot side of building). No snack supper! Youth will need to eat before coming. Youth go to basement to receive instructions for helping with the meal. Youth may be picked up there at 6:15 p.m.

April 17

5:30 p.m.: Snack Supper. 6:00 p.m.: Junior High: Discussion on death and dying. Senior High: Easter and Holy Week traditions presented by Donna Echols. 7:00 p.m.: Parents pick up youth.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 10, 2011, Confirmation Sunday

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Giant Map of South America
- 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Reception for Confirmands
- 11:30 a.m. University Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. Family Yard Work & Pizza Party
- 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple IV Bible Study

Monday, April 11, 2011

- 7:00 p.m. LUNA General Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (Ann Akin's)
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, April 12, 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. Legal Clinic
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Nurture and Care Committee

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Lenten Communion/Worship
- 9:30 a.m. UMW General Meeting/Luncheon
- 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. Movie Discussions: [A Single Man](#) and [Walk to Beautiful](#)

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chrismon Workshop
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I Class
- 6:15 p.m. Theology Group
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 7:15 p.m. Disciple IV to Synagogue

Friday, April 15, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Project Quest
- 3:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega's Chili Cook-off

Sunday, April 17, 2011, Palm Sunday

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple IV Bible Study

Monday, April 18, 2011

- 7:30 p.m. Scouts
- 8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. Sanctuary Time for FV Clients
- 1:30 p.m. Food Voucher Program
- 7:00 p.m. PFLAG

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Lenten Communion/Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Funday for Retirees
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I Class
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21, 2011, Maundy Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 22, 2011, Good Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Fiesta Domingo, Sunday, April 10

It's our turn to cook and serve Fiesta Domingo meal at HOPE Shalom this Sunday, April 10. We could use a few more servers to meet us at Asbury (20th and Ave. T) at 5 p.m. Thanks to all who did such a great job our first time in January, and welcome to all joining us this time. Please notify Craig Rutherford (317-0058) if you wish to participate.

We also need about two dozen cookies. Just mark them "HOPE Shalom" and leave them on the kitchen counter on Sunday morning, April 10.



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.

St. John's United Methodist Church
Mission Statement



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