



## Thank you, Donna Lindley!



### Our Secretaries by Tess Jackson

Everyone loves something.  
We all know that this is the truth.  
We at St. John's love our secretaries—  
Donna and Mary Ruth!

We know our calls will be answered,  
We are greeted with kindness  
and cheer.  
We really take them for granted  
Every minute,  
Every day,  
Every year!

Now.... our Donna is leaving,  
Her ministry needs her so...  
We at St. John's are grieving,  
We hate to see her go.

Donna, St. John's prayers  
go with you.

Please keep us close to your heart.  
Mary Ruth, our prayers and best wishes are  
yours.

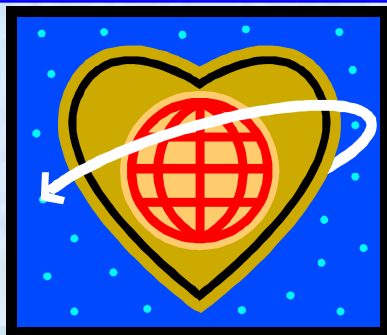
We want you to have a good start.

Everyone loves something.  
We all know that this is the truth.  
So we say -  
"Best of luck to our Secretaries"  
Donna and Mary Ruth!

**A Note from Donna:** I would like to thank all of you who have sent me cards, given me gifts and sent me emails. I will carry you in my heart wherever I go.

I will say one more time how very much I appreciate **ALL** the wonderful, loving office volunteers. I could not have done my job without you. It has been a joy working with you.

And last of all, I thank **Mary Ruth Thurmond** for joyfully and patiently learning this job! It has been a pleasure working with you. You will do great. I know I am leaving St. John's in good hands!



**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. NO Youth (Spring Break)

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## PASTOR'S NOTE

One of the games that our family has played while riding in the car is "I see something you don't see, and it is the color \_\_\_\_." It makes you look more intently at the scenery. You notice things as you ride along.

I wonder what we notice as we walk through life? What catches our attention and engages us? What do we see?

Two quick answers. The most common arena of our attention is the area around our daily routine. Leia Williams, national resource person for "Imagine No Malaria," has been staying with us for two months while working in our conference. Because she is around I am more aware of our church's commitment to getting rid of Malaria – more aware of our Conference's goals - and more aware of how the total United Methodist Church is doing with the campaign.

My arena also includes the church office, coffee shops, members' homes, hospitals, golf, family, the newspaper, restaurants, sports... and on and on. If I am confronted with a hurt or need in this arena I notice and respond. (I am convinced that if someone leaves a hungry child on our doorstep we will notice and respond.)

May I invite you to embrace your daily arena. Keep more alert to opportunities to act out your faith. Be more attentive to the hurts and needs, joys and despair that surround you. Thank God that God has placed you in this "mission field." See what you can see!!!

The second arena of our lives exists far away. People and events and needs that are hard to see. (When a big passenger plane flies way overhead I am amazed that there are people eating and visiting and sleeping up there. Right now things are happening in the daily routine of my daughter and her family even though I am not there to watch.) If we are not careful we will focus all our attention on our surroundings and "not see" God's world which is out of our sight. We will miss the beauty and wonder and hurt and despair that should demand our attention.

May I invite you to remove the blinders that keep us from seeing. These blinders are not limited to geographical distance. They might also include race and gender and age and nationalities and ideologies and sexual orientation and religion and social strata..... Keep your ears open to hearing God say, "I see something you don't see."

Grace and Peace

Archie



**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](mailto:openminds@stjohnslubbock.org).**

**If you have changed your phone #, home or email address, call the church office.**

From the Editor: I would like to thank all of the people who make this newsletter possible: the office volunteers, the Merry Mailers, the staff, and the mysterious (but oh, so wonderful) people who take photographs on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate, please let me know! All contributions and submissions are welcome! Mary Ruth

**Invitation to St. John's Lenten Activities**

Wednesday mornings, 7:00 a.m.

**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.

**Maunday 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:**

**March 16 - SPRING BREAK (NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY)**

**March 23 - King Ranch beef, fruity bacon salad, beans, rice, chips/salsa, chocolate chip brownies**

**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.**

*Theological Foundations: Affirming Gays & Lesbians*

Facilitated by Daniel Echols

March 23 and 30

*Ask the Master Gardeners: Kathryn Reeves & Janette Scott*

March 23 - Waterwise Gardening

March 30 - Capturing Rainwater

*Faith and Life: Mary Magdalene, AKA Mary of Magdala*

Facilitated by Rev. Bill Martin

April 6

*Movie Discussions*

April 16

*A Single Man* facilitated by Rebecca Hunt

*A Walk to Beautiful* facilitated by Deborah Bratcher



### What are Our Adult Sunday School Classes Studying?

Our adult Sunday school classes invite you to join them in their fellowship and study. Sunday school is from 9:15-10:15 weekly.

Aldersgate Conference Rm.122  
Eternal Life: A New Vision by John Shelby Spong

Animus Room 227  
To be decided

Fellowship Room 111  
Adult Bible Studies: We Worship God by Von Unruh

New Beginnings Room 219  
To be decided

Open Door Room 115  
When the Wind Blows the Wind in Your Sails by James Moore

Phoenix Room 224  
Miracles by Douglas Connelly

Shepherd Room 116  
Epistle texts from that Sunday's Lectionary

Sine Nomine Room 112  
Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White: Where Faith & Politics Meet by Adam Hamilton

All adult classes welcome visitors and new members. For more information about the classes, pick up one of the new Adult Sunday School brochures or find the information on our web site, [www.stjohnslubbock.org](http://www.stjohnslubbock.org).

Sunday school opportunities each week also include classes for three year olds through twelfth graders. Child care is always available during Sunday school and worship.

### Quilters Silent Auction

The St. John's Quilters have a quilt on display in the Garden Room. 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. The quilt will be on display in the Garden Room until April 17. 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.

### Rotation Sunday School Prepares for Easter

#### Easter: Mary Magdalene's Story

Date	Younger Elementary (Kin. - 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Middle Elementary (2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Older Elementary (4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> )
March 6	Art	Games	Cooking
March 13	Cooking	Art	Games
March 20	Games	Cooking	Art
March 27	Story	Science	Computer
April 3	Computer	Story	Science
April 10	Science	Computer	Story

April 17 Palm Sunday Celebration

April 24 Easter Brunch

**Welcome, New Members!**



**Quinn and Chris Ankrum**  
We also welcome Claire Viola,  
born February 3!



**Jennifer and Wendy Hendrick**  
**Zeak and Derek James**

Wendy is a store manager at CVS Pharmacy and Jennifer is a housewife. Wendy likes to read and Jennifer enjoys music and video games. Zeak and Derek like crafts, Spiderman and Ironman. Zeak is a runner. The boys are making Faith bracelets to sell and the proceeds benefit the Food Voucher program. Jennifer grew up Methodist. They felt accepted as a lesbian couple and at home when they came to St. John's.



**John and Molly McCollum and Cheryl Hall**

Cheryl is a psychologist in private practice and John works at the Lubbock State Supported Living Center. Cheryl enjoys travel and reading. John likes cooking and old movies. Molly is involved in horseback riding and 4H.

They came to St. John's because some of their friends already go here. They find St. John's welcoming. They enjoy the music, sermons, and the ways St. John's questions, discusses issues, and confronts social justice topics.



**Jack Bashir**

Jack is a student in Restaurant and Hotel Management at Texas Tech. He is from Plano. He is in a fraternity and enjoys camping and intramural sports in what spare time he has. He joined St. John's because of its location. Please help us welcome our newest member!

### UMW March/April Events



Dora Harris Circle, Wednesday, March 23, 9:30 a.m.  
Program: "Restorative Justice" led by Deborah Bratcher

Dorothy Manning Circle, Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.,  
at Cheddars, 4009 S. Loop 289

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

General Meeting and Luncheon, Wednesday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.  
Program: Study: "Joy to the World: Mission in the age of global Christianity"

Dora Harris Circle, Wednesday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.  
Program: Study: "Joy to the World: Mission in the age of global Christianity"

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

### Vacation Bible School Opportunities!



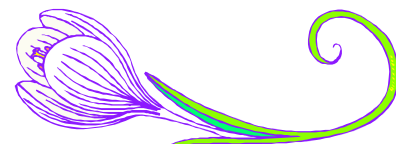
Mark your calendars for June 21-24. The theme is "Shake it up Café." We need at least 25 adult volunteers, men as well as women!

### Soul Sisters Small Groups

Saturday, March 26, 9:30 a.m., Room 212  
"Character: Who are you when no one's looking, Part 2: Courage and Discipline"  
Led by Erin Hardin-Larsen

Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Sarah Nuckolls, 4501 103rd St.  
"Forgiveness: Making peace with the past"  
Led by Davon Cook

Thursday Night Small Group (7:00 p.m.)  
April date and place to be announced  
Program: "Patience: Savor the moments"



# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

**From the Missions Committee:** Please notice two new bins on the stage in the Garden Room. They are for collection of clothing and non-perishable food for Hope Shalom and St. John's Emergency Food Pantry. Please remember these opportunities as you clean out closets and shop!

**Kids and parents, mark your calendars for a Pizza Party Playground Clean Up!** On Sunday, April 10 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](mailto:ajrubio@marchofdimes.com) to contribute to the pizza fund.

**Thank you from Spirit Wind:** We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the St. Johners who helped make the Spirit Wind spring rehearsal a success. For each of you who housed musicians and directors, and who volunteered to house; to each of you who provided meals, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast; to the pastors and church staff without whose approval and assistance we could not have hosted in the first place – thank you for supporting the remarkable ministry of Spirit Wind.



## Coming Up at Youth!

March 13, Spring Break  
NO UMY!

March 20

Junior Highs: Fun Night  
Senior Highs: Game Night

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 13, 2011

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 9:15 a.m. NO Confirmation Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. NO University Lunch
- 5:30 p.m. NO Youth
- 6:00 p.m. NO Disciple IV Bible Study

### Monday, March 14, 2011

- 7:30 p.m. Scouts

### Tuesday, March 15, 2011

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

### Wednesday, March 16, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Lenten Communion/Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Funday for Retirees
- 5:30 p.m. NO Wonderful Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. NO Disciple I Class
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 17, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters

### Sunday, March 20, 2011

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. University Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple IV Bible Study

### Monday, March 21, 2011

- 7:30 p.m. Scouts

### Tuesday, March 22, 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

### Wednesday, March 23, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Dora Harris Circle
- 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I Class
- 6:15 p.m. Theology Group

### Thursday, March 24, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Dorothy Manning Circle, Cheddars, 4009 S. Loop 289

### Saturday, March 26, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters, Saturday Small Group, Room 212

## CETA CANYON OPPORTUNITIES

Father & Son Overnight Excursion  
March 25-27

Mother/Daughter Get Away  
April 15-17

1-806-593-2268; Toll-free, 1-800-593-1992  
[www.cetacanyon.org](http://www.cetacanyon.org)

# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, SUNDAY, MARCH 13!

**SPRING FORWARD,  
FALL BACK.**

Please remember to set your clocks  
**FORWARD**  
one hour this Sunday!  
(or... Saturday night)



*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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