

ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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January 13, 2011

Soul Sisters Present

Suzie Humphreys

February 12, 9:30 a.m., Program and Brunch
Tickets available on Sunday mornings and in
the church office. \$20.00 per person.

Nursery provided.

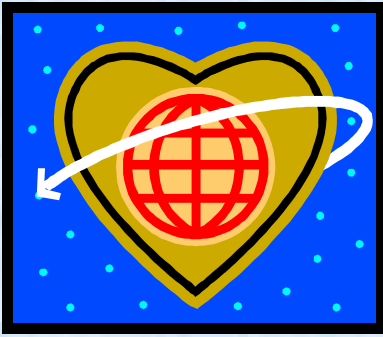


Come be nurtured, challenged, inspired and motivated!

Suzie Humphreys got one of the longest standing ovations on record when she spoke to 2,500 of her peers at the National Speakers Association Convention in Palm Springs, California. In July 2002, the National Speakers Association inducted Suzie into the "Speaker Hall of Fame" and awarded her the Council of Peers Award of Excellence at their National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

With her unstoppable "Can-Do" spirit, no-nonsense wit, and infectious laugh, Suzie Humphreys lifts and jolts, nurtures and stretches her audiences and they love every minute of it. Taking her message from corporations to conventions, from hospitals to classrooms, she is at home with people of all ages and all walks of life. Her philosophy is "It's not life that gets me! It's my reaction to it." Suzie's formula for staying up in down times is perfect for the times...changing and challenging but filled with great opportunity to stretch and grow.

Get ready to laugh, live, and learn with Suzie Humphreys!



**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. Jr. & Sr. High Youth

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PASTOR'S NOTE



The gift of doing good.

One of the three historic general rules of the Methodist tradition is "to do good." (Watch further Explorers to be reminded of the other two.) It always does my heart good to see folks of St. John's doing good.

There are at least two fruits of our doing good. The first is simply getting to do good. There is a sense of fulfillment that comes from helping and making a difference. There is a certain gift that comes from people saying, "You may help me." Try it sometime. If you are down, find something good to do and see if it doesn't lift your spirit.

The second is the result of the act of goodness. The world needs more goodness. People are hungry and thirsty and cold and homeless and sick and broken. They need someone to step up in the name of Christ and help bring healing to their lives. The real focus of our goodness is not on us and our feelings but on the change in people's lives and situations.

Two recent acts of St. John's goodness really lifted my spirit. First, we paid our Shared Ministries (apportionments) in full. How amazed I am at your generosity and faithfulness. This is not just an act of fulfillment of our commitment but a support of 31 ministries which will make a difference in the life and ministry of the church and in the lives of those receiving those ministries. Thank you, thank you, thank you for this wonderful act of goodness.

The other event happened just last Sunday. Our missions committee has agreed to help with the feeding of folks through Hope-Shalom. Last Sunday afternoon was one of our days to provide the food, prepare the food and serve the food to around one hundred folks. I showed up to help serve, afraid that we would run short of people to work. I simply sat and visited with our guests. We had helpers all over the place. How warm it was to see St. John's at work doing good. Thank you for being the church and for following one of our basic rules.....to do good.

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.

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

**Office Closed
Monday, January 17
for Martin Luther King Day**

St. John's



Wednesday

February 2

5:30 p.m.

Enter your favorite chili

*Prizes for: People's Choice, Spiciest, Most Creative,
Best Presentation, Most Kid-Friendly*

**Or just come and enjoy
the good food, music and fun**

Tickets

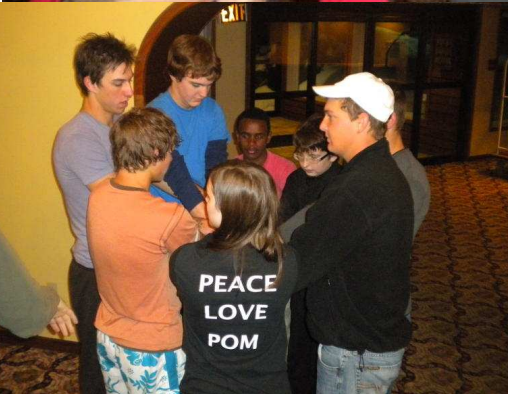
\$4.00

Proceeds benefit the 12 Days of Christmas for our homebound

Those entering the cook-off receive two free tickets

*Please contact David Cameron and let him know you are
entering the cook-off at:*

762-0123 or dcameron@stjohnslubbock.org



**In Celebration of the
Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity**

**The Texas Conference of
Churches invites you to:**

**A Service of Prayer,
Scripture and Music**

*Featuring the combined
Lubbock church choirs of:*

**Christ the King Cathedral
Covenant Presbyterian
First Christian
First United Methodist
St. John's United Methodist
St. Paul's Episcopal**

Sunday, January 23

7:30 p.m.

**Christ the King
Cathedral**

**4011 - 54th Street
Lubbock, Texas**

FAMILY PROMISE

WEEK OF JANUARY 23 - 30

St. John's has been an integral part of Family Promise from its inception and continues to be one of the Lubbock churches that gives strong support. The church provides evening and morning meals, hosts for each day, and bedrooms (Sunday School classrooms) for each family.

This is an invitation for all of those who are related to St. John's to join in this ministry. Come and live out your calling as a disciple of Christ and experience the gift of making a difference in the world.

I would like to help in the ministry of Family Promise by:

- ♦ Providing a meal
- ♦ Being a host for an evening
- ♦ Being an overnight host
- ♦ Helping to set up and move beds
- ♦ Helping with the laundry
- ♦ Helping financially to support the ministry
- ♦ Being an emergency person to help

Please sign up by calling the church at 762-0123 or by signing up on the board in the sanctuary hallway.

Spirit Wind 2011

Spring Rehearsal Housing

St. John's is privileged to be hosting Spirit Wind, the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference Youth Choir, for its spring rehearsal Feb. 25-27.

Spirit Wind lodging is congregation-based. The students are high-school age and come from all over West Texas. The group should finish rehearsing late in the evening on Friday, Feb. 25. Housing volunteers will pick up their choir members at the church, and return them for rehearsal Saturday morning. Housing will be required as well Saturday evening, and singers will need to be returned to the church Sunday morning. More details will follow after auditions are held and the numbers finalized.

If you have extra space in your house that you could lend to some of these talented young people for two nights, please be looking for the sign-up forms arriving in the bulletin in the next couple weeks.

Spirit Wind is the official youth choir of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. These youth share the word of Christ through music while building Christian community through fellowship. Students currently in grades 8-12 are welcome to try out (those who are freshmen in fall 2011 through 2011 graduating seniors). Lubbock area auditions will be 2-4 p.m., Jan. 22 (Saturday), at St. John's. The complete schedule is available at:
<http://www.nwtxconf.org/Equip/Spirit-Wind/>

Confirmation Class Scheduled

January 23-April 10

Sunday School Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Taught by Archie Echols, Daniel Echols, and David Cameron

January 23: Student/Parent Orientation

March 13: No Confirmation (Spring Break Holiday)

April 10: Confirmation Service

Target audience is the 6th and 7th graders, but the class is open to any youth who are interested in learning more about the Bible, the Church, and opportunities to serve as a church member.

Parents, help your youth think of 3 or 4 church members he or she would like to have as his or her mentor through the Confirmation experience. Bring these names to the January 23rd meeting. The pastors will invite mentors accordingly.

For more information, contact one of the pastors teaching the class.

Attention: Parents of Youth

You're invited to be a part of the study,
Creating an Authentic Youth Ministry.

Sunday evenings, January 23 and 30,
 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this study is to dream about creating a more authentic youth ministry for the youth of St. John's.

To receive a copy of the book,
 contact David Cameron.

**ALL WOMEN
 INVITED**

Dora Harris Circle

**COFFEE &
 REFRESHMENTS**

Wednesday, January 26

9:30 a.m., St. John's Conference Room
Program: Call to Prayer & Self-Denial
Led by Betty Dotts and Bea Martin

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ALL-CHURCH
POTLUCK SUNDAY, JANUARY 30!**

LET'S HELP "HOPE SHALOM" by collecting *United Market Street* stamps to purchase kitchen pots and pans. There is a collection can in the kitchen and an envelope on the office volunteer desk.

A big thank you to Joylyne Harris, Sally Abbe, and Cindy Martin for their work on the "Share a Memory for Shared Ministries" photo project. Thank you also, to those who had their photos taken. A total of \$590.00 was raised toward St. John's portion of the Shared Ministries.

Congratulations to our LHS Robotics Team who competed in the Regional Mindstorm competition last weekend. The team brought home a first place trophy for the invention contest for their creative design of a robotic lawn mower. **Robert Abbe, Chris Sewell, Charley Pope, and Vincent Constancio** will move on to the State competition in San Angelo on April 9.

Emergency Food Pantry Thank You: I would like to thank the church for providing me with a sack of food recently. It was very much needed and appreciated. May God bless you all for your generosity!

From President Obama's speech at the memorial service Wednesday, January 12. "But what we can't do is use this tragedy as one more occasion to turn on one another. As we discuss these issues, let each of us do so with a good dose of humility. Rather than pointing fingers or assigning blame, let us use this occasion to expand our moral imaginations, to listen to each other more carefully, to sharpen our instincts for empathy, and remind ourselves of all the ways our hopes and dreams are bound together."

Wonderful Wednesdays

Schedule for the Spring Semester

5:30 – 6:00 Meal (cost - \$5.00)

6:00 – 7:30 Classes

Menu for January 19 - Chicken Pot Pie, fruity bacon salad, green peas, cheese rolls, and banana pudding

Menu for January 26 - Chicken Parmesan, autumn salad, fruit, bread sticks, and assorted cookies

Perkins Professors Coming January 19 - 26!

Made Possible through the Arts & Lectureship Endowment of Saint John's United Methodist Church

The Future of the Church

Guest speakers from Perkins School of Theology:

January 19, Dr. Susanne Scholz

"Sacred Witness or Terror Texts? Grappling with the Poetics of Rape in the Hebrew Bible"

January 26, Dr. Barry Hughes

"Who is My Neighbor?"

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 16, 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
5:30 p.m. Youth
6:00 p.m. Disciple IV Bible Study

Monday, January 17, 2011

OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK HOLIDAY
6:00 p.m. *Soup's On Troupe* Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, January 18, 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. Missions Committee

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal
6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Classes
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 p.m. Disciple I Class
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20, 2011

9:30 a.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:00 p.m. *Soup's on Troupe* Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 2011

WEEK OF FAMILY PROMISE

8:15 a.m. Communion Service
9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. University Meal
5:30 p.m. Youth
5:30 p.m. Youth Parent Book Discussion
6:00 p.m. Disciple IV Bible Study

Monday, January 24, 2011

6:00 p.m. *Soup's On Troupe* Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 Noon Interfaith Dialogue
12:45 p.m. Sanctuary Time for FV Clients
1:30 p.m. Food Voucher Program
5:30 p.m. Legal Clinic

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

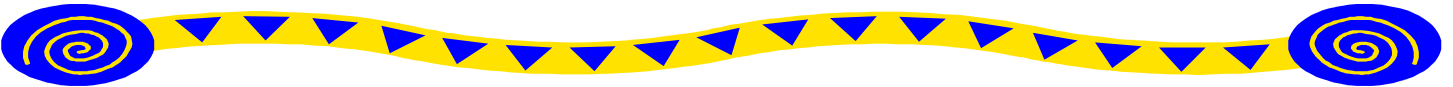
9:30 a.m. UMW Dora Harris Circle
5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal
6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Classes
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 p.m. Disciple I Class
6:15 p.m. Theology Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 27, 2011

9:30 a.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. *Soup's On Troupe* Rehearsal

**The Altar Flower Calendar has arrived!
Please stop by the office and sign up
for altar flowers.**

The minimum cost is now \$60.



**Funday for Retirees
Fellowship & Luncheon
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Church Garden Room**

**9:00
Table Games (bring your favorites)
11:45
Favorite Hymn Sing-song & devotion
12:00
Light Lunch - Cost \$5.00 per person.**

**For members of St. John's UMC & their friends
Reservations not required, but appreciated.
Call 762-0123
By 4:30, Monday, January 17**

*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**



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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