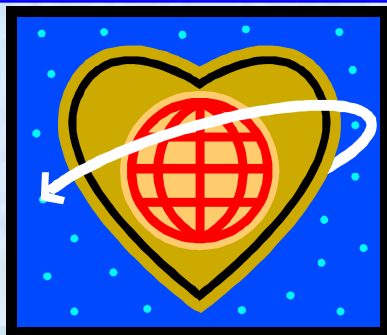




Thanks, Matt Bell, our youth summer intern, for a great summer!





**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 Service
- 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth

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PASTOR'S NOTE



Compassion is a messy word. It involves a strong hungering emotion of empathy for others. But emotion is not enough. Compassion is an action word. It involves acting on that empathy as well.

One of my favorite Peanuts cartoons has Snoopy standing in deep snow shivering. Lucy looks on with pity and says, "Someone ought to do something." She goes over to Snoopy and proclaims, "Be of good cheer, Snoopy." She walks off smiling while Snoopy still stands in the snow shivering. What makes compassion messy is the need to do something. Trying to figure out what to do is not always easy. And acting on compassion is usually costly.

So here's our dilemma. What are we to do with Luis? Luis has staked out the area around the church's front door for his sleeping area. It is out of the wind and fairly safe. If you have been to the church fairly early during the past month, then you have had to step over Luis to get in. When enough people start to come in, or someone says it is time to move, Luis moves to the play area in the church's backyard. When children are at the church (Vacation Bible School, Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, etc.), then this becomes a problem. He is in their way and there is some question of safety.

What is the compassionate thing to do for Luis? One idea is to tell him he must find another place and cannot stay around St. John's any more. This is not a bad solution because of the risk factor of him being around. It sounds similar to the city causing the homeless to vacate the city library. Another idea is to tell him he must be gone during the day when anyone else is around. Another idea is to offer him a tent and help him move to Lubbock's tent city. Another idea is to let him be around, offer him coffee, and do our best to control the situation.

Radical hospitality might call us to do more. We could hear his story, respond to his needs and invite him to become a part of the St. John's family. This is where it calls for more than just emotional compassion. This involves some action and some cost and perhaps some adjustment of our view of him and his place in God's family.

One thing I do know. Compassion means we must see Luis as more than just a nuisance for St. John's. It is tempting to tell him, "Be of good cheer," and send him on his way. That might solve our problem, but does not offer compassion for him. It's messy!

Grace and Peace.

Archie

Lectionary Scripture Readings

August 14: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 21: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

From the Editor:

Thank you to VelvetLee Finckbone, Archie Echols, Donna Echols, Sally Kennedy, David Cameron, Jean Shannon, Leslie Cranford, Cindy Martin, and Craig Rutherford for getting me STUFF for this newsletter. I really appreciate Leilani Fillhard for proofreading the newsletters and bulletins week in and week out. She is never to blame for my many mistakes and *faux pas*. Please send me your STUFF to share with our St. John's family!

Next newsletter deadline: August 18.

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.

Fun,
Facts,
Faith =

Rally Day Sunday, August 28

“Putting People into Partnership with God”

Make sure you invite a guest to church on Rally Day so they can learn about the ministries and meet the people of St. John’s!

We have a lot to offer the community through our ministries of outreach, social justice, and faith development, as well as the opportunity to be a part of a friendly, supportive fellowship and church family.

The neighborhood in the shadow of our church especially needs to know about us!

To get the word out, your family is invited to join us on Sunday evening, August 21, at 6:00 p.m., as we canvass the neighborhood putting fliers on doors.

Rally Day Celebration Schedule...

8:15 a.m. Early Church

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Guest Speaker: Richard Edwards,
Lubbock District Superintendent
and processional of ministry pole displays.

11:30 a.m. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Fixings and Ice Cream Social in the Garden Room – no charge
Bouncy toys, volleyball, basketball, and bingo
Judging of the ministry pole displays for
Most Creative
Best Telling of Ministry Story
Most Unusual

**Come express your Partnership with God
for this next year!**

Dress casual

St. John’s will celebrate your child’s growth in the faith

on Sunday morning, August 28,
during the late worship service.

Children going into the 3-year-old Sunday School Class this fall will receive a book about St. John’s celebrating their promotion from the nursery into Sunday School.

Kindergarteners will receive activity worship bags celebrating their being old enough to attend worship.

3rd graders will receive Bibles celebrating their ability to read the Holy Scriptures.

Hope you will plan to be in attendance on this special Sunday!

Summer Rotation Sunday School Schedule

For children completing Kindergarten through Grade 4
(Fifth-graders are meeting with Junior High for the summer.)

Peacemakers (July 24-August 28)

Main Idea: Throughout the Bible we read stories of people who tried to bring peace and justice to all of God’s people. Their stories inspire us and help us learn how to be peacemakers today.

Bible Verses:

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Matthew 5:9

“Let justice roll down like waters.” Amos 5:34

Objectives: Children will have the opportunity to

- ◆ Explore how, even in Bible times, being a peacemaker often took courage and skill
- ◆ Learn that peacemaking is based in fairness, justice, equality, and love
- ◆ Make a commitment to being peacemakers in their own homes, schools, and communities

The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit

The cast of the children's summer musical reprised some of the greatest hits from the show at the 10:30 worship service on Sunday. Thank you to all of the participants, children and adults, who worked so hard to bring us so much joy!



St. John's Kids at Camp



Strengthen Your Faith through Bible Study

Disciple Bible Studies this Fall
starting Wednesday, September 14

Make a deeper connection to the Psalms
Short-Term Disciple Study of the Psalms

This study is an ideal experience for adults who are interested in the practice of prayer and worship, and would like to connect the practice of prayer with the Scriptures.

Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well-known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of your human experience—joy, faith, uncertainty and sorrow.

Ten Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Facilitator: Mary Ruth Thurmond
Cost: \$12.00 for study book



Do you struggle with reading through the Bible?

Disciple I Bible Study:
Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information, and calls for participants to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God’s Word, and to be changed by God’s Word. DISCIPLE invites persons to bring their experiences and struggles to the Scripture.

During the course of 34 weeks, the class will move through the biblical stories of Creation in Genesis to the New Jerusalem in Revelation.

Thirty-four Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Facilitator: Rev. Bill Todd
Cost: \$40.00 for study book

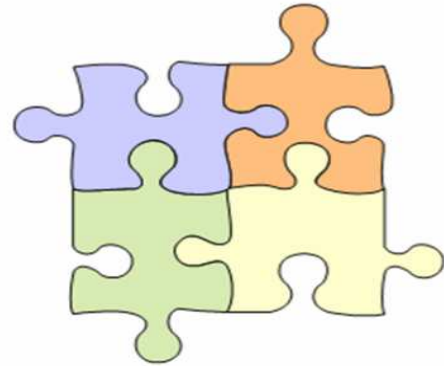
BOTH STUDIES are appropriate for persons with little prior Bible experience, require daily reading of the Bible, and start Wednesday, September 14. For more information or to pre-register, please call the church office (762-0123).

UMW August Events



The Dorothy Manning Circle meets at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 25, at Cattle Baron Steak and Seafood Restaurant, 82nd and Quaker.

The UMW Planning Session will be Wednesday, August 31, 9:30 a.m., in Room 122.



Pieces of our Hearts Women's Retreat

at the Mercy Center, Slaton, led by Sarah Mulkey. The cost is \$68 which includes room and all meals. Registration is Friday at 5:00 p.m., and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. The event ends Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation is available.

Registration deadline is August 28.

For more information contact Donna Echols:
godfatherdae@aol.com or 806-577-8372.

Soul Sisters



Tuesday, August 16: **Movie night!** We will meet at Tinseltown (82nd and University) for the 7:15 p.m. showing of *The Help*. After the show, those who want to meet for coffee at the nearby Starbucks on University can discuss the show. No RSVP needed! Just grab a sister or a friend and join us!

Saturday, August 20, 9:30 a.m., Room 212: Discussion will be led by Monya Castle.

Tuesday, August 30, 7:00 p.m., at Charlotte Sessom’s, 3007 81st St.: Shelly Gonzales will lead the lesson on “Character.”

Thursday, September 9, 7:00 p.m., at Donna Chandler’s, 5001 95th St.: Donna Echols will facilitate.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

New on the prayer list: David Cranford, Leslie Cranford, Jeff McKinley and his mother, Valerie.

Please continue to keep **Dorey Schmidt** in your prayers as she recovers from knee surgery. She welcomes visitors!

Annual All-Church Picnic News! We have a new date, Sunday, October 2. It was scheduled for September 18, but the weather has been way too hot! Same place (at the Goodloe's home) and same time (5:00-8:00 p.m.). Change your calendars and come on out in October!

If you brought food for the **All-church Potluck** and forgot your dishes, they may be on top of the island in the center of the kitchen!

TENANT WANTED: Share private residence with disabled person. Complete master suite with studio/office space. Lots of closet space. Totally accessible. Nicely furnished or unfurnished. Access to shared kitchen/dining room/living area. Covered parking. Safe, close-knit neighborhood. No children or pets. Rent negotiable for individual or couple willing to share in assistance. Ideal for senior or disabled person needing 24-hour assistance. References, background check required. 806-790-3190.

One More Time Around

by **Bonnie Day**

from *Pilgrims of peace and other poems*,
Toronto: Coach House Press, ©1968

Look at that wall.
It's solid and firm and steady.
For all of this tooting,
I can't see the slightest crack.

We've gone through this silly performance
Six times already.
Jericho, Schmericho...
I've got a mind to go back.



Coming Up at Youth!

Sunday, August 14, 5:30 p.m.

Senior High meet at the home of Robert and Paige Wood.

Wednesday, August 17, 5:30 p.m.

Junior High UMY Huddle Time will meet
at the home of Daniel and Cecilee Echols.

Sunday, August 21, 11:45 a.m.

All-UMY Back-to-School Celebration following Worship.
Go to Raising Cane for lunch, then swim at the Tech Leisure Pool.
Parents pick youth up at 3:00 p.m. at the pool.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 14, 2011

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. Sr. High UMY

Monday, August 15, 2011

- 7:30 p.m. Scouts
- 8:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

- 8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. Sanctuary Time for FV Clients
- 1:30 p.m. Food Voucher Program
- 7:15 p.m. Soul Sisters' movie night
- 7:30 p.m. PFLAG 2

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Funday for Retirees
- 5:30 p.m. Jr. High UMY Huddle Time
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chrismon Workshop
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 18, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 7:00 p.m. South Plains Astronomy Club

Saturday, August 20, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters small group

Sunday, August 21, 2011

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. Acolyte School
- 11:45 a.m. Teacher Orientation
- 11:45 a.m. UMY Back-to-School Celebration

Monday, August 22, 2011

- 5:30 p.m. SPRC meeting
- 6:30 p.m. WTOS
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts
- 8:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

- 8:45 a.m. 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

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. Second Milers Ice Cream Social
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chrismon Workshop
- 6:15 p.m. Theology Group
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 25, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 1:30 p.m. Merry Mailers
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Dorothy Manning Circle (Cattle Baron)

Friday, August 26, 2011

- 7:30 p.m. *The Four Seasons*

Saturday, August 27, 2011

- Rally Day set-up



Upcoming at St. John's!

**Friday, August 26, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

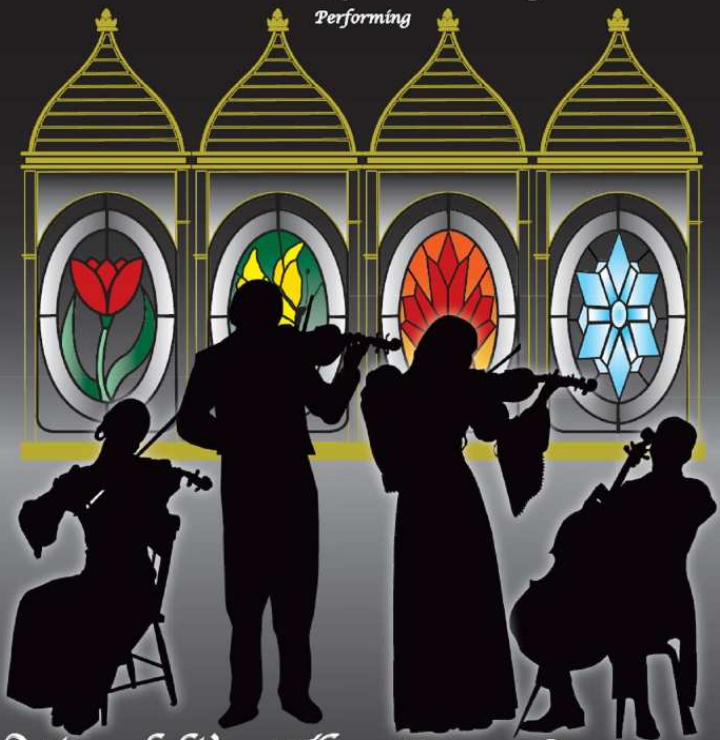
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