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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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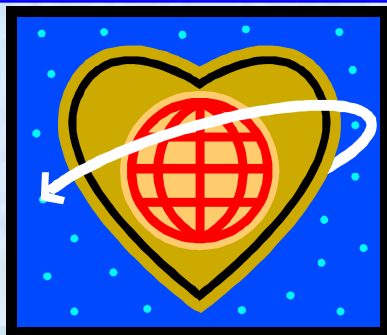
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All-church Picnic 2011





*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
- 11:45 a.m. University meal
- 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth

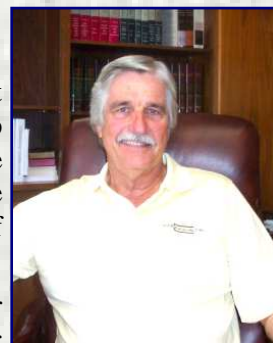
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PASTOR'S NOTE



It is time for another newsletter article and here I sit rummaging through my brain and heart trying to come up with something to say. I am aware that I usually write about something that is going on in my life. I have to be careful about always focusing on my life and being out of touch with the rest of the world.

But I suppose that we all live out of our own world. Our beliefs and wisdom and commitments all stem from our life experiences...those routines we follow each day, those big events that happen to us, those persons with whom we rub shoulders, those books we read and TV programs we watch, those events we attend, those lessons we have learned from family and church and school and friends. Any thing that contacts our life helps to shape us and our view of the world.

And so how can we expand those contacts and grow in our faith and understanding? The first is to go out of our way to move out of our routine. Go down untraveled roads, talk to strangers, attend new events, read new books, risk trying something which is uncomfortable....

One of the best classes I ever took was in my first year at seminary. The title of the class was "Exposure." The theory was that all of us were limited in our life experiences and therefore in our understanding of how the gospels speak to others.

For four months we were intentionally exposed to "other" things which seemed radical and uncomfortable. It helped to explode my vision of the world and my understanding of how and where God was working. Much of who I am and what I believe stems from those experiences. (Ask me about them sometime.)

The second way to expand our faith is to intentionally listen for God's revelation to us. How can we find new ways to rub shoulders with God and grow from our experience of The Holy? Visit another faith, try a new devotional guide, saturate ourselves with the beauty of creation, be still and know, pray, find a new way to serve others.

The third way is to simply be open to things that are forced upon us. These things may come from others who are willing to walk with us down a new path, or they may be new situations which are out of our control. May we learn to embrace them, even if they contain grief, and grow in our faith and service to God.

Grace and Peace
Archie

Lectionary Scripture Readings

- October 9: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- October 16: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

From the Editor: Appreciation for help with this newsletter goes to VelvetLee Finckbone, Stan Sedgwick, Archie Echols, Janette Scott, Charlotte Sessom, David Cameron, Darrell Vines, Martha Bagby, Daniel Echols, Craig Rutherford, Joylynn Harris, Jeff Kennedy, David Lamb-Vines, Walter Mitchell, and Ginny Riggs. The Merry Mailers not only prepare the newsletter for mailing, but they also help with other mass-mailings from the church. Hooray for the Merry Mailers! Please send me your submissions! **Next newsletter deadline: October 14.** 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.

Looking Ahead



TTU Football Game Parking Fundraisers

Saturdays, October 8, 15, and 29
Support the youth ministries at St. John's!

Birthday Party to Benefit the Food Pantry

Sunday, October 9, 3:00 p.m. in the Garden Room.
More information on page 4!

CROP Walk

Sunday, October 16, 2:00 p.m.
See page 4 for more information.

Week of Family Promise, October 16-23

There is a thank you note from Family Promise on page 4 and details about how to help on the back of the newsletter.

United Methodist Women

It's a big month, ladies! See page 6 for details.

Funday for Retirees

Wednesday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.,
in the Garden Room

Interfaith Dialogue

Tuesday, October 25, 12:00 p.m., Room 122
"The Surprising History of Abortion
as an Issue for Evangelicals"

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

The meal is served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.
Reservations are required. Please call 762-0123 by 4:30 p.m.,
Monday, register weekly on the worship registration pads,
or sign up for a standing reservation.

October 12: King Ranch chicken, tossed salad, fruit tray, vegetable selection, garlic bread, frosted banana cake.

October 19: Cheesy chicken macaroni, tossed salad, fruit tray, broccoli, cornbread, lemon bites.

Catering is provided by Celebration Catering.

Weekly opportunities

Children's crafts, Children's/Youth Handbells,
Children's Handchimes, Children's Choir

Chrismon Workshop, Prayer Shawl Ministry

Other classes this October

Praying with Julian of Norwich

October 12, 19, 26: facilitated by Bobby McMillan

More classes coming soon!

...And the Award Goes to...!



Larry Howard received the 2009 C. C. Perryman Award presented on September 25, 2011, by the United Methodist Men. Presenters were Darrell Vines and Dwight Finckbone.

C.C. Perryman taught the members of St. John's how to be dedicated committee chairs, responsible evangelists, enthusiastic church school members, and leaders in the community. Mr. Perryman was an enthusiastic member of the Methodist Men's Organization and encouraged the good cooking, good programs, lively discussions, and good fellowship with each other. Currently the United Methodist Men honor men and women who have the characteristics of Mr. Perryman in their church leadership roles. Please note the display on the wall of the hall that shows the folk who have been honored by being selected as recipients of the Perryman Award.

Party for the Food Pantry!

From Elaine Howard and Martha Bagby: Only once in a lifetime do you turn 62! Never again will this age be seen. We're inviting you to make our 62nd birthday an event that we will remember forever. Join us in the Garden Room on Sunday, October 9, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. If you would like to bring a gift, please bring food for the emergency pantry. Hope you can share this once-in-a-lifetime event!



CROP Walk Lubbock

“CROP” stands for “Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.” The CROP Walk is a national and local fundraiser, nationally for Church World Service, and locally for the South Plains Food Bank and St. Benedict’s Food Chapel, which primarily functions as a soup kitchen.

Church World Service is an interdenominational relief organization working in 34 countries to help provide food, clean water, and basic education to populations in under-developed countries. We walk to show solidarity with those who must walk for miles to supply their daily needs of food and water. This is primarily the job of women and girls in developing nations, which means they have little time for education.

The South Plains Food Bank, Inc. “is a humanitarian resource responsible for securing, growing, processing, and distributing food to charitable organizations and persons in need. South Plains Food Bank, Inc. also strives to provide opportunities for persons to break out of the poverty cycle.” The Food Bank serves 85,000 people in 21 counties on the South Plains.

Ways you can help:

1. **Join us in walking** the 3.2 miles on the beautiful Texas Tech campus.
2. **Sponsor a walker.**
3. **Be a “spirit walker”** by helping to raise funds even though you cannot attend the walk.

The youth will have a table in the hall outside the sanctuary before and after 10:30 a.m. worship service on the next two Sundays. You may sign up there to donate and/or to walk.

The Walk is Sunday, October 16, starting at 2:00 p.m. Meet at St. John’s at 1:45 p.m. to turn in the walker packets with donations. Water will be available along the route: bring your water bottles to refill.

For more information and to request a “walker packet” for collecting donations, please contact Janette Scott at 368-5373 (home) or 254-855-2170 (cell).

EXTRA! EXTRA!

We have extra pictorial directories! Please pick one up **this Sunday in the hall, or come by the church office this week and get one while supplies last.**

New Sunday School Class Kick-off!

Come to Kick-off Day for a new Sunday School class venture in Room 224 on Sunday, October 16, at 9:15 a.m. Anyone who is interested is welcome, but the class focus will be couples with children.

STOP THE VIOLENCE!

Not in Our Town: Light in the Darkness is a PBS documentary that will be screened on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock, 2801 42nd St. After the screening a discussion will follow about what locals can do to stop hatred and intolerance in Lubbock. This documentary tells the story of residents of Patchogue, Long Island, after a series of anti-immigrant attacks that ended with the hate crime killing of Marcelo Lucero. After the tragedy, the story follows residents as they address the underlying causes of the violence, heal divisions and begin to take steps to ensure that everyone in their community feels safe and respected while starkly revealing the trauma of hate, the film provides a blueprint for people who want to do something before intolerance turns to violence. More information can be found at www.niot.org.

A Letter from Family Promise

Dear Friends at St. John’s United Methodist Church,

As Executive Director of Family Promise, I see the impact volunteers make on our guests. Your willingness to share a meal, spend time on the week-ends or to stay overnight with them offers so much more than what appears on the surface. Your time and shared knowledge gives them a new vision for their future and a belief that they can change their circumstances.

The guests of Family Promise of Lubbock continue to do very well as they prepare to move into a place of their own. All of our current guests are now employed. They are beginning to see their future as one of possibility. These opportunities for their success would not occur without your support and love.

Thanks again!
Kena Phillips

Welcome, Michelle Capdau and Jude McCarthy!



Michelle joined September 25. She is a senior in Music Education (Voice) from Sugar Land, TX, and enjoys running, going to coffee shops, and reading books on conducting. Michelle had been singing as a scholarship student elsewhere, and finds herself welcome, accepted, and loved in a very powerful way at St. John's.

Jude joined October 2. He is a sophomore (with enough hours to be a junior) in Biology from Rockwall, TX, and his hobbies include gymnastics and triathlons. Jude likes the open-mindedness and the welcoming he received from members here at St. John's.

We are very glad that you both have joined and look forward to getting to know you better!



APPRECIATION FROM THE PIG-ON-A-STICK FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who helped with the St John's Fair booth this year. The fair booth provides an opportunity for the church congregation to work together, serve the community, meet the needs of the church by raising money to fund the youth for the year, and to provide visibility of St John's to the citizens of Lubbock.

The individuals who stepped up and volunteered as Day Captains this year were: David Robertson, Dwight Finckbone, Jason Triche, Don and Sally Abbe, Walter Mitchell, Roy Goodloe, John DuBard, Bob Goodwin, Nancy Clopton, Bruce and Nancy Cammack, Leslie Cranford, Jim and Margie Sorley, Jeff and Sally Kennedy, David Cameron, Daniel Echols, and Archie Echols. Many thanks to all, as this is an important role that includes opening and closing the booth and making sure it is stocked with goods.

Many others volunteered to work the shifts. Many worked more than one shift, in fact, to ensure the booth could stay open and raise as much money as possible. Again, your participation is greatly appreciated.

Finally, if you supported the fund raiser by purchasing pork, that too is appreciated.

One participant stated she looks forward to working the booth, as she always gets to know someone in the congregation better than before. In fact, the past two years she developed friendships that have grown since the time shared working the fair booth together. One never knows what might happen when you make yourself available. One is often rewarded more than they give. May all of those who contributed be rewarded many times over.

Jeff Kennedy



Red Raider
Donut Dash
Saturday October 22nd

run ➔ **eat donuts** ➔ **run** ➔ **good luck...**
1.5 miles a dozen or as many as you want 1.5 miles prizes



- race begins at 10am
- walk or run
- individual or team
- t-shirts for participants

Location: Tech Campus (Urbanovsky)
Entry Fee: \$25 in advance
\$30 day of race
To Register: www.wesleyfoundation.com

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Soul Sisters

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.: Small group at Melba Rickman's home. Mary Ruth Thurmond will lead the discussion.

Saturday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.: Small group in Room 212. Nursery available.

Thursday, November 10: Donna Chandler speaks about feeding the poor and giving hope at the South Plains Food Bank. Evening time TBA.

Saturday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.: **Brunch/Ornament Exchange** (Ornaments under \$10). Also bring an ornament to tell about: antique, unusual, sentimental, decoration detail, etc.

Confessions from the Soul Sisters retreat in Slaton

If your picture is not here, please send money or else I will publish your picture, too! ☺



The Friday Night Style Show and our lovely contestants

Sarah Mulkey, our fearless leader



UMW October Events



The general meeting and the Dora Harris Circle will be held on Wednesday, October 12 and 26, respectively, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 122. Donna Echols will be presenting a two-part program on "Reconciliation."

Dorothy Manning Circle meets Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m., at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 5702 Slide Rd. This is our last meeting until January 2012, so don't miss out on the fun!

New Rotation Sunday School "David, the Boy"

Date	Younger Elementary (Kin. - 1 st)	Middle Elementary (2 nd - 3 rd)	Older Elementary (4 th - 5 th)
Oct 9	Art	Games	Science
Oct 16	Science	Art	Games
Oct 23	Games	Science	Art
Oct 30	Story	Cooking	Computer
Nov 6	Computer	Story	Cooking
Nov 13	Cooking	Computer	Story

Main Idea: God used the gifts of the boy David to accomplish God's purposes. God can use our gifts to accomplish God's purposes.

Bible Verse: But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, ... the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." I Samuel 16:7

Objectives: Children will have the opportunity to:

- Learn and retell the boyhood stories of David
- Recognize that the stories of David are found in the Book of First Samuel in the Old Testament
- Realize that God saw something in David that no one else could see
- Identify stories from David's childhood that reveal the characteristics that helped him become a great king
- Discover that everyone has God-given gifts, and that God cares more about what is on the inside than how we appear on the outside
- Study ways God uses ordinary men and women to accomplish God's work in the world.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

You are invited! Mount Vernon United Methodist Church is commemorating 86 years of existence on Saturday, October 8, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. "We would love for you to be our guest to help us celebrate our 86th church anniversary. Our guest speaker for this wonderful celebration will be Rev. Eddie Williams, pastor at Baker Chapel, Big Spring, Texas." Mount Vernon UMC is located at 2304 Cedar Avenue in Lubbock.

The Fine-Art Lines: Between Genius and Madness: a Solo Exhibit of David Lamb-Vines, October 10-November 18, 2011, at Access Gallery, 3701 Guadalupe, Suite 103, Austin, Texas. The opening reception is Saturday, October 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

New on the prayer list: Donna Albin; the families and friends of Robert Abbate, JoAnne Whorton, and John Mark Williams; Laverne Moore; Cole Turner; Greg and Donna Robertson; Robin Hackett; and Alysanne Buettner. Robert Abbate was the stepfather of Tiffany Chandler. He died Sunday, September 25, 2011, in Taylor, Texas. JoAnne Whorton was a long-time member of St. John's. She died Tuesday, September 13, 2011, in New Braunfels, Texas.

Thank you, Golden K Kiwanis! Two weeks ago, they supplied the emergency pantry with 125 items, mostly hygiene. Last week, they delivered 3,676 food items in a great big truck! We really appreciate your continuing support!!!

A thank you note from the Methodist Children's Home: Dear Church, Thank you for your support of Methodist Children's Home. You are one of our top 50 giving churches. In Lubbock, we helped 20 grandparents send 77 grandchildren back to school. Please keep all our children in your prayers.—Maggie Rogers.

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.

Coming up at Youth!

Saturday, October 8: 1:00 p.m., Gather in the parking lot to work until 20-30 minutes past kick-off. The cost per car for this game is \$10. Sign up online (www.stjohnslubbock.org) to work any of the Texas Tech home games. The next parking lot fundraiser is **October 15!**

This Sunday, October 9: 5:30 p.m., Snack supper will be provided by the Castle family in the Garden Room. **6:00 p.m.,** Youth Huddle led by Cecilee and Wendy in the Parking Lot upstairs. **7:00 p.m.,** Parents pick up youth.

Sunday, October 16: 2:00 p.m., CROP Walk (here at St. John's)! Collect donations for your walk.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 9, 2011

8:15 a.m. Communion Service
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:45 a.m. University meal
 3:00 p.m. Birthday party for the Pantry
 5:30 p.m. UMY

Monday, October 10, 2011

5:30 p.m. Church Council
 5:30 p.m. Literacy Lubbock
 7:00 p.m. LUNA general meeting
 7:30 p.m. Scouts
 8:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:45 p.m. Sanctuary time for FV clients
 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Food Vouchers
 5:30 p.m. Trustees meeting
 5:30 p.m. Legal Clinic

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

9:30 a.m. UMW general meeting
 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
 6:15 p.m. Theology Group
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 13, 2011

9:30 a.m. Quilters
 5:30 p.m. Literacy Lubbock

Saturday, October 15, 2011

TTU Football Game Parking Lot Fundraiser

WEEK OF FAMILY PROMISE

Sunday, October 16, 2011

8:15 a.m. Communion Service
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:45 a.m. University meal
 2:00 p.m. CROP Walk
 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth

Monday, October 17, 2011

5:30 p.m. Literacy Lubbock
 7:30 p.m. Scouts
 8:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:45 p.m. Sanctuary time for FV clients
 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Food Vouchers
 7:00 p.m. PFLAG
 8:00 p.m. PFLAG 2

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

9:00 a.m. Funday for Retirees
 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 20, 2011

9:30 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Merry Mailers
 5:30 p.m. Literacy Lubbock
 7:00 p.m. South Plains Astronomy Club

Friday, October 21, 2011

12:00 p.m. Medici Circle





Family Promise®

Building communities, strengthening lives.

returns to St. John's, October 16-23

There are many opportunities to contribute: prepare a meal, host an evening, stay overnight, and lots more! Please sign up on the board outside of the sanctuary as soon as possible or call Jim Clopton, 392-2216, to volunteer or with any questions.

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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