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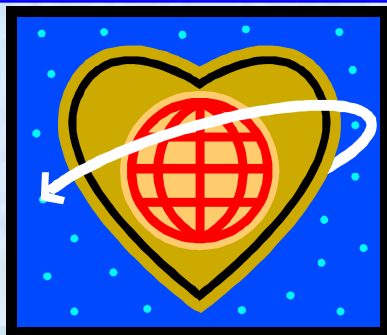
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October 20, 2011

Photographic Roundup

Photographs from Michelle Anderson, Bruce and Nancy Cammack, and Leslie Cranford.





*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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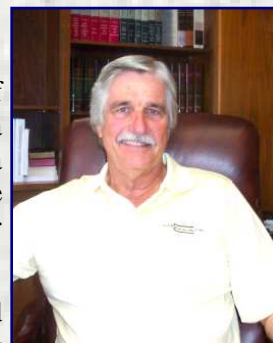
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**If you know of any St. John's church
members going into the hospital,
please contact the church office at 762-0123
or openminds@stjohnslubbock.org.**

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

PASTOR'S NOTE

By now you should have received a letter telling you of Consecration Sunday on November 6. It is going to be a great day with Rev. Tom Nagle preaching and then a great Celebration Dinner to follow. This will be a chance to make your commitment to Christ and to the church for the coming year.



One of the sermons that John Wesley wrote is entitled "The Use of Money." He starts off by saying that it may seem awkward for money to be seen as a spiritual issue, which needs to be addressed by the church. For some it represents evil. He points out that "the love of money" is the problem. Money itself is a gift from God and should be used to enhance the ministry to which we are called. Here is what he says.

"But in the present state of mankind it is an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends. In the hands of his children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, raiment for the naked. It gives to the traveler and the stranger where to lay his head. By it we may supply the place of an husband to the widow, and of a father to the fatherless; we may be a defense for the oppressed, a means of health to the sick, of ease to them that are in pain. It may be as eyes to the blind, as feet to the lame; yea, a lifter up from the gates of death."

John Wesley continues to give three guidelines concerning this gift that God has given us. The first is to **gain all you can**. *Do this without hurting your body*. Do not overdo or take on jobs that are dangerous or destructive to your health. *Do this without hurting your mind*. This would include anything that might be unlawful or cause you to be obsessed with your position or gain. One must not gain the whole world and lose one's soul. Also, *do this without hurting your neighbor* or his body. That means do no gain that would hurt another's business or well-being.

"These cautions and restrictions observed...gain all you can in honest industry; use all possible diligence in your calling. Lose no time...put your whole strength to the work. Spare no pains. Let nothing be done in a slight and careless manner."

The second is to **save all you can**. Wesley would admonish us to not waste this precious gift from God by gratifying the desires of the flesh...or by gratifying the desire of the eye...or by gratifying the pride of life to gain the admiration or praise of men. Despise delicacy and variety...or expensive apparel or superfluous housing adornment. Also do not throw away money upon your children for the same reasons. And don't leave money to children who will throw it away as well.

The third is to **give all you can**. To save all you can does not mean to "lay it up." Wesley says it might as well be thrown into the sea if it is not to be used wisely. We are not owners of this money, only stewards, to be used as God sees. Here is Wesley's final advice.

"First provide things needful for yourself—food to eat, raiment to put on, whatever nature moderately requires for the preserving the body in health and strength. Secondly, provide these for your wife, your children, your servants or any others who pertain to your household. If any is left, do good to them that are of the household of faith. If there be an overplus still, as you have opportunity, do good unto all men." By this you will be rendering unto God the things that are God's.

Grace and Peace

Archie

Looking Ahead



Soul Sisters small group meets Saturday, October 22, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 212.

Interfaith Dialogue

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

United Methodist Women

Dora Harris Circle, Wednesday, October 26, 9:30 a.m., in Room 122.

Dorothy Manning Circle, Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m., Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 5702 Slide Rd.

See page 6 for more information

TTU Football Game Parking Fundraisers

Saturdays, October 29 and November 12
 Support the youth ministries at St. John's!

All Saints Sunday, October 30

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 30, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in St. John's south parking lot.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Thursday, November 3, 7:30 a.m., Room 122

Consecration Sunday, November 6

Charge Conference, Monday, December 5

Lectionary Scripture Readings

October 23: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

October 30: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7; 33-37; I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

From the Editor: The Merry Mailers are super-duper; they came, not once, but **twice** this week to help with church mailings. Way to go, MMs!! Additional thanks go to Michelle Anderson, Bruce and Nancy Cammack, Leslie Cranford, VelvetLee Finckbone, Archie Echols, David Cameron, Jim Clopton, Craig Rutherford, Margie Sorley, Donna Echols, Ginny Riggs, Larry Howard, Matt Bell, and Rob Scott. Please send me your submissions!

Next newsletter deadline: October 28. Later! mrt

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 26: Cheese enchiladas, Frito salad, fruit tray, beans and rice, brownies

November 2: Cowboy stew, autumn salad, fruit tray, cornbread, and assorted cookies

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 and November

Praying with Julian of Norwich

October 26: facilitated by Bobby McMillan

Grief

November 2, 9: Rev. Archie Echols, facilitator

Celebrating Advent in the Home

November 2, 9: David Cameron, facilitator

AIDS Awareness

November 2, 9: Vince Gonzales, facilitator

Twelve Days of Christmas and Holiday Recipe Swap November 16



Happy November Birthdays!

The Nurture and Care Committee has requested that we publish each month's birthdays. If you are not listed, please call the church office and tell us your birthday.

(We promise that we won't ask for the year!)

Nov 3	Bethani Baker	Nov 12	Unique Jacobo
	Janette Scott	Nov 14	Curien Castillo
	Shirley Warren	Nov 16	Pierce Reeves
Nov 4	Zane Rubio	Nov 18	Cody Williams
Nov 5	Don Abbe	Nov 23	Robert Abbe
	Herb Tavenner	Nov 25	Kamryn Chandler
Nov 6	Archie Echols	Nov 29	Bill Cantrell
Nov 7	Daniel Kiser		Toni Krebs
Nov 8	Hannah Lamb-Vines	Nov 30	Gloria Hille
Nov 10	Haven Wood		



Jim Clopton would like to thank everyone who helped with Family Promise this time. "I was so happy to see the eagerness with which people offered their time and service. The slots filled up nearly a week in advance."

Also, Family Promise returns December 25 through January 1, 2012. What an exciting time to have guests here in our church!

Holiday Work Day Planned at South Plains Food Bank

Helping prepare Christmas box distributions

Saturday, December 10
9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
at 4612 Locust Ave.

Limited to first 22 volunteers that sign up

Sign-up by contacting David Cameron or by signing the volunteer sheet in the office.

Speaking of Christmas, there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25, and only one worship service, time to be determined.



On New Year's Day 2012, we will have an all-church breakfast at 9:15 a.m., in place of Sunday School, in the Garden Room!

EXTRA! EXTRA!

We still have a few pictorial directories!
Please pick one up from the church office.

Prayer Vigil

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty will hold a prayer vigil on Thursday, October 27, at 5:30 p.m., for Frank Garcia, at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 2801 42nd St.



Sustaining HOPE

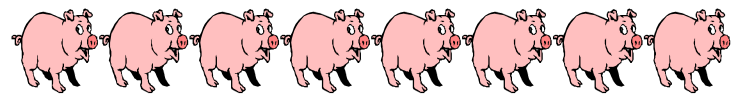
An Invitation from HOPE Shalom

Saturday, November 5 (stairs) or
Wednesday, November 9 (no stairs)
12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

2005 Ave. T (Sharing space with Asbury UMC)

Please join us in celebrating what God has been doing to bring new excitement and hope in the Heart of Lubbock through HOPE Community of Shalom!
Your lunch is provided.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2, at
762-0829, text 470-0134, or e-mail
silvia@hopeshalom.org.

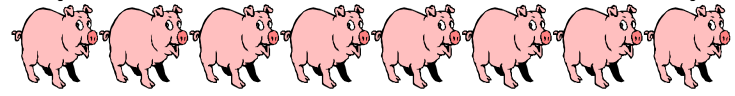


Pig-on-a-Stick Final Numbers

We have received the Financial Report concerning the **2011 Fair Booth**. After expenses we made **\$3,787.54**.

In spite of the slow start, it is up from last year's \$2,968.76.

A special thanks to everyone who worked and/or supported the fair this year!! These funds will be used to supplement the youth budget.

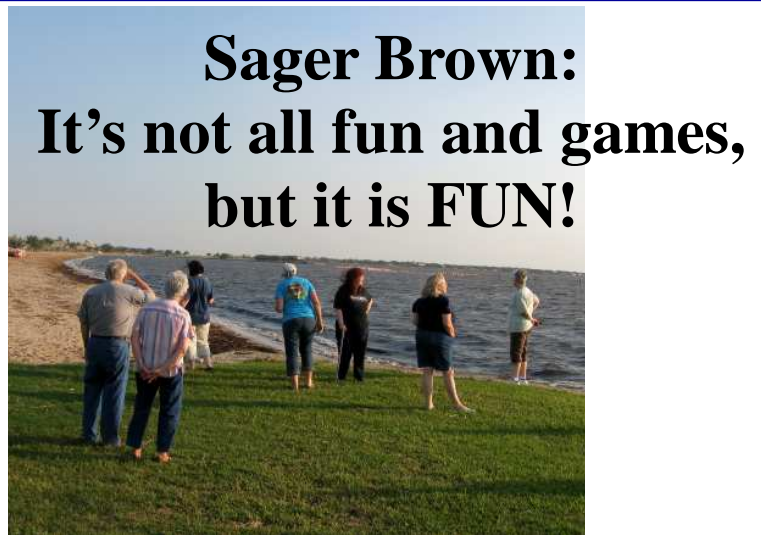


Calling All Adult Sunday School Classes!

Highlight your class in the church paper! We invite each Sunday School class to take a picture of your class, and write an article containing the history, description and curriculum being studied at the time. Picture and article need to be given to Mary Ruth Thurmond in the church office by the deadline listed below. The picture and article will be sent out in the church paper the following week.

Class	Paper Deadline
Aldersgate	October 28
Animus	November 11
Fellowship	November 25
New Beginnings	December 9
Open Door	January 6
Shepherd	January 20
Sine Nomine	February 3
New Class	February 17

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Mary Ruth Thurmond or David Cameron. Use this opportunity to highlight your class and invite others to join you!



**All work
and
no play?**





Halloween Costume Photo Shoot

Monday, October 31st

5:30-8:30p.m.

Mark McCall Photography

604 Broadway

No appointment needed

For a donation of 3 cans of food or \$5, photographer will photograph each child in costume in digital format on fall background, siblings welcome! Images will be downloadable from website the next day for you to e-mail, put on Facebook, or print.

For more info. call
783-3003
www.markmccallphotography.com

Proceeds to benefit
Lubbock Meals on Wheels



Soul Sisters

Saturday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.: Small group in Room 212. Monya Castle leads the discussion on "Self-Control." Nursery available.

Thursday, November 10: Donna Chandler speaks about feeding the poor and giving hope at the South Plains Food Bank. The Food Bank is providing supper! Please RSVP to church office. Evening time TBA.

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

UMW October Events



The Dora Harris Circle meets Wednesday, October 26, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 122. Donna Echols will be presenting the program on "Reconciliation."

The 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!



United Methodist Men's Breakfast Thursday, November 3, 7:30 a.m.

The St. John's chapter of the United Methodist Men is celebrating its 30th anniversary this month. Join them now as they commemorate this milestone. Please RSVP to Dwight (dwightfinckbone@netscape.net) or the church office (762-0123) by 3:30 p.m., Monday, October 31.



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



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

3 Divisions

Competitive	Fun	Team
Eat 12 Krispy Kreme Donuts Individual Challenge	Eat as many as you want Individual Challenge	Split the dozen between Team Team Sizes: 3, 4, 5, 6 Save \$5/runner \$20/runner
● race begins at 10am		
● walk or run		
● individual or team		
● t-shirts for participants		

\$100's in Prizes!
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and much more

Register Online
www.wesleyfoundation.com



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Congratulations, John DuBard! TTU's College of Human Sciences presented him with a Distinguished Alumni award at a luncheon on October 13, at the Lubbock Country Club. He received a Bachelor of Industrial Design in Interior Design in 1997 and is a registered interior designer at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

New on the prayer list: Jim Sorley, Matt Matthews, Bentley Rhea, Martha Kent, Dwayne Millman, Dorris Tilson, Jay Sedberry, and the family and friends of Dorothy May Shafer. Dorothy was the grandmother of Brad Hunt. She died Tuesday, October 4, 2011, in Lubbock.

From Larry Howard: Cole Turner is a 3-year-old with leukemia. His father, Jody, is looking for childcare as both he and his wife work. They would prefer someone who has kept a child with leukemia in the past. The doctors are saying Cole shouldn't go into daycare as his immune system is weaker. Jody's work number is 743-5791.

A note from Matt Bell: Hello from Abilene! I hope the school year has brought exciting new changes and dreams. I pray and hope for the ministry of St. John's in Lubbock daily. You are all in my thoughts! School at McMurry is fantastic. I'm experiencing the familiar feeling of the tension between academic study, work, and a social life all at once. McMurry homecoming was this weekend. Ala Cumba to all Alumni! The tipi that I was in charge of putting up was blown down by Texas wind breaking a few poles and ripping our canvas. This happened to a couple other clubs as well. On the bright side, that made the tear-down process much easier. Homecoming was strange due to windy condition preventing a bonfire and rainy conditions postponing our football game for four hours. Still a great weekend though. Classes are going good. My favorite is the course 'Christian Ethics.' We just read the book "Christ and Culture" and we are now reflecting on it weekly in our chapel series. Midterms are coming up soon. Yay, critical essays! Please keep me in your prayers. I am blessed and thankful to remember this summer I spent with the St. John's family. Thank you! Matt Bell P.S. I got a haircut!

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!

This Sunday, October 23: 5:30 p.m., Snack supper will be provided by the Rubio family in the Garden Room. **6:00 p.m.,** Youth deliver Trunk or Treat fliers to neighborhood around the church, as well as make other preparations for Trunk or Treat next Sunday afternoon. Encourage your parents to bring their car so you can decorate it and hand out candy to those Trick or Treating from the church and neighborhood. **7:00 p.m.,** Parents pick up youth.

Saturday, October 29: 3:00 p.m., TTU football game parking lot fundraiser. Please go online to <http://stjohnslubbock.org/ttu-game-day-parking.aspx>. We could use a couple more parents, and a couple more youth to stay and help take down chains, flags and signs.

Sunday, October 30: 5:30 p.m., Trunk or Treat!

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 23, 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
 5:30 p.m. UMY

Monday, October 24, 2011

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

Tuesday, October 25, 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. Tuesday Food Vouchers
 5:30 p.m. Legal Clinic

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

9:30 a.m. UMW Dora Harris Circle
 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
 6:15 p.m. Theology Group
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 27, 2011

9:30 a.m. Quilters
 5:30 p.m. Literacy Lubbock
 6:00 p.m. Finance meeting
 6:30 p.m. UMW Dorothy Manning Circle
 Olive Garden, 5702 Slide Rd.

Saturday, October 29, 2011

TTU Football Game Parking Lot Fundraiser

Sunday, October 30, 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
 5:30 p.m. UMY: Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 31, 2011

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

Tuesday, November 1, 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. Legal Clinic

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 3, 2011

7:30 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast
 9:30 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Merry Mailers
 5:30 p.m. Literacy Lubbock



Trunk or Treat!!!

will be Sunday, October 30, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in St. John's south parking lot. Decorate the trunk of your car, bring your Halloween Candy, and join the fun as children from the church and neighborhood go from trunk to trunk Trick or Treating. There are bins outside the sanctuary and the office for donating candy!

*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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