

# ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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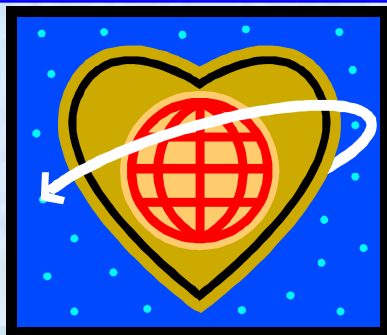
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# Consecration Sunday and Celebration Luncheon





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

**PASTOR'S NOTE**



Thanksgiving is around the corner. I am trying to think of something new and original to say about giving thanks. Everything that comes to mind has already been said. So let me simply remind you of a list that we already know.

**\*\*In the long run, all that we have belongs to God. No matter how much wealth we accumulate....no matter how much good fortune comes our way....no matter how large our house is or how many "things" we own....at some point in history we will be gone and it will no longer be "ours." Our very life and all that is around us is a gift from God.**

**\*\*Don't forget to be thankful for the small things. As we walk through life may we look around us and notice the wonderful world in which we live. Some of the things we take for granted may not be available to everyone else. Use all of your senses to take in what God has offered to you.**

**\*\*Be especially thankful for loving relationships. Without relationships that matter, all else seems palely unimportant.**

**\*\*Thanksgiving is not just a day but is a lifestyle. Choose to live thankfully. It will make us be less possessive and more giving.**

**\*\*Remember that even faith is a gift. Let us not get too uppity with our belief and true holiness. "Grace" is a word that reminds us that even our dedication to God and living right is a gift for which to be thankful.**

**\*\*When you eat your Thanksgiving dinner, remember to offer thanks. One of the young children of one of my churches when asked what he wanted to eat answered, "Can we have some of that "daily" bread?" He had somehow intertwined "Give us this day our daily bread." with the bread at communion which he thought was called "daily" bread. His story reminds us that all bread is holy, a daily gift of the reminder of the goodness of God. On Thanksgiving Day may our prayer be, "Thank you, God, for our daily bread."**

Grace and Peace

Archie

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

**November 20: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46**

**November 27: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37**

From the Editor: Thank you to Dave Lanehart, Cindy Martin, Archie Echols, Tess Jackson, Mary Vines, David Cameron, Robby Vestal, Nancy Clopton, Sally Abbe, Pat Cantrell, Donna Echols, Dwight Finckbone, Darrell Vines, Ginny Riggs, and VelvetLee Finckbone for services rendered. Thanks to Larry Howard for the photograph on last Sunday's bulletin. To Leilani Fillhard and the Merry Mailers: ¡Muchas gracias, amigos!

**Next newsletter deadline: November 25.**

Later! mrt

# Looking Ahead



## UMW Bake Sale

Sunday, November 20

All proceeds go to

Missions for Women, Children, and Youth!

## Interfaith Dialogue

Tuesday, November 22, 12:00 p.m., Room 122

The topic will be "Religious Perspectives on U.S. Immigration." Diocese of Lubbock Bishop Placido Rodriguez will share the Roman Catholic position on immigration in the first part of the hour, and for the remainder of the hour participants of other religious perspectives will be invited to share their faith groups' positions. There is no cost for attending and all are welcome. For additional information, call Mary Vines at 281-6482.

## United Methodist Men Breakfast

Thursday, December 1, 7:30 a.m., Room 122

## SORCA Neighborhood Association

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, December 2, 6:00 p.m., Garden Room

## Charge Conference

Monday, December 5, 6:00 p.m., Garden Room



## Happy December 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!)**

Dec 1	Madison Teaff	Dec 20	Judy Henderson
Dec 3	Samuel Hunt	Dec 21	Dylan Boyd
	Ron Williams		Austin Bramlett
Dec 10	Sandy Goodloe	Dec 22	Dennis Howard
Dec 11	Scott McMillan		Andrew Ladd
Dec 12	Jennifer Shirey		Evan Langston
Dec 13	MacKenzie Nuckolls		Frances Marshall
	Nick Reid	Dec 24	Jake Goodwin
Dec 15	Emma Goodloe	Dec 26	Leann Lamb-Vines
Dec 16	Jana Bellah	Dec 28	Jay Sedberry
	Linda Hutson	Dec 29	Annie Mason
Dec 17	Brian Shannon	Dec 30	Kathryn Kendall
Dec 18	Mary Saathoff		Macey Kennon
Dec 19	Christi Baker	Dec 31	Matthew Chandler
	Dorey Schmidt		



**Christmas: the Good, the Bad, & the Ugly:**  
**an Advent study for adults**  
**by Richard B. Wilke**

**Four Sundays of Advent**  
**November 27-December 18**  
**9:15-10:15 a.m.**  
**Room 215**  
**Facilitated by David Cameron**



## “What Are We Waiting For?”

Advent devotional booklets will be available to be picked up starting Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Garden Room. Due to limited booklets available, we ask that you take one per family.

A description of the booklet is as follows, “Advent gives a special meaning to all that we are waiting for: presents under a tree, Christmas cookies on a plate, festive gatherings of family and friends—and, of course, the celebration of the birth of Jesus. And we Christians are waiting for the return of Christ when God’s kingdom will be fully revealed. This booklet of reflection and prayer reminds us that the Lord is revealed to us every day, in the love we have for one another, on our hearts at prayer and in the words of Scripture.”



**Poinsettia Sale**

Not only is advent a special time in our Church year, but it is also a beautiful time in our sanctuary. Adding to the beauty of the advent season are the poinsettias that we have in the sanctuary each year.

Order forms to purchase poinsettias will be placed in the church bulletin starting November 27. You can help with the beauty of our sanctuary this advent season in one of 3 ways: purchase a poinsettia for \$10 in honor of someone, purchase a poinsettia for \$10 in memory of someone, or donate to the poinsettia fund in any amount.



**Speaking of Christmas, there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25, and only the 10:30 a.m. worship service. On New Year's Day 2012, we will have an all-church breakfast at 9:15 a.m., in the Garden Room (instead of Sunday School)!**

**Please vote for HOPE Community of Shalom**

Help HOPE Community of Shalom to win \$10,000 in the Community Rewards program of City Bank. It could help repair our compressor so that we will have air conditioning in the education wing next summer or it could help us repair the stained glass windows in our sanctuary. The rules have changed this year, giving us a much better chance to win.

Through Friday, December 16, please go to [www.citybankonline.com](http://www.citybankonline.com) and choose HOPE Community of Shalom. You can vote once a day from each computer you use, whether at home or at work. It may also be possible to vote from a cell phone if it can access the web. Votes may come from anywhere, even outside the U.S., so please ask everyone you know to help! It's not much effort and it could make such a big difference.

If you would like daily reminders, e-mail your request to [hopeshalomlubbock@gmail.com](mailto:hopeshalomlubbock@gmail.com) and I will send you daily reminders.

Thanks for your help! Nancy Clopton  
Executive Director, HOPE Community of Shalom

**Robert Abbe's Eagle Scout Project**

**BEFORE**



On Saturday, October 30, **Robert Abbe** and Scouts from Troop 406 gathered to construct a concrete block pad for the barbeque grills, build a barbeque cart, make other repairs, and paint the picnic tables. The project is one of the requirements for the Eagle rank of Boy Scouts. Troop 406 is chartered by St. John's and meets at the church every Monday night. Troop 406 and St. John's member, Zach Goodwin, and troop adults Don Abbe and Jim Crites also helped with the project.

At the same time, Roy Goodloe and Jeff Kennedy made much needed repairs to the play structure. Visit the back yard to see all their handiwork.

**AFTER**



## The Singing Fellowship Class!

Seated left to right: Laura Arnold, Tooley Wilkinson, Rita Pettigrew, Mildred Wylie, facilitator, Cathy Morton. Second row: Delaine Crawford, Catherine Crawford, Margie Robertson, Charlotte Ayers, Beth Gibson, D'Aun Tavenner, Pat Cantrell. Back row: Don McClendon, Jim Arnold, Donald Martin, Peggy Martin, Herb Tavenner, Bill Cantrell.



Our unique Senior Class began as a merger of the Carlton Class (named for Bishop Carlton), whose members in the mid 1950's were young with growing families. Meeting place then was "the parlor" whose name today is "conference room". We're the class with pianist Melba Rickman and substitutes David Cameron and Archie Echols and we all love to sing the hymns which emphasize the International Series Adult Bible studies. Words of hymns are inspirational and meaningful from the Cokesbury hymnal. Our song leader is David Robertson.

Our fun activities are trips to Canyon's *Texas* and Floydada's pumpkin festival, as well as dinners some three times yearly. We have loving, different teachers for four yearly sessions; these are Cathy Morton, David Cameron, David Robertson, Herb Tavenner, Donald Martin or Harvey Morton.

The class offerings are donated to Tuesday's Benevolence program, Meals on Wheels, and South Plains Food Bank, monthly. If you are looking for a caring and loving class then come to Room 111, the southwest corner room, on the first floor and we'll welcome you with "open arms".

## 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. The picture and article will be sent out in the church paper the following week. 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!

Class	Paper Deadline
Animus	November 25
New Beginnings	December 9
Open Door	January 6
Shepherd	January 20
Sine Nomine	February 3
Koinonia	February 17

# Happy Thanksgiving!



Please help our church kitchen by collecting  
**Grundig Bonus Stickers**  
 from United Supermarkets  
 now through March 6, 2012.

With enough bonus stickers, we can get  
 Grundig small kitchen appliances for free.



Bonus stickers can be placed in the manila envelope on the volunteer desk in the office.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## UMW December Events



**United Methodist Women's Christmas Luncheon** will be Wednesday, December 7, 11:30 a.m., at the home of Donna Echols, 5723 78th St. Please RSVP to Nell Matthews, 745-6017, or Tooley Wilkinson, 799-1755 by Monday, December 5.



### Soul Sisters

**Brunch/Ornament Exchange** on Saturday, December 3, at 9:30 a.m., in the Garden Room. Please bring an ornament to exchange (under \$10) and also bring an ornament to tell about: antique, unusual, sentimental, decoration detail, etc. If you can, please bring hygiene items for the Food Voucher program clients. Nursery available. Please RSVP to the church office (762-0123).

## United Methodist Men celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and present the 25<sup>th</sup> C.C. Perryman Award

This past Sunday St. John's United Methodist Men celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their national charter by recognizing some of their original members. In attendance were Delaine Crawford, Stan Sedgwick, Ron Chandler, David Langston (charter president), and Charles Hastings. We are sorry to report that some of our original members are too ill or have moved away and were unable to attend, and that many of our original members are deceased, including C.C. Perryman (for whom our award for service to St. John's is named).

The first "men-of-church" dinner was held in November 1945. The Men's Fellowship was organized in 1949. The Men's Fellowship became known as the Methodist Men, and over the next 30 years they sponsored several events. There were years when they met between 9 to 12 times per year, and there were years where they did not meet at all. In November 1981, they were chartered by the General Commission on United Methodist Men with 48 members (please see our charter outside the church office).

In 1986, the United Methodist Men presented the first annual C.C. Perryman Award for service to the church. Mr. Perryman was a teacher at Lubbock High School, and then at Texas Tech University. He taught members of St. John's how to be dedicated committee members and chairs, responsible evangelists, and leaders in our community. He believed in and encouraged good cooking, good programs, lively discussions, and good fellowship. The United Methodist Men honor church members who have displayed lifelong service to the church reflecting those characteristics taught by Mr. Perryman. The names of honorees are on the plaque outside the south sanctuary doors. **The C.C. Perryman Award for 2010 goes to Donna Lindley**, who has been at St. John's all her life. Until recently she served as our church administrative assistant, and now she is the pastor at Kress UMC.

Front row, left to right: Delaine Crawford, Charles Hastings, Donna Lindley, Stan Sedgwick, and David Langston. Back row, left to right: Dwight Finckbone, Ron Chandler, and Darrell Vines



# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

**New on the prayer list: Marjorie Mallisee, Christina Madrid, Mozelle Vestal, and the family and friends of Joyce Bromm and Joshua Seale. Joyce Bromm** died Saturday, November 12, in Anson, Texas. The service will be Saturday, November 19, 11:00 a.m., at Anson United Methodist Church where she was the pastor. **Joshua Seale** died Tuesday, November 2, after a traffic accident.

**Donna Chandler** was awarded the Spirit of Philanthropy Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) of Lubbock on November 10. AFP selected the South Plains Food Bank as their charity to honor, and the Food Bank chose Donna as their volunteer to receive this award. Congratulations, Donna!

**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.

**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.

**Thanks to you, St. John's, the Prayer Shawl Ministry made \$796 for the Food Voucher program!** That's 135 vouchers!!! We still have mini-stockings if you need any and the extra scarves and caps will go on the Tree of Warmth. Don't forget the Prayer Shawl Auction (see dark shawl on yellow easel)! Bids will be accepted until Sunday, December 4. "God bless us, everyone!"



## Church Calendar

- Sunday, November 20, 2011**
- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. UMW Bake Sale
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. University meal
- 5:20 p.m. United Methodist Youth
- Monday, November 21, 2011**
- 5:30 p.m. Literacy Lubbock
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts
- 8:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA
- Tuesday, November 22, 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
- Wednesday, November 23, 2011**
- NO Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Thursday-Friday, November 24-25, 2011**
- OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**
- Sunday, November 27, 2011**
- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry sale
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- NO University meal
- NO UMY
- Monday, November 28, 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, November 29, 2011**
- 8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. Sanctuary time for FV clients
- 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Food Vouchers
- Wednesday, November 30, 2011**
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chrismon Workshop
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir meets early
- Thursday, December 1, 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
- Friday, December 2, 2011**
- 6:00 p.m. SORCA Neighborhood Association's spaghetti fundraiser
- Saturday, December 3, 2011**
- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters' Christmas Brunch and Ornament Exchange



## Coming up at Youth!

**This Sunday, November 20:** 5:30 p.m., Snack supper will be provided by the McCarty family in Room 212; 6:00 p.m., UMY Huddle Time facilitated by Cecilee Echols; 7:00 p.m., Parents pick up youth.

**No UMY on Sunday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend)!**

# UMW Bake Sale!

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November 20  
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*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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