

The Open Door

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October 2009

Amen & Amen

Amen to the members of the contemporary praise band who received a District Discipleship Award.

Amen to Joe Garbutt, David Patterson and the United Methodist Men for the aluminum can collection. (Aluminum can deposit site is next to the trash cans.)

Charge Conference: October 5

Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary on Monday, October 5 for our congregation's annual business meeting. At this gathering our District Superintendent, Rev. Barbara Ruth, will lead us in a time of worship and then preside over the meeting. During this time, we will confirm the church leadership, set the church budget, etc. for 2010.

We hope you will join us as we look ahead to 2010.



Classes starting in
January 2010:

Financial Peace **University**

During this class, you will learn how to get control of your money.

Beginnings

An introduction to Christian faith.

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

The people of
The United Methodist Church

Transformation Gala: October 24

Throughout the past three years, the Corpus Christi District of the United Methodist Church has been in the midst of *Church Transformation* as Don Nations has coached us to look at who we are and where we need to go.

On Saturday, October 24, 2009 we will *Celebrate* the journey and look towards the future at the *Transformation Gala* at St. John's UMC. The event will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. as we experience our final time with

Don Nations, have a wonderful meal together, and celebrate the work of our churches. This day is open to all the churches of the district whether they have been in the transformation process or not and there will be no cost.

We plan to bring a group and join in this exciting day of celebration. If you are interested in attending and would like to share rides, please contact the church office by October 12 so we can convey an accurate head count.

In Our Prayers

Alvarado family
Michelle Anderson
Travis Atkinson
Mae Bane
Joy Banks
Ken Bartell
Sister Natalie Binversie
Emma Blassingame
Mary Bradfield
Socorro Brand
Matt Bridges
Pastor Chris Brock
Carla Buster
Robert Carmichael
Sister Chiara
Joey Cobb
Leroy Collins
Jimmy Cussar
Jim Dering
Katlyn Deyo
Bonnie Durbin
Linda Emmett
Manual Espinoza
Floyd Fahrenthold
Millie Farr

Patti Frank
Charles Gambill
Anita Garza
Gayle Goble
Hugo Gopffarth
Jim Gopffarth
Becky Harrell
John Harrell
Jack Hart
Pete Herrmann
Justin Hodge
Travis Hodge
Betty Holden
Dave Humpfries
Jim & family
Michael Kirby
Jon Kraatz
Leslie Lahmeyer
Joann Lokey
Dennis Mascuro

Pat Mattes
Jeffrey Merrick
Ray Merrick
Toma Moreno
Leo Oliver
Carla Poenisch
Matthew Rodriguez
Harvey Rokohl
Rachell Scott
Dianne Sebastian
Shedd family
Fay Smith
Jacob Smith
Lynette Sullivan
Maggie Torres
Linda Trefflich
Bryan Veteto
Alphe' Vice
Lori Vice
Robin Watterson
Herb Wiginton
Delores Wilcox
Austin Williams
Louise Yazbrough
Helen Young

Lectionary Readings

October 4:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 11:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-5
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31



October 18:

Job 38:1-7
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 25:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

The scripture readings in worship will likely be chosen from this list. We encourage you to use these passages in your devotional time.

Prayer List Notification

It's great that we're known as a church of prayer and are witnesses to the power of prayer. But as you may have noticed, our prayer list has grown to such a size that is almost unmanageable.

Because of this, our prayer request cards have been modified to reflect an 8 week maximum, with the option to resubmit names. This change will begin in October and will be reflected in the November newsletter.

We appreciate your understanding of this needed change.

Sunday School

9:40-10:30 a.m.







3 yrs-1st:	Room 1B
2nd-6th grades:	Room 1A
7th-8th grades:	Room 2
9th-12th grades:	Room 10A
Misfits:	Room 4
Good News Crew:	Room 6
Nursery (under 3):	Room 3

Please join us beforehand
in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-9:40 a.m.
for coffee, juice and visiting.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Worship service
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship/ Coffee
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship service

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				1  <i>Quilter's Group</i>	2	3
4 	5 Cub Scouts D.B.S John 7:00 p.m. <i>Annual Charge Conference</i>	6 	7 <i>Mother's Day Out</i> <i>Choir Rehearsals</i>	8	9	10
11	12 Cub Scouts Conv. Spanish Your Whole Life D.B.S John	13	14 <i>Mother's Day Out</i> <i>Choir Rehearsals</i>	15  <i>Quilter's Group</i>	16	17  6:00 p.m. <i>Dinner Group</i>
18	19 Cub Scouts Conv. Spanish Your Whole Life D.B.S John	20 <i>UMW</i> <i>Susannah Circle</i> <i>UMW Response Circle</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Finance Comm.</i>	21 <i>Mother's Day Out</i> <i>Choir Rehearsals</i>	22	23	24
25	26 Cub Scouts Conv. Spanish Your Whole D.B.S John Preparations for Salvation Army	27 <i>UMW</i> <i>Lexington Rehab & Nursing Home Ministry</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Salvation Army Mobile Canteen</i>	28 <i>Mother's Day Out</i> <i>Choir Rehearsals</i>	29 <i>Keenagers</i>	30	31  <i>November 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>

Weekly Options

- **SUNDAY** 7:30 a.m. **United Methodist Men**, 1st Sunday of the month; Fellowship Hall
- **MONDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Disciple Bible Study Invitation to John**, every Monday; Room 10 B
 6:00 p.m. **Cub Scouts**, every Monday; Room 1B, 6, & Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. **Conversational Spanish**, every Monday; Room 4
 7:00 p.m. **"Your Whole Life"**, every Monday; Room 10 A
 7:00 p.m. **Disciple Bible Study Invitation to John**, every Monday; Room 10 B
- **TUESDAY** 10:00 a.m. **United Methodist Women**, 1st Tuesday of the month; Fellowship Hall
 10:00 a.m. **United Methodist Women Susannah Circle**, 3rd Tuesday of the month; Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. **United Methodist Women Response Circle**, 3rd Tuesday of the month; place to be announced
- **WEDNESDAY** 6:30 p.m. **SonRise Singers**, every Wednesday; Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. **Christmas Cantata Choir**, every Wednesday; Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. **Praise Choir**, every Wednesday; Sanctuary,
- **THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Quilter's Group**, every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month; Fellowship Hall
 11:30 a.m. **Keenagers**, last Thursday of the month; Fellowship Hall
- **SATURDAY** 6:00 p.m. **Dinner Group**, 3rd Saturday of the month; Fellowship Hall

**Deadline
for Nov.
Newsletter:
Oct. 15**

SMALL CHURCH BLESSES COMMUNITY

(from the September 11, 2009 edition of The United Methodist Reporter)

Staff Reports, Sept 4, 2009

Staff Reporters

AUSTELL, Ga.—How can a small, declining church be faithful to the task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Like many other smaller churches, 170-member Austell First United Methodist Church struggled with several limitations. The congregation's membership no longer matches the demographics of its surrounding community. The church lacks Sunday morning children's and youth ministries, and struggles just to hold its tiny, five-member choir together.

"When I arrived a year ago, I realized pretty quickly that the attractional model just wasn't working here," said the Rev. Brett DeHart, the church's pastor. "We don't have all the bells and whistles of large church worship. We don't have the programs that parents want for their children. We don't have the resources that would give us any hope that we could become a successful attractional church."

Mr. DeHart added that leaders of the Austell FUMC were eager to attract new people, but had few resources and little to show for years of effort trying to boost membership.

Church members concluded it was time to try another approach.

"We decided that if people won't come to us, we'll go to them," said Mr. DeHart.

The church crafted a new vision, dubbed "Bless Austell," focused on blessing and serving the community. As part of that vision, church members articulated core values: "God goes before us," "Deliver radical love that amazes the world it touches," "No strings attached," "Leave the results to God" and "Make people wonder why we are doing this."

New ongoing programs for the community were created, including free midweek aerobics classes, a free community dinner (Grace Cafe) every Thursday night and a tuition-free, week-day preschool (Feed My Lambs) for lower-income families.

The church is also reaching out to engage area schools. At nearby Austell Primary School, church members host teacher-appreciation lunches twice a year, volunteer at the school's annual Spring Fling, and recently purchased and laid 60 bales of pine straw at the school.

In addition, Austell First supports the community food pantry and clothes closet, delivers birthday baskets of goodies to residents at an assisted-living home and provides volunteers at community events.

While Austell First members are focusing outward, they've also seen some changes take place inside the church along the way. In the first six months of 2009 (compared to the first six months of 2008), worship attendance increased 13 percent and giving was up 27 percent.

Effective Teaching for Transformation

October 2-3 & 9-10, 2009
Featuring Dr. Diana Hynson

Dr. Diana Hynson is the Director of Learning and Teaching Ministries at the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville. Over the past 30 years, Diana has been teaching, leading workshops, creating or editing curriculum resources for the United Methodist Church.



Modules 1, 2 & 3 will be presented Oct. 2-3 and modules 3, 4 & 5 will be presented Oct. 9-10.

Register today for this special training session for teachers/leaders of adults and children. For more information, you may contact Judith@satx.rr.com

Choir Cantata



On a "Silent Night, Holy Night," Jesus was born in "A Little Town of Bethlehem." He was laid "Away in a Manger." In the fields "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," the angels sang "Joy to the World". The shepherds said to each other "O Come All Ye Faithful" and go to Bethlehem to "Worship the King" on this most "O Holy Night".

Come join us on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall for our Christmas Cantata rehearsals.

It's free and FUN!!



A lay speaker is an adult or youth who is an active, supportive member of a United Methodist Church; eager to serve through the church; well informed on the scripture, and the doctrine, heritage, organization and life of the UMC; and committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication.

Contact the office for information. Cost is \$50.

October 16-17, 2009

First UMC, Portland

Blessings by the Box

Angel Food Ministries is a non-denominational, non-profit organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 35 states.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60.

This ministry provides a way to stretch your food budget!

For more information contact the church office (776-2820).

Mother's Day Out

Our Mother's Day Out program, offered at Ingleside UMC every Wednesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for 2-5 year olds, is off to a great start. You can help in this ministry by signing up to prepare a lunch, assisting in the classroom occasionally or by registering a child.

For more information, contact Carol Longbothem (758-1234).



Notes from a Wesley Nurse

(The following is an article from an area Wesley Nurse who has offices at Taft and Sinton UMCs.)

How thankful we are that God provides us with a faithful shepherd to feed us and walk our faith journey with us. (John 21:15-17)

What should we know about the health of our clergy?

Today the health of clergy is a concern for congregations, denominations, and clergy and their families. Church workers tend to be caregivers to everyone with little time and energy left for themselves and their families. Over time, their physical, emotional and/or spiritual health may suffer. Research has shown that primary stressors in clergy families are: (1) insufficient time together, (2) financial concerns, and (3) communication issues. It is in light of these concerns, and Christian ethics and love, that we are privileged to be able to support and encourage our clergy, their families, and their ministry.

What can we do to support the health of our clergy?

Here are just a few suggestions for how you can be a "health promoter" and help care for our congregations' caregivers:

- Communicate with them! Contact them if you want to visit. They may not know your

concerns unless you tell them. Also ask them how things are going for them.

- Know that as much as they would like to, they can't be everywhere and be everything to everyone.
- Actively pray for them and their families (let them know you are their prayer partner).
- Let them know how much they mean to you and your appreciation for their ministry.
- Encourage and respect their days off and family time.
- Be perceptive of issues their family faces, and show concern as you might to other Christian families.
- Give them an evening/ over-night get away with their spouse and/or family.
- Encourage them to take an active role in personal and family health and well-being and have an annual physical exam.

This is just the beginning! I am sure you also have lots of great ideas! If you do, please share them with me. What an awesome way to share the love of Christ, by caring for those called to care for us. I pray God will richly bless us as we walk this journey of holistic health together. I look forward to hearing from you.

In the healing Christ,

Shirley R. Jefferson, RN
Your Wesley Nurse

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard



Your donations to our food pantry, as always, have been a great help.

It seems that nearly as quickly as the food comes in, it is bagged and goes right back out. Later in the Fall the Boy Scouts usually have a food drive that helps stock our pantry, but until then, we continue to rely on your assistance. Especially helpful are hearty soups, one pan dinners, spaghetti noodles & sauce, peanut butter, canned meat & fish, canned fruit & canned veggies (carrots, peas, whole corn & beans). Donations may be brought to the foyer on communion Sundays or to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

We welcome...

Millie Hurley has rejoined our congregation by certificate of transfer. Millie was a long time resident of Ingleside and member of our church who relocated in San Antonio to be closer to family.

Keep in Touch

Ashley & Kris Harris would love to hear from friends in Ingleside as they settle into their new home:

krisandashleyharris@yahoo.com

A Day at the Sea *spiritual retreat*

seeking wholeness,
harmony and well-being

“Finding God in the
Stories of our Lives”

November 20-21
Mustang Island
Conference Center

Port Aransas, Texas



A Day at the Sea offers

- time to recognize the importance of stories as a medium for God’s direction and influence
- time to find wholeness, harmony, and well-being
- time to regain personal focus through stories, time apart, and individual reflection
- time to experience the presence of God within ourselves as we listen, embrace, and hold sacred the stories of our lives.

Contact the church office for more information (776-2820).

You are
Invited to come
help celebrate the
90th birthday of
Millie Hurley
Sunday, November 1
at the Ingleside UMC
fellowship hall
from 1:30-3:30 p.m.



United Methodist Women

RUMMAGE



Saturday, Nov. 7

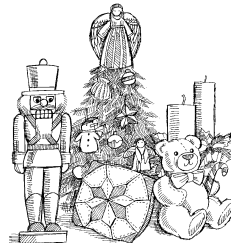
It is time to start looking through your stash in your closets and pulling out items that you don’t want any more but that are still in good condition. Remember that we love to get furniture, household items, home décor items, gently used clothing and books. If you loved it at one time, chances are that someone else will love it also. We do have a storage facility for large items if necessary. You will have to arrange to meet us at the storage facility and help us unload it. If you just cannot do it yourself, we can find someone to help.

Craft Festival

Bethel Baptist Church
Saturday, October 3
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Get your
Christmas
shopping
done early!

Admission
is free!



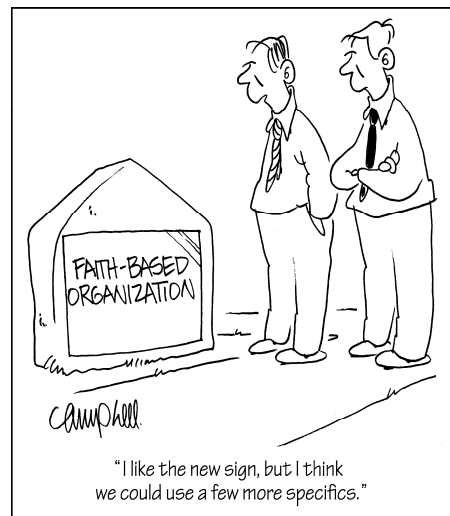
UM Women’s Cookbooks

We have a new batch of the Ingleside UMC Centennial Cookbook. It’s time to start thinking about Christmas & these make great gifts. If you have not had an opportunity to look at one of these books, you may stop by the office, and Sandy will show you one. The books cost \$20.00 and all funds go into the UMW missions’ fund.

Thanksgiving Feast

The Ingleside UMC will be having the 3rd annual FREE Thanksgiving Community dinner on Thursday, November 26, 2009 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tell your friends, your neighbours, everyone you see. Come and dine with us in thanksgiving for our many gifts! All the “fixings” will be offered with great joy! Get ready! Be hungry!

—submitted by Bonnie Hodge



From the Side Office

On October 5th, 2009 we will meet with our District Superintendant Barbara Ruth and conduct our 2009 Charge Conference. During this conference we will discuss the mechanics of running the church and setting the goals and budget for the 2010 calendar year. But more importantly we will speak to the life of what it means to be the church in the community and the world. We will speak to reaching out in Christian love and providing acts and words of hope and encouragement, when many are proclaiming "there is no hope".

I am so proud of this church, that in a time of everyone saying how bad it is and what difficult times we are in, you are proclaiming that we as the body of Christ in the community need to do more. You have voiced a need that the youth of the community need a spiritual home and have supported bringing on a youth minister to reach out and support the them. You have seen the need for reaching out and helping those that have lost jobs and in need of support, and have stepped up in ministries to support them, spiritually, physically and financially. While moving forward you have made the commitment that in your love of Christ that missions and ministry is where your heart is. While the missional heart of the church has never been doubted, we approached it in different ways. In 2006 our budget was \$150.00 for missions. The 2010 budget for missions is \$5,000, with another \$3,600 committed to the Missionary Covenant Relationship. These totals do not reflect the additional outreach ministries and support that is given by different groups of the church, like UMW and UMM or through benevolence. In these actions you are saying we are committed to taking the message of God's love out to the world! Thank you for reaching out with a message of love and hope for a hurting world.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Lee

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