

The Open Door

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May 2009

Amen & Amen

Amen to the members of Curves for the groceries they donated to our food pantry and for other ways they have supported our ministries.

Mark your calendars:

Vacation Bible School
June 15-19

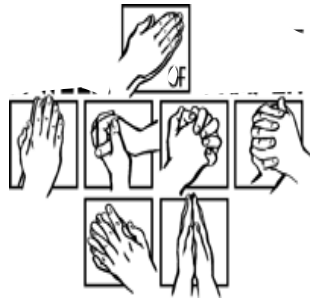
May 31
is

Pentecost Sunday
(wear red) &
Graduation Sunday

We will honor our graduates in worship and with a potluck lunch.

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

The people of
The United Methodist Church



Is Ingleside United Methodist Church a House of Prayer?

Is Ingleside United Methodist Church a house of prayer? Are you praying? When we become members of any United Methodist Church we are asked if we will faithfully participate in its ministries by *our prayers*, our presence, our gifts and our service. Notice the first one is prayer.

The one time Jesus grew angry was in the temple with money changers, and Jesus said to them, *"Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? ..."* (Mark 11:17)

Prayer is very important in a Christian's life. It allows us to talk with God about a variety of things. When we talk to anyone it allows others to get to know us, and if we take the time to listen to them we get to know them. It is the same with God. The more we spend time with God praying and listening (being silent and listening for that *still small voice* (1Kings 19:12)), the more we become open to God and doing His will.

Jesus said, *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."* (John 15:7) Verse 8 goes on to say, *"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."*

During these trying times, many losing their jobs, money not going as far as we want it to, the stock market going down, fighting and unrest in many parts of the world, many of us become anxious and worry. Philippians 4:6-7 says: *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

Prayer can give us a way to talk about the problems, and God can show us the way where we thought there was no way. Jesus said to His disciples, *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. "Life is more than food, and*

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Michelle Anderson
 Travis Atkinson
 Mae Bane
 Reta Bradfield
 Matt Bridges
 Britney
 Carla Buster
 Joey Cobb
 Leroy Collins
 Madeline Cox
 Patsy Daughtry
 Wesley Dobbs
 Bonnie Durbin
 Linda Emmett
 family of Shane
 Epperson
 Floyd Fahrenthold
 Pam Fahrenthold
 Clay Fite
 Gayle Goble
 Hugo Gopffarth

In Our Prayers

Becky Harrell
 John Harrell
 Jack Hart
 Pete Herrmann
 Justin Hodge
 Travis Hodge
 Mark Hosea
 Nicole Jaunal
 Martha Ann Kearns
 Jon Kraatz
 Leslie Lahmeyer
 Sean Lahmeyer
 Leslie Levee
 Joann Lokey
 Denis Mascuro
 James Mattes
 Pat Mattes
 Charlie Orr

Tina Owen
 Caitlyn Pace
 Vicki Phillips
 Harvey Rokohl
 Brian Sanders
 Norma Scott
 Diane Sebek
 Ann Seymour
 Gloria Seymour
 Fay Smith
 Daniel & Michelle
 Summers
 Linda Trefflich
 Duane Vogt
 Montana White
 Herb Wiginton
 Dolores Wilcox
 family of Ruby
 Wilcox
 Robert Woodard
 Audrey Wyatt

Lectionary Readings

May 3:

Acts 4:5-12
 Psalm 23
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18

May 10:

Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 22:25-31
 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8



May 17:

Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

May 24:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-13
 John 17:6-19

May 31:

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

United Methodist Men's
 1st Sunday of the month lunch

sausage & chicken

BBQ

May 3

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday School

9:40-10:30 a.m.

3 yrs-kindergarten: Room 1B

1st-5th grades: Room 1A

6th-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.

Mobile Canteen

The next Salvation Army
 Surviving the Night date is
 Thursday, May 28.

If you would like to help
 with this ministry or would
 like more information on it,
 contact Bonnie (776-3994).

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

MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 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	2
3 UMM Breakfast 11:00 a.m. UMM Fund Raising Lunch	4 Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. IV Conv. Spanish	5 UMW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trustees' Comm.	6 Choir Rehearsals	7  Quilter's Group Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. I	8	9
10	11 Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. IV Conv. Spanish	12	13 Choir Rehearsals	14 Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. I	15	16  Dinner Group
17	18 Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. IV Conv. Spanish	19 7:00 p.m. Finance Comm. UMW Susannah Circle UMW Response Circle	20 Choir Rehearsals	21  Quilter's Group Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. I	22	23
24  Graduation Sunday Potluck Lunch 31	25 Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. IV Conv. Spanish	26 UMW Ministry Lexington Place Nursing & Rehab	27 Choir Rehearsals	28 Keenagers Salvation Army Mobile Canteen Acts 29 Prayer Study D.B.S. I	29	30

Weekly Options

- **SUNDAY** 7:30 a.m. **United Methodist Men**, 1st Sunday of the month; Fellowship Hall
- **MONDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Acts 29 Prayer Study**, every Monday; Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. **Cub Scouts**, every Monday; Room 1B, 6, & Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. **Disciple Bible Study IV**, every Monday; Room 10B
 7:00 p.m. **Conversational Spanish**, every Monday; Room 4
- **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. **Children's Choir**, every Wednesday; Room 1B,
 7:00 p.m. **SonRise Singers**, 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
 6:30 p.m. **Disciple Bible Study I**, every Thursday; Room 10B
 7:00 p.m. **Acts 29 Prayer Study**, meets every Thursday; Sanctuary
- **SATURDAY** 6:00 p.m. **Dinner Group**, 3rd Saturday of the month; Fellowship Hall

**Deadline
for June
Newsletter:
May 15**

Turn off Technology to spend meaningful time with the Master

(from the April 10, 2009 edition of United Methodist Witness)

By Rusty Freeman

(Director of Youth Ministries, Southwest Texas Conference)

Tweet this.

It's rather funny, me talking badly about technology, me turning off my iPhone or computer. But that's what I am doing now. **Turning it off** to reconnect with the One who created me.

I learned today about Twitter. I learned that it's like a "micro-blog" or a "140 character mini-message (called a tweet) sent to a group of followers on a Web site at www.twitter.com." I learned that it's a chance to **update my "status"** or to answer the question "What am I doing?"—and get a response from the potentially millions of other online people who, at the same time, are posting the answer to the same question.

And it took me about two hours to finally turn it off and get down to what I needed to be doing when I first begin my day—opening my Bible and **begin "tweeting" with God**.

And so after a few hours of tweeting I mustered enough willpower to **close the lid** on the computer (which of course is again now open) and pull out my journal, pen and Bible and fight the urge not to check my cell phone or "you've got mail" emerging from my AOL account on my Mac.

I found it difficult to **shut off the technology** in order to spend time with the Master.

However, I sense it's important for us (young people especially) to realize the importance of turning off technology. The old days included only radios and televisions—but today it's computers, smart phones, blogs, tweets (again, that's a Twitter message), Xboxes, Wiis, and a dozen other things that **captures our mind and keep our attention**. But in the midst of it all, God says, "Be still, I am here, stop it—spend time with me."

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:18 that those who "fast in secret" will be rewarded. Yet who has time to fast, or pray, with new Apps to download from the Apple Store? If all we do is techno "junk" then **when do we connect face-to-face** with others—not to mention God?

I found it difficult to shut the lid on my array of Internet "urgencies," only to realize they really aren't so urgent. Sure it's fun to text, to blog, to tweet, to Facebook, to browse—but it's really **not that meaningful**. I mean, not when you bring God into the equation.

What I think is urgent only neglects my soul. What I think is demanding is the human longing for acceptance. What I propose is necessary is **solitude with the Creator**. The one who established my needs, formed my heart and nourishes my soul.

Where is God in the mix of all my technological yearnings? A God who says, "Stop and listen. Be still and quiet. Turn off the technology, for just a bit, and turn to Me. Remember the One who made you, the One who fulfills you, the One who satisfies your soul."

OK, I think I get it. My Twitter account is probably not going in the trash, electronically speaking, but it will be **put on hold until I first spend time with the Lord**. And after I spend time with God perhaps I might open it up and just tell you how it went.



First
Baptist
Church

627 South
Houston
Street

Aransas
Pass

will be hosting the local event in cooperation with the **Aransas Pass / Ingleside Ministerial Alliance.**

Service at 7:00 p.m.

Please attend and support your community.

Join with millions
in prayer
for America!

Thursday,
May 7, 2009

Early Response Team Training

May 9 Windcrest UMC,
San Antonio

May 30 First UMC, Boerne

The class will cover the purpose of an Early Response Team:

- To show that the church cares about what has happened to the people,
- To provide people an outlet for sharing their disaster related needs
- To assist the most vulnerable populations with their immediate needs, and
- To provide assistance that helps to prevent further damage to homes and property.

UM Committee on Relief,
Disaster Response Committee &
Volunteers in Mission

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

We welcome...

This year from our two confirmation classes we've had five 6th-12th graders baptized and eleven confirmed.

Those who were confirmed were Katelyn Deyo, Shelby Deyo, Alexis Emmett, Dakota Generali, Courtney Howard and Michael Howard.

Those who were baptized and confirmed were Trey Muschenheim, Christian Muschenheim, Katelyn Puig, Tayla Fahrenthold, and Kimberly Storrie.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Shane Epperson who recently passed away.

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.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the

same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store.

For more information contact Martha Price (758-4621 or 361-903-8598) or stop by the church office in early May for the May Menu and ordering information.

This ministry provides a wonderful way to stretch your food budget!



Notes from a Wesley Nurse

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

This month I would like to discuss the topic of Financial Health with you.... It is a logical time to focus on the stewardship of our treasures, and what we can do to more fully live a peaceable and fulfilling life.

The Bible has quite a bit to say about this important topic and in Matthew's gospel, we are encouraged to not store up treasures in our possessions, but rather to be rich in our relationship with God (Mt 6:19). God's balance sheet is presented to us in Phil. 3:7, and this is an interesting ledger for comparing our family budget. Other helpful scriptures include Luke 16:11 and 2 Chronicles 8 & 9. In all of these passages, the Bible so accurately shows the folly of accumulation earthly things at the expense of our salvation (see also Luke 12:14-21). It seems to be important to remember that we need to take charge of our finances, or they WILL take charge of us, and all other areas of our life.

A Christian Perspective on Financial Health:

Many experts are available to help make financial decisions and to help us invest our re-

sources. As you know, I am not one of these experts, but as a Wesley Nurse, I do want to share the following ideas on a faith-based approach to financial health. I pray you will be blessed abundantly as you seek God's will for your family in this important area.

COMMUNICATE with your spouse/best friend about your finances and write our an agreement about:

- The problem, the seriousness/impact on your future physical, emotional, and spiritual family well being, and a commitment to work together to keep this problem in your past
- Consider developing a budget as a plan of attack (for men) or a recipe for success (for women)
- Build in rewards along the way
- Plan for when you will get a check up on your financial status, to appreciate your progress and/or re-tool your attack plan/recipe

In order to be successful, you will likely need to be willing to make some sacrifices and change your lifestyle. Very few worthwhile goals can be achieved without sacrifice. In your plan of attack/recipe for success, you might want to think about the following:

Volunteer offers services

The church has a technician willing to volunteer computer service expertise for those who are without employment or for those who require a computer for work. If you are in this situation and your computer needs attention, please contact the church office for information.

The Southwest Texas
Annual Conference is
June 3-6

- Recognize that all we have is from our generous God; he only asks for 10% first fruits donation and He allows us access to the other 90%
- Plan to spend less than 70% of your take home salary
- If needed, seek out a financial planner who is committed to Jesus as his/her Lord and Savior, but remember that YOU are in the driver's seat
- Seek the support and encouragement of other Christians and also provide support to others.

Your Wesley Nurse,

Shirley R. Jefferson, RN

V.B.S.



Please mark your calendars for *Camp E. D. G. E.* —

Experiencing & Discovering God Everywhere! Vacation Bible School will be June 15-19 from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. for children ages four years thru sixth grade. This is an important ministry for the children in our congregation as well as children in our entire community. Please consider a Vacation Bible School leadership role and join in an incredible week of adventure and growing in God's love.

Even if you are not able to volunteer to help, please keep us in your prayers and consider sponsoring a scholarship for a child in the amount of \$15. If you're interested in helping out, contact Mary Beth Muschenheim (775-2175) or the church office.

Southwest Texas Conference Children's Council Summer Camps & M.A.D. Camp

Several summer camp opportunities are available at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville, Texas for children who are entering the 3rd through the 6th grades in the fall. The theme for the summer camps is "Created in God's Image" and camp activities include Bible fun, hands-on activities, swimming, and making new friends. Four different sessions are available.

One of the camps (for children entering 4th through 6th grades in the fall) is for Music, Arts, and Drama—also called M.A.D. camp. The theme is "uncover your talents" and will be led by Rev. Ron Welborn with help from Josh Rombs, both of whom are familiar folks to many in our community.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, a complete brochure and registration form is available in the church office.

Mysteries, Yes

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in the mouths of the lambs.

How rivers and stones are forever in allegiance with gravity while we ourselves dream of rising.

How two hands touch and the bonds will never be broken. How people come, from delight or the scars of damage, to the comfort of a poem.

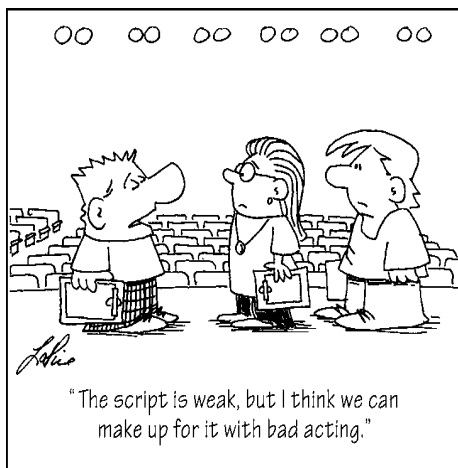
Let me keep my distance, always, from those who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who say "Look!" and laugh in astonishment, and bow their heads.

—Mary Oliver

(a poem shared by Becky Harrell)

Becky Harrell will be in worship with our congregation on Sunday, June 7.



Prayer (cont. from p. 1)

the body is more than clothing. "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?" (Luke 12:22-24)

"Draw near to God and He

will draw near to you." (James 4:8) Spend some quality time with God. Give Him the first fruits of your day (the first moments of your day) in prayer. You will be Blessed! As it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

From the Side Office

Pray or Prayer! Have you ever heard of these words? Are they a noun or a verb? YES! But the key is they are neither if we don't do it. One of the definitions in Webster's Dictionary of prayer is to "commune with God". Communing with God can mean the taking of Holy Communion, but in this case I liken it to simply hanging out with God. When is the last time that you really took the time to hang out with God? Much like you would hang out with other friends. Where you visit, you catch up; you explore what is going on and what is planned or coming in the future.

During this Easter season (50 days) many members of our Church are focusing on praying the Book of Acts (or at least ten chapters of it). This time of prayer is one of intentional prayer that calls us to commune with God and not only ask for prayers for our leaders, our nation and the world, but also one where we also listen for God to speak to us. Prayer is also a time when we have a consciousness of God's presence, love, direction and grace. Prayer is an important part of a Christian's life and one that we many times fall short in doing. I invite you to make it a point to daily commune with God, and I pray that we get to the point that we do nothing without first asking God's direction.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Lee

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