

The Open Door

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September 2009

Amen & Amen

Amen for all who helped Michelle Rush as she tended to her mother's affairs.

Amen for those who helped with the District Professionals picnic held at our church on Aug. 20.

Save the Dates:

Charge Conference

October 5

7:00 p.m.

A Day at the Sea Spiritual Retreat

"Finding God in the Story of our Lives"

November 20-21

Port Aransas, Texas

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

The people of

The United Methodist Church

Fall Christian Education Opportunities

Christian Education Celebration

Sunday, September 13

Join us as we officially begin our Fall Sunday School & weekday programming. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:40 a.m. for food and fellowship then find the Sunday School class right for you.

Sunday School

Kids classes

PreK-1st & 2nd-6th

Kids learn about Joseph, Moses and how God forms a people through age-level activities, games and stories.

Youth classes

7th & 8th & 9th-12th
"Journey" "Faith"

Youth learn to *Claim the Name* through activities, discussion, videos revolving around a key theme.

Adult classes

Good News Crew: Video & discussion on *Forgiveness: Letting Go* (A special invitation to young adults).

Misfits: Bible study & discussion on the old and new *Covenant Community*.

Nursery available

Weekday Class Offerings

Invitation to John

"Follow me," says Jesus to his disciples—and to us. Hear and respond to this invitation by engaging John's story of the Good News in this short DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY.

Cost: \$ 10 (12 weeks)

Mon, Sept 14 9:30-11 am Rm 10B

Mon, Sept 14 7-8:30 pm Rm 10B

Conversational Spanish

Join with others in learning and practicing Spanish language skills.

Cost: \$18 (on-going)

Mon, Sept 14 7-8:30 pm Rm 4

Your Whole Life

A continual Christian program for eating right (Diet), living well (Discipline) and loving God (Discipleship).

(on-going)

Mon, Sept 14 7-8 pm Rm 10A

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

Watch for these 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.

In Our Prayers

Alvarado family
Michelle Anderson
Travis Atkinson
Mae Bane
Joy Banks
Emma Blassingame
Mary Bradfield
Socorro Brand
Matt Bridges
Carla Buster
Robert Carmichael
Joey Cobb
Leroy Collins
Camron Cox
Madeline Cox
Katlyn Deyo
Bonnie Durbin
Linda Emmett
Manual Espinoza
Floyd Fahrenthold
Pam Fahrenthold
Patti Frank
Charles Gambill
Anita Garza
Xavier Garza

Gayle Goble
Hugo Gopffarth
Jim Gopffarth
Becky Harrell
John Harrell
Jack Hart
Clay & Tiffany Herndon
Pete Herrmann
Justin Hodge
Travis Hodge
Betty Holden
Alexander Hoover
Dave Humpfries
Jim & family
Martha Ann Kearns
Jon Kraatz
Leslie Lahmeyer
Sean Lahmeyer
Joann Lokey
Dennis Mascuro

Pat Mattes
Jeffrey Merrick
Ray Merrick
Leo Oliver
Charlie Orr
Carla Poenisch
George Pollinard
Harvey Rokohl
Brian Sanders
Norma Scott
Diane Sebek
Andrea Serna
Ann Seymour
Gloria Seymour
Shedd family
Andy Sloan
Fay Smith
Jacob Smith
Steve Stebbins
Lynette Sullivan
Linda Trefflich
Alphe' Vice
Robin Watterson
Delores Wilcox
Louise Yazbrough

Lectionary Readings

September 6:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 13:

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38



September 20:

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 27:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

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

United Methodist Men's

Fish Fry

Sunday, September 13

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

\$5 a plate

UM Women's Cookbooks

We have a new batch of the Ingleside UMC Centennial Cookbook. It is time to start thinking about Christmas gifts and these make great ones. The books cost \$20.00 and all funds go into the UMW missions' fund.

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

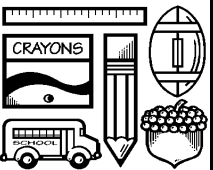


Please join us beforehand
in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-9:40 a.m.
for coffee, juice and visiting.

(For class descriptions, see "Fall Christian Education" p. 1)

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

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																										
 SEPTEMBER		1 <i>UMW General Meeting</i> <i>7:00 p.m. S.P.R.C. Meeting</i>	2 <i>Mother's Day Out</i> <i>Choir Rehearsals</i>	3  <i>Quilter's Group</i>	4	5																																										
6 <i>UMM Breakfast</i>	7 <i>Conv. Spanish</i>	8 <i>7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</i>	9 <i>Mother's Day Out</i> <i>Choir Rehearsals</i>	10	11	12 <i>Prayer Seminar Victoria</i>																																										
13 <i>9:30 a.m. Sunday School Kick-Off</i> <i>11:00 a.m. UMM Fund Raising Lunch</i>	14 <i>5:00 p.m. Education Comm.</i> <i>Conv. Spanish</i>	15 <i>UMW Susannah Circle</i> <i>UMW Response Circle</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Finance Comm.</i>	16 <i>Mother's Day Out</i> <i>Choir Rehearsals</i>	17  <i>Quilter's Group</i>	18	19 <i>5:30 p.m. District Award Banquet FUMC Corpus Christi Dinner Group</i>																																										
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Weekly Options

- **SUNDAY** 7:30 a.m. **United Methodist Men**, 1st Sunday of the month; Fellowship Hall
- **MONDAY** 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** 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
- **SATURDAY** 6:30 p.m. **Dinner Group**, 3rd Saturday of the month; Fellowship Hall

**Deadline
for October
Newsletter:
September 15**

Disciples, Please Don't Be Profane

(from the August 28, 2009 edition of The United Methodist Witness)

By Leo Carrasco

(Pastor FUMC, Hebbroville)

I was watching a documentary on moviemaking and heard something that really shocked me. "We have no responsibility to preach morality," he said. "My job is to produce and make films that make money. If the public wants to pay money to see this garbage, that's what we'll give them."

A television news executive was asked recently about the graphic and numerous depictions of violence on the six-o'clock news, and he said, "Look, here's the rule: if it bleeds it leads."

A super big name sports super star was asked about his responsibility as a role model. He said, "I'm no role model—that's the parents' responsibility, not mine. Scoring points and winning games, that's my job."

One day, I overheard a group of people gossiping about someone I knew. I knew I needed to step in and defend my friend, but for some reason I kept quiet and didn't say a word.

All of this relates to the scripture in Mark 14 in which Simon Peter denied His Lord—three times. The point is clear that profanity and discipleship don't go together. There are many marks of Christian faith and discipleship; profanity is not one of them.

Profanity is more than just cursing. It's much deeper than that. Profanity is denying Christ by treating holy things, or human beings, or sacred relationships with contempt, disrespect, and disregard. Our words can be profane, but more than that, we can be profane in our attitudes and actions.

For example, hate is profane. Arrogance and prejudice is profane. So are jealousy, pettiness, resentment, bitterness, and ingratitude.

Any attitude that treats persons with disrespect is profane. I know some people that would never think of saying a "dirty" word; yet, they are some of the most profane people I know.

For whatever reason we use profanity, it's wrong. Every time we express profanity in words or attitudes or actions we are denying our Lord, and if you listen really carefully, you can hear a rooster crowing in the distance.

Profanity and discipleship just don't go together.

Prayer List Notification

It is wonderful that we are known as a church of prayer! And as such we are witnesses to the power of prayer. But as you may have noticed, our weekly prayer list continues to grow. It has grown to such a size that is almost unmanageable on a weekly basis.

Because of this, our prayer request cards have been modified to reflect an 8 week maximum,

with the option to resubmit names as necessary. With this change we are notifying you that anyone currently on the list will be removed on October 1, 2009. Many of the people on the current list have been on it for a year or more. If you would like any person to remain on the list, we invite you to resubmit their name after October 1.

We appreciate your understanding and support of this needed change.

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, contact Judith@satx.rr.com

The Presence Based Church

one day seminar

Saturday, September 12

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

with

Dr. Terry Teykl

at Wesley UMC in Victoria

Dr. Teykl has years of experience when it come to ushering people into the manifest presence of God. Thousands of Christians have encountered a more fruitful prayer life and have become more flourishing in recognizing and sustaining an atmosphere of intimacy with and worship of God. Our spring study, **Acts 29**, used a book by Dr. Teykl.

Cost: \$30. (The price for this event includes teaching material and lunch.) Contact the church office for a brochure.



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 about a training event:

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

Starting Wednesday, September 2 Ingleside UMC will be offering a Mother's Day Out program on Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. from children 2-5 years old. You can help in this ministry by signing up to prepare a lunch, assist 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.)

May our Healing God bless you with His gifts of Wholeness and Peace! This month, I want to visit with you about the differences between *healing* and *curing*, and how together, we can live more healed lives. In scripture, we read that our great God is the one who heals us, and he invites each of us to promote healing and restoration (9 Ex. 15:26; Luke 9:2).

When we develop chronic illnesses which do not lend themselves to a specific cure, we and our physicians can become discouraged, and we may ask serious questions: "Does God still love me?" "Would God heal me if my faith were stronger?" and "Is this a punishment for my sins?" At such times, we can return to our faith, and meditate on what we know about the nature of God, such as his faithfulness and great love for us, His ability to work through us when our faith is weak, and His capacity to magnify blessings during most times of struggle and difficulty (see 2 Cor. 12).

Leading Healed Lives

God's Word helps us to live healed lives now and forever as we (a) remember the difference between the Healer and instruments of healing, (b) learn how to boldly pray for a

complete healing, while quietly submitting to His loving will in our life, (c) allow God to form us into the people He desires us to be, even with our illnesses, (d) talk with Christian mentors about how God can work our struggle for good in our life and the lives of others, and (e) respond in compassion to those struggling around us.

At one time or another, we all struggle with physical, emotional, and/or spiritual illnesses which prompt us to seek a speedy remedy. Isn't it awesome that our God "heals all your diseases" and "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds" as well as empowers us to be a comfort to others (Ps. 103:3, 2 Cor. 1:4).

I eagerly desire to walk with you in your struggles and your victories. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you or your loved ones. I know I will be strengthened by seeing God at work in your life.

In the healing Christ,

Shirley R. Jefferson, RN

Your Wesley Nurse

We welcome...

Linda Partyka joined our congregation on August 2 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. She transferred her membership from another United Methodist congregation.

"Offering Christ Today for Tomorrow"

Because of your gifts and faithfulness to the "Offering Christ today for Tomorrow" campaign, new people are being baptized into the Christian family. Children are being nurtured in the faith at Northeast Community UMC in San Antonio, North Shore UMC in Canyon Lake, Gruene UMC in Gruene, El Mesias UMC in Laredo, New Life Deaf Church in San Antonio, Riverside Community UMC in Bulverde and The Journey UMC in Kyle because of your commitment to the future of Christ's church. I know that many families are cutting back on their financial commitments these days. The first quarter financial report for our annual conference was very encouraging. It showed a difference of -0.15% in our giving the first quarter this year! Praise God for faithful people like you in fulfilling your church's pledge to new church start ministry!

—submitted by Rev. Kim Cape, Executive Director of New Church Development & Transformation

Ingleside UMC pledged to support this program \$1,000 per year for 5 years.

Your Whole Life

“Your Whole Life” is a continual Christian program for eating right (Diet), living well (Discipline), and loving God (Discipleship). With over 1 million lives changed, this program has been featured in *Ladies Home Journal*, *Woman’s Day* and *Prevention*. There are no fees or special items to purchase. All you will need is your Bible, a blank journal or notebook, a caring heart to pray for others daily, and a willingness to transform your life from the outside in. You will also be asked to weigh yourself at home before each meeting, and to share your progress (not your weight) at every meeting. Open to both men and women, the program will be facilitated by Diane Smith who is planning a 1 hour, 7 part meeting con-

sisting of: opening prayer; eating right and living well tips; member progress reporting—inspiration, struggles, challenges, question & answer time; scripture reading; devotional reading; prayer requests for self and others; and closing prayer.

Remember, God promises that the best is yet to come. However, the number of pounds you want to lose is only secondary to adding more of God to our lives. Also remember, our God is in the business of healing lives. Believe it and know that you are at the top of His list. Our program focus scripture is Mark 5:34: “Your faith has made you whole.”

Thank you. I’m looking forward to seeing you. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in room 10A.

—submitted by Diane Smith

UM Women Rummage Sale 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. We love to get furniture, household items, home décor items, gently used clothing and books. If you loved it, chances are someone else will love it also. A storage facility for large items is available if necessary.

Meetings

We will be returning to our regular meeting schedule in September. The General business meeting will be on September 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Craft Festival

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

Admission is free! Get your Christmas shopping done early—there is something for everyone!

All vendors welcome

Vendor spaces are available but limited. Booths range from \$45-\$15. Call now to reserve your spot (776-8017) and ask for Tammy. Vendor applications are due no later than September 20. (A copy of the Vendor Application is available in Ingleside UMC church office).

Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard

Our food pantry cupboards are rather bare and folks are coming to the church in need of food. 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 the church office. Thanks!

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

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17

This was part of the text that I used last Sunday. As I thought about it I could not help but think of times that I would play with the shadows that I was casting. I would move around and watch the form of the shadow change. It would elongate depending on my position or it would become shorter. I could try and make figures with my hands, for example creating the shape of a bird. But none the less whenever I would move the shadow would also change.

Then as I further thought about the scripture I thought how it speaks of God’s unchanging nature. How no matter what is going on God’s love, grace and mercy are unwavering and always available for us.

Then I thought further about the times that I have sat where the sun may hit a glass I was holding or the watch on my wrist. Then as I change the position of the glass or my wrist, light would be reflected to a different part of the room. I could follow the light around the room based on what I was doing. Then I thought that the same thing can happen with God and I. That if I am positioned where God’s light shines down on me, that through my actions it can be reflected in dark places and illuminate them. That through my actions God ‘s light can illuminate dark places in the world. It may happen by touching someone's heart by a kind action or gesture. It could be by simply taking time to show someone a consideration that they haven’t received before or in a long time.

So I my question is: How do we reflect God’s light in Ingleside? Reflect God’s light in this place!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Lee

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