

# The Open Door

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January 2010

## Amen & Amen

**Amen** for all the pets and people who were a part of the Blessing of Animals worship service on December 13. The menagerie included cats, rats, a bird, a goat, a tortoise, a hare and lots of dogs, people & photos.



## Fill the Manger

Please bring new or gently used towels and wash cloths to place in the manger on December 27 & January 3. These will be given to the Women's Shelter.

## Open Hearts

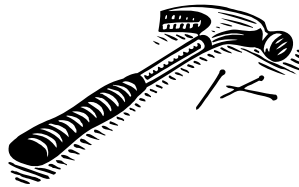
### Open Minds

### Open Doors

The people of  
The United Methodist Church

## Mission Trip to Texas-Mexican Border

Ingleside UMC will participate in a Mission Project to Nuevo Progresso on January 1-3. We will be joining



several other churches in building *casitas* for the people in Nuevo Progresso. The cost is \$25 per person or \$50 per family (scholarships are available). We will stay at the Harlingen First UMC on Friday and Saturday nights, and they will provide meals from Friday evening to Sunday breakfast.

The concrete slab for the *casita* will be ready to build on when we get there, and our job is to

build a small house with walls, one door, two windows and a roof. Then, we'll paint it. We will leave Ingle-

side Friday afternoon and arrive for a church service and meal Friday night. Saturday we will build and paint the *casita* and then return to the church for the night. Sunday morning we will return home. You will need to bring your working tools with you if you plan to do construction work and painting tools if you plan to paint.

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

## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

New Year's Resolutions...most people make them...*most people break them!* So, January **resolutions** become February **disillusions**. This is especially true with regard to making a resolution to get out of debt. The reasons are many, but one of the main reasons people fail is that they lack the **motivation** and **tools** to succeed.

This is where Financial Peace

University demonstrates its value. During this life changing video course, Dave Ramsey, one of the most trusted authorities on personal finances in the United States, points out *why* people make mistakes with money and *provides results-based* "baby steps" to *beat debt and build wealth*. Tens of thousands of ordinary folks have changed their family tree because of FPU. With January just around the corner, why not plan to be a

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## In Our Prayers

Bob  
 Alexandra Chircop  
 Joey Cobb  
 Chris & Camron Cox  
 Chavez family  
 Susan Davis  
 Jo & Clarence Dryer  
 Jay Durham  
 Dick Ehmann  
 Bill Fergie  
 Jo Flint  
 Pastor Mike & Loretta Gabby  
 Stephanie Hardy  
 Craig Hughes & family  
 Estelle Janssen  
 C.J. Kilsby



Eva Kinney  
 Michael Kirby  
 Joann Lokey  
 Laura Blaschke Manning  
 Peter Herrmann  
 Darlene Patterson  
 Margot Porterfield  
 Justin Pruitt & family  
 Jack Robertson family  
 Robin & family  
 Fay Smith  
 James Smith  
 Joey Smith  
 Charlene Starr  
 Carie Swartz  
 Helen Young

## Lectionary Readings

### January 3:

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12

### January 10:

Isaiah 43:1-7  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 8:14-17  
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



### January 17:

Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Psalm 36:5-10  
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

### January 24:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
 Luke 4:14-21

### January 31:

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
 Luke 4:21-30

## Youth contribute

The Ingleside National Junior Honor Society wanted to be involved in community service and selected the Salvation Army Surviving the Night Program. The NJHS sponsored a collection drive on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade campus. The students were generous: 50 blankets and more than 200 pairs of socks were collected. They also made 125 hygiene kits. Our Student Council held an Ice Cream Social which donated \$125 for making these hygiene kits. This was a great way for students to share their own blessings.

*(contributed by Jill Flores,  
 NJHS sponsor)*

## 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

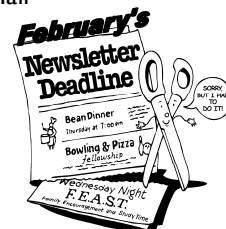
8:30 a.m.	Worship service
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship/ Coffee
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship service

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## Weekly Options

- **MONDAY** 6:00 p.m. **Cub Scouts**, every Monday; Room 1B, 6, & Fellowship Hall  
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  
5:30 p.m. **Conversational English**, every Tuesday; Room 4  
7:00 p.m. **United Methodist Women Response Circle**, 3rd Tuesday; Fellowship Hall
- **WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. **Mother's Day Out**, every Wednesday; Room 3,  
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** 6:00 p.m. **Dinner Group**, 3rd Saturday of the month; Fellowship Hall



Deadline: January 15

## 750 parishioners go home barefoot after pastor challenges them to leave shoes on the altar

*(from the December 11, 2009 edition of the United Methodist Witness)*

Rachel L. Toalson, Managing Editor

The night before this Sunday sermon, the Rev. Charles Anderson, senior pastor of University UMC, San Antonio, got an e-mail that afforded him the perfect challenge for his parishioners.

He immediately called Adam Knight, outreach pastor at the church who was preaching at the contemporary service the following morning, and told him his idea.

“He told me he was preaching on what it means to be a blessing and that he thought his idea would be a great way for our congregation to live into our missional calling,” Knight said. “I loved it.”

So that Sunday, during every worship service at University UMC, Knight and Anderson told parishioners that Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) was in dire need of shoes

After taking off their own shoes, Knight and Anderson challenged every person in the building to leave their shoes on the altar. Seven hundred fifty did.

Others brought shoes the following days, Knight said. He has no idea what the final count ended up being. Knight, who serves on the board for CAM, said leaders were “amazingly appreciative.”

“It ended up being a really neat Sunday, watching people walk around barefoot or in socks,” he said. “It was a neat and powerful thing for our congregation.”

CAM is an ecumenical, nonprofit charitable corporation that provides temporary and immediate assistance to people in crisis situations while still enabling those in need to step toward independence.

A friend of his told Knight he sat in his chair thinking, “I’m not going to give away my good boots. I’ll go home and get some shoes and bring them back.” His friend left his boots, though, saying since he’d immediately thought that, it probably meant he really needed to give them away.

One lady asked him if CAM would be willing to take her high heels. When Knight said he didn’t know, she left them on the altar, just in case.

“I think this showed a lot of people how lucky we really are,” Knight said. “I’d say 75 to 80 percent of people who attend University could give away the shoes they were wearing Sunday morning and then go buy another pair just like it.

“It gave people the opportunity to see that generosity comes in lots of ways, shapes and forms. We always need to be ready to be generous, and it won’t always be emptying our wallets. Sometimes it will be the shoes on our feet. I think it made people enjoy the act of giving.”

### **Beginnings: Journey to Faith**

How should we welcome the “unchurched,” the seekers, and the new believers who are unfamiliar with Christian beliefs, terminology, and culture? This study gives you a starting point, offering an introduction to 12 core beliefs and practices found among believers of Jesus Christ. Watch for information on a study beginning in 2010.



## Notes from a Wesley Nurse

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

Blessings on your New Year and peace and joy in the name of our new born King and Healer! January is indeed a time of new beginnings, as evidenced by the many resolutions we make...or are tempted to make. With this in mind, let's visit about whole person health.

In the Old Testament, the concept of health was related to the notion of wholeness and peace, *shalom*, as it is possible in a relationship with our living God (Num. 6:26). God was seen as permitting illness, but also as the ultimate source of all healing and restoration. These ideas continued into the

New Testament, with the additional image of Jesus, as our Healer, who always is seen as holistic, compassionate, and powered by the Spirit of God. He healed people physically, but it was never only physically! What can Christians do to be good stewards of their holistic health?

Your Wesley Nurse's 10 Self-Care Commandments:

- Exercise most every day (fit, but slightly overweight people have better health profiles than normal-weighted persons who are inactive);
- Avoid or reduce obesity;
- Move to a "Garden of Eden" diet (obtain most of your calories from fruits, vegetables and grains);
- Do not use tobacco;
- Use alcohol minimally (as a beverage and not as a drug);
- *Lead* your life rather than being led (by your dark side, your stressors and demands or

by other people);

- Monogamous marriage is good for the heart, mind, soul, and body;
- Stay connected: worship, Bible study and fellowship are healthy whole person practices! (Active Christians have stronger immune systems, less depression, and better quality of life.);
- Work rest into your life (It can be hard work, but it is as needed as sleep.... Sometimes our sleep is as tense as our awake time.);
- Find a health care provider you can trust and schedule annual screenings.

If I can be of any help to you and your family, please contact me. I pray that you will be blessed in body, mind, and spirit.

In the healing Christ,

*Shirley R. Jefferson, RN*

Your Wesley Nurse

## Dollars & Cents

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part of our congregation's first Financial Peace University. Instead of making more **empty resolutions** to get out of debt this coming year, FPU can help you actually accomplish this meaningful goal while achieving so much more.

The course will begin Tuesday, January 19. Watch Sunday bulletins for details.

## My Job Workshop equips leadership

As the church committees begin their work for 2010, the Corpus Christi District is offering a training event to equip these leaders in several areas. This event, *My Job Workshop*, will be held on Saturday, January 30 from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Grace UMC, Corpus Christi.

Several options will be available and include:

- *Finance & the local church*
- *SPRC role & responsibilities*
- *Role of Trustees*
- *Connecting neighbors*
- *Myths, realities & aging*
- *Spiritual paths*
- *Youth ministry*

More information and registration forms will be available in January.

# From the Side Office

I just came from the church as I sit down to right this article. I was blessed to be a part of fantastic group of people that four days before Christmas came together to prepare food, clothing and blankets for the homeless of the area. Out of that group there will be those that have gone and delivered these things on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

When I think of the world and the way it does things, I hear it say that the holidays are so busy and we just don't have time do these sorts of things now. We can do it another time. We have shopping to do. We have parties to attend. We have so much going on.

What we at Ingleside UMC have said is that we know you are hungry. We know you don't have warm clothes. We know you need a blanket for the cold winter nights. We know you need hope. What we have said is that we hear your cry and are reaching out with the things that you need, through the grace of God. We pray that in your receiving that you find the hope that comes not from a meal or a blanket. But the hope that comes in Christian love that is engrained in the items you receive. Each item was prayed over: each slice of bread; each piece of clothing; and each blanket. Our prayer is that as you face the challenges of life that you feel God's presence and the love and mercy that are there for you. That you accept that love and allow God to work in your life and transform your situation. That prayer, is our prayer for the world!

God's Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Lee*

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