

# The Open Door

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March 2010

## *Amen & Amen*

**Amen** for Page H. Hall who is a Y Women in Career Awards 2010 Nominee. Congratulations!

## We need your help

Both our special programs and our ongoing ministries need ready volunteers.

If you would like to assist with

- a new directory
- Mother's Day Out
- Easter egg hunt

please contact the church office (776-2820).

## Spring Forward

Daylight Saving begins March 14

## Open Hearts

### Open Minds

### Open Doors

The people of  
The United Methodist Church

## Community programs during Lent

### Wednesday study series:

The Ingleside/Aransas Pass Ministerial Alliance is hosting a free weekly study and lunch during March. Each Wednesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. a different church will provide a simple lunch followed by a presentation/study appropriate for the season:

4/3: First Christian, AP

4/10: Our Savior Episcopal, AP

4/17: First Baptist, AP

4/24: First UMC, AP

4/31: Ingleside UMC, Ingleside

Call the church office for carpool information (776-2820).

### Community Easter program:

The music ministries from several churches in the area are joining together for a special Easter musical drama.

"My Savior, My God" will be performed twice on Saturday, March 27 at First Baptist in Aransas Pass and twice on Saturday, April 3 at Ingleside UMC. Performance times are at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Additionally between the two performances at IUMC, the church will host an **Easter egg hunt**. If you would like to help with the egg hunt, contact the church office (776-2820) or Leo (230-9230).

## Beginnings: an Introduction to Christian Faith

Beginnings is a 12-week small-group spiritual journey for seekers, new believers, and longtime Christians who want to explore the basics of Christianity in a relaxed, nurturing atmosphere. Participants can bring questions, gain knowledge, and form or deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Each group session includes:

- weekly meetings with a meal
- a 20-minute video presentation
- discussion of video and readings

Some of the topics include salvation, forgiveness, suffering, sin, resurrection, prayer, the Good Life.

Join us on Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Donna (776-5390) or the church office (776-2828).

*Beginnings* changes lives.

## In Our Prayers

Julie Archibald  
 Rodney Ayoub & family  
 Carla Buster  
 Jeanette Butler  
 Carroll family  
 Alexandra Chircop  
 James Gandy  
 Gayle Goble  
 Danny Hammond  
 Iris Hanson  
 Helen Heide  
 Paul Anna Hembree  
 Nat Hoover  
 Craig Hughes & family  
 Brandon Johnson  
 Carol Kinderknecht  
 Eva Kinney  
 Kevin Langruck  
 Boyce Lebleu



Joann Lokey  
 James Music  
 Jerry Lou Nix  
 Carol Podest  
 Rev. Dixie Robertson  
 Larry Schniepp  
 John Shaver  
 Brenda Shedd & family  
 Mike Small  
 Christine Smith  
 Fay Smith  
 James Smith  
 Shirley Terry  
 Bryan Veteto  
 Betty Welborn  
 Verne Whitehead  
 Billie Williams  
 Helen Young

## Lectionary Readings

### March 7:

Isaiah 55:1-9  
 Psalm 63:1-8  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
 Luke 13:1-9

### March 14:

Joshua 5:9-12  
 Psalm 32  
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



### March 21:

Isaiah 43:16-21  
 Psalm 126  
 Philippians 3:4b-14  
 John 12:1-8

### March 28:

Luke 19:28-40  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalm 31:9-16  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Luke 22:14-23:56

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

### **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

## United Methodist Men's Fish Fry

**Sunday, March 7**

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

**\$5 a plate**

Proceeds go to support the men's mission projects.

## 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.









### Upcoming dates for the Salvation Army Mobile Canteen ministry:

Thursday, March 18

Thursday, April 29

Your help is needed with sorting clothing and shopping for & preparing food. If you would like to help with this ministry, call Bonnie Hodge (776-3994).

# MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																										
	1 Lenten Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Education Committee Cub Scouts Conv. Spanish	2 UMW Susannah Circle Conv. English T.O.P.S. Imagine Yourself Debt Free	3 Mother's Day Out Lenten Luncheon First Christian Church Aransas Pass Choir Practice	4 Quilters' Group 7:00 p.m. Futures Committee	5	6																																										
7  Breakfast Meeting 11:30 a.m. UMM Fundraising Fish Fry	8 Lenten Bible Study Cub Scouts Conv. Spanish	9 Conv. English T.O.P.S. 7:00 p.m. Church Council Imagine Yourself Debt Free	10 Mother's Day Out Lenten Luncheon Church of Our Savior Episcopal, Aransas Pass Choir Practice	11 6:30 p.m. Wesley Community Banquet Corpus Christi	12	13																																										
14  One Great Hour of Sharing	15 Lenten Bible Study (No Cub Scouts) Conv. Spanish	16 UMW Response Conv. English T.O.P.S. 7:00 p.m. Finance Comm. Imagine Yourself Debt Free	17  Irish Blessings Blarney and Bingo First UMC C/C Lenten Luncheon First Baptist Church Aransas Pass 6:00 p.m. Preparation for "Surviving the Night" Choir Practice	18 Quilters' Group 5:30 p.m. Salvation Army "Surviving the Night"	19	20  Dinner Group																																										
21	22 Lenten Bible Study No Cub Scouts Conv. Spanish	23 10:00 a.m. UMW (Banana Bingo) Lexington Nursing Home/Aransas Pass Conv. English T.O.P.S. Imagine Yourself Debt Free	24 Mother's Day Out Lenten Luncheon First UMC, Aransas Pass Choir Practice	25 Keenagers	26	27 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. "My Savior, My God" Musical Drama 																																										
28  Palm Sunday	29 Lenten Bible Study No Cub Scouts Conv. Spanish	30 Conv. English T.O.P.S. Imagine Yourself Debt Free	31 Mother's Day Out Lenten Luncheon Ingleside UMC Choir Practice	 HOLY WEEK																																												
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## Weekly Options

- **SUNDAY** 5:30 p.m. **Beginnings** (an introduction to Christian Faith), every Sunday; Fellowship Hall
- **MONDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Lenten Bible Study**, every Monday; Room 10B  
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 Susannah Circle**, 1st Tuesday of the month; Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. **Conversational English**, every Tuesday; Room 4  
6:00 p.m. **T.O.P.S.** (take off pounds sensibly), every Tuesday; Room 6  
6:30 p.m. **Imagine Yourself Debt Free**, every Tuesday; Room 10B  
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,  
6:45 p.m. **SonRise Singers**, every Wednesday; Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. **Easter Choir Rehearsal**, every Wednesday, Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. **Praise Choir**, every Wednesday; Sanctuary
- **THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Quilters' 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: March 15

# CNN lied to me unintentionally, to be sure

*(from the February 12, 2010 edition of the United Methodist Witness)*

**Rev. Carl Rohlf, San Antonio District Superintendent**



The Rev. Clint Rabb, member of our annual conference, died of injuries sustained in the Haiti earthquake. Clint's job was volunteer coordinator for UMCOR. Sam Dixon, Jim Gulley and Clint were in Haiti to facilitate UM relief efforts for needs that existed prior to the earthquake. Their driver dropped them off at the Hotel Montana five minutes before the quake flattened the hotel in less than five seconds! Fifty-five hours later a French Fire Rescue team reached Sam, Jim, Clint and four others trapped with them.

Like many of you during those 55 hours I listened to any and every news source available. One day, driving along with CNN on Sirius radio, I listened intently as the news shifted toward the means of making donation for emergency relief in earthquake-ravaged Haiti. The reporter directed listeners to a CNN Web site from which to connect to various other Web sites on which the inquirer would find a listing of emergency relief organizations and ratings as to how much of each donation is designated for overhead and administration of the relief agency. The reporter cautioned that "ALL" relief agencies must withhold a percentage of every gift for overhead and administrative costs expenses. The news then shifted to another item.

That word "ALL" kept resonating in my momentary recall. Hmm, I thought, guess CNN and its evaluative Web sites are not familiar with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)! No matter how unfamiliar CNN might be, certainly there is no United Methodist who has not heard that UMCOR is our avenue for emergency relief and that not 1 percent of the gift goes anywhere other than the destination designated by the donor.

This remarkable attribute is possible because all overhead or administrative expense for UMCOR is already paid through our apportioned giving, faithfully rendered by thousands of UM congregations across our nation and around the world. In other words, by the time the need for relief crosses my compassionate heart, my UM Connection is already in place to see that whatever amount I give is promptly and fully rendered to the need I have noted! Not only that, but because UMCOR has funds available and has experience in disaster relief and subsequent compassionate response, UMCOR has already sent the first relief aid because they have estimated the compassion of UM people around the world. In other words, before I sent it, it has already gone! Tell me another relief agency that can pre-schedule my gift for relief before I have even considered it!

No reduction for overhead; no reduction for administration; sent before I have even sent my gift; capable of online donation or through any of 10,000+ local mission outposts. Too bad CNN – as informed as a news organization can be – does not know about UMCOR. Thank God you and I do!

## *Living Congregation Institute*

All churches and their leaders are encouraged to take part in the Living Congregation Institute on April 12-15, 2010 at University United Methodist Church in San Antonio. This training event includes national consultants, cutting edge leaders, popular speakers, Bible Studies, and hands on workshops. Regular registration continues through March 12 at the cost of \$199. For more information or to register, go online at [living-congregations.com](http://living-congregations.com).

For scholarship information, call Shannon Wolfe in the conference office at (888) 349-4149.



## Notes from a Wesley Nurse

Dear Church Family:

*"For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself."* Galatians 5:14

There are approximately 54 million people living in the United States with various kinds of disabilities that impact the way they lead their daily lives. Conditions causing disability include mental illness, blindness, military injuries, mental retardation, learning disorders, and hearing disabilities. A large portion of this population have physical disabilities or mobility issues because of a link to diseases like multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, polio, or various spinal injuries.

Historically we have handled this population poorly and rather than encourage them, have kept them isolated in their homes. How welcoming were the sweeping staircases in churches of the 1900's? Are we doing better today or are we still keeping people 'trapped' at home with caregivers that are just as isolated? Churches need to include the disabled into the active life of the membership as well as support the families who care for them. Check in with the family of those with disabilities to see how you can be of help and assistance. Offer to sit with the husband

disabled from a stroke so the wife can get her hair done. Take the mother/spouse of one dealing with mental illness out for lunch to offer her respite from her daily challenges. Sometimes it is the small things that help the most.

Those with disabilities want to be productive at home and a church so look for ways to be inclusive. Is your building handicap accessible? Can a person get into the sanctuary as easily as they can the bathroom? Are there classes, small groups, or ministries in which the disabled can participate? Evaluate the tools that are currently available at your church. Are there devices and magnifiers to help the hearing and visually impaired? Have classes been adapted to welcome those with mental disorders? Are there groups to encourage support for the families of those with disabilities? Christ welcomed everyone to his table, what about you? If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Wesley Nurse.

Grace and Peace,

*Shirley R. Jefferson, RN*

Your Wesley Nurse

*"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'"*

*Isaiah 41:13*

## T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

every Tuesday, 6 pm.

Ingleside UMC, Room 6

TOPS® is a low-cost non-commercial weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Along with a private weigh in, meetings provide members with positive reinforcement and motivation in adhering to their food and exercise plans. TOPS encourages healthy lifestyles as a support group.

For more information contact: Joyce (776-2718) or Martha (776-7768).

Calling All Older Adults

### Irish Blessings, Blarney & Bingo

Wednesday,  
March 17, 2010  
8:30 a.m.-noon

First UMC, Corpus Christi  
900 Shoreline Dr.

Day includes worship, entertainment, bingo with prizes, and an Irish hat contest with trophies for winner.

**Cost:** \$5 for lunch  
(pre-sale by Mar. 12)  
\$7 at the door

Tickets available in the IUMC office (776-2820).

# From the Side Office

I want to thank you all for your prayers and thoughts this past week as I went before the Board of Ordained Ministry, for approval and endorsement for ordination as an Elder in the UMC. I am pleased to report that I have their endorsement. Thank you again for your prayers.

As I write this note I have just come from our first session of the Beginnings course. How appropriate that is for me. I am reminded that what has just been completed, if you will, is just another beginning. A beginning, that as we move through the chapters of life, a life in Christ, that as each chapter is completed, we turn the page and begin another. As each chapter unfolds I look forward to the things ahead. I begin to anticipate, or look for what is around the next corner.

One of the things that I have found on this journey is you, the wonderful people, who have experienced and shared God's love in unique and interesting ways; people that continue to grow in the richness of the Lord and people that are experiencing it afresh and new. I thank you for the opportunity to journey down this path together.

God's Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Lee*

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