



Ingleside United Methodist Church

Open Door

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December 2011

Amen & Amen

- To Blaschke Sheldon Elementary School for their canned food drive!
- To our Boy Scouts for their canned food drive!
- To the Mission Committee for leading us through another season of service!
- To the Administrative Assistant subs filling in while Sandy was on vacation!

Advent & Christmas Season

The Music Ministry of IUMC is very proud to invite you to our Christmas cantata "The Perfect Christmas" by Mark Cabaniss and Stan Pethel. The cantata tells the Christmas story with traditional and contemporary arrangements of Christmas carols. The choir members of Sunrise Singers and Praise Choir have been rehearsing since September to prepare for our Christmas gift to our church.

We will present the cantata on Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m., and then at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 18th. These presentations will be in our sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to share in our presentations as we hope they help you to see the true meaning of our Savior's birth.

Our choir members are also making plans to present our cantata in a retirement or nursing home. We also plan to go caroling and sing Christmas carols for members of our church and community.



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

The people of the
United Methodist
Church

Advent & Christmas services info:

- Sunday Dec. 11th at both services: Children/ Youth Choir sing
- Friday Dec. 16th at 7pm: Cantata
- Sunday Dec. 18th at both services: Cantata
- Saturday Dec. 24th 6:30pm: Candlelight Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion and a Live Nativity (*children & youth interested in participating please arrive by 5:45pm for costuming and lining up*)
- Saturday Dec. 24th 11pm: Candlelight Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion
- Sunday Dec. 25th 10am: Special Christmas Day service
Come worship with us as we prepare for the coming our Savior!

IUMC Youth Activities



MYF
Wednesday
nights



Trick-or-
Treat-ing
for canned
goods
-< Before
During ->



<- After
Helping
IVFD &
APVFD at
the APVFD
Haunted
House ->



Helping out at
IUMC Community
Thanksgiving lunch

Thank you
youth &
youth sponsors!





Stewardship Thoughts



Christ's Christmas Club

by Melvin Amerson

Soon the season of Christmas will be with us, and we will become inundated with commercials and product advertisements on television, radio and the internet. Next comes the pressure and urge to purchase or reciprocate gifts. Lastly, the challenges of locating funds to acquire items for love ones, friends, and co-workers.

Recently, I engaged in conversations with family, friends and co-workers about Christmas Club Accounts. The mere mention of it stirred numerous fond memories of the past. Several wondered whether Christmas Club Accounts still existed. For those of you who are unfamiliar with them, banks typically offered non-interest bearing saving accounts that would permit individuals, couples, or families to set aside money each pay period leading up to Christmas for the sole purpose of saving for Christmas gifts. These accounts were extremely popular prior to the credit card era. Unfortunately, few financial institutions offer or promote these accounts today.

Since Christmas is about the celebration of the birth of Christ, let's re-think the concept of Christmas Club Accounts, with a Christ centered focus. Establish a church-wide Christ Christmas Club Account Program. A program of this kind is designed for believers to set aside funds for special ministry projects or missional works that will bless others at Christmas. Unlike the bank account, this one will produce eternal yields and dividends in Kingdom building works, in the form of life changing expressions of love.

Please consider this spiritual investment opportunity. All Christians are eligible to open a Christ Christmas Club Account. There is no

minimum amount to start one. No background or credit checks are required. In fact, the only requirement is a love for Christ and others. Consider depositing an additional \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 or more each Sunday in a designated offering envelope to bless others in the spirit of Christ in whose love our worth is found.

Melvin Amerson, Stewardship Ministry Consultant at the Texas Methodist Foundation, works with congregations on ways to cultivate generous giving. His latest book is Celebrating the Offering.

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Alternative Christmas Market coming to IUMC

This year at IUMC we are opening an Alternative Christmas Market to give gifts that keep on giving. This is especially for loved ones who already have everything they could need. By giving a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, you bless them but you also bless people around the world through your gift.

The 2011 Market includes the following "shops": General Board of Discipleship (GBGM) Missionary Becky Harrell, Feeding the Hungry (Salvation Army Mobile Canteen, Thanksgiving Lunch, & Susannah Supper), IUMC Assistance Ministry, and Relay for Life -American Cancer Society.

The Market will be open in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays December 4th & 11th after both services 9:30-9:40am & 11:45-noon ish. See you Sunday!

What are the goals for 2012 and beyond for Ingleside UMC?

This question was asked both at Charge Conference back in early September and from our Bishop earlier this fall. In response to this question we have restarted our Futures Committee, invited a pastor who has led churches to discern where God is calling them, and invite you to join us in prayer as we seek to hear God's call on Ingleside UMC.

Below is a message from our guest pastor:

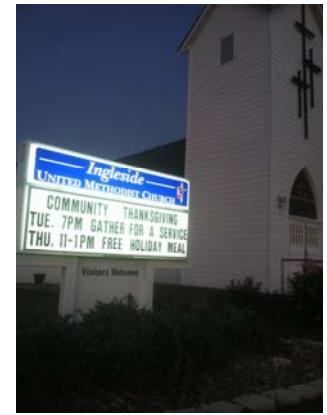
My name is Rev. Leigh L. Lloyd, and I will be at Ingleside UMC January 27th - 29th to lead the congregation in looking toward the future. Over the next few weeks, I encourage you to think of your own story regarding Ingleside UMC. When did you arrive at Ingleside UMC? How did you come to be here? Where have you been engaged in the life of Ingleside UMC? What are your expectations for the future of God's ministry in this area?

These are important questions. I hope you will seriously think about your own story, as we look at the past, present and future story of Ingleside UMC. I look forward to meeting each of you during my time in Ingleside. In addition to leading the congregation in a vision of the future of God's presence in this community, I will be out and about in the community, seeking their input regarding Ingleside UMC and it's impact upon the local community.

In the 13th chapter of Mark, Jesus tells us that we are to take care of God's household until his return. I pray that each of you will ponder what it means to care for God's kingdom at Ingleside UMC.

*Blessings,
Leigh L. Lloyd*

More pictures from IUMC



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Salvation Army Mobile Canteen

“Surviving the Night”

Upcoming dates:
Sunday, Dec. 18—Monday, Dec. 19

If you would like to help, contact
Liz Eastin (775-2790)

Changing the Conversation: Nurturing a Third Way for Congregations by Anthony B. Robinson

For congregations--particularly congregations of the mainline Protestant tradition--the way forward has everything to do with changing the conversation....For congregations that seek such a third way, there are perhaps ten important conversations that need to be deepened and sustained in their ongoing life. These conversations are all contributions to and different takes on the overall effort to change the conversation in ways that nurture an emerging third way that moves beyond the current and tired polarization.

Continued from last month...

Conversation 8: The Church and the Public Square

What is the role of the church in the public square today? Is it possible that we might play a role that is neither triumphal nor tongue-tied but rather speaking forthrightly and acting resolutely as a voice in the public conversation? In line with the general theme of this article, the church and its leaders must find a way to speak that does not simply say, “I agree with that” or “me too” to the Republicans or Democrats, to the left or right, but speaks Christianly and theologically in ways that are provocative, compelling, and faithful.

Conversation 9: Death and Resurrection

There are some congregations where death is not the worst thing that can happen. It may even be the best thing that can happen, because

without a death there can be no resurrection. Some congregations of the historic mainline will be able to make the shifts necessary to become churches of a third way and experience new purpose and vitality. Others, however, will not. In some situations, congregations and denominations need to be about the work of death and resurrection.

To be continued...

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We are doing a history project on IUMC. If you have history of IUMC, please share it with Pastor Kelli by email pastoriumc@cablone.net or by snail mail PO Box 688, Ingleside, TX 78362. Thank you!

Thank you to all who came to the I/AP Community Thanksgiving service! There were 90 people present to give thanks to God! An offering of almost \$400 was received. Half will be given to Tri-County Christian Center in AP and half will be used to start the I/AP Ministerial Alliance Scholarship Fund.

Thanks again! ~I/AP Ministerial Alliance



UMM Breakfast meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All persons interested in joining the UMM are welcome.

Plans are being made to provide a Fish Fry for the Susannah Supper at a future date.

Thanks to UMM helping with UMW Rummage Sale on Sat. Nov 5 by serving Tacos, Hot Dogs & Drinks.

See you Sunday, December 4th!



Needs for Our Food Pantry

We are in need of canned meats, pancake mix, canned fish, macaroni & cheese, canned stews, one pan dinners, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, 1 pound bags of rice, velveeta cheese, hearty soup, peanut butter & jelly. **Thank You!**

Corpus Christi



**Sunday December 4, 2011
3:00 p.m.**

First United Methodist Church
900 S, Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas





Performance to be Accompanied by
Members of the Corpus Christi
Symphony Orchestra

**Help Collect
Box Tops
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Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$400 million since 1996. You can earn cash for your child's school by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. Please help support our children and their school by clipping your Box Tops and bringing them to church with you each Sunday. There will be a barrel in the foyer for you to drop your Box Tops off each week. We have several children of IUMC and the tops will be shared between them equally.

DECEMBER 2011

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Weekly Events

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Church office closed Dec 25-31st

Pat Hunt
Ann Rolls
Carla Otto
Fay Smith
Joy Moore
Lee family
Jim Strader
Helen Heide
Taylor Berry
Brandon Key
David Belser
John Shaver
Hurley family
Jerry Storms
Ann M. Allen
James Gandy
Fred Gifford
Gordon Kemp
Karen Elliott
Connor Freed
William Harris
Mary Reeves
Ivy Sherrwood
Millie Neskovich
Marshall Cooper
Jennifer Johnson
Cary Christenson
Ken Payne & family
Camron & Chris Cox
Military & their families

In Our Prayers



God Hears and Answers Prayers

Rain for South Texas

Those affected by:

Storms, Floods & Wild Fires

Marilyn Oakley

Preston Vickery

Lindsey Wilson

Madison Shedd

Debra Wallhead

Jimmy Mullenax

Fred Christenson

Kyle Lueckemeyer

Mary White's baby girl

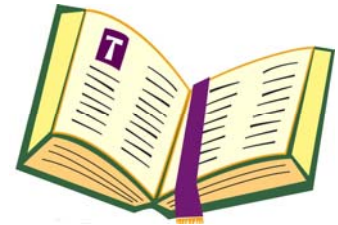
Rodney Ayoub family

Megan Williamson

Yvonne Leather & family

Larry Kirtz
Greg Smith
Jerry Wilson
Nona Maley
Lu Dahman
Chris Brown
Anita Garza
Allie Cuddle
Boyd Kinsey
Doris Sinclair
Buddy Heron
Helen Young
Roger Wright
Becky Harrell
Diane Sebek
Sue Wheaton & family
Larry Douglas
Harril Bowdry
Bonnie Durbin
Jeffrey Merrick
Chet Dickerson
Jennifer Emmett
Brandon Johnson
Alexandra Chircop
Larry Cunningham
Tony Ortiz & family
Emma & J.J. Parker
Yvonne Leather & family
Michael Deyo & his daughters
JR & Vanessa Rodriguez & family

Lectionary Readings



December 4, 2011

Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806)
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 11, 2011

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18, 2011

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24, 2011

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 25, 2011

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

December 31, 2011

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

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

Sunday Morning Schedule



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



9:40-10:30 a.m.

3yrs-1st grade: Room 1B
2nd-4th grades: Room 1A
5th-6th grades: Room 10A
7th-12th grades: Room 6
Misfits: Room 4
Good News Crew: Fellowship Hall

Nursery (under 3): Room 3

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

Recycle old ink cartridges

Don't know what to do with your used printer ink cartridges? Just bring them to us! Our office is collecting empty ink cartridges to be recycled.



IUMC Music Ministry



Children/ Youth Band



Children/ Youth Choir



Choir practice



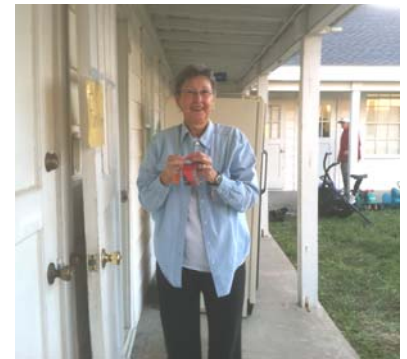
Cantata rehearsal



United Methodist Women's Annual Rummage & Bake Sale



Thank you to EVERYONE who made this year's Rummage Sale a success!



THE UMW SPOT

December Schedule:

Tuesday, December 6

6:30pm Christmas Social & Supper Fellowship Hall

All women of Ingleside UMC are invited to the Christmas social, Pizza & Bunco provided!

Thursday, December 22

5-7pm Susannah's Community Supper Fellowship Hall



Being a member of The United Methodist Women has presented many opportunities to show God's love by serving, helping and loving others. We have made birthing, layette, and health kits, school bags full of supplies and sent to UMCOR. Letting others know we care by providing a meal and a place for people to come and enjoy the fellowship of others, taking time to play bingo with the residents at the nursing home, honoring our teachers, loving our children.

United Methodist Women turning faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world.



~Darlene Patterson, UMW President

One of my favorite bible verses is Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: Love your neighbor as you love yourself. The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments."

My membership in United Methodist Women is my pathway to showing my love for God and for sharing that love with my neighbors. Helping a young child feel accepted with the gift of a school back pack, or a school shirt, fixing a meal and sharing a conversation with someone who is alone, preparing layette kits for babies in need, preparing a meal for a family who has lost a loved one---showing love with a warm hug or a phone call to someone who needs a friend. Praying prayers of joy, for health or for a concern for someone, holding a Prayer Bear and then sending that bear to the person I have prayed for and letting that person know the love of God through that bear.

My God is such an awesome God and my life has been so blessed. I am so thankful for the opportunities that I have to share that love with others.

~Gayle Goble

It has been a blessing for me to witness the work of God bringing us through a period of financial devastation to a greater financial strength. I believe God expects us to be good stewards of the resources given to carry out His work. This church was not meeting His expectations and we had to learn some difficult lessons. The finances were so bad that, after posting the payroll checks in May, the church bank account reflected a negative balance of about \$275.00. (*Maybe He DID have to hit us on the head with a brick?*) We had to postpone paying the liabilities until the funds were available. The entire congregation has done everything possible to reduce expenditures. We have had a long overdue stewardship campaign and the new budget reflects a more accurate picture of the actual operations of the church. With lots of prayer and God's help, we are now on the road to recovery.

Blessings,
Rita

How has God blessed you through your church leadership position or ministries you are involved in?

OR

How have you seen/ experienced God at work in and through Ingleside UMC?

Send your responses to Pastor Kelli by email: pastoriumc@cableone.net or by snail mail: PO Box 688, Ingleside, TX 78362.

You are invited to a discussion of Southwest Texas Conference's future on Saturday, January, 12, 2012, in Corpus Christi. More details coming...

Advent Study: CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Instead of the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of the Savior who gave everything he had for us. Pastor Mike Slaughter, through his book, CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY, presents a different approach to Christmas. Two classes will be offered on Thursdays from 10:00am – 11:00am and 7:00pm-8:00pm in room 4 Dec. 1th, 8th, 15th, and 22th. Everyone is invited to participate. Child care will be available.



IMAGINE YOURSELF DEBT FREE

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class starts Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 7pm, Room 4. Plan now to attend!

CC District UMC Christmas Party

Where: St. John's UMC

5300 S. Alameda, Corpus Christi, TX Community Life Bldg. (new building)

When: Thursday, December 8, 2011

Time: 11:00 am check in time (name tags, etc)

Cost: \$9.00 per person (includes lunch and entertainment—Ray High School Choir)

RSVP by December 2nd with Polly Garbutt 775-8885



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Making sack dinners for Salvation Army Mobile Canteen





Wesley Nurse

DECEMBER 2011- Seasons of Wholeness Message- "Holiday Gifts and Traditions"

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the Heavenly lights..." James 1:17

A harried woman and her children were ending their day of holiday shopping. To express her frustration and stress, she stated that whoever created Christmas should be strung up and shot. A bystander brought to her attention that someone had already crucified him. Before you get caught up with your tasks, lists, and expectations, put them into perspective. Ask yourself what you should be celebrating: the hectic, stress-laden, financially burdened holiday season, or the gift of peace and hope.

"And we have received God's Spirit so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us." 1 Corinthians 2:12

Everyone likes to give gifts at Christmas because it feels good to make dreams come true but remember to give responsibly and within your means. Avoid using credit cards by trimming your gift-giving list, sticking to a budget, buying on sale, or even making your own gifts. Explain to children why you can't buy the latest electronic gadget, Joyful giving does not mean your ruin your credit rating, jeopardize your ability to pay utilities, or cause marital strife from poor finances. Give freely but give within your means.

Even though God gives us all we need for a healthy, happy life, we tend to disturb it by "spending" and "observing" the holiday on human terms. Look at the holiday traps that take up your time. Categorize your holiday tasks as "need to do", "should do", "want to do", and "expected to do". Which ones really address the Christmas spirit? Just because you are invited to attend an event or have habitually participated in an activity does not mean you have to continue with that activity. Prioritize all of your activities. By weeding out those that distract you from the true meaning of Christmas, you will find less stress and more enjoyment from your choices.

"Give and you will receive." Your gift will return to you in full-press down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Luke 6:38

Not all gifts are material. Sharing your time with others is a gift that can be given all year round. Look for community agencies or projects that need manpower. Homeless/ abuse shelters, food pantries, meal sites, tutoring projects, hospice programs, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and many other programs need manpower to provide their services. Research shows that volunteering is also good for your physical and mental health so choose a project, commit your time, and make it a family event. It will improve the lives of others while it reaps unexpected spiritual and family benefits.

"Be sure to give to the Lord the best portions of the gifts given to you." Numbers 18:19.

Advent is a time for hope, peace, joy, and love, not mounds of gifts, chaotic rounds of parties, or copious amounts of food. Consider what has real meaning for you. Is it the Christmas story you heard as a child or its impact on you as an adult? Think about the music of the holiday and how a stirring rendition of "Joy to the World" or a quiet performance of "Silent Night" displays love and peace in a harried world. Do not let commercialism or stress overshadow the gifts of love and sharing that you offer your loved ones. Remember the spirits of Christmas, share your presence with others, reduce your stress, and create meaningful traditions that demonstrate God's love.

Your Wesley Nurse, Shirley R. Jefferson, RN

AP & Ing RFL is looking for Cancer Patients/ Survivors (skin, breast, lung, prostate, etc.) and Care-givers. You may register online at www.relayforlife.org/aransaspassinglesidetx or contact Martha Habluetzel 776-7768 grandma_hobo@yahoo.com.

~Martha Habluetzel

From the Side Office:

*“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” (Matthew 1:23)*

My favorite name of Jesus is Emmanuel, meaning “God with us”. It does not matter what is going on in life, from splendid to unbearable, God is still God and His promises are still trustworthy and true. Whether you are surrounded by loving friends and family or alone, you are never really alone. God is with you.

My college pastor said the same benediction every Sunday. In seminary, I decided that would be the second half of my benediction every Sunday.

Receive now this benediction:

“You don’t go alone. God goes with you.

God goes...

before you to show you the way,
behind you to encourage you,
beside you to befriend you,
above you to watch over you,
and within you always to bring you peace.”

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kelli

web page: <http://www.inglesideumc.com>
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All Members of the Congregation
Ministers:

Nursery Assistant: Carolina Moreno
Janitor: Fred Borel

Nursery Director: Sandy Hoover
Newsletter Editor: Sandy Hoover

Administrative Assistant: Sandy Hoover
Mother’s Day Out: Carol Longbotham

Pastor: Rev. Kelli Williamson
John Meenaghan
Steve Roberson

District Superintendent: Rev. Eradio Valverde, Jr.
Musicians: Carolyn Krebs
George Husted

SWTX Conference Bishop: Bishop James Dorff
Leo Oliver
Music Director:

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