



The Methodist Messenger

August 2011

Things to Remember!

- August 5th-6th Youth's Annual Lock-In
- August 7th 12:30pm Choir Info Mtg
- August 11-14 Women's Emmaus Walk
- August 11th Finance Mtg at 6:30pm
- August 14th No Youth
- August 15th—19th Meals on Wheels
- August 17th Ad Council Mtg at 6:30pm
- August 18th Trustees Mtg at 6:30pm
- August 21st 12:30pm Youth at Hawaiian Falls
- August 22nd School Starts
- August 24th Newsletter Articles are due
- August 28th Youth's Contemporary Service

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Accepting The Gift

Hello Church,

The following quote from John Indermark expresses well the message that I wish everyone could hear and experience in their lives.

"THE FUNDAMENTAL WORD AND EXPRESSION of God's grace comes in the assurance that **we are loved by God**. ... The knowledge of God's love for us helps us realize that we need not strive to earn or buy or seize God's love. It is already there, a gift, a part of who we are . . . **for we belong to God.**"

John Indermark
Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus

Simply put, we are loved by God, period! We do not have to earn any degrees, achievements or recognition to show God that we are lovable. It seems that so much energy is spent these days trying to earn others approval and recognition. Some children spend years trying to earn their parents love and approval. Others are always seeking to impress someone; a boss, a neighbor, or a friend. In August, the American Idol auditions will be coming to Houston for American Idol 2011. There's nothing wrong in competing in contests like these as long as one doesn't link one's self-worth with having to win the competition. Some try to prove their worth by having the most impressive homes or possessions or clothes.

We don't have to prove to God that we are worthy of being loved or belonging to God's family. We already belong to God. All we need to do is to accept that gift within our hearts. It's one thing to hear these words with our ears and yet another to digest these words and allow them to flood our souls. Accepting the gift frees us to be ourselves; to know that we are loved, that God cares for us and for our future.

I would encourage you to repeat these words, "**I am loved by God**" on a daily basis so it becomes part of your routine like brushing and caring for your teeth. These words can certainly be refreshing to the soul.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mary Martin

Our Mission Statement

**We are part of Christ's loving family:
serving, growing, reaching out and moving forward in faith!**

**Calling all children
3 years to 5th grade!**

COME, LIVE THE ADVENTURE with **Live B.I.G. Sunday School**

"We Can Help Others" is our BIG Theme for August. We will learn a new song, a new bible verse from 1 John and hear stories from 2 Kings, Luke, and Acts. Come join us for fun activities and games as we discover how God wants us to help others.

See ya Sunday,
- Mrs. Alisha



Sunday School

10:00 - 10:45

Children, Youth,
& Adult Classes are offered each Sunday morning!!

Cross Class

Please join us in the Cross Class on Sunday mornings. We are starting a new study the Book of Ephesians, part of the Life Lessons series by Max Lucado. A tentative schedule as follows:

July 31	Lesson 1
August 7	Lesson 2
August 14	Lesson 3
August 21	Lesson 4
August 28	Lesson 5

See you Sunday at 10:00 am

-Rodney



Coming in September:

Adam Hamilton's "Why? Making Sense with God's Will". For more information call or email Pastor Mary at pastormary@princetonumc.org or by phone at 972-672-8317.

The Seekers

"The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class"

The Seekers Class has started a study on the book of Revelations. Come join us!

Revelations is written by John during the time he was exiled to the island of Patmos by the Roman authorities. It is thought to be written around 95 AD. In chapter 2 and 3, he writes to the seven churches. These churches were all in Asia (modern day Turkey) and were within an area of 50 miles of each other.

Read through these letters and consider how these same messages could relate to the churches of today.

Character of the 7 churches

1. Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7) - the church that had forsaken its first love (2:4).
2. Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11) - the church that would suffer persecution (2:10).

3. Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17) - the church that needed to repent (2:16).
4. Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29) - the church that had a false propheticess (2:20).
5. Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6) - the church that had fallen asleep (3:2).
6. Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13) - the church that had endured patiently (3:10).
7. Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22) - the church with the lukewarm faith (3:16).

The letters follow a common pattern: Each begins with "to the angel of the church" then the author identifies himself and mentions what he knows about the church. After this there is a challenge or reproach given, followed by a promise. In all seven letters this is included, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches". All end with an appeal to hold fast and to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Each church is promised that everyone who conquers will be rewarded by Christ.

We would love to have you join us!

Love, Dawn

YOUTH

u.m.y.f - united methodist youth fellowship

and wednesday night bible study

Hey Youth!

Hope your summer has been relaxing and fun! Now it's time for SCHOOL! Exciting, right? Well, maybe not, but we've got some really cool activities for you to be involved in to make your weekends more fun!

We'll start Fall Semester off with a BANG!

August 5th-6th will be our ANNUAL YOUTH LOCK-IN! The kids will be locked-in overnight in a local church to play games, learn about God, and stay up all night!! We will meet at the church at 6pm, and pick up will be Saturday at 8am. There

is no cost for this event and dinner (and snacks all night) will be provided. Saturday will be a great nap day!!

August 14th we will not be having Youth since I will be out on my Walk to Emmaus. Please pray for me in this time and enjoy your weekend!



August 21st we will celebrate back-

to-school by going to HAWAIIAN FALLS! Make sure to invite your friends since there will be a minimum number of kids RSVP'd for us to go. The minimum number is 15, and the cost will be \$20. We will leave the church at 12:30pm and be back by 7pm.

August 28th will be our monthly contemporary service at the church. Join us for fellowship and fun as we worship God in a contemporary way! Service will begin at 6:30pm.

Hope to see you all soon! Invite your friends and let's have a great back-to-school!!
-Whitney

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

-Isaiah 40:28-31

“School Days” — “School Days”
“Dear Old Golden Rule Days”

It's that time of year again! Even though the song is basically about memories of long ago, we are subject to the “Golden Rule Days” all the time. Explanation: “The biblical teaching of treating others as one should be treated,” or as we often hear, “Do unto others...” keep up the good work again this year with your prayer partners. Remember, the more you give, the more you get! We can all appreciate that!

In Christ's Name,
Lynn

A Note From Our Lay Leader:

Sunday in church I mentioned that no matter where I travel the most beautiful sight are each of your faces on a Sunday morning. And when asked whether that includes being with the horses, my less than simple answer is that because I spend time with the horses, yes. I am one of those people that a Perkins professor Dr. McElvaney describes as being deeply inspired by the unintentional wonder of nature. All of creation amazes me and when given the gift of time spent in it I am renewed and transformed. The horse offers me the opportunity to go places in nature that the limitations of my body would otherwise prevent. And the horse, being one of God's beautiful and noble creations, allows me the chance to be as one with nature and its creatures. The old saying of “the more I know dogs and people the better I like dogs” does not apply in my case. The more I know horses and understand nature and the sacredness of what God has created the more I love that which was created solely for the purpose of communing with God – humanity. As I learn and grow more through the Holy Spirit I grow in compassion and love as I strive to fulfill Jesus Christ's two great commandments.

- Pam Zolczer

The Ins and Outs

The Leadership of the church strives to continue in our efforts to thoroughly and effectively communicate so that all in the church body feels informed and included. This section in the newsletter is to let everyone know about the finances from the previous month. To keep it simple, we offer two numbers: what was received and what was spent.

If you would like to learn more about the finances of the church, you are invited to speak with the Finance Chair, Cindy Williams.

FOR JULY: *Blessings received: \$7,154.06 Expenses paid: \$ 7,760.88*

Totals include dollars received and expensed through the General Fund and does not include moneys received for special offerings, or benevolent acts.

United Methodist Women (UMW)



MUSIC AT PUMC

No meeting in August. I hope you are having a great summer and keeping cool!!

Keep your eyes and ears open for information about the September meeting.

Please pencil in on your calendar that the meeting is planned for Monday, Sept 12th. Our speaker will be Pastor Mary

We Love you,

UMW Officers – Janet, Glendy, Michelle, and Dawn

We are looking for able bodies and willing voices to sing in the choir at PUMC!

It does not matter if you do not have experience, or think you sound bad!

Christmas is approaching, and we would love to have a program like we do every year.

This cannot happen without members of a choir!

If interested, please come to the Choir Info Meeting on Sunday, August 7th at 12:30pm.

We will not be singing and there is NO obligation. Just come see what it's all about!

No age limit, no voice limit, no time commitment!



Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers make such a beautiful addition to our worship service and to our sanctuary. If you would provide flowers to the Glory of God as a memorial or honorarium please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the back of the Sanctuary. For more info, contact Ann Coleman (972)734-2080.

In Our Prayers:

Rebecca Henry, Joyce & Darwin Ripperduh, Wilbert Turner II, Carl Hartwig Sr. Charlie Hahn, Edie Baird, Clay Christian, Pat Liitschwager, Alee, Johnnie McTee, Nancy Beasley, Nancy Monks' mother, Nivaya & Family, Megan (14), Alex Solis, Janet Engelbert, Paul (Whitney's stepdad), Jessica (Ally's friend), Taylor Hartwig, Michael Nail, Jaden Keyes, Amanda Turner's Mom, Joshua & pregnant wife Fredrickson, James Bureson, Erica, Dave Buettner, Brandie Sellers, MckHaley Avery, Michael Avery, Raymond & Lydia Rodriguez, Kathy's mom, Joanine Nations, Juiquitta Morris, Brad Richardson, Elise Ivy, Glenda's Uncle Danny, Steve Pendergrass, Josh Bramlett & family, Anna Smith, Don Bouihan, Alma Lemon, Gwen Alexander & family, Hayden & Colton, Wynona Brown, Ann Grove, Belynda Hughes, Alex Barfield, Corrina Yuregas, Arthur "Papa" McCallum, the Family of Mack Atkinson, Paul Pappas, Brian—friend of Sherry's, Pam Shingles, Pam's grandson, Jon Perez, Alma Lemon, Becca Taskla, Glendy, Smith Family, Colleen, and all those struggling for employment, and your church!

Prayer Lists



Special Military Prayers:

Our Nation's leaders, Men and Women in Armed Forces, Kevin Carter, Victor Bates, JW Carter, Justin Askew, Mark Berry, Eric Lewis, Ian Nelson, Jared Pelfrey, Jeremy Landers, Zach Harless, John Bailey, Benjamin Baker, John Hartwig, Derrick Pelfrey, Thomas Williams, Jacob White, Jeremy Lord, Brian Farrar, Peter McNeilley, John Alexander Pryor, Brody White, Josh Bail, Brian Morrison

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays:

- 01– Kelly Gough
- 02– Mark Woodall
- 05– Michael Hansen
Lori Dunham
- 06– Jennifer Hartwig
- 08– Nancy Monks
- 12– Dan Wiser
Wilbert Turner
Wally Smith, Jr.
- 13– Wally Smith, Sr.
- 14– Josef Lee Willingham, Sr.

- 16– Anthony Renfro
- 17– Brett Kyle
- 18– Alyssa Smith
- 19– Haven Henry
- 25– Jason Andor
- 27– Steven Woodall
Dylan Tucker

September:

- 02– Andrew Jennings
- 03– Ann Coleman
- 04– Azura Smith

Happy Anniversary

August

- 06– Kelly & Dawn Gough
- 11– Roy & Maxine Barz
- 12– Wilbert & Diane Turner
- 18– Lonnie & Amanda Turner
- 21– Brett & Marsha Kyle
- 23– Nona & Sam Sandlin
- 31– Melanie & Anthony Renfro

Food Pantry



Remember our Food Pantry needs this month:
Spam, Oatmeal, Taco/Sloppy Joe Seasonings,



Recipe of the Month:



Grape Salad



Ingredients:

1lb whole red seedless grapes
8oz cream cheese
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar

1lb whole green seedless grapes
8oz sour cream
4 Butterfinger candy bars
1/4 cup chopped pecans

Cream the cream cheese, sour cream and white sugar together in a medium/large bowl. Stir grapes into the mixture. Put mixture into a 9x13 dish.

Crush up 4 Butterfinger candy bars and mix in a bowl with the brown sugar and pecans. Sprinkle the candy bar mixture over the grape mixture.


Cover and refrigerate overnight.

(Note: for a healthier/lower fat dessert, you can use fat free cream cheese and sour cream as well as use Splenda white and brown sugar substitutes)

If interested in sharing a recipe in the newsletter, please email the recipe to Marsha at mekyle6311@att.net.

Meals on Wheels — the week of August 15th
Contact Cindy Williams if you can help!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Youth Lock-in 6pm Meet at the Church 	6 Youth Lock-in Returns at 8am
7 Communion Sunday 12:30pm Choir Info Meeting	8	9	10	11 6:30pm Finance Mtg	12	13
				Walk to Emmaus		
14 Covered Dish Lunch 3:00pm District Wor- ship for New Pastors at FUMC Plano No Youth	15	16	17 6:30pm Ad Council Mtg	18 6:30pm Trustees Mtg	19	20
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21 12:30 Youth traveling to Hawaiian Falls 	22 School Starts 	23	24	25	26 Newsletter Articles Due	27
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Services & Events

Sunday Events

Sunday School	10:00am - 10:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am - 12:00pm
Adult Choir	12:15pm - 1:00pm
Youth Fellowship:	5:00pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday Events

M&M's (Kids)	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Youth Bible Study	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Mid-week Bible Studies and Small Groups	6:30pm – 7:30pm



This newsletter is a monthly publication for the First United Methodist Church of Princeton. Our service times and other regular weekly activities are listed to the left.

We welcome you to worship with us and to experience the joy of having fellowship with other people who believe in the love of God and the teachings of Christ.

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