



The Methodist Messenger

February 2012

Things to Remember!

- Choir— Sunday's at 4pm
- Youth—Sunday's at 5pm
- Prayer Group—Tuesday's at 10am
- Feb 2nd Trustees Meeting at 7pm
- Feb 9th Skype with Paul Nickerson, 7pm
- Feb 12th Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb 13th UMW at 6:30pm
- Feb 14th Valentine's Day
- Feb. 21 Church Charge Conference 7pm
- Feb 22nd Ash Wednesday Service 7pm.
- Feb 26th Mosaic Lenten Study: When God Uses All the Pieces. Book \$10.00
- Week of Feb 27th—Meals on Wheels

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From the Pastor's Corner.....

Hello Church,

As our church continues to journey towards a new beginning and a new vision I would like to ask each of you two questions. One, if you get to where you're going, will you be where you want to be? Two, if you find what you're looking for, what else will you need to make you happy? These are life questions. They force us to examine the direction of our life, our priorities, what we think will make us happy.

So what are you looking for? This is the first question Jesus asked in the Gospel of John. John the Baptist knew who Jesus was. The Spirit witnessed to Him. So he named Jesus to two of His disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God". That would get your attention, wouldn't it? It got the attention of those two disciples and they followed Jesus. Jesus probed their curiosity, forced them to focus their thinking and intention. "What are you looking for tells the story of who you are.

Let it grab your mind and heart: If you find what you're looking for and don't know Jesus, you'll still need more to make you happy. You know what my contention is -- there is no life, no abundant life, no life with meaning for now and eternity apart from Jesus Christ. All reality is summed up in Jesus. Paul put it this way, "it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell...in Him all things consist."

But if you find what you're looking for and don't know Jesus, you'll still need more to make you happy, right. Jesus has taught us, but He has done more. He has not only spoken, He has died. He has not only shown us the path on which to walk, He has made it possible for us to walk in it. He is not merely one amongst the noble band that have guided and inspired and instructed humanity, but He stands alone -- not a Teacher, but The Redeemer, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."

"So, what are you looking for?" As you think about it, remember, what you are looking for tells the story of who you are. If you get what you are looking for and don't have Jesus, you will still need more to make you happy.

Blessings,
Pastor Mary

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!***

Live B.I.G. Sunday School

In February the Live B.I.G. kids will learn that the Bible helps us discover what God wants us to be and do. That the Bible teaches us how to live. We will learn from the books of Deuteronomy and Matthew. Come join us as we learn through stories, games and fun activities.

See YOU soon!

Mrs. Alisha



Sunday School

10:00 - 10:45

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

The Seekers

Adult Sunday School Class

"The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class"

The Seekers Class is studying the book of Nehemiah. Come join us and help us decide what to study next.

Nehemiah 3- Rebuilding the Wall around Jerusalem

This chapter describes the different groups that worked together to rebuild the wall each by taking a section to complete. Verse 5 did note that some nobles would not put their shoulders to work under their supervisor. The work was done in an organized manner and can show us the value of working for God in an organized manner.

Nehemiah 4 - This chapter gives recognition and appreciation to the groups of laborers.

Just as with rebuilding the temple they had opposition with neighboring countries. They mocked them by saying the Jews were feeble and the wall was weak. People discourage us today by saying the church is small and weak. Nehemiah dealt with the discouragement with prayer and called on God to hear the taunting. They prayed for strength and just kept working.

We would love to have you join us!

Love,
Dawn



Cross Class

Adult Sunday School Class

Our class finished "Life Lessons with Max Lucado", Book of Ephesians, and will decide together which study to begin next.

Come join us in our study at 10:00 a.m., and join in with the lively conversations.

Blessings to all.

Ginger



FEBRUARY 2012

February 22nd—**Ash Wednesday** (lasts 40 weekdays) - **First day of Lent**

April 8th—**Easter Sunday** — **Last day of Lent**

Lent— This is the season to pray more and be more thankful to God who sacrificed His only son for our sins. In order to meet the tradition, each of us can make a choice to “give up” something during the season of Lent to make us more obedient.

February 14th—**Valentine's Day**—A day of love and giving. Happy Valentine's Day!

February 20th—**President's Day**—Celebrating a time to be thankful for our forefathers and their contributions to our country.

Praise God for all blessings!
Lynn Davis

M & M's
(aka - Mini Methodist)

Wow I can't believe a month has already gone by! M&M's is going great! We have had a great time learning about God and his amazing stories. We just learned about Moses and have enjoyed being able to watch "Prince of Egypt" as a fun movie night! We have many more wonderful things planned. We would love to have your children come join us!

We meet every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 at the church. Come see what we're all about!

Miss Boston

UMW

A HUGE THANKS to all who helped sponsor a Christmas Angel from the Princeton schools and help provide them with Christmas gifts. I know you made their Christmas something special.

UMW has started a new mission this year of providing quarterly donations to Living Water International and No More Malaria.

We are planning to have a craft booth at the Onion Festival (4/28) to raise funds to help with these missions. Start thinking about your crafty ideas!

We would like to start a second UMW group meeting during the day. If you are interested please talk to Janet Norman.

February 13th (Monday) at 6:30 - Join us at our February meeting with our guest speaker Michael Buettner. Marie's son will be sharing with us about extreme couponing and how he uses his purchases for donations to help support Battered Women's shelters with extra items.

Love,
Dawn

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Prayer Requests:

Our Church's vision and move
 The members of this church
 Our Pastor and her Family
 Our leaders and volunteers in our town
 Christ Cares for Princeton
 All Princeton school employees
 Our District Superintendent, Rev. Frank Alegria
 Those struggling to find employment
 Tamatha Bonner
 Junior Bonner
 Lupee Daniels
 Dave Buettner
 Donna Nickols-Nancy Monk's Mother
 Diane Turner
 Wayne Hartwig
 Billy Combest
 Johnnie McTee
 Guy Smith-Robert's Brother
 June-Katie's friend
 Lynn Davis
 Sue Chetwood
 Pat & Harold Best
 Diane & Frank Andor
 Mario
 Betty Pope for family losses
 Smith Family for their loss
 Latif Hamiti
 Holman Family in their loss
 For those who do not know Jesus Christ



Our Prayers are with these Men and Women as they serve our country:

Sgt. Justin Askew, Staff Sgt. Mark Berry,
 Sgt. Zach Harless, Staff Sgt. John
 Hartwig, Jacob White, Brody White,
 Chelsea White, Capt. Peter McNeilley,
 Sarah Craig, and Damon Craig

Happy Birthday



February:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Meagan Chaddick | 15 Diane Turner |
| 05 Merlin Webert | 16 Lisa Smith |
| 07 Bubba Askew | 17 Matthew Williams |
| 08 David Atkinson | 21 Brandi Monico |
| Lynn Davis | Susan Chaddick |
| 13 Janet Norman | 25 Logan Renfro |
| 14 Ginger Smith | |
| Wayne Hartwig | |
| Jacob White | |

Happy Anniversary

February

- 19 Justin & Jeanette Askew
 29 Brian & Teri Potts



Just a ♪ from Janet

What a great time I had Sunday afternoon!!!! Thanks to all that came and sang in the worship service Sunday morning. I have to tell you the sound was exceptionally good. I hope we sound that good next Sunday morning. A few voices blending in harmony and Angels sing - *Gloria!!!* In times past, my choirs have experienced the angels singing with them. Little is much when God is in it. Won't you come and join us in Heavenly Praise?

Please don't tell me you can't sing. With God anyone can sing and should sing for joy - for being alive, for Jesus and His incredible mercy.

Sunday afternoons-Come-come-come @ 4pm...

Grace and mercy to all,

Janet

YOUTH MINISTRY

For the month of February, our youth will be sharing the Gospel every Sunday evening with First United Methodist Church of McKinney. (2/12,2/19,2/26)

5:30pm Jr. High Youth

Awesome activities, games, worship and a \$2 dinner.

5:30pm High School Youth

Grow, Learn, fellowship, worship and eat for \$2.

Please meet at the church at 5:00pm. We will be car pooling to First UMC McKinney. Invite your friends to come along and experience the love of Christ and learn how to share that love with the world.

Numbers 6:24- "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord life up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Food Pantry



Remember our monthly Food Pantry needs this month:

Canned Chili, Jelly, 1lb Bag Flour, 1lb Bag Sugar



UMW

Coupons For Christ

All of us have used coupons at one time or another to save a little money on the grocery bill. But, have you ever considered using coupons to increase your charitable giving?

Michael Buettner is the son of members Marie and Dave Buettner. Mike is a member of Cornerstone UMC in Garland, Texas. He is an "extreme couponer." When he first started couponing he was teased by friends and family. However, everyone thinks differently now! In a single shopping excursion, he purchased hundreds of dollars of groceries and paid less than \$20.

Mike decided to share the wealth of groceries he earns by couponing. He donates a percentage of the products he buys to Genesis Battered Women's Shelter in Garland. Mike will be speaking to the United Methodist Women on February 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM. He will share the ins and outs of coupon shopping and how to use the technique to increase charitable giving.

I invite you to come and learn about Coupons for Christ and meet our son, Mike, the big guy with the big Christian heart.

Blessings,
Marie

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "



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 214-578-9009.

Meals on Wheels – The weeks of February 27 & March 26, 2012

Contact Cindy Williams if you can help!

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
	Meals on Wheels					
			6:30pm M&M's	7:00pm Trustees		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday 4:00pm Choir	7:00pm Finance Meeting	10:00am Prayer group	6:30pm M&M's	7:00pm Skype with Paul Nickerson our Coach from the Conference		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Boy Scout Sunday 4:00pm Choir 5:00pm Youth meets to carpool to FUMC McKinney	6:30pm UMW	10:00am Prayer Group Valentine's Day 	6:30pm M&M's			
19	20	21	22	23	23	25
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Sunday School 10:00am - 10:45am
Morning Worship 11:00am - 12:00pm
Youth Fellowship: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

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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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