



The Methodist Messenger

July 2011

Things to Remember!

- UMW won't be meeting during the summer months
- July 3rd, Come celebrate the 4th of July with Princeton!
- July 10th is Covered Dish
- July 10th Contemporary Service
- July 17th there will be a family-friendly movie at the church
- Meals on wheels is the week of July 18th-22nd
- July 27th, August Newsletter Articles are due
- July 31st the youth head to Six Flags at Noon

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Church Chat:

By: Betty Benjamin

Goodbye and Hello

I told myself I wasn't going to cry when Jason left. I cried. It is what makes me so crazy about being a Methodist, I hate goodbyes! It seems like just yesterday he and JeanAnn and Jonah came to Princeton, and then came Riley, then Camille and each child stole my heart! They are such a precious family. I couldn't hold back the tears thinking that those sweet faces won't be in our church anymore. Then Jason's sermon about not being able to cross over to the Promised Land with us! How sad was that? Then putting the scrapbook together – Michelle had a million pictures of the time Jason has been our pastor – how fun to relive those years....which is also the year Jim and I remarried. He was the one who led us in our vows and made our special day so special. Yes, Jason is a treasure and we will always hold him close to our hearts.

Now we start anew. This is the hard part, building new relationships and trying to see how it will all piece together. I am hiring three new teachers this year at the high school and I know how important it is for them to feel like part of the team when they start in August. I call them over the summer and invite them to various workshops or just to have lunch. It is important to begin to build the relationships before the hectic school days start.

I will also be teaching Biology next year and I am already planning for that adventure. It has been 8 years since I last taught a class and I have never taught freshmen or Biology. I feel so much older and wonder how I will relate to a class of 14-15 year olds! I am reading up on the latest and greatest teaching strategies, but I know that my success is based on the relationship I build with each one of my students. I have to admit I am really stressing about this, but God hasn't given me more than WE can handle because I know I don't have to go it alone.

I got to meet Pastor Mary at the UMW dinner at San Miguel's. We had 20 people there, the biggest meeting all year – that was encouraging! I didn't really get a chance to speak with her yet, but I hope we all realize the importance of building a new relationship with her and her family. It takes time and energy to make the connections with new people, but remember – she has to connect with all of us, we already have each other – let's open our arms and gather her into our church family with the love and acceptance of Christ which our church is built upon.

Ephesians 4:2-3

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

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**

Calling all kiddos 4yrs- 5th grade. Come help us discover the idea that: We believe that we can live and act with love and courage because God is always with us. July may be "hot", but it will bring us "cool" stories about Elijah from 1Kings, Jonah from the book of Jonah, and more from the books of Matthew, Mark and Acts.

A big THANK YOU! to our congregation for helping us collect 38 pairs of new socks for our mission project in May. We have successfully and lovingly packaged these socks and will be shipping them to Centenary United Methodist Church in Richmond, Virginia in support of their mission to the homeless.

See ya Sunday,
- Mrs. Alisha



The Seekers

"The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class"

The Seekers Class will be finishing our study of 2nd Corinthians in July. Come join us and help us decide what to study next.

The Corinthian church had some false teachers who were challenging Paul's personal integrity and his authority as an apostle. Paul changed his travel plans on when he would be visiting them again and these false teachers were using this to persuade the church that they couldn't trust him. In this letter to the church of Corinth, Paul asks them to

consider his personal life, how he was always honorable, and his life transforming message of salvation was true.

There are many familiar verses in chapter 5.

2 Corinth 5:7 --- We live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinth 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinth 5:20 – We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Corinth 5:21 – God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We would love to have you join us!

Love, Dawn

Sunday
School

10:00 - 10:45

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

Calling all adults!!

Please come and learn with us in the Cross Class on Sunday mornings.

We continue to study the Book of Acts, part of the Life Lessons series by Max Lucado.

A tentative schedule as follows:

July 3	Lesson 9
July 10	Lesson 10
July 17	Lesson 11

July 24

Lesson 12

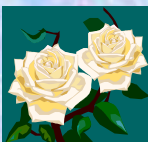
July 31

TBA

See you Sunday at 10:00 am

Cross Class

- Rodney



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.

YOUTH

u.m.y.f • united methodist youth fellowship and wednesday night bible study

Hey Guys!!

I hope you have been having an awesome summer! We have had some great times already and have even more to come! As July starts up, we begin a new chapter in our church with Pastor Mary, and I hope you are as excited as I am! We've got some neat things planned for July so get ready!



JULY 3rd we will be celebrating Fourth of July with Princeton! Come out to the Fourth of July celebration with booths, food, games, music, and best of all FIREWORKS! This will be an all church event, so make sure to invite your friends and family! And wear your red, white, and blue!

JULY 10th- we will be having our monthly contemporary service for anyone that would like to come! Invite your friends and family and we'll rock out with music, a game, a short sermon, and fellowship. It's a great time to worship God in a different way!



JULY 17th is MOVIE NIGHT! Join us for movie night at the FUMC Movie Theater. The sanctuary is transformed into a movie theater as we bring in the big screen and darken the windows. Join us as we watch a family

friendly movie with popcorn, snacks, and drinks too!

JULY 24th we will not be having youth. Take the time to enjoy your family and summer and relax!



JULY 31st we will be heading to SIX FLAGS! After the service we will be getting in the vans and heading to SIX FLAGS! Enjoy the new Texas Giant or the thrills of Mr. Freeze and Batman. Or chill out on the kiddie rides; that's cool too!! This event will cost more than what we usually ask for. Look for more information to come! Hope to see you there!

~Whitney

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16-19

1. Independence Day July 4, 1776
2. Freedom Reigns July 4, 2011

This is such a great day to celebrate our freedom and be thankful to our forefathers who never gave up on their goals and dreams. "Freedom is not free." Our military personnel continue to keep us free. Praise God for each of them and their dedication to our country. Enjoy all the exciting activities available to have a "free" Happy Fourth of July this year. May God always bless the USA!

Amen,
Lynn



From the Pastor's Perspective...

Hello Church,

Elizabeth, Rebecca and I are so excited to be moving to Princeton. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your pastor. This is a church with a deep history and an exciting future. I hope you will come by my office or give me a call and tell me the story of your church and its amazing God centered faith community. From the beautiful, rich wood floors to the stunning, warm stained glass windows, the church building breathes its stories of this wonderful faith community's focus on God as its center. I would like to thank all the church committee's and volunteers who worked so hard to make this transition a smooth one. Let us continue to pray for faith, strength and courage as we go forward into this exciting future together. Let God be the glory.



Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mary

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, Dave Buettner.

FOR JUNE: Blessings received: \$5,890.75 Expenses paid: \$7,372.68

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)

We had a great turnout at the June meeting at San Miguel's Restaurant, and everyone enjoyed visiting with Pastor Mary.

Thank you for the opportunity to fellowship together.

We held Election of Officers. Congratulations to the officers.

President

Janet Norman

Vice President

Glendy Avila

Treasurer

Michelle White

Secretary

Dawn Gough

There won't be any meetings during the summer months. Have a great summer!!

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

July Birthdays:

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| <i>02- Sean Case</i> | <i>08 - David Hitt</i> |
| <i>Nona Sandlin</i> | <i>12 - Fran Rader</i> |
| <i>03 - Morgen Easley</i> | <i>13 - Justin Askew</i> |
| <i>04 - Erika Hartwig</i> | <i>Syble Yost</i> |
| <i>05 - Chris Bohannon</i> | <i>14 - Tristan Hitt</i> |
| <i>06 - Kelsey Cofield</i> | <i>15 - Bonnie Benjamin</i> |
| <i>07 - Melba Cofield</i> | <i>18 - Alice Ann McMahan</i> |
| <i>Trevor Schilling</i> | <i>20 - Cason Paul Welborn</i> |
| | <i>21 - Colby Jennings</i> |

Happy Anniversary

July:

15– Johnny and Patty Gardener

Food Pantry



Remember our Food Pantry needs this month:
Spaghetti Sauces, Spaghetti Pasta,
Canned Potatoes, and Cooking Oil



SamaritanSAVER.COM Card

\$20 – Sell to friends and family
Membership good for a year!

Restaurant.com gift cards to the top sellers.

We NEED YOUR HELP to raise money for our church!!

Can we sell all of the cards and use for our future?

Savings can be found for (locally and nationwide)
Groceries – coupons updated daily
Restaurants – restaurant.com
Airfare, Cruises, Hotels, rental cars
overstock.com, amazon.com, walmart.com, HomeDepot.com, Amazon.com,
BestBuy.com
Theme Parks – Six Flags, Sea World, Busch Garden theme parks
Family Christian Stores

Meals on Wheels – the week of July 18th–22nd

Contact Cindy Williams if you can help!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Pastor Mary Martin's first Sunday Princeton's 4th of July Celebration 	4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8	9
10 Covered Dish Lunch Youth monthly contemporary service	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 5:30 Youth – Movie Night at the Church 	<div style="background-color: #00bfff; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Meals on Wheels</div>					23
24 NO Youth	25	26	27 August Newsletter Articles Due	28	29	30
31 Noon – Youth head to Six Flags 	August 1	2	3	4	5	6

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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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