



# The Methodist Messenger

October 2011

## Things to Remember!

- Oct. 2nd 2:30pm Youth at Rock 'n Rollers
- Oct. 6th 6:30pm Finance Meeting
- Oct. 9th Church Conference
- Oct. 9th 6:30pm UMYF Contemporary Service
- Meals on Wheels is the week of October 10th
- Oct. 10th 6:30pm UMW
- Oct. 15th 9:30am-5:30pm & Oct. 16th 8:00am-1:00pm Get More Members & Grow Attendance Conf at North TX Conf Center Plano
- Oct. 16th UMYF Movie Night
- Oct. 22nd or 29th Church-wide work day
- Oct. 23rd 6:30pm UMYF at Annex
- Oct. 24th Newsletter Articles Due
- Oct. 30th 6:30pm UMYF at Annex—dress up in costume—food and games

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*Christians, nor is it limited to those who are specially gifted for it. It is, instead, a necessary practice in the community of faith.*

~Christine Pohl, in Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition

Hello Church,

First United Methodist Church of Princeton has been known as a place "where good things happen" when our church family joins throughout the week. For many, coming to FUMC Princeton is like coming home. And, like any family, the longer we stay together--worshiping, praying, listening, speaking, sharing, and eating--the stronger the bond is between us.

The longer a church family stays together, however, the harder it can be to allow other people to feel a part of that inner circle. Let us be honest: change is difficult, especially when it comes to welcoming the stranger in our midst. It can be even more frightening going out into the community and inviting someone new into our church.

On Sunday, October 2, 2011, a group of us participated in a Skype call with our coach Paul Nickerson. Paul encouraged us to go outside of our walls and begin making relationships with new people in our community. Being together on a regular basis outside of our church walls helps us to get know and trust each other. This can take time but such a repetition is necessary in order to build an authentic sense of community and relationships. They become comfortable with us and we return this comfort by sharing our faith story and the story of our Savior Jesus Christ with them.

There are several other helpful passages in the New Testament to consider: ...extends hospitality to strangers. ~Romans 12:13b ...Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ~1 Peter 4:9 ..... Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ~Hebrews 13:2

These passages and many others keep the charge before us. The challenge it offers us as a church family is to actively seek out the stranger as we worship and fellowship together after the service and meet throughout the week for outreach and study. Move beyond your comfort zone to offer a warm greeting to those you do not know, and take time to ask good questions, listening carefully to their responses. Hospitality was never met for "professionals only." Our participation is essential for helping a church become a vibrant place "where good things happen" and where strangers are never overlooked.

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

Lots of great stories, fun activities and music about creation and Jesus and Peter. That is what you will find if you join us for Sunday School this month. Come meet the Live B.I.G. gang and learn what Jesus wants us to know about being a disciple and living a life pleasing to him. Come learn with us!

See ya Sunday,  
- 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 Class has finished studying the book of Revelations.

We will begin reading Daniel on Sunday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Revelations Chapter 21 – The New Jerusalem

21:1-2 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

21:22-23 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

21:25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

We would love to have you join us!

Love,  
Dawn

## “October Days—2011”

Autumn is here! According to my calendar, there are several dates of interest:

Oct 7th: Yom Kippur, a holy celebration that starts at sunset and continues through Oct 8th. It consists of fasting and prayer for atonement of sins (a clue perhaps).

Oct 12, 1492: Christopher Columbus accidentally discovered America! We are celebrating over 500 years of unbelievable history. Thanks and praises be to God and our forefathers who trusted our Heavenly Father to guide them. Celebration Day—Monday, Oct 10th.

Oct 31st: Halloween—“ghosts and goblins”. I’m sure the kiddos are getting all excited about their costumes and can’t wait for the celebration. Be safe and have fun!

Have a great month. Glory to God!

In Jesus’ Name,  
Lynn

# YOUTH

## U.M.Y.F - United Methodist Youth Fellowship

### and Wednesday night Bible Study

Hey Youth!

As it starts to get colder, I am SO excited what the youth have in store for the upcoming months! We ended September, and started October off with an awesome trip to the Rock'n'Rollers rink. Thanks to all those who came out to skate! We had a blast!!

Since October starts a new month, Youth Bible Study will begin a new series. In September, we learned all about how to have better self-esteem and how to create a good self-image. This month, we will look into how to be a good example in all different situations. We will look at good examples from the Bible, as well as our church family. Look forward to this exciting study!! We meet every **WEDNESDAY night at 7PM**. (in the youth annex)

Our Sunday nights continue to be crazy fun with all different types of events! **October 9<sup>th</sup>** will be our Contemporary Service. We will be having a great time fellowshiping together and learning about God's Word!

There will be a movie night **October 16<sup>th</sup>** for the youth. It has not been decided yet whether it will be in theaters or at the church since movie times have not come out for this date yet. Location is TBD.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be a fun time with Ms. Janet and Mrs. Marsha. Whitney will be out this Sunday night. Youth will be making cards and writing letters to the people at the Villas and for soldiers overseas. This is a great opportunity for the youth to give back in a simple but very caring way.

At the end of October we have the opportunity to have a fun time with Dress-up games and food at the church. Please dress-up in your favorite costume, whether it be funny, pretty, scary, or interesting just make sure it is church appropriate. We will be having food to celebrate the end of the month and some fun Fall games to keep us entertained. Please come to the church **October 30<sup>th</sup>** to join in the fun festivities!

It is a blessing for me to teach the youth here at Princeton United Methodist Church. I have enjoyed getting to know each and every kid that has walked in through our doors. I look forward to meeting many more!!

~ Whitney

**Romans 12:10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

## A Note From Our Lay Leader:

### With every move that you make

A new song that I have heard is speaking volumes to me. In this song Stephen Curtis Chapman is reminding us to **do everything** for the glory of God. God understands that we have daily tasks associated with living that have a tendency to take us away from God. Chapman suggests that rather than those tasks taking us away from God they can be a means of drawing us closer to God. Think of the added joy we could experience (not to mention how it would please God) if we realized God's presence during the simplest tasks. And, if we thought of those tasks as being something **we get to do** for God then even those mundane things become celebrations. With a slight change of focus we can learn to live sacramental lives where everything is done for God. We then become more sensitive to the work the Holy Spirit does in our lives.

Our church has taken a giant step in its sensitivity for what God expects from us – we have acknowledged that we are now a church on the move. What a time of excitement (and hard work). Let us be ever mindful during the tasks that come with preparing to move that these also can be done for the Glory of God! If we can remember as a congregation that the hard work we are about to do is a labor of love for God and each other then work and effort can bring us joy. There is joy in knowing we are doing work that is under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

“Do everything to the glory of the One who made you, cause He made you to do every little to bring a smile to His face. And tell the story of grace with every move that you make and every little thing you do.”

Remember: with every move that you make.

- 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 SEPTEMBER:** *Blessings received: \$4,842.25 Expenses paid: \$ 6,395.55*

*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)

Hello to ALL the Women of the Church....

Thank you to all who helped with, donated items, and purchased items at the UMW booth during the Princeton Downtown Grand Opening Craft show. We raised \$187.00. We will bring the unsold items to the Chamber of Commerce Yard Sale on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

We had a great meeting in September and all very much enjoyed hearing from Pastor Mary. She shared with us about her personal journey to become a pastor, her hobbies, and family. Mary had participated in the Stephens Ministry before hearing her calling into the ministry. She has a great passion for missions.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** -- Join us Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the church for the October UMW meeting. A light meal will be served. We will be continuing our discussions about missions. Please come join us.

Janet shared with us some cloth material designed for the Texas UMW groups made by women in Ivory Coast Africa where prior UMW fundraisers helped them create a bank and learn to start their own businesses.

**We Love you.**

**UMW Officers – Janet, Glendy, Michelle, and Dawn**

### Meet Paul Nickerson

**Paul Nickerson is a productive coach in the Jim Griffith Coaching Network. He is working with the North Texas Annual Conference with Frank Alegria, District Superintendent of the North Central District, and Jim Ozier, Director of New Church Development and Congregational Transformation for the North Texas Conference. Paul is helping us because of the strategic nature of this new and exciting time in our church. We are in a growth demographic that has the potential for us to become a large church. We as an older established church understand and have voted to make significant changes in order to move into the new mission's fields that are being developed in this growing community. These changes are not easy and Paul is here to help and guide us.**

**Come by and say "HI" the next time we have a Skype call with Paul.**



## 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, Sarah Craig

# Happy Birthday

**October:**

02– Gil Ohlen Roy Barz	14–Scott Daniels
04– Alyssa Stiles	15–Rob Silvestri
05– Evelyn Webert	20–Matthew Bohannon
06– Rebecca Henry	21–Marie Buettner
07– Michelle White	23–Michael Bohannon
08–Alexis Daniels	Johnny Gardner
10–Teresa Morgan Carter	Whitney Alexander
12–Cason Trent Beasley	25–Jackie McMahan
13–Tammy Welborn	28–Addison Grace Hartwig
	29–Kyle Divers
	30–Andrew Ryan Carter
	Christy Silvestri

# Happy Anniversary

**October:**

02– Christy & Rob Silvestri  
07– Merlin & Evelyn Webert  
Marie & David Buettner

# Food Pantry



Remember our Food Pantry needs this month:  
**Rice Dinners, 1lb Bag Dried Pinto Beans, 1lb Bag Rice, Kool-aid**



## Recipe of the Month:

### Pumpkin Bread:

1 1/2 c sugar  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 1 c. pecans  
 1/2 c. whole-wheat flour  
 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
 4 eggs

1/2 c. oil  
 1 (16 oz.) can pumpkin  
 1 c. flour  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1 tsp. cinnamon

**Procedures:**

Mix in bowl sugar, oil and vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time. Add pumpkin, beat until fluffy. In separate bowl, mix flour, salt, baking powder and cinnamon. Add slowly to pumpkin mixture; mix well. Pour into 1 (9 x 13 inch) pan and 1 small 4 x 7 inch greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

### [SAMARITANSAVER.COM](http://SAMARITANSAVER.COM) Card



**\$20 – Sell to friends and family.  
 Membership is 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 the money 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
- AMC Theaters

Ask Dawn about cards to sell!

***Meals on Wheels – the week of October 10th***  
*Contact Cindy Williams if you can help!*

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2  <b>Communion</b>  2:30 Youth—Rock 'n' Roll Skating/ Rollerblading	3	4	5  7:00pm UMYF Bible Study	6  6:30pm Finance Mtg	7	8	
9  <b>Covered Dish</b>  Church Conference  6:30pm UMYF Contemporary Service	10  6:30pm UMW	11  <b>Meals on Wheels</b>			13	14  Princeton Panther Homecoming  3pm Parade 7:30pm Foot- ball Game	15  9:30am—5:30pm Get More Mem- bers & Grow At- tendance Conf at North TX Conf Center Plano
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23  Stewardship Ser- mon Series Begins  6:30pm UMYF at Annex	24  Newsletter Articles Due	25	26  7:00pm UMYF Bible Study	27	28	29  Church-wide workday .... More details coming soon (10/22 or 10/29)	
30  6:30pm UMYF Youth at Annex for games— dress up in costume	31						

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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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