



The Methodist Messenger

September 2011

Things to Remember!

- September 4th No UMYF
- September 5th Labor Day
- September 7th Youth Bible Study begins at 6:30pm
- September 10th 11:00am to 7:00pm "Princeton Town Square Grand Opening"
- September 12th UMW Meeting at 6:30pm
- Meals on Wheels is the week of September 12th
- September 18th UMYF will be traveling to Plano at 3:30pm to watch hot air balloons
- September 23th Newsletter Articles Due
- September 25th UMYF Contemporary Service at 6:30pm

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A Good Thought from Jesus on Labor Day.

Hello Church,

On Monday, **September 5, 2011**, many Americans will observe Labor Day. The famous quote from our Lord that I like to use on this day is one we all could pay attention to on the day set aside to honor labor. Labor itself is a very noble enterprise. Remember that Adam was placed in the garden to take care of it before being cast out by eating the fruit from the forbidden Tree of Knowledge with Eve. It was Adam and Eve's disobedience towards God that brought about the curse that made laboring so difficult and wearisome from that point forward. However, labor is both commanded and emphasized for God's created human family throughout the Scriptures.

Most of us today are overloaded, running back and forth, here and there, and meeting ourselves coming and going. Rest is often something that not only eludes us, it becomes almost mythical. Let me let you in on a secret. Failing to get rest is as wrong as being able to labor but refusing to do so, according to the Scriptures.

God set forth the example in the seven days of creation. He also wired us in a way that makes rest a critical component of a healthy life. Proverb after proverb as compiled by Solomon speaks to the merits of hard work and healthy rest. Even greater than this is the rest Jesus was talking about in Matthew 11:28: "*Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest.*" We do need relief and Jesus has told us we can cast our cares upon Him because He cares for us. Guess who needs to heed this more than anyone else does? Oh, yeah, that me, myself, and I deal again. You too. Enjoy the day and may God help us to work hard and rest well. **Amen.**

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

With September comes back to school and for the Live B.I.G. kids it is back to the beginning. In September we will jump back to Genesis and dive into stories about creation.

We will discover how God made the World, the plants and animals, how we are made in God's Image, and that God rested on the 7th day. Come learn with us!

See ya Sunday,
- Mrs. Alisha



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

Adult Sunday School Class

The Seekers Class is studying the book of Revelations. Come join us!

Revelations Chapter 5 – The Scroll and the Lamb

5:2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

5:6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by four living creatures and the elders.

5:9 And they sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

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!!

Cross Class

Please join us in the Cross Class on Sunday mornings. We will be taking a break from the study on Ephesians to participate in the study "Why" by Adam Hamilton. The "Why" study will begin on September 11 the study is a 4 week study. I have read the book and I am excited to have the opportunity to participate in the study.

A tentative schedule as follows:

September 4	Lesson 6, Book of Ephesians, part of the Life Lessons
September 11	"Why" Adam Hamilton
September 18	"Why" Adam Hamilton
September 25	"Why" Adam Hamilton
October 2	"Why" Adam Hamilton

See you Sunday at 10:00 am

-Rodney



"Labor Day — September 5, 2011"
Labor: Physical or Mental Exertion

"Birds of the Air Do Not Sow Or Reap"

In order to survive, every living being throughout the universe is subject to some form of labor. Having just finished "back to school activities", I'm sure our teachers appreciate the opportunity to catch their breath for a moment as they "take on" the new school year.

Please keep your prayers on going for them. Enjoy your holiday. Lets praise God in everything we do!

In Christ's Name,
Lynn

YOUTH

U.M.Y.F - United Methodist Youth Fellowship and Wednesday night Bible Study

Hey Youth!


September is already here! Can you believe it? Seems like time has flown by! We've got some fun things in store for September and **BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!**

September 4th- we will not be having youth due to Labor Day. Enjoy your holiday and time off of school Monday!

September 7th- Bible Study begins. This will be a Parent/Youth info night to let you know where our youth group is headed, how to grow our group, and the exciting opportunities ahead! Please join us at 6:30pm for this info meeting.

September 11th- Games in the Annex! Classic youth games, with some new ones! Make sure to bring your friends, this will be a great time to goof off!

September 14th- BIBLE STUDY- We will be starting a series on Self Image. We'll be learning about how to love ourselves and others without prejudice.

 September 18th- **HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL** in Plano, TX. Join us as we travel

to Plano to watch the sky light up with hot air balloons. Price will be \$5 to attend, plus any spending money you want to bring. We will be riding the bus. Leaving the church at 3:30pm and arriving back in Princeton by 8pm.

September 21st- BIBLE STUDY- Self Image.

September 25th- We will have our monthly **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**. Join us for fellowship and fun!

September 28th- BIBLE STUDY- Self Image.

**Also, any YOUTH interested in being a part of the Christmas Show this year, there will be a hand-out of what the show is, and when rehearsals are at the Parent Info meeting on September 7th. Please make sure you attend that night so you can get all the information! The Christmas Show this year will be December 17th.

~ Whitney

(1 Corinthians 10:13) No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A Note From Our Lay Leader:

Worth Repeating: John 5:1-9

Last month we talked about the necessary steps in the physical healing process of a temporary illness (in my case it was a stomach virus) that nevertheless throws us for a loop. We are not able to eat due to the virus so we grow weak from the effects. When the virus loosens its hold we look to regaining our stamina by fueling our body by slowly introducing food. In order for our bodies to process the food we have to first prepare our bodies again by introducing those wonderful good bacteria combinations that we call probiotics. Then we slowly introduce very simple foods. Slowly our bodies energize and with effort on our part our bodies begin to regain stamina. All of this depends on something very important: our desire to heal.

Our spiritual healing is similar to this physical process. In the Methodist view of the human condition (thanks to our founder John Wesley) when we say "Yes!" to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we are reborn into a new life. Our faith in Jesus allows us to begin the process of spiritual healing and regaining what humanity lost when Adam and Eve gave in to temptation – the image of God in us. This is the beginning – not the culmination. By believing in Jesus we are forgiven of our sins and the "illness" of death is replaced and the Holy Spirit begins to work in our lives. Our belief in Jesus Christ has made our spirit ready to begin building stamina for our work in doing God's will. But just as our body requires nourishment to build stamina, our spirit requires feeding. We do this through what we understand are the acts of piety (prayer, reading scripture, Lord's Supper, study) whereby we slowly learn more about God and come to fall deeper in love. Also, as our body builds stamina through nourishment and exercise, our spirit builds stamina by the spiritual nourishment we are receiving combined with what we call acts of mercy (kindness, compassion, love of neighbor) as we purposely work to help others. This spiritual healing and growth also depends on our desire to heal.

What would happen if we did not feed our body after we received the probiotics? Would our body heal? What would happen to our stamina if we did eat but did not get active and exercise? What, then would happen to our newly reborn spirit if we did not feed it? Do we run the risk of becoming like the man at the pool in our scripture? John Wesley said we are responsible for working out our salvation by seeking the spiritual feeding and developing the stamina required to become the person God intends us to become.

- 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 AUGUST: Blessings received: \$5,108.54 Expenses paid: \$ 6,509.02

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)

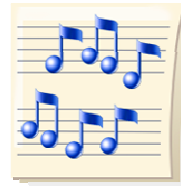
Hello to ALL the Women of the Church....

September 12th -- Join us Monday, September 12th at 6:30 at the church for our first UMW meeting of the new year. Pastor Mary will be sharing with us. A light meal will be served. Come help us decide what our missions should be for this coming year.

~~~~ Check us out ~~~~

We will be at the 'Princeton Town Square Grand Opening' with a craft booth raising money for our UMW missions. The Grand Opening will be Saturday, September 10th from 11:00am to 7:00pm. Come support us and have fun with the town of Princeton.

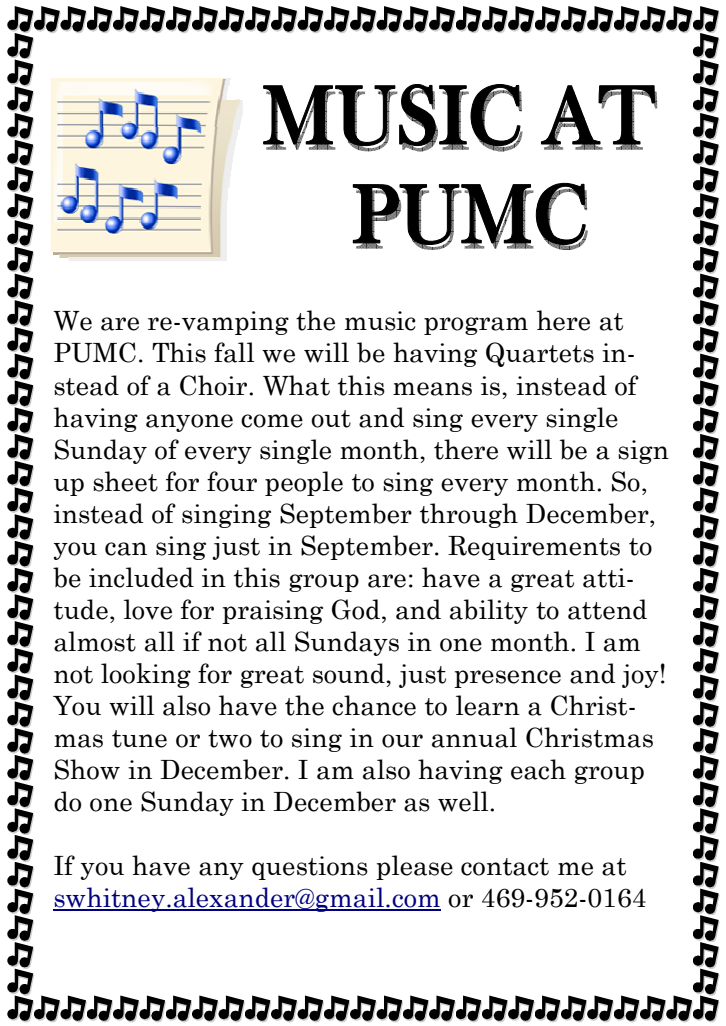
**We Love you.**  
**UMW Officers – Janet, Glendy, Michelle, and Dawn**



## MUSIC AT PUMC

We are re-vamping the music program here at PUMC. This fall we will be having Quartets instead of a Choir. What this means is, instead of having anyone come out and sing every single Sunday of every single month, there will be a sign up sheet for four people to sing every month. So, instead of singing September through December, you can sing just in September. Requirements to be included in this group are: have a great attitude, love for praising God, and ability to attend almost all if not all Sundays in one month. I am not looking for great sound, just presence and joy! You will also have the chance to learn a Christmas tune or two to sing in our annual Christmas Show in December. I am also having each group do one Sunday in December as well.

If you have any questions please contact me at [swhitney.alexander@gmail.com](mailto:swhitney.alexander@gmail.com) or 469-952-0164



## 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 Burleson, 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**

September:

- 02- Andrew Jennings
- 03- Ann Coleman
- 04- Azura Smith
- 05- Jeff Cofield  
Nathan Cofield
- 06- Chastity Wingo
- 07- Carl Hartwig
- 09- Sam Sandlin
- 12- Jan Marshall
- 13- Katie Wiser  
Jerry Colgrove  
Teri Potts  
Betty Benjamin

14- Camile McConnell

- 16- Diane Andor  
Joyse Wright
- 17- Keaton Welborn
- 20- Macee' Perryman
- 28- Denver Smith

October:

- 02- Gil Ohlen  
Roy Barz
- 04- Alyssa Stiles
- 05- Evelyn Webert
- 06- Rebecca Henry
- 07- Michelle White

**Happy Anniversary**

September:

- 05-David & Lorrie Atkinson
- 15- Frank & Diane Andor
- 21- Doyle & Samantha Smith
- 25- John & Kayla Sikora

October:

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

# Food Pantry



Remember our Food Pantry needs this month:  
Canned Chili, Jelly, 1lb. Bag Flour, and 1lb. Bag Sugar



## Recipe of the Month:

### Fudge Full Peanut Butter Bars

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 yellow cake mix             | 2 Tbl margarine      |
| 1 cup peanut butter           | 1/2 tsp salt         |
| 1/2 cup margarine (melted)    | 1 cup flaked coconut |
| 2 eggs                        | 1 cup chopped pecans |
| 2 cups chocolate chips        | 2 tsp vanilla        |
| 1 (12oz) can Eagle Brand milk |                      |

Combine cake mix, peanut butter, margarine (melted) and eggs. Stir until dough holds together. Press 2/3 of dough in bottom of ungreased 9 x 13 cake pan. Reserve remaining dough for topping. Combine chocolate chips, Eagle Brand milk, margarine and salt in saucepan and heat on low until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and stir in flaked coconut, chopped pecans and vanilla. Spread filling over dough. Crumble remaining dough over filling and press lightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool, cut and eat.

If interested in sharing a recipe in the newsletter, please email the recipe to Marsha at [mekyle6311@att.net](mailto:mekyle6311@att.net).

## Just a Note (♪) from Janet .....

It's a good thing I got new tires recently, because I have really been burning the road up between here (Dallas) and there (Princeton) lately. Meetings, meetings, meetings....you know how it goes. I am planning to move to Princeton when my lease here is up in November. I'm looking more forward to that with each trip!!

I am really excited that our church is looking at taking that drastic step we have been talking about for the whole time I have been here....As we get more facts and figures, I am really getting scared. Yep, I admit it. Really scared. And I have always said that it will take a blind step of faith for us to accomplish this. I believe in miracles and I believe that God will hold us up when we take that blind step into the darkness but I am still getting that cold feeling in the pit of my stomach.

So help me keep the faith, keep believing in the miracle of Princeton UMC. We will all need to lift each other up and pray, pray, pray.

Grace and mercy to all,

Janet

**Meals on Wheels** — the week of September 12th  
Contact Cindy Williams if you can help!

# September 2011

| Sun                                                                                                                                                         | Mon                               | Tue | Wed                               | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |     |                                   | 1   | 2   | 3                                                           |
| 4<br>Communion<br><br>NO UMYF                                                                                                                               | 5<br><br>Labor Day                | 6   | 7<br><br>UMYF Bible Study 6:30pm  | 8   | 9   | 10<br><br>11am-7pm<br>"Princeton Town Square Grand Opening" |
| 11<br>Covered Dish<br><br>UMYF playing games at the Annex 6:30pm                                                                                            | 12                                | 13  | 14<br><br>UMYF Bible Study 6:30pm | 15  | 16  | 17                                                          |
| Meals on Wheels                                                                                                                                             |                                   |     |                                   |     |     |                                                             |
| 18<br><br>UMYF- Going to Hot Air Balloon Show in Plano leaving at 3:30pm | 19                                | 20  | 21<br><br>UMYF Bible Study 6:30pm | 22  | 23  | 24                                                          |
| 25<br><br>UMYF 6:30pm Contemporary Service                                                                                                                  | 26<br><br>Newsletter Articles Due | 27  | 28<br><br>UMYF Bible Study 6:30pm | 29  | 30  |                                                             |

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## Services & Events

### Sunday Events

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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<br>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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