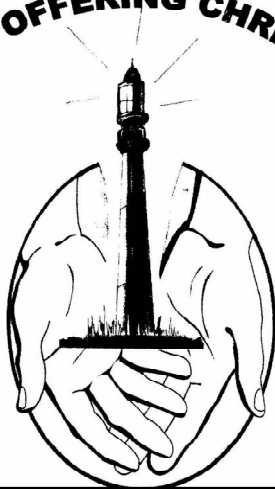


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"Let Your Light So Shine..." Matthew 5:16

Mission Statement

Offering Christ to all through worship, ministry, discipleship and fellowship to the glory of God.

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And Away We Go!

School has begun and activities here at FUMC are resuming. There are many opportunities for fellowship and ministry during the week.

On Monday afternoons from 1-4p.m. in the Annex is the RX Assistance Ministry. Jack DuBose, Judy Goodner, Ray Saenz, Carol Spangler, and Melva Turner are always looking for new volunteers to help in this program which is designed to help persons with no insurance and limited income to obtain their needed prescriptions either free or at a reduced price from the pharmaceutical companies.

At 5:15 p.m. Monday evenings the Praise Ringers (Adult bell choir) practice in the choir room. They are under the direction of Linda Hamilton. Linda is always looking for more ringers.

Wednesdays present multiple opportunities. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. it is shop day for FUMC volunteers at Castaways. This means they sort and price items for sale for our day on Thursdays. Also at 9:00 a.m. the Crazy Quilters are sewing in Fellowship Hall #1. They are making 260 pillowcases for the children and youth who reside at the Methodist Children's Home in Waco. Jo Ann Titsworth and the rest of the women would love to have new sewers join them. At 1:15p.m. the Prayer Team meets in the Staff Lounge for prayer. Ruth Crough, Doris Doss, Lynne Ruff, Steve Johnson and the pas-

tor would welcome you to join them for their one-half hour of prayer. Then at 4:00 p.m. the Joyful Noise Ringers (ages 4-7) will be ringing their bells and practicing in the choir room followed by the Bible Bellers (ages 8-13) at 4:30p.m. Ruth Reagan, choir director always has room for more.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals begin again at 5:00p.m. Bootsie Larsen and his cooking crew (Chester Barre, Harrell Minzenmayer, Karen Lee Rystad, Pat Speck, Rob & Jeannie Coe, Bert Shoopman) have announced some delicious menus for the free, open to anyone meal. The first meal on September 7th will be a fish fry with potato salad, baked beans, garlic bread and ice cream and cookies. John Gay will be the speaker at 5:45 p.m. for worship.

Also on Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 7th at 5:45 p.m. will be the tweens/youth Liturgical Dance group. They will be practicing in the Staff Lounge until 6:15 p.m. Ty Zeidler will be the dance instructor. From 6:30—8:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir will rehearse in the choir room under the direction of Linda Hamilton, Director of Music and Ruth Reagan, Choir Director.

Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is FUMC's day at Castaways. They need volunteers! And at 10:00 a.m. Lee DuBose is back to lead Line Dance in the Fellowship Hall. For more info contact the church 729-1659.



FROM THE PASTOR

2011 September Celebration

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ:

Did I hear someone say HOT. I am also sure I heard someone say RAIN. I think they were referring to this past GREAT South Texas Summer. Yes, I did write Great: and yes I do know the temperatures have been pushing 100 and the rain is classified as NONE. I also know the plants and yards turned brown and some are dying, and animals are drought stressed and literally dying of thirst. I have also not missed the fact that people can become cranky from the prolonged heat and humidity.

So why would I call this South Texas Summer great? YOU.

YOU, the people of this faith community have continued to live out the role of the unpaid servants that God desires. When things needed to get done, people needed to be helped, and ministries required faithful service - YOU the Body of Christ have been there. Even with the transitions that occurred this summer (e.g. new pastor -

Doug, new Education Director - Susan, new community table coordinator - Brenda) the Body of Christ continued to do the work God called it to do.

I have found that when a person who leads a particular ministry moves on, often that ministry (as valid and powerful as it might be) leaves with that person. I am thrilled that here in Rockport this is not the case. Youth programs, children's church, Rx assistance, castaways, community table, crazy quilters, bible studies, music, etc, etc, etc, continue at full speed. Despite all the changes that occurred, the Body of Christ continued to be the church God called it to be.

As the pastor of this faith community I can truly say - this is something I celebrate.

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September Birthdays

- 01—Becky McChesney
- 02—Robert Holland
- 03—Leland Knapp
- 03—Valerie Smith
- 04—Jack DuBose
- 04—Weems Farrer
- 07—Jackie Riley
- 07—Virginia Russell
- 09—Helen Wilson
- 10—Willy Morris
- 10—Jan Burkhart
- 11—Jeanne Coe
- 12—Kate Knapp
- 15—Rusty Day
- 17—Jo Ann Titsworth
- 18—Kyle Madison
- 20—Velma Elder
- 20—Derrick Reeves
- 21—Karl Fisher
- 21—John Gay
- 23—Annette Hegen
- 24—Pat Hughes
- 25—Adeline Dunlap
- 25—Bob Dunkap
- 25—May Snair
- 25—Ginger Gay
- 26—Mary Ware
- 28—Web Halvorsen
- 29—Kitty Caskey
- 29—August Smith
- 29—Tana Neel



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September Anniversaries

- 4—Jon & Mary Rappard
- 5—Bobby & Earline Flanagan
- 5—W.C. & Patsy Phemister
- 5—Steve & Judy Herndon
- 7—Larry & Maylene Moore
- 8—Jerald & Eunice Luttrell
- 10—Mike & Julie McKain
- 10—Phillip & Beverly Robberson
- 14—Drexel & Jackie Riley
- 21—Steve & Jane Dyke
- 23—Clayton & Susie Black
- 28—Alan & Paula Barre

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EACH COUPLE!



2011 September Sermons

9/4 Scripture: Romans: 13: 8-14

Title Obviously

Companion Readings: Exodus 12; 1 - 14, Psalm 149, Matthew 18: 15-20

On the first Sunday of the month the 1st scripture reading is to be replaced with the Apostles' Creed (881 in the Hymnal) as a joint reading of the congregation.

Focus vs. 12: "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here, So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."

Theme: _____ Wisdom begins with the understanding that there is a right and there is a wrong and we are responsible for our actions.

9/11 Scripture: Romans: 14: 1-12

Title: Double Take

Companion Readings: Exodus 14: 19 - 15: 21, Matthew 18: 21-35*

Focus vs. 12: "So then we will all give an account of ourselves to God."

Theme: When we focus on the actions of other we lose sight of our own.

9/18 Scripture: Matthew 20: 1-16

Title: Days' Work, Days'

Pay

Companion Readings: Psalm 78*, Exodus 16: 2-15, Philippians 1: 21- 30

Focus vs. 1: "For the kingdom of God is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for His vineyard."

Theme: What were you doing when He first came looking and do you want the job or not.

9/25 Scripture: Matthew 21: 23-32

Title: Stupid Questions

Companion Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 105, Philippians 2: 1-13*

Focus vs. 24: "Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'"

Theme: When we already know the answer and it is not the one we want, are we still willing to listen?



First Learning Tree



Honor the Lord by Giving Him the First Part of All Your Income”
Proverbs 3:9

The start of a new school year marks the beginning of many firsts: the first time that a child may be leaving the security of their family, first time to buy school supplies (and a very special thank you to Richard Haynie for buying supplies for our school!!), the first time that they sit in circle time, or attend chapel. I am always thrilled that families have honored us with the distinction of being the start of this process of “firsts”. It is very difficult to say goodbye to the most precious being in your world and entrust them to almost total strangers. Being in the Early Childhood Education field is so very rewarding. I could not imagine myself doing anything else.

Yes, school has started and that means that fall is fast approaching. To many of us, it can't get here soon enough. We are all ready for a change in the weather; even the children. When they come in off of the playground their little faces are as red as fire trucks!! But they never complain. They are just happy to be able to go outside and ride that favorite bike, dig in the sand or pretend that they are sliding down an elephant's trunk instead of a plain and ordinary slide. Children have wonderful imaginations! They can create an entire playscape out of a box, wooden spoon and a handful of dirt.

Our annual Fall Festival is fast approaching! I am always looking for volunteers to help sell pumpkins, work at the Festival or help with the organization of the raffle. If you are that person that enjoys helping a very worthwhile project, PLEASE call me. I can certainly use the help.

Kathy

Financially Faithful

July 2011

Income -	\$25,107.85
Castaways donation	\$5,956.80
Total Income	\$31,064.65
Expenses -	\$28,549.18
Net Income (Loss) -	\$2,515.47

Jan – June 2011

Income -	\$213,624(60%)
Budgeted-	\$355,989
Expenses -	\$195,682(55%)
Budgeted-	\$355,989
Net Inc(Loss) -	17,942
Building Fund contrib.-	\$4,647
Loan Balance -	\$71,907



From The New Director of Christian Education

Blessings and Peace to everyone! I am very excited to start my job as your new Director of Christian Education. So many possibilities and so much hope to share with all who want to know and understand more about our relationship with Christ Jesus. Please check the calendar often on the church website to see what new Sunday School classes or Bible Studies will be popping up!

Our new Sunday School Year begins on September 4 and several classes have new material to share. A new adult class will begin on September 11 for the parenting age group (ok some are in their 20's and some are in their 50's, but that's

ok!). This new class will include a brief video and discussion to help us define current day issues and our walk with Christ.

The children and youth Sunday School teachers have done an exceptional job with our kids and look forward to seeing everyone at Sunday School.

Youth...get ready! Youth group will start back very soon and I am looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful faces! More to come....

God Bless,

Susan Jamison

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