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Journey Through Lent

Many people have described the Christian faith as a journey that never really finds its end on earth. And if you read the stories of our faith – the stories of Abraham and Noah and Moses, the stories of Jesus and the disciples and Paul – you quickly realize there is a lot of walking and traveling. Yet there is also time to sit down, to eat, to fellowship, to rest, to worship and to pray. The journey of faith is in constant motion, sometimes moving us quickly and sometimes calling us to respite.

During the season of Lent we are invited to survey the landscape of our lives, to take stock of where we have been and where we are going, to ask the tough questions about our own faithfulness or lack thereof, to repent and return to the heart of God. It is not an easy journey, but a journey worth taking if we are to be the people God has called us to be.

You will have many opportunities to explore the interior spaces of your soul during the Lenten season. We begin with our Ash Wednesday service on February 17 at 7:00 p.m. This service will call us to repent and seek the forgiveness of God; it will remind us of our mortality and our need for the Holy One. It will remind us from where we came and to where we are going. Nita Jane Cardinal will be teaching the Lent study, *Easter From the Back Side*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, during the Sunday school hour. Here is an opportunity to explore the scriptures and the characters involved in Jesus' life and death from a perspective you may never have considered. A prayer guide for the Lenten season will be available on Sunday February 14 so we can be in prayer together as we seek the grace and peace of God during this time.

We are planning a special prayer service on Palm Sunday evening as we prepare for Holy Week followed by services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Lenten season will conclude with an Easter celebration that envelopes the joy found in the proclamation, "Christ is risen indeed!" Special music, liturgy and visuals will enhance the season as we journey together to the cross.

So prepare your hearts and minds. Invite a neighbor to join you on your journey. And walk with your brothers and sisters to Golgotha and experience the glory of the Lord!

Shalom,
Pastor Denise

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY



Meagan Hansen	February 1 st
Jo Story	February 2 nd
Daniel Johnson	February 3 rd
Dorothy Fry	February 4 th
Kenneth Avenson	February 5 th
Christina Beran	February 14 th
Suzanne Verville	February 16 th
Heather Waleri	February 18 th
Angie Hendrickson	February 20 th
Karen Johnson	February 27 th

Cancer Support Group

Whether you are a Caregiver or a Cancer Survivor in the Little Elm area, you are invited to attend the cancer support group meeting. This meeting will be held at the Romas. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20th at 5pm.

ANGEL FOOD ORDERS

Angel food orders are due by 1 pm on February 15th. Distribution date will be February 27th from 8 to 9 am.

Valentine's Dinner

A Valentine's Dinner will be held Sunday February 14th at 11:30. A donation is requested as able. Join your church family this Valentine's Day for a fabulous meal prepared by the United Methodist Men.

Crime Watch Meeting

The next crime watch meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 7 pm in church chapel.

Scout Sunday

February 14th is Scout Sunday. Scouts will be leading the service in many roles.



Children's News

Children's Church

In Children's Church, we will be learning about God's love in the month of February. We will learn what it means to love those who may treat us unkindly and praying for God to change their hearts, and understanding that sometimes people do mean things because they have been hurt by others. Kids will learn what the Bible says love is, and the importance of showing God's love in all circumstances. We will also talk about reaching out in humility as with Jonah to people we may not want to help or love. Finally, we will reinforce earlier lessons that we should love our neighbor as our self, and that means also loving our self and having the self esteem of a child of God even in difficult circumstances.

Sunday School

A special thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers this February, a month to appreciate love! Last Sunday, my daughter woke up and said, "Today is an exciting day..It's a Sunday School day!" How wonderful...Our teachers show their love to our children and our families every Sunday. The Bible tells us that if you "Bring up a child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not turn from it." Many thanks to the teachers that are helping build this foundation that as the children grow, they will be able to always turn back to the words they have been taught in times of trouble or times when they wander away.

You are appreciated!

Buttoneer Club

The Buttoneer clubs are going strong on Wednesday nights. Attendance has increased, so now on those nights we have the pleasure of seeing a "church full of kids." Sunday, Jan. 24, was particularly exciting because it was our chance to recognize kids' hard work in an awards presentation during the 10:30 am worship service. The following kids earned special awards:

Young Buttoneers: Crispen Crites, Georgia Black, Greenlee Stout, Hannah Norum and Cassidy Gardner.

Junior Buttoneers: Allyson Black, Ben White, Briana Gardner, Drew McClellan, Kaylee Stout, and Madison Licurse, and Payton Stout.

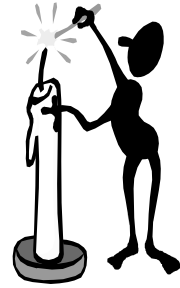
Senior Buttoneers: Adam Young, Grayson Childers, Izzi Fielder, Jason Purefoy, Lizzie Black, Madison Childers, Sean McClellan, and Trinity Eaton-Willis.

Sunday Morning Older Kids Group:

Sunday mornings the Older Kids Group (primarily for kids in grades 4-6) meets in the old parsonage building. We have

MORE CHILDREN IN MINISTRY

**Button Memorial United Methodist Church
ACOLYTE SCHEDULE
for Jan & Feb 2010**



1/3/10	Austen Casanova	Justen Williams
1/10/10	Allee Dawdy	Lizzie Black
1/17/10	Laighin Crites	Johnni Crites
1/24/10	Jason Purefoy	Alli Ziehm
1/31/10	Kaylee Stout	Izzy Fielder
2/07/10	Sean McClellan	Ben White
2/14/10	Samantha Bell	Jack Groves
2/21/10	Presley McClung	Izzi Fielder
2/28/10	Austen Casanova	Justen Williams

Report at 10:00 am (may change with advance approval)
Contact Person for Schedule: Davee Nielson
214-918-5723

**Please give as much notice as possible
if changes need to be made!!**

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

You may have noticed that some of our communion assistants are younger than the usual communion assistants. They are in the Junior Communion Assistant program. In order to apply for this program, a person must be attending the Older Kids Group (grades 4-6) or be in the youth group (grades 7-12) that meets in the Café on Sunday mornings. One father has joined with his Junior Communion Assistant son to form a father-son team. All are serving an important ministry in this church, since our Pastor cannot serve all three elements (bread, juice cup, and tray of juice glasses) by herself. Current Junior Assistants are Adam Young (5th grade), Brett White (6th grade), and Mitchell McClellan (6th grade). Diana Russell is coordinator for the Junior Communion Assistant program. She may be contacted at opieruss@att.net or home 469-362-0417 or cell 469-426-6441.

Save the Date



FROM THE TRUSTEES

Date: March 20, 2010

Time: 8AM-Noon

Reason: A spring cleaning party to prepare the Church for all of the guest who will be arriving the following weeks to help us celebrate Easter.

Everyone is invited to this fun-filled party. Some of the activities will include: washing windows, dusting, changing filters, replacing light bulbs, and many more fun things.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to this fun-filled event to Tracy at: secretary@bmumc.org

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

January Financial Goal:\$24,100

Giving:

Week 1 - \$3818

Week 2 \$2445

Week 3 \$6862

Week 4 \$2709

Literacy Partnership

The new Adult Basic Literacy program, which has been started by a partnership between the Little Elm Public Library and Button Memorial United Methodist Church, is growing. The first class meets in the library Tuesday nights and in the church parsonage building on Thursday nights. There are 6 students and 2 instructors, along with a third part-time assistant instructor (on Tuesdays).

A meeting has been scheduled to train volunteers in procedures for screening potential students to determine what level class they need. A volunteer orientation meeting has been scheduled at the library for Saturday, January 30, from 11:30-12:30. If anyone is interested in attending this meeting, please contact Diana Russell at 469-362-0417 or email opieruss@att.net, or call Tina Hager at the Little Elm Public Library.

Plans are for the current class to continue on to the second level at the end of this quarter, at which time the class will be open for a limited number of new enrollments who may need to start at the second level. At that time, we also hope to start a second class for whatever the next greatest need is.

MORE MINISTRY NEWS

Say Hello to Our Greeters and Ushers for 2010

While it is true that everyone in the church is a greeter, a hospitality extender, if you will, there are certain people who have committed to being official greeters and ushers for this year. These are the people guests to our church will see and speak to in their first moments of entering our church. Please make sure to thank them!

Greeters are responsible for making sure a smiling face and handshake meets us as we enter the building. They offer directions when someone isn't sure where they need to go and hospitality to all of us as we come in for the morning.

Our ushers assist with worship by handing out bulletins, visiting with us as we enter the sanctuary and helping with the offering and acolytes. They can be seen getting hymnals or registration pads when needed and help people find their way to a seat when the sanctuary is full.

Ushers and greeters are on a rotational basis so no one person is responsible for all 52 Sundays. If you are interested in being a greeter or usher, please see Pastor Denise, who would love to add to our numbers.

Greeters and ushers include: Evert and Susie Gasway, Debbie Ingram, Virginia Berney, Dan Centrone, Mike McClellan, Sean McClellan, Mitchell McClellan, Jean Mangum, Bo Black, Karen and Darin Groves, Rajeane and Ken Avenson, Roy Jones, Dale Yingst, John and Carol Couzelis, John and Nick Peckham. Remember to thank them the next time they welcome you into our church home!

Music

Welcome to our new musician and music leader! It has been a pleasure to hear the music of Chris and Carmen Hauser. Chris comes to Button UMC with a PHD and Carmen with a Master's degree. We have

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS

UMW is offering a full scholarship to Christian School of Missions July 23-25th @ the First United Methodist Church Plano. This scholarship is available to any member that is not currently a UMW member, contact Jane Cardinal for more information.

3 UMW members attended the conference leadership training event on January 16th.

UMW is adopting Little Elm schools for the conference mission project. They will be providing clothing, underwear, and school supplies.

FUTURE EVENTS

February 6th date is the **Conference Strategic Plan Listening Post at Christ UMC Farmers Branch from 10am-12pm.**

Those who should try to come are but others who are interested may attend:

1. Pastors
2. Lay Leaders
3. Lay Members of Annual Conference
4. Administrative Council Chairpersons (or their equivalent in your congregation's organizational structure).

We will not have a District Training until the Fall. More details and a date will follow. If you need to train a committee or help your chairpersons understand their job description, please contact this office and a design team will come to you specifically.

90th Birthday Party

UMW will be hosting Fern Miliken's 90th Birthday party following the worship service on March 14th. Please join the party! Feel free to bring a dish to share.

WORDS OF WISDOM FOR THE NEW YEAR AND VALENINE'S DAY

Recipe for a Happy New Year ***-Anonymous***

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past-have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing-don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cupful of good humor.

1 Coninthinias 13: 4-8

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 PIZZA – 6PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH GROUP 7PM	4	5	6
7 COMMUNTION SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 930AM WORSHIP 1030AM	8	9 FINANCE MEETING 7PM	10 PIZZA – 6PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH GROUP 7PM	11	12	13 UMW MEETING 930 AM
14 SUNDAY SCHOOL 930AM WORSHIP 1030AM VALENTINE LUNCH 1130AM	15 ANGEL FOOD ORDERS DUE 1PM	16 700 PM CRIME WATCH MEETING	17 PIZZA – 6PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH GROUP 7PM	18	19	20 CANCER GROUP MEETING @ ROMAS 5PM
21 UMW BAKESALE SUNDAY SCHOOL 930AM WORSHIP 1030AM CHURCH COUNCIL 1130AM	22	23	24 PIZZA – 6PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH GROUP 7PM	25	26	27 ANGEL FOOD DISTIBUTION 8AM
28 COINS FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 930AM WORSHIP 1030AM						