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Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:30 AM Casual Blended Service
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Traditional Service

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Lorena United Methodist Church August 28-31
 Sunday, Aug. 28, 8:30, 10:45 AM, 7:00 PM
 Bible Quest Children's Challenge 6:00 PM Sun. - Wed.

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The Methodist Message

Ron's Reflections

As United Methodists we often think of ours as the "middle way" in religious thought and practice, a term borrowed from our mother denomination, the Anglicans. As such, does that mean that we don't know what we believe if anything at all? Our father John Wesley would recoil at such a suggestion. What he saw for his Wesleyan movement was an extreme attempt to bring the vitality of the Holy Spirit into his lifeless Church of England (Anglicans).

Today, it seems we need a renewal movement within the United Methodist Church. We need something dynamic and vital, even extreme compared to typical United Methodist ways of doing and being. What I often see and feel within myself is a "live and let live" drag on my faith that would prevent me from sharing the joy and life in the powerful Spirit of the living God. WE NEED REVIVAL!

Well, our opportunity is now. We have a wonderful opportunity to stir up the life-giving Spirit within our hearts and congregation this month. As we prepare for the coming of "Dayspring" by Wesley Putnam August 28-31, we have to get our hearts and lives ready to receive what God wants to happen. It takes prayer, repentance, turning back to God's way, and sharing with others the joy and power of life in the Spirit of God. If that doesn't sound familiar, then pray that it comes to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Dayspring Revival!
Sun. Aug.28 - Wed. Aug 31
Rev. Wesley Putnam
 Experience New Beginnings!
An event that will build your faith and refresh your spirit!
 Drama, humor, music & ministry from the Master's Storyteller. For couples, singles, seniors and youth...no matter who you are, there's a message of hope meant just for YOU!
 Bible Quest for kids at 6:00pm
 Revival Service at 7:00pm

Someone asked John Wesley how to have faith. He said to tell others about it until you feel it in your own heart. That is not hypocritical, that is faith at work. It doesn't depend on our feelings, it depends on whether we truly believe God's Word and are willing to act on it.

The father whose son could not be healed by his disciples, told Jesus "I believe, help my unbelief." That is it. Overcome our lives of unbelief by praying, talking and acting in faith, and the feeling will come.

With pastoral affection,

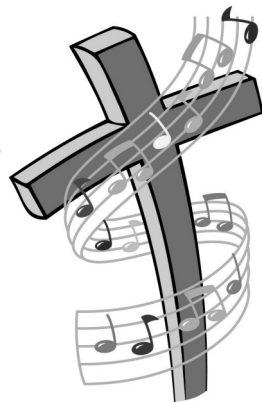
-Rev. Ron

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 4-F Club Gratziano's @ 11am Kevin Hughlett & Skip Skipper's Birthdays	3 Ad Council @ 7pm Youth 7pm	4 Emmaus Gathering in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm	5 Justin Wolfe & Lori Keeland's Birthdays	6 Gene Kuehl & Jenny Lavender's Birthdays
7 No Ladies Bible Study Youth 6pm Gene Cox & Kimberly McLean's Birthdays	8	9 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage Tammy Tull's Birthday	10 Youth 7pm	11 Sue Watkins' Birthday	12 Phillip Perkins' Birthday	13 Ricky Tull, Jr's Birthday
14 Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Youth 6pm Sharon Lavender's Birthday	15	16 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage Chris Feltz's Birthday	17 NOW Committee 6pm Youth 7pm	18 Noriko Sutton's Birthday	19	20 UMW District Meeting @ 9am
21 Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Youth 6pm	22 Emmaus Reunion 6:30 pm Ricky Tull & Jeri Garman's Birthdays	23 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	24 Food Pantry 5-7pm Visioning Team 7pm Youth 7pm Garland Rowan's Birthday	25 Richard Fonseca's Birthday	26	27 Hazel Fry's Birthday
←----- Back to School Week -----→						
28 No Ladies Bible Study No Youth ←----- Wesley Putnam Dayspring Revival -----→ Children's Bible Quest @ 6pm & The Master Storyteller @ 7pm	29	30 No Ladies' Bible Study	31		August 2011 	

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

At LUMC we have been to 'Shake It Up Café' for Vacation Bible School. The children and the adult helpers have shaken up their lives by participating in the Bible stories, the music, the crafts, the science, rec, and Refreshments. Special thanks go to Linda Stott was coordinating the entire week of VBS. Yea, Miss Linda!!! Thanks to all who participated in the Final Celebration of VBS especially the Assembly team and the Storytelling team of Daniel, Tori, and Rev. Ron. We had a great VBS Sunday on July 24. Special thanks to Matt, Daniel, and Tori for their help in the service with scripture and Storytelling. To everyone who helped or participated or attended, 'thank you'. As the song says, "Everybody Celebrate! There's life, there's life in Christ!" "Shake It Up!" and Amen!

VBS was awesome! The Bible stories tied in to the music that tied in to the Scripture, etc. The children truly learned about what the celebration was for... "Shake it Up!" As the Music Director, I would like to thank my coworker, Chris Feltz, for keeping all of us on track! Thanks to the dancers: Charlotte, Emmilee, Abbigail, Allie, and Braylin! You were great! Ron & Michael Feltz, thanks for running the Power Point. Thanks to Jake and Branda Pavlas



(Chef Boy R D and Scraps) and also to Alicia Poteet, the puppeteer.

Chancel Choir will begin at the end of August. Stay tuned for the exact date of rehearsal. We will sing for the first day of the Revival in 10:45 worship. We will sing "Holy and Mighty". I just finished Alleluia conference at Baylor. Yes, it was the same week as VBS. I learned lots of cool stuff from Anton Armstrong from St. Olaf's. New music (choir anthems) was purchased. You may buy it as a memorial to someone or to honor someone. Ask me if you have questions. Chancel Choir will begin meeting regularly in September at 4:00 P.M. If your special talent is in music, join us.

Thanks to Trey for leading in worship when Matt was gone. Trey, you are awesome! Thanks to Amber and Lou for participating on the Praise Team.

Did you pray the Lord's Prayer a sentence at a time -one each week? How did it go? Have you felt God's presence with you as you go through each day. Remember pray often and walk with God always.

Singing praises to God with joy in my heart,

~Doris Ann



PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR TITHES!

To Date:	Need	Need YTD:	Still
\$109,039.38	\$5154.20	\$150,551.80	\$41,512.42

Information Bulletin Board:

Food Pantry Sunday!
Don't forget to bring your food donations, Communion Sunday, August 7th!

Remember to be in prayer for the revival. You can sign up for a daily time slot in worship each Sunday in August.

There will also be a 24 hour prayer vigil starting August 27th. A sign up sheet will be available in each service.

4F NEWS



The 4F club will meet Tuesday, August 2nd at 11:00am. We will be eating at Gratziano's in Waco.

Contact Thelma Ramsey for more info. 857-4189

Come join us for Fun, Food, Fellowship & Forgetfulness!

Thank You's

We deeply appreciate all who prayed for Lou during our scary crisis of a torn and detached retina in her left eye. She is doing very well and is back to her usual schedule!

-Rev Ron

Church Family, thanks for your prayers & cards during July. I am on the mend, Praise God!

Love, Lou

August Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 Service

8/7: (Communion)
Sharon Lavender
Tom Stott
Elaine Batchelor

8/14: Gary McCully

8/21: Gary McCully
Gene Kuehl

8/28: Gary McCully
Walt Lavender

10:45 Service

8/7: (Communion)
Tori Batt
Paul Batt
Curtis Poteet

8/14: Paul Batt

8/21: Lee Pennington

8/28: Barry Carson
Brand Carson

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tuna and White Bean Salad by Peggy Pritchett

1/2 cup olive oil
2T apple cider vinegar
1 tsp Italian seasoning
3/4 tsp salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 large cucumber, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 T dried parsley
1 can great northern beans, rinsed and drained
1 can solid white tuna, drained well (optional)

Instructions

In a large bowl, whisk together olive oil and , vinegar, Italian seasoning, salt, and black pepper. Stir in cucumber, tomato, onion, parsley, and beans. Add tuna and toss gently until evenly coated. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 6

Whatever you eat or drink, do it all for the Glory of God! ~1 Cor. 10:31



Lorena UMC Emmaus News

On August 4, the Emmaus Gathering is HERE at Lorena UMC. Amber will be the 4th Day Speaker. The Agape Feast is at 6:30 with Worship at 7:00. The next Gathering is on Sept. 1st, at Cogdell Memorial UMC in Waco.

The Lorena UMC Emmaus Reunion will meet in the Betties House on Monday, August 22, at 6:30 P.M. Note the different date due to the Revival on the last week of the month. Bring a brown-bag meal. At the last Lorena reunion meeting, the group responded to Prayer Requests with notes.

Upcoming walks are Women at Latham Springs on Sept. 8-11 and Men at Latham Springs on Sept.22-25. There is a Men's walk at Glen Lake on Oct. 6-9 and Women on Oct. 20-23. If you are interested in any of these walks, contact any of the Emmaus group at LUMC.

De Colores!

Use the diagram to make an illustration of your "Sword of the Spirit" by tracing the outline with your favorite scripture passages (Book: Ch: V.) Write them all the way around it! Fill in the middle!

This is your SWORD! The WORD of God!

Mark My S W O R D

"For the word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

