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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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 2011						
			1 Aaron Peters' Birthday VBS Meeting 6pm Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm	2 Zachary Rosas' & Ruth Stanford's Birthdays Financial Peace University 6:30pm	3	4 Connie Maxfield's Birthday
5 Aroma of Alpha 9:45am Youth 6pm	6 Lisa Pigg's Birthday Annual Conference - Waco	7 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	8 4-F Club meeting at Raymond's @11am Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm	9 Brett Hendrix's Birthday <---the 8th LAST Financial Peace University 6:30pm	10	11
12 Larry Huntsinger's Birthday Youth 6pm	13 Bradley Sepulveda's Birthday	14 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	15 NOW Committee 6pm Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm	16 Jason Campbell's & Janie Peterson's Birthdays <---the 15th Billy Campbell's Birthday	17 Nancy McCully's Birthday	18 Jonda Liles' Birthday
19 Father's Day Youth 6pm Branda Paylas' Birthday	20	21 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	22 Food Pantry 5-7pm Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm Julie Rowan's Birthday	23	24 Justin Campbell's & Steve Warrick's Birthdays	25 Carol Bechthold's Birthday
26 "Breaking Free" Ladies' Bible Study begins 5:30pm Youth 6pm Corinne Carson's & Britoni Nors' Birthdays	27 Emmaus Reunion 6:30 pm Ed Bradford's Birthday Rev Ron @ Bike Camp	28 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	29	30		

Ron's Reflections

Summer break is here for our school children. Many families will be taking vacations or short get-aways. It is very important to get away and have fun as a family. I was visiting with someone recently and asked where they had been for vacations. Her answer was, "I have never been on a vacation." How sad. Some feel that everything depends on them earning as much as possible, or that their employer (their self in some cases) cannot possible get along without them. I realize that in some cases there may be periods when the demands of a short-term schedule require 100% attention. We have all been in such a situation occasionally. However, to make that a way of life is a good way to shorten it.

Did you know that the average European takes four weeks of "holiday" (vacation) each year? I know, we may think the good-old American work ethic demands that we give it our all 100% of the time, but is that healthy? We know that a person needs to get away from their usual routine to keep from burning out. I have found that it takes me a good two weeks away from the regular schedule to really relax, and that usually comes in the second week. Some of us just cannot manage a real "get-away" very often, but just taking time off, staying at home and planning local events can be very rewarding. With the gas prices what they are, it makes more "cents" than usual.

I have friends who say that going to Church is very relaxing for them. It gives their "batteries a good recharging." I guess it depends on your emotional and spiritual state. These folks I mentioned are usually sincerely spiritual Christians who have lots of friends in their church. Getting your life aligned with God's plan is a great way to release tension and stress. Doubt and guilt and anger are killers emotionally. What better way and place to take care of those than with other believers at Church. But, it takes some preparation to get the most out of worship. I don't mean, getting out your best clothes, but getting out your best heart. Spending some time in the Bible and quiet prayer on Saturday or earlier can really help to get into the spirit of worship. This Sunday will be a great to relax and refresh at our **Singing Celebration**. We will be singing hymns and songs requested by members. I will be sharing a message on restoration through God's love. Why not give yourself a gift of love by being in worship this Sunday as a great way to celebrate the summer and have a great time while you're at it. You will be glad you did.

With love as your Pastor,

-Rev. Ron



UPCOMING EVENTS

CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OPENING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 7:00PM @ FUMC Waco IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER LOCATED ON COBBS & LAKE AIR DR.

DAILY SESSIONS @ THE WACO CONVENTION CENTER, MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

UMW LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH AT NOON IN THE BRAZOS ROOM AT THE WACO CONVENTION CENTER (WEAR BLUE TO THIS EVENT)

LUMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 JULY 17TH - 21ST FEATURING THE THEME "SHAKE IT UP!"
 INVITE A FRIEND AND JOIN US!

Aroma of Alpha
Sunday, June 5, 9:45
Joint Adult Sunday School

"Come and See" what the Alpha Course offers you and your friends/family

The Alpha Course offers:

*Fun *Food *Fellowship *Jokes* *Great Videos*
 *Friendly Discussion *No Pressure *Ask Anything*
 Our Church's new Hospitality Ministry for everyone:

- Christian and church member
- do not have a church-home
- have been away from God
- seeking answers to questions
- feeling hurt toward God or church

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

He said, "I am the Resurrection. I am the Life". If you believe in Him, if you believe in His Resurrection... you will have everlasting life with Him. Wow! He died for us to give us everlasting life. If you have followed the 'Resurrection' series of Rev. Ron's sermons, you have heard about people who walked with our Savior when he walked his last days on earth after the resurrection and before the ascension. You have heard about their reactions to seeing him alive. Can you even imagine how that would be? Can you even imagine how Cleopas and Mary and the others felt? He then gave them the commission of going out as disciples and bringing the news of his resurrection to everyone. That is the commission that has been given to us as Christians, as followers of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. That is the commission that has been given to us as members of Lorena United Methodist church. Have you told anyone about Jesus lately? Have you invited someone to come hear about him at LUMC? Have you volunteered to help in any group at Lorena UMC? Or have you chosen an easier path... think about it and PRAY.

Chancel Choir is taking a longer vacation this summer. Rehearsals will begin at the end of August. If your talent is in music, talk to Doris Ann or Matt about sharing your talent with everyone at LUMC. During the summer, there

are opportunities for special music each Sunday in 10:45 worship. Or talk to Matt if you would like to participate with the Praise Team. Chancel Choir and Praise Team will be assisting with music during the Revival at the end of August.

To all who assisted with the music at Baccalaureate and with May 22 worship honoring graduates and confirmands, thank you. The music and the music team at Baccalaureate was awesome! Congratulations to Seniors and to Confirmands for your achievements!! Blessings on you as you travel on your new journeys in life.

On May 8, LUMC Chancel Choir sang music that was in memory of Betty Gray Chaffin. The anthem was purchased specifically for that occasion and for that person. You, too, have an opportunity to purchase in honor of or in memory of someone. It may be a specific anthem or a special song or a donation to the music fund in honor of someone. Talk to me if you have a question about this or would like to honor someone through music. Remember, if your talent is in music, there are many opportunities to serve your Lord at LUMC.

Singing praises to God with Joy in my heart,

~Doris Ann

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cheesy Chicken Tenders

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

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 chicken breasts, sliced into tenders
- 1/2 c. butter (melted)
- 3/4 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 c. parmesan cheese
- 1/2 c. bread crumbs
- 1 tsp basil
- 1/8 tsp black pepper, 1/4 tsp Accent

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Melt butter in a large bowl. Mix all dry ingredients in a separate bowl. Dip sliced chicken in butter for coating, then roll chicken in dry mix*. Place on baking sheet and cook for 30 minutes. (or until crispy)

(*sprinkle remaining dry mix on chicken for extra goodness!)



**Lorena UMC
Emmaus News**

On Thursday, June 2nd, the Monthly Emmaus Gathering will be at Moody UMC. The Agape Feast is at 6:30 with Worship at 7:00.

The Lorena UMC Emmaus Reunion will meet in the Betties House on Monday, May 27th, at 6:30 P.M. Remember to bring a brown-bag meal! We will be concentrating on "Wearing the Armor of God" this summer. What an awesome God we serve!

If you are interested in going on an Emmaus walk, contact any of the Emmaus group for further information and a list of 2011 scheduled walks.

De Colores!

4F NEWS



The 4F club will meet Wednesday, June 8th at 11:00am. We will be eating at Raymond's in Lorena

**Contact Thelma Ramsey for more info.
857-4189**

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

Information Bulletin Board:

VBS 2011

Mark your calendars! VBS is July 17th-21st. If you would like to help in any capacity, please talk to Linda Stott or Doris Ann. We will have a meeting on Wednesday, June 1st @ 6pm in the Betties House.

Food Pantry Sunday!

Don't forget to bring your food donations, Communion Sunday, June 5th! Anything you give is welcome. We are specifically in need of crackers, paper goods, jelly, soaps, baby items & any canned meats.

How can YOU serve the Lord at **LUMC?**

Thank You's

To everyone who helped make Baccalaureate a success:

THANK YOU!

We had a wonderful turn out to honor our graduating Seniors and we couldn't have done it without you!

Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study:

Tuesday morning Bible Study will not meet the week of Annual Conference. (June 7th)

We are having a wonderful time discussing what the Bible says about our faith and the environment around us. Lots of discussion, cause we are still in first chapter. Please come join us! You'll be glad you did!

Prayers and Praise,
Lou

Youth News

Come see what will be going on with the Lorena UMC Youth group in June! Join us for Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday night youth at 6pm, and Wednesday night youth at 7pm. Come learn from God's word and talk about our heavenly Father! If you are interested in helping with the praise and worship music on Wednesday nights please contact me at 972-921-7439 or trey_prohaska@baylor.edu. We could use you!

In Him, Trey