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The Methodist Message

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Casual Service

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Traditional Service

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion & Food Pantry Worship Service Chancel Choir 4pm Confirmation 4:20pm Youth 6pm	2 Bobbie Allred, Monica Grigsby, Larry Mirick, & Charles Quaas' birthdays -----May 1st	3 4-F Club meeting at Taylor Hall @11am Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	4 Fred Soules' birthday <---May 3rd Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm Doris Ann Stanford's birthday	5 National Day of Prayer Lunch @ FUMC Waco 12-1pm Tom Stott, Kathy Warrick & Kenneth Cook's birthdays	6 Kris Bawcom, Jeff Bawcom & Brad Rabbe's birthdays	7
8 Mother's Day No Chancel Choir Confirmation 4:20pm Youth 6pm	9 Michael Bell & Chance Hendrix's birthdays	10 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	11 Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm	12 Financial Peace University 6:30pm Sara Barnes, Lee Innmon & Virginia Ivy's birthdays	13	14
15 Chancel Choir 4pm Confirmation 4:20pm Youth 6pm Kara Hughlett's birthday	16	17 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage Kat Dowdle's birthday	18 Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm Taylor Mynar, Suzee Scott & Eva Cox's birthdays	19 Financial Peace University 6:30pm	20	21 Travis Hudson & Gail Settlemyer's birthdays
22 *Confirmation Sunday* Chancel Choir 4pm Baccalaureate 6pm Reception 7pm	23 Emmaus Reunion 6:30 pm Gage Cassidy, Amy Laine & Richard McCaskill's birthdays	24 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage Margaret Jones' birthday	25 NOW Committee 6pm Food Pantry 5-7pm Youth 7pm Prayer Bible Study 7pm Johnny Hindrix & Eddie Rosas' birthdays	26 Financial Peace University 6:30pm Beau Woodruff's birthday	27 Peyton Fisher's birthday	28 Jan Simons' birthday
29 Chancel Choir 4pm Youth 6pm Ashton Hinch's birthday	30 Memorial Day Donna Bigelow's birthday	31 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage Shawn McCully's birthday				

National Day of Prayer, May 5

I have often said that the first and most important job of Christians as an act of dependence and orientation with the will of God. If Christians pray and seek God's will, all other appropriate actions will follow. As such it is important to pray for our country and our leaders, whether we agree with them or not. This is not a political "event" to me unlike the way some treat it. We must pray that the grace of God be imparted to the people, culture, and institutions of our nation. Without it the fiber of society unravels. We see the process beginning as a growing sector of the population has no knowledge or appreciation for religious faith, especially the Christian faith and its churches. Prayer is our most powerful weapon against the attacks of the forces that seek to destroy what God seeks to accomplish. Pray for peace and respect among all persons. Pray that God's light and love may be seen throughout our nation and world. Pray that Jesus Christ may be fearlessly proclaimed by all Christians and churches as the source of that light and love.

The first Thursday of May each year is the typical day for National Day of Prayer. Having been called for on several occasions it became law when "On April 17, 1952, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill proclaiming a National Day of Prayer." (Wikipedia.com, National Day of Prayer: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Day_of_Prayer)

Though there have been numerous political and legal maneuvers against it, the NDP continues to be a singular spiritual event that has with stood every attempt to defeat its purpose. There is an observance & lunch at First United Methodist Church in Waco that day. Details are available in our Church office or that of First UMC, Waco.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 60TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE**
 FUMC Waco WILL BE HOSTING A PRAISE & PRAYER OBSERVANCE FROM 12-1PM THURSDAY MAY 5TH IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER LOCATED ON COBBS & LAKE AIR DRIVE.
 LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE
 SATURDAY MAY 22ND AT THE LORENA PAC @ 6PM RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS @ 7PM
 GUEST SPEAKER - MATT KUEHL

Ron's Reflections

Dear friends,

I found the Holy Week events and services very uplifting as an opportunity to be reminded of my need for repentance and renewed spiritual focus on God's presence in every aspect of my life. If you found any part of the events helpful or inspiring, or if you feel something could be improved, changed or added, please let us know by writing an e-mail or note to the Church office.

Hopefully you to be aware of the outstanding way the members of our Church served thorough the past weeks. They have gone beyond their job descriptions in offering their time, service and love in numerous ways. They will be blessed to hear an encouraging word or note from you. I am proud to serve as your Pastor and co-worker with these outstanding Christian servants.

With love and thanks as your Pastor,

-Rev. Ron

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

He is Risen! Yes, He is Risen! He died for us, to save us, if we believe. Did you consciously walk with Him daily through Lent? Did you pray without ceasing?

Maundy Thursday fellowship and worship was truly awesome. It is always great for the church family to be together in fellowship as well as in formal worship. Tenebrae, the Service of Darkness, was a very moving service as we left in silence and in darkness. We humans cannot begin to comprehend what our Savior went through for us. Holy Week only gives us a glimpse of His Love for us. Then—the Joy of Easter Sunday—the Wonder of the Resurrection! Wow! I personally feel that I have walked with my Savior even more than usual. Can you imagine how Cleopas must have felt to know that he was walking with the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus?

Many thanks to all who assisted in the worship services during Lent and especially during Holy Week. You are an awesome church family! Special thanks goes to Brett Batchelor for playing on Easter Sunday. Brett, you are awesome! Thanks to the Praise Team and Chancel Choir for their hard work and their joy in our Risen Lord!

Also, the participation for the Egg Hunt was great! Thanks to all who stood in the wind and the heat to hide eggs and to assist children and to serve refreshments!

Do we have an awesome church, or what?

Chancel Choir and Easter Choir, thanks for leading in both services on Easter Sunday. It's that time of year again. We are winding down for the summer. We will sing two Sundays in May and two in June and one Sunday in July. There will still be special music, just not always the full choir. There is still time to join us for practice Sunday at 4:00 P.M. and you can still sing in May, June, and July.

If your special talent that God has given to you lies in music, join us for rehearsals or talk to Doris Ann for 10:45 worship or to Matt for 8:30 worship.

Many thanks to children who participated in the Procession of the Palms on Palm Sunday.

Singing praises to God with Joy in my heart,

~Doris Ann

4F NEWS



The 4F club will meet Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:00am. We will be eating at Taylor Hall in Bruceville—Eddy.

Contact Thelma Ramsey for more info. 857-4189

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

Thank You's

On behalf of the Ladies' Sunday Evening Bible Study:

THANK YOU! to whomever provided the "Breaking Free" updated edition of the Beth Moore bible study we will be starting in June.

Your generosity is overwhelming and very much appreciated!

Information Bulletin Board:

U.M.W.

will meet Sunday, May 15th. Don't forget your \$1 for the door prize & salad.

Food Pantry Sunday!

Don't forget to bring your food donations, Communion Sunday, May 1st!

Members Gary Pigg & Lisa Pankow were married Saturday, April 16th.

They had a wonderful, wind-free day for the outdoor ceremony and look forward to sharing the rest of their lives together!

Ladies' Sunday Evening Bible Study:

Praise God! He has provided a Bible Study for us for June. We will be studying "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore. It is a 10 week video study about breaking free from old habits and feelings that keep us from experiencing God to the fullest. Come join us this summer for fellowship and study. We will start June 26th at 5:30. Please sign up for a book on the hallway bulletin board. I will order the books June 20. We hope you will join us. We want to spend time with you while you draw closer to the Father. Yay God!

-Peggy

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Frozen Key Lime Pie by Susie Hughlett

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

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 extra large pre made Graham cracker crust
- 1 pint whipping cream
- 3/4 c key lime juice
- 1/4 c sugar
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- Lime zest of 3 limes

Whip cream in mixer until soft peaks form. Add sugar and whip until stiff peaks form. Stir in lime juice and lime zest then fold the sweetened condensed milk into the whipped cream. Pour mixed ingredients into pie crust and freeze for at least 4 hours.

Serve & enjoy!



Lorena UMC Emmaus News

On Thursday, May 5th, the Monthly Emmaus Gathering will be at Central 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 23rd, at 6:30 P.M. Remember to bring a brown-bag meal!

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!

If anyone is interested in a mid-week Children's Program, please call or email the church office and let us know! We would like your feed back in listening to what God is saying about this!

Youth News

There are exciting things going on with the youth group!

Please send any young people you know out to the youth house to see what's happening!

There are 3 youth meetings throughout the week. Wednesday nights at 7, join us for a time of worship, bible study, and games. We'd also love for you to come join us for a time in the Word during Sunday School at 9:30 in-between church services. Then, on Sunday nights at 6, we meet for a time to have fun and get to know each other a little more each week. You'll be able to come see and attempt the dreaded Table Challenge! Many people have tried... few have succeeded! Those that DO succeed will have their names written under the "Champs" section on the white board!

Mission trip sign ups are on the table in the youth house. Please sign up and we will get you more information as it becomes available! This will be a great time of service, ministry, and a fantastic opportunity to give a Christ-like example to others.

In Him, Trey