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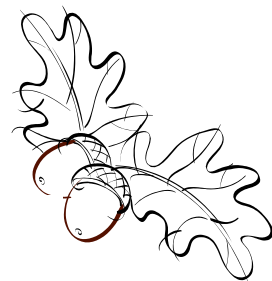
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September 2011

****THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER TO BE MAILED. THEY WILL BE EMAILED STARTING IN OCTOBER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE EMAILED VERSION, PLEASE MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL CAPABILITIES, THERE WILL BE FEW PRINTED COPIES IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.****

Sunday Worship Schedule

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



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The Methodist Message

Ron's Reflections

Beginning a new school year is always an exciting time. I love that our whole society is structured around the education of our children for twelve years and/or more. For those blessed "ministers of education" who serve to impart, not only information, but to love, guide, and challenge them to become lifetime learners. Our children are precious gifts and living legacies to carry on and advance life and understanding. I love the way Wesley Putnam put it Sunday morning, "God loves kids." God made it crystal clear to the Hebrew people that their children had to carry on the faith in their awesome God by remembering God love expressed in their redemption and blessings.

"Here we go again," another year of calendars filled to overflowing and days ending empty. I remember feeling that I couldn't wait to get out of school, jump out of the nest and try my wings. "That will be really living." Later in life we sometimes long for those simpler "life." So life continues through stages from one room to another. What ties them together? Is it a desperate hope that we can start really living when we get to the next room? Or, is there something better and stronger and life-giving? Jesus invites us to take up our cross and follow him through each day and room of life. Our children need to see great models of faith-filled living. There is so much more for them and us than what we get in an occasional Sunday school lesson or sermon.

"Really Living" is something that takes a life-long structure of learning and living out a faith that not only endures life's ups and downs, but empowers us to "Really Live" filled with the joyful Spirit of God, guiding us through each room until we enter that glorious final room with Jesus. Are we living lives that will guide and inspire - the way to live the best LIFE.

Let's get on with "Really Living"!

-Rev. Ron

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUMC 130th Anniversary Celebration / UMW Sunday September 25th

One service only @ 10:45am
 Luncheon Catered by Bill & Bob's @ Noon
 in the Fellowship Hall (ticket price TBD)

MidWeek Activities Wednesday, September 14th:

K.L.I.C.K. 6:30-8:00pm
Kids Learning In Christ's Kingdom:
 registration in the fellowship hall
 pickup in the sanctuary
Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm

DaySpring Revival a Hit!

Lots of people turned out for the nightly revival meetings with Rev. Wesley Putnam bringing his wonderfully performed original music, dynamic preaching along with humorous and insightful biblical characters. The numbers actually grew a bit from Sunday evening.

The kids really got into the Bible Quest time learning amazing amounts of Bible passages and facts through music and lots of fun. Metals to be awarded Wednesday evening for the top earners. We will be hearing the songs for a long time - an unforgettable way to learn the books of the Bible.

Let's carry this joyful spring of the Spirit into all we do and tell everyone about the love of our God.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 2011						
				1 K.L.I.C.K Lesson Planning 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall Lisa Byrum & Terri Wood's Birthdays	2 Tori Fonseca, Wade McLean, & Justin North's Birthdays	3
4 NO Chancel Choir NO Ladies Bible Study Youth 6pm	5 LABOR DAY Keith Bass' Birthday	6 4-F Club Raymond's 11am Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage HarvestFest Meeting 6pm Worship Committee: 7pm	7 K.L.I.C.K Lesson Planning 7:00pm in the Betties House Ad Council @ 7pm Youth 7pm	8 Gary McCully & Kacie Pledger's Birthdays 7th <-----	9	10
11 Chancel Choir 4pm Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Youth 6pm	12 David Cox's Birthday	13 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage HarvestFest Meeting 6pm Worship Committee: 7pm	14 K.L.I.C.K 6:30-8pm Pastor's Bible Study 7pm Youth 7pm Wil Ferderer's Birthday	15 Celeste Carson's Birthday	16 Mark Carberry's Birthday	17 Jeremy North's Birthday
18 Disciple Info 9:30am Chancel Choir 4:30pm Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Youth 6pm Liz McKnight & Matthew Johnson's Birthdays	19	20 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage Justin Kuykendall & Kay Pigg's Birthdays	21 NOW Committee 6pm K.L.I.C.K 6:30-8pm Pastor's Bible Study 7pm Youth 7pm	22 Mary Mathias' Birthday	23 John Settlemyer's Birthday	24 Lori Cox's Birthday
25 130th Anniversary UMW Lunch 12pm Chancel Choir 4pm Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Youth 6pm	26	27 Ladies' Bible Study 10am @ the Parsonage	28 K.L.I.C.K 6:30-8pm Pastor's Bible Study 7pm Food Pantry 5-7pm Youth 7pm	29	30	

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

We sing to You, O God, as we celebrate You and praise You and worship You each day. As I write this we are in the middle of a Revival at Lorena UMC! Praise the Lord! It is awesome to hear voices raised in song, the sound of Amens through the sanctuary, and see and hear all of the people praying. Wow! May this spirit and His Spirit be with our church and its people always and forever. Keep His Spirit in your heart this week, this month, this year.

Chancel Choir is back at work in full voice from the summer vacation. It's great to be with all of you again. There are vacant spaces in the choir loft. Practice time is on most Sundays at 4:00 P.M. Watch the weekly bulletins or ask Doris Ann if you have questions about rehearsal times. There are a couple of changes in the September calendar with upcoming events. Check the rehearsal schedule in this newsletter.

Christmas Choir is open to all who love to sing and praise the Lord. Christmas choir rehearsal will begin in October on Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Other times and days may be added as needed or requested. There will be a practice CD available for the major portion of the music.

Bell Choir will begin in October. Look for further information later. Also if children in grades 3-6 are interested in learning how to play choir chimes, talk to Miss Doris Ann for further information. There can be only two children or as many as eight or any number in between for beginning choir chimes.



Also check the weekly and the e-letter for dates and times on the **Annual Choir Retreat**. This will be either at the end of September or the first part of October. During the Retreat, we will begin practicing Christmas music. Something new may be added to the Retreat this year that would be open to everyone with prayer stations set up around the church and fellowship and educational area. This would be open to all and not just Christmas Choir and Chancel Choir singers. Look for further info in the weekly eNewsletter.

If the special talent God has given you is music, join us for any of the musical opportunities at Lorena UMC. Isn't it great that we can praise and worship our Lord in the church of our choice? Worship God as you sing, as you pray, as you go through each day. Remember He is with you always.

Singing praises to God with joy in my heart,
Doris Ann

CHOIR REHURSAL TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 4 - no practice/Labor Day
 Sunday, September 11 - 4:00 pm
 Sunday, September 18 - 4:30 pm* note different time
 Sunday, September 25 - 4:00 pm
 CHOIR RETREAT possibly end of September

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR TITHES!

To Date:	Need	Need YTD:	Still
9/1/11	Weekly:	9/1/11	Needed:
\$124,607.50	\$5154.20	\$174,168.60	\$46,561.10

Information

Bulletin Board:

Please remember to pray for our Church Daycare. The Lord is working over there and we want to continue to align our hearts with His so He will continue to be glorified in the services the daycare provides!

Food Pantry Sunday!

Don't forget to bring your food donations, Communion Sunday, Sept 4th! Canned meats, crackers, cookies, pasta, canned fruits are needed.

This summer has been very busy for our food pantry and everything you have donated has been so appreciated! In the past 2 weeks, we fed 21 children & 12 adults. Sometimes we don't realize the impact we have on our community and this is a simple reminder of why we do what we do!

Love & Hugs,
The Say Amen! Food Pantry

4F NEWS



The 4F club will meet Tuesday, Sep. 6th 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!

Thank You:

Dear LUMC Family,
Thank you all so much for the love and support you showed our family at the death of our father. We so appreciated the kind words, cards and visits during this sad time. We especially want to thank the UMW ladies for the delicious lunch they prepared and served prior to dad's service. Pam is lucky to have such a warm, caring church family!
Sincerely,

The Bill Bethke Family

Dear Church Family,
There are no adequate words to express my gratitude for everything you did during the time of my dad's illness and death. The prayers, phone calls, cards and messages were so special and always seemed to come at exactly the right time. I could feel your love and encouragement daily. Each and every one of you is a true blessing to me and I'm thankful to call Lorena United Methodist Church my church home.

In God's love, Pam Bethke Cooper

September Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 Service		10:45 Service	
9/4:	(Communion) Amber Shelley Walt Lavender DA Stanford	9/4:	(Communion) Tori Batt Paul Batt Marsha Pennington
9/11:	Gene Kuehl Hank North	9/11:	William Woody Lee Pennington
9/18:	Gary McCully Hank North	9/18:	William Woody Lee Pennington
9/25:	Gary McCully Kay Swain	9/25:	William Woody Lee Pennington

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Spicy Noodles by Amber Shelley

Ingredients:

1 lb vermicelli noodles
 1 can black olives
 1 small jar pimentos
 2 bushels green onions
 (ALL CHOPPED)
 1/4 c. vegetable oil
 3 T. Accent
 1 1/2 T. Tony Chachero original spice
 2 T. lemon juice
 2 T. mayo
 1 tsp black pepper

Instructions:

In a large bowl, combine vegetable oil, accent, lemon juice and cooked and drained noodles. Mix with your hands & refrigerate overnight.

Add olives, pimentos, onions, Tony Chachero spice & mayo, mix with your hands and ENJOY!

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



Lorena UMC Emmaus News

On Sept. 1st the Emmaus Gathering is at Cogdell Memorial UMC in Waco. The Agape Feast is at 6:30 with Worship at 7:00. There will be instruction on how to make the lanyards before the agape feast if you'd like to learn! The next Gathering is on October 6th at Robinson UMC.

The Lorena UMC Emmaus Reunion will meet in the Betties House on Monday, September 26th, at 6:30 P.M. Bring your brown bag dinner.

Please be in prayer for the upcoming walks at Glen Lake: Men's walk on Oct. 6-9 and Women's walk on Oct. 20-23. They are in need of more pilgrims to sign up in order to not be canceled. If you are interested in any of these walks, contact any of the Emmaus group at LUMC: Doris Ann, Nancy, Linda, Amber, Donna, Janie, Peggy, Mary, Ron, Lou, Ann, Marsha, or Jonda.

De Colores!

K-LOVE honors those who were victims of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks by encouraging you to love and bless others in remembrance on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day. Go to www.klove.com and make a promise to be one of 1,000,000 people around the world to make a difference on 9/11/11, Together with the National Day of Service.
SIGN UP NOW!

Make a Difference
In A Million Lives
On Sept 11, 2011

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Promises So Far:
Approx. 3000