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United Methodist Women

Wow! Summer is over but it sure doesn't feel like it. School may be starting up for the year but the Texas heat has only just begun! Just a reminder that Leadership Committee Meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of the month at 4:30 NOT 4:00. Also the Faith Fellowship has moved its meeting to the 3rd Tuesday at 4:30 NOT 4:00. Thank you for your understanding with these small changes. Hope Fellowship will continue on the 2nd Tuesday at 10:30.

Our South District Annual Meeting will be September 9th at First UMC Temple. Lunch will be provided for \$12. Please let Anna know if you are interested in going so we know how many to expect. I will be out of town Tuesday, August 29 - Thursday, September 7, feel free to leave a phone message or text me at 254-396-5524. October has several district events coming up: October 6 - Fall Retreat at First UMC Killeen, October 7 - Fall Gathering at First UMC Killeen, October 28 - Leadership Training at Salado UMC 9-11 for next years officers. Tricky Tray will be October 28 as well - to begin at 6:00 pm. If you are able to help in setting up Fowler Hall for this event, please meet at the church Friday, October 27 at 10:30 am. Please have your trays at the church by this time as well.

If you were unable to attend the general meeting August 22, you missed the slide show of the Silly Fashion Show. You never know when or where some of those pictures may show up. If you have not placed your Martha Award nomination, those need to be turned in by September 1st to the district in order to receive the pin and certificate. Those can be given to Jeanne Ashley as soon as possible.

Even though it is only September, it is time to begin collecting old towels, sheets, blankets, pillow cases, etc. for the animal shelter. Even if the items are torn, the shelter can put them to good use. We will also be collecting new child size blankets for the police department. There will be two boxes in the foyer for these collections. We would like to be able to donate these about December. Thank you for your constant generosity.

Anna Leach, UMW President



News from Becky!

Thanks to everyone who faithfully bring items for the Food Care Center. This month we have taken in 222 pounds leaving only ONE HUNDRED SIX pounds for our goal of 1800 pounds for the year! When we have reached our goal doesn't mean we need to slack off though – there are still plenty of hungry people in our community so continue to bring food and help feed the hungry! Again, many thanks for closing in our goal this year!

Friday, September 8th, Boomerang Bags will start again for the school year. Last year with your help, we fed 2100 students meals! I look forward to doing at least that many again this year. This mission is funded entirely by you the congregation and uses no church money. I would like to add another 10 students this year, but to do that, we need to have more donations! So please, if you have a little extra, make a check to the church, mark it as BOOMER BAGS, and put in the collection plate! Or if you want to pay cash, place it in an envelope and mark it as BOOMER Bags. We work hard at not only giving the kids something for the weekend, but also just letting them know that someone in the world cares about them. Your assistance is greatly welcomed. Thanks so much.

The Beacon

Come home to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church ...
 There's a Place for You Here!!



September 2017

St. Andrews is a diverse family
 sharing God's transforming love
 with our neighbors

"Memory Foam" By David Leach

We have a memory foam mattress. When you lay upon it, it forms around you shaping an impression of your form. When you get up, for just a moment the memory foam retains your shape, and then it is lost.

When we pray, asking God to pour the holy Spirit upon us, Christ himself comes/God is with us, and lays God's self upon us. In so doing, our soul, like memory foam, is shaped by the soul of God. We become an impression of God. When we later go about our business, forgetting about God, the "foam" of our soul begins to lose its true shape, the shape of God. It is necessary for us to regularly seek God's presence, even to learn to live in God's presence, that our soul may be formed in Him.

Near the lake house at Whitney, we regularly find fossils of ancient sea creatures like the chambered nautilus. They were formed when these creature's shells fell upon the ancient sea bed and were covered in sediment. An impression of the shell was formed in the sediment. Later when the shell decayed away, the impression remained, and when the impression was later filled with mineral deposits, a model of the original shell was formed.

God desires to form a model of himself. Christ wants to make himself seen today by forming a model of himself. By resting in our souls, an impression of Christ is shaped. When that impression remains, our life will fill the impression in our soul, and God will form us into a model of Christ.

Come Lord Jesus, Come. Revelation 22:20
 Genesis 1:27, Galatians 4:19

Upcoming Sermon Series

Please join us on Sunday mornings for our new sermon series, "The Seven Deadly Sins," beginning September 10th.

Anniversaries
Emanuel & Leita Godwin 23
John & Judy Ellison 26



Happy Birthday!

Michelle Guinther	3
Arlene Aldrich, Julie McBride	5
Daniel Young	6
Jim Johnson	7
Kevin Dietz	9
Vera Moffitt	10
Sandy Schwertman	11
Melissa Everett	14
Shirley Skinner	18
Penny Morgan	19
Judy Linville	20
Roye Pelletier, Keegan Winter	24
MeiLinn Leann Campos Leach	25
George Adams	28

Monthly Newsletters

The church newsletters are sent out monthly by email. If your email is not on file in the office and you wish to receive an electronic copy each month, please contact the office. Copies are always available in Fowler Hall and in the narthex of the sanctuary for those that do not have computers or prefer not to receive by email. We mail copies to those that are homebound and physically unable to attend church.

In September, the Wednesday evening (5:30) Women of the Vine group will meet each week. We are moving back and forth between the church and Jeanne Ashley's house right now (makes it easier on her!) so call Anna Leach, Becky Hunt, Cindy Parrett, Gayle Bradford, or Michelle Trudo to find out where we are that week. This is an Emmaus accountability group so come prepared to talk!

The youth will not meet on Sunday September 3rd due to the Holiday weekend.

Updating of Church Directory

I will be working on updates for the church directory over the next few weeks. If you have a change in phone numbers, addresses, or email addresses, please show the changes on your blue attendance card on Sunday mornings or contact the office. If you do not wish your information to be in the directory, please state on the blue card or contact me during office hours by phone or email with the information. You may want to review the current directory to see if the information previously published is correct. If you would like birthday and anniversary dates to be published in the monthly newsletter, you can make note on these cards. Thanks for your help, Judy

Do you have wheelchairs, walkers, bed side commodes or other medical equipment sitting around collecting dust? Would you be willing to loan them out on a short term basis? I recently had need of several of these items while waiting for them to be ordered and delivered and didn't know what I was going to do! I didn't know who to ask or where to begin to look. Then several people came to my rescue and I started thinking that we need a list in the church office so we can help others in the church. If you are willing to help with this effort, please let Judy know what you have to loan out. Thanks, Jeanne Ashley

Rainbow Emmaus Gathering
 The Rainbow Emmaus Group will meet Thursday, September 14th with covered dish and business starting at 6:30 pm and worship to follow. Remember to bring your worship book, cross and name tag. The gathering will be held at 1st UMC Killeen.



Fundraiser for Aldersgate
UMM BBQ Brisket Dinner!
 Saturday, September 9th
 6 pm—Fowler Hall
 Everyone Welcome!!

BBQ Brisket, Baked potato, Beans & More!
\$8.00 per person—children under age 10 Free
Tickets need to be purchased in advance so there will be a headcount for the food. Tickets are available from any UMM member or at the office. Come join in on the fun, good food and good company. Bring your family and friends! See ya'll there!



The Worship Music Team is looking for additional musicians to enhance the Sunday worship experience. If you would like to join, please see Gary Hunt. There will be no music practice for the month of September.

Check in With God Time!

What has God done in your life this week and what is God doing for you? Come join in with this Women's group for some prayer time and good fellowship.

"Our Centering Time" women's group will meet in Fowler Hall the first and third Wednesday each month beginning at 3:15 pm. Open to all women, bring family and friends.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 SUNDAY SERVICES					1	2
3 Communion offering Providence Place Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am No Youth Group	4 Labor Day Office closed Domino Station 12:30	5 No Joy Bible Study today Emmaus Reunion 11 am Lunch Bunch Golden Corral 12:30 pm UMW Leadership meeting 4:30 pm	6 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Our Centering Time women 3:15 Women's Emmaus reunion 5:30 pm	7	8 Boomerang Bags 9 am	9 UMM Brisket BBQ 6 pm UMW annual meeting 1st UMC Temple
10 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am Worship Team 11 am Youth Group 4 pm Ultreya Emmaus Group St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lampasas	11 Domino Station 12:30	12 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am UMW Hope group 10:30 No UMM meeting	13 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Women's Emmaus reunion 5:30 pm	14 secretary at training 1st UMC Temple Rainbow Walk to Emmaus 6:30 1st UMC	15 Boomerang Bags 9 am	16
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