

# The **FIRST EDITION**



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### A CELEBRATION LIKE NO OTHER

By the time you read this, our church along with all Christian communions will move through the Easter Triduum. This is a liturgical term referring to the period from sunset on Holy Thursday (i.e. Maundy Thursday) to sunset of Easter Day. This movement in the Christian year leads us from the celebration of the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples to Good Friday and our commemoration of Jesus' crucifixion and death through Holy Saturday and finally to the joy of Easter Day.

With the heaviness of the death of Jesus at the hands of evil weighing upon our souls, Easter Day fills us with the overwhelming joy of the news of Christ's resurrection. The report of the women who went to Jesus' tomb early on the first day of the week truly changed life upon planet Earth.

It is our hope that you will make a special effort to share the worship of our church on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and that you will celebrate the victory of life over death in one or more of our four services on Easter Day (details elsewhere in this newsletter). Holy Thursday's Lord's Supper and Good Friday's remembrance of Christ's crucifixion and death are the last two steps of our preparation individually and collectively to die to our own sin so that we may be ready to be raised with Christ by the power of God.

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. The date varies from year to year, but the Easter celebration launches what is known in the church as the Great Fifty Days which culminates with Pentecost, the church's observance of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.

Thus, Easter is more than a day, it is a season. While each Sunday of the year is considered a "little Easter," the Great Fifty Days is a sustained period of celebration of the resurrection of the Lord and of the myriad facets of the meaning of this momentous event.

I look forward to sharing this Holy Week and Easter with you in our special worship opportunities.

Grace to you and peace,

Mike



On Sunday, April 15th, First United Methodist Church Duncanville will unveil a new contemporary worship service. This new service called **CROSSROADS** will be a dynamic blend of music, multi-media and positive messages in the casual atmosphere of Aldersgate.

Join us at 8:45 for coffee and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds for a powerful, dynamic message delivered by Rev. Marie Mitchell. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., **CROSSROADS** will conclude at 9:45 for all to attend Sunday School.

If you are looking to worship the Lord in a less-formal, more progressive atmosphere, then we will meet you at **CROSSROADS**.

*Come to the **CROSSROADS**, where your life intersects with the cross.*

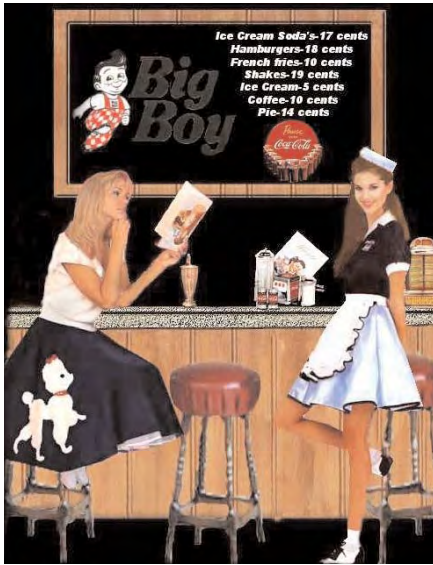


**N**ineteen confirmands make up the class of '07. Their adventure to Sky Ranch was a fun, exciting one for all. Many of this year's class parents attend Bible study with their sons and daughters on Sunday morning and Sunday evenings. Each confirmand has an adult mentor as well as a Friends of Faith person which is their youth mentor. Congratulations to all these youth and their sponsors.



Bring flowers  
on  
Easter Sunday  
to adorn  
the cross  
in the  
Narthex.

# “Back to the Fifties”



A Musical Revue and Dinner Theater Presented by the FUMC Youth Choir featuring the Carol and Alleluia Choirs

Friday, April 27  
Sunday, April 29

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.  
Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket sales continue in the Narthex

Floor - \$15.00  
Upper Level - \$10.00  
Balcony - \$5.00

Menu

Old Fashioned Hamburgers • Tater Tots • Sundaes



To the entire music department for their great job with *Mass of the Children*.

Candy Chapman for her years of dedicated service to FUMC.

Katilee Ralph for her acceptance into the National Honor Society

## Our Newest Member



Welcome to our newest member Cleta Bibby who lives on Hill City Drive in Duncanville.

## OUR EASTER JOURNEY

**APRIL 5--MAUNDY THURSDAY--7:00 p.m. service.** A new experience for our church as a service of meditation, the washing of hands and the Last Supper will be served in groups of 12.

As you meditate in the sanctuary, one of our pastors will invite you into a smaller room for the washing of hands and the serving of the Last Supper as each aspect of this holy evening is explained and experienced.

**APRIL 6--GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE--7:00 p.m. service** The Service of Darkness, with music provided by Musica Sacra, takes you through the last hours of Christ's Passion. The chancel area is stripped and shrouded in black as the Christ candle is extinguished. By experiencing Good Friday you can more fully appreciate the incredible joy of Easter Sunday.

**APRIL 8--EASTER SUNDAY.** Four inspirational services starting with the Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and continuing with services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. The last three services will feature special Easter music by the Chancel and Youth Choirs, Celebration Ringers and brass quintet. The services will also feature "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*.

# Candy honored



Candy Chapman was honored with a reception following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday. After 18 years, she will be leaving to go to Plano FUMC. One of Candy's many duties were accompanying the youth choir, some of whom surround her in this photo.

We wish Candy the best of luck.

The church library has accumulated videos of the Sunday church services for the past 12 years. If you would like to have the video for a specific service please contact Joyce Gregory at 972-298-0214 or joyce\_gregory@sbcglobal.net. After June 1st the library will retain the videos of church services for the current and previous year only.



Our Board of Trustees is comprised of from left Carlton Moffett, Clinton Adamson, Alice Dickerson, Jim Thrash, Stephanie Talbot, Joe Brown, Mike Stowe, and Larry Groce, Chairman. Not pictured is Steve Rutherford.

### DUNCANVILLE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The Missions Committee, again, will be collecting non-perishable food for Duncanville Outreach Ministries during April. Collection boxes will be placed in each adult Sunday school classroom. Collection baskets will be in the Narthex on April 29th for Church-wide collections.

This month DOM is in particular need of the following:

- 5 lb. bag of flour
- 4 lb. bag of sugar
- Hamburger helper
- Tuna
- Jelly
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned carrots
- Vegetable soups
- Chili
- Ravioli
- Shampoo
- Spaghetti O's
- Tomato soup
- Pork N' Beans

As you know, DOM helps folks needing emergency assistance. Be an active part of reaching out to our local community. Continued thanks for your support.

# UMM once again are winners



Saturday was a busy day for many people. The United Methodist Men once again prepared their famous pancakes for many people to enjoy, Mike Nichols served coffee refills and children hunted Easter eggs.



Our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir Girls, Alleluia Singers, and visiting Chamber Ensemble, presented John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* to over 500 in attendance. Accompaniment was provided by Candy Chapman on the organ, Mona Barbee on the keyboard and Janice Vieira on piano.



### The Nance Chapel

Located on the northeast end of Asbury, the Nance Chapel was dedicated on September 30, 1979. It was made possible by the generosity of the estate of Miss Winnie D. Nance. The windows were from the sanctuary that was located where the present Memorial Garden is situated and faced north onto Daniel. This chapel was used for Sunday night church services, small weddings and memorial services. Over the years, the windows had deteriorated and needed to be preserved with storm windows. With the generosity of Mrs. Frances Nance, this has been made possible and will last for generations to come.

## Sign up Now

### First United Methodist Church Spring Golf Tournament

Florida Scramble style golf tournament. You do not have to be a great golfer to play. Meet new friends and have a great time. Open to Men & Women of all ages.

#### Schedule

Time: 1:00 p.m. (This is a change of time)  
Place: Mansfield National  
Price: \$60 per person  
Deadline: Register before Sunday, April 22

Please be at the golf course by 12:15 p.m. to sign in and buy your mulligan for \$5.00 (limit one per person)

For questions call Pat Daniel 972-298-6121  
Or e-mail: pat@fumcd.com

Cut out and return to the church office with your check for \$60.00  
You can also visit our website for the form [www.fumcd.com](http://www.fumcd.com).

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**Death**

J. C. Bell  
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### Forbidden fruits create many jams.

#### Remember

Call the church office and make us aware if you or someone you know in the church is in the hospital or plans surgery. 972.298-6121



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## Class Notes

**CUP & SAUCER**

Our music today was provided by Millie Treadway, Betty Dunn & Candy Chapman. Jean Neisius followed with a beautiful prayer.

Worthy Usher led our powerful lesson from Rev. 1: 1-8 & Luke 19 28-40.

We welcomed Chuck & Mary Rawle who were visiting to celebrate Charlie's 85 birthday.

Our daughter Candy Chapman is leaving FUMCD after 18 years of service. We will miss her and pray that she enjoys her new position at FUMC Plano.

J.C. Reeves announced to the class that he is getting married.

Please pray for our sick & shut in--Grace Brandenburg, Bettye Rice, Mary Morriss, Mary

Dabiere, Bob Cummings, Jesse & Myrt Airhart, Charlie and Alta Rawle & Sara Lovdahl.

**NEW HORIZONS**

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Carolyn Babb entitled "Yielding to Christ's Lordship." Pat Harthcock played the piano to start the class, and Bob Hastings led us in prayer.

The Texas Rangers game will be April 23rd.

A luau is being planned for next month by the social committee, so stay tuned.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Larry and Willa Yost, David Babb, Family of Ken Woolsey, Charles Cason, Angie Coby, Danny Craig, Sandra Coyle, Lillie Ashcraft, Joanna Nelson,

Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Martha William-son, Cami Leigh Crews, Rev. Bill Stephenson, James Jordan, Billy, Jennifer, Mary Ann Lee, Shane, Chuck Weems, Ruby Edgar, Mavis Mathis, Sandra Rodrick, Charlene Martynowski, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, and Karen Kelly.

On April 8th, our lesson will be "Discovering Resurrection" taught by Carole Deffebach. This lesson is the second in Unit 2, A New Community in Christ. The scripture background for the lesson is Revelation 1:9-20; and John 20:1-18, 30-31, so read your Bible this week and we will see you Easter Sunday.

**PROGRESSORS**

The Progressors Class continues

the study of Isaiah. On March 18 Byron Rodenburg gave the lesson "Peace Be With You", March 25th Sam Martin's lesson was, "Go Into the World", April 1 Beverly Amundson's lesson was on "Have You Caught Any Fish." There will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday

Our class enjoyed going out to eat after church on March 25 at Ruffinos Italian Restaurant.

Please meet this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to prepare the lilies for Easter Sunday. Thanks to all for supporting this effort to enhance our sanctuary for this special Sunday.

April 29 will be our 5th Sunday Brunch. Start thinking about what yummies you can

bring.

**UNITED CLASS**

Gary did his usual fine presentation of our lesson last week and Marie also today. We do plan to meet for Sunday School Class next Sunday.

Betty Proper was 2nd time visitor last Sunday and our newest "member" today.

Snooky is reported as doing well in rehab and we look forward to her return.

Class excursion to Arboretum still on Wednesday, April 11 (\$1.00 discount on tickets at Tom Thumb.)

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