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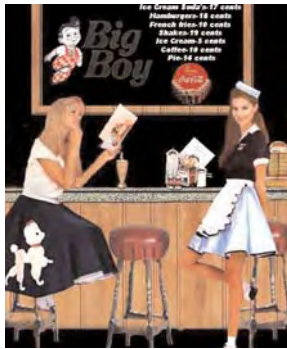


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First United Methodist Church 403 S. Main Street Duncanville, TX 75116 972.298-6121 www.fumcd.com Rev. Mike Nichols, Senior Pastor

“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.

BUY YOUR TICKETS SUNDAY

in the Narthex

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

Menu

Old Fashioned Hamburgers • Tater Tots • Sundaes

We Made the News



On Sunday evening, April 8, someone threw a concrete block through the back glass door of the administrative offices. Aside from shattering the door, they stole a laptop computer, the phone tree head set and microphone, and some gum. Several news crews were interviewing local churches. There have been many churches in the area who have been hit by robberies since January. It's a shame they didn't steal a Bible and read it.



The premiere of **CROSSROADS** was a huge success. Young and not so young enjoyed the upbeat music and the true energetic feel of the service. Months of planning went into the implementation of **CROSSROADS**. The development of a praise and worship team is now in the process. This team will include singers and instrumentalists. During this process, we will be using many of our regular ensembles to lead in **CROSSROADS** worship. This Sunday, Praise will be leading our worship.

Currently we have Greg Hutcheson on keyboard and Susan Kheshtinejad on piano. Trent Gardner will be joining the group on guitar.

Other pictures are on page 5 so check them out.

Marie's message this week is "We Fall Down, We Get Up."

The scripture is Acts 9:1-20.

Our Newest Additions



Welcome to Susan Kheshtinejad as our new organist and rehearsal accompanist. She will also be playing for **CROSSROADS**. We also welcome Sandi Polewski who will be our organist at the 8:30 am service.

Are there others?

We want to make sure that we are leaving no graduating high school senior off our list. If you are a senior or know of a senior who is a member of FUMC Duncanville and who will be graduating in May, please let Janet Dempsey know.

There will be a senior lunch on Senior Sunday, May 20.

You may reach Janet at 972.298-6121 or janet@fumcd.com.

Following is the current list of seniors.

Justin Barbee	Lauren King
Laura Beard	Rachel Newland
Nicholas Bennett	Kyle Ramsey
Andrew Branhagen	Tyler Stewart
Jordan Duncan	Amanda Trezza
Lance Francis	Justin Walters
Matt Kalinec	Kristin Yancy

To Justin Barbee who was named the Best Actor in Zone A UIL One-Act play, was named to the All Star Cast Area UIL One-Act Play, and received honorable mention 12 County Art Show.

The **CROSSROADS** team.

A Champion Among Us



Congratulations to Sue Clark who was the winner of the Texas State Power Lifting Meet in Houston. She bench pressed 138#, squat 243#, and dead lifted 319#. Sue has always worked out and started competitive lifting 4 years ago. Sue works out 5 days a week. Her husband Bob is in the Chancel Choir and they are members of the Homebuilders SS Class.

Methodism Class

A class on Methodism will be offered four consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning May 2 through May 23 from 7:00-8:00 in the Snack Bar. This is open to all new members, prospective members, and anyone interested in learning more about the Methodist Church. This will be taught by Rev. Mike Nichols.

Child care is available upon request. For more information or to indicate your need for child care, call the church office at 972.298.6121.

Church Conference

Everyone is invited to attend the Church Conference on Sunday, April 29, following the 11am service in the Sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is to act on the sale of 2 residential properties currently owned by the church.

BOOK CLUB

May Book Selection "Covenant Child" by Terri Blackstock

Join us for discussion and fellowship Monday, May 14 7:00 p.m. at the home of Alice D. 1118 Meadow Ridge Dr.

Call Letitia 972.298-9007

We Need Your Help!

Amigos Days

April 20, 21, 27 and 28
3230 S. Marsalis Avenue Dallas

The work involves scraping, painting, tree trimming, carpentry, minimal yard work, etc.

Sign up in Narthex

Rich Dismukes
richdismukes@tx.rr.com
George Crews georgecrews@sbcglobal.net

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The church library committee invites you to visit the church library anytime between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The library will be open and available for checking out books, using the reference materials that cannot be checked out, and just reading a book. The doors will be open on these 4 days each week with the only exception being the days that the church office is closed. Information about checking out books is posted in the library. We hope that many of you will take advantage of the great resources that are available in our church library.

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.

Our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members Red and Anita Elliott. Red is a resident at Presbyterian Village and Anita resides in Duncanville.

They met at the CROSSROADS



235 people gathered for the first Sunday of **CROSSROADS**.



Jillian, age 3, joined with the other 234 people.



Above are some of the many leaders who have put in many hours of preparation, learning, rehearsing, and praying to make **CROSSROADS** the success that it is.



Rev. Steve Sobczak and Spirit of Grace ensemble with the help of Tiffany Nickerson lead the congregation in singing songs of praise. The Spirit of Grace ensemble not only sang at **CROSSROADS** but also at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Join the **CROSSROADS** worship service this Sunday at 8:45 a.m. for coffee and refreshments and Rev. Marie Mitchell along with the **CROSSROADS** team from 9:00-9:45 for an inspirational and exciting time of worship.

Confirmands Baptized



Five of the members of the Confirmation Class of 2007 were baptized at the conclusion of **CROSSROADS** on Sunday. They are from left Chase Apperson, Tyler Ogle, Dayton Armstrong, Claire Dial and Marlyse Vieira.



Congrats to our newest members.

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.

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Grace Brandenburg
Bettye Rice
Mary Dabiere
Sandy Courville
Jon Kinslow
Jimmy Dunham
Martha Leewright
David Knox
Owenda Douglass
Mary Morriss
Charlie Hopkins
Kittie Powell on the death of her husband Alan.

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Our firefighters and police

Death
Alan Powell

in memory of

Lou Fain
Lou Fain
Lou Fain
Helen Laden
Alan Powell
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Charles and Frances Cason
Frances Nance
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Ashleigh & Frank Buchanan

Christian One Liners

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

An Addition to the Library

A book has been donated to our church library that would be a great reference book for our Sunday School teachers, both children and adult.

The book is *Who's Who in the Bible: An Illustrated Biographical Dictionary*. It is now in our library and available for check out.



Class Notes

CUP & SAUCER

Sunday our class was opened with a beautiful piano solo by Millie Treadaway. We are grateful to have Helen Usher and Millie Treadaway play the piano during the absence of Mary Morris. Our morning prayer was led by Alex Pearce. Worthie Usher led an inspiring lesson on "Worshiping God Alone" (Rev. 4). Dick Rittenberry agreed to serve as class teach coordinator until Grace Brandenburg returns. Our guests on Easter Sunday included Margaret Land-wehr's daughter, Laura, Laura & Bill McAlpin's daughter & husband & Lodell Thornton's daughter Sandra. Visitors are always welcome. Please continue to pray for our sick & shut in: Bob Cummings, Grace Brandenburg, Mary Morriss

& Doris's brother & sister & Bettye Rice. The new church library hours are Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8-12 noon.

Attendance Easter Sunday 42 and attendance on April 15 was 48

NEW HORIZONS

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Bob Hastings entitled "Worshiping God Alone." Pat Harthcock played the piano to start the class, and Sharon Edwards led us in prayer.

The Texas Rangers game will be April 23rd. Tickets were passed out in class. If you didn't get your ticket, contact Barbara McGee about how you will get it.

The luau is scheduled for May 18th at the Michalski's. They have a

pool so the setting will fit the theme.

Joys this week are for Angie, who is back at work.

Please keep the following in your prayers; Larry and Willa Yost, Gene Browder, David Babb, Charles Cason, Bonnie, Robin Fogle, Robert & Betty Shugart, Catherine Seville, Sandra Coyle, Lillie Ashcraft, Joanna Nelson, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Martha Williamson, 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 22nd, our lesson will be "Redeemable" taught by David Gregory.

This lesson is the fourth in Unit 2, A New Community in Christ. The scripture background for the lesson is Revelation 5, so read your Bible this week and we will see you Sunday.

UNITED CLASS

David Gregory taught a special lesson last week and was very thought provoking in his fine presentation. Snooky was reported to be back home and recovering but Martha L. is quite ill and on our prayer list.

Wednesday we had a church bus load enjoy the fellowship of riding together to the Arboretum where the flowers were beautiful and our tour guide made it easy to see and interesting to know its history. Yvonne was there for her "first time."

Weymond Dunn taught on April 15 and almost got us "to heaven" through John's eyes as he presented our lesson from Revelation. Thanks for your usual presentation to make the text come alive for us.

Liz reported a personal visit with Lillian H. who we still say a prayer for.

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