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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

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All Youth Choir Members

All youth entering 7th through 12th grade are welcomed to become part of the FUMC Youth Choir.

One of the biggest changes for the Youth Choir this year will involve our new 9:00 am contemporary worship service, *Crossroads*. We are all thrilled with the prospect of the Youth Choir being an integral part of this thriving and inspiring new service. In order to be prepared for this challenging opportunity, the youth need to put the following dates on their calendar.

Youth Choir rehearsals begin
August 26 4:30 to 6:00 pm
(no rehearsal September 2)

Youth Choir Workshop at FUMC
September 8 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

- 9:00 Meet in choir rehearsal room for breakfast
- 9:30 Rehearsal begins
- 12:00 Lunch (will be provided)
- 1:00 Rehearsal resumes
- 4:00 Leave for swim party and dinner

Bound for Greater Things

Fall Kickoff Sunday September 9th

Youth Choir will sing at both services - 9:00 and 11:00

Attendance for the Youth Choir Workshop is extremely important! All of the music for the fall will be introduced, the logistics for the *Crossroads* service will be addressed and Choir Tour information will be discussed. If you will not be at the rehearsal this Sunday, please email or call Brantlee (brantlee@fumcd.com) and let her know if you will be attending the workshop. This will be a special year and we want to start it off with great preparation!

Previews of our Interim Youth Director

Rev. Brian Hardesty-Crouch is the Founder and President of HOLY MOMENTS, a ministry of writing, training, and teaching for spiritual growth. An ordained elder in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, he has served on staff in congregations both large and small. Brian is a specialist in both spirituality and youth ministry. A thoughtful writer, Brian's writing credits include *The Upper Room*, *Alive Now*, *Devo'Zine*, *GroupPublishing.com*, *Youthworker Journal*, *Bible Quest*, *Reel to Real*, and *The Dallas Morning News*.



New Worship Schedule Begins on Sunday, September 2

9:00 a.m. - *Crossroads* Contemporary Service in Aldersgate FH

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Bound For Greater Things

Fall Kickoff Sunday

September 9, 2007

Crossroads Service

featuring The Youth Choir singing *Bound for Greater Things*

Coffee on the Commons

8:45 to 10:15 a.m.

11:00 o'clock service--music provided by FUMC combined choirs
The Chancel Choir The Youth Choir The Children's Choirs Celebration
Ringers

Wednesday night, September 12, 2007

Children's Choir Rehearsal 4:30 - 5:15

Churchwide Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Youth 3-D from 6:30 to 8:00

Sunday, September 16, 2007

Guest Preacher Reverend Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins

2 Special Wednesdays evenings, September 19 and 26, 2007

Churchwide Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30

Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins will conduct 2 seminars on Stress, the Healthy Family,
Coping with Depression
from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN begins new year

All women of the church are invited to attend the first fall meeting of the United Methodist Women, September 4 in Aldersgate Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. The Rev. Sheri Hollingsworth will present the Bible Study, *Shalom, Salaam, Peace*. Please join us for this interesting study and fellowship.

Upper Rooms for September and October are available in the Narthex in both large and regular print. In them you will find a daily devotional, a scripture for the day and a prayer.

FALL FESTIVAL TREASURES GALLERY SALE



FREE to church members, classes, and groups who want to help raise money for the church mission program

by participating in the Fall Festival Treasures Gallery Sale. We will provide you a 6' x 10' space with an 8' table and two chairs for free if all of the money that you make goes to the church. You can sell products you have made, products from a business, or anything that you might have to sell (no garage sale items). Contact David or Joyce Gregory at 972-298-0214 or email joyce_gregory@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot.

Come and enjoy Juice with Janet and Donuts with Dempsey Sunday, August 26, following the Crossroads Service to thank Janet for her service to our youth.

If you are interested in purchasing a new hymnal or pew Bible for the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone special, please contact Mona in the church office. A hymnal is \$19 and a Bible is \$14. A permanent label with the names of the honoree and the giver will be placed inside the front cover.

Remember **Wear your NAME TAG** so everyone will know your name. If you need one, just call the church office. 972.298-6121



The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

Lee Strobel is a former atheist who is now a teaching minister. In his journalism career he sought the answers to questions many people ask. As you read this book, you will see that faith is the ultimate anchor that he describes over and over again. The book examines your own doubts and gives you support for knowing that Christ is the only way.

Book highlight written by Anne McCommas

REMEMBER

If you checked out a book in June, please return it to the book cart in the Narthex on Sunday or to the church library anytime that it is open.



AUGUST ACCOLADES

Mona Barbee for playing the piano, Susan Khesh-tinejad for directing the choir, and Brenda Davis for leading the hymns on Sunday.

Ladies Book Club

September Book Selection:

“Gardenias for Breakfast”

by Robin Jones Gunn

Join us for discussion and fellowship Monday, September 10 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor Contact Letitia Nachtrieb for information 972-298-9007



Mother and daughter, Bethany and Tawny Schaffer provided the special music for *Crossroads* Sunday and bus Brenda Davis led *Crossroads*, sang in Turning Pointe, and led the hymns in the 11 o'clock service.



Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Adults		
Praise	August 27	6:15 p.m.
Wesley Ringers	September 4	9:00 a.m.
Celebration Ringers	September 5	6:00 p.m.
Legacy Choir	September 6	11:00 a.m.
Turning Pointe	September 10	7:00 p.m.
Youth		
Youth Choir (7th-12th)	August 26	
Youth Choir Retreat	September 8	4:30 p.m.
Youth Handbells	September 16	8:00 a.m.
Children		
Children's Choirs (K-6th)	September 5	3:30 p.m.
Alleluia Ringers (4th-6th)	September 12	4:30 p.m. 3:45 p.m.



Twenty-eight Homebuilders SS Class members and guests had lunch at the Oasis on Sunday following church. If your class has a party, submit the picture.

All Youth Retreat



Casino Royale, Agent 007, was the theme for the All Youth Retreat held at Rockin' C Ranch in Lindale, Texas. Fifty-two kids and adults learned how to be "Secret Agents for God" through small group activities, games, etc.

The Juniors and Seniors planned the entire retreat and were the small group leaders. It is a bonding experience for our youth as well as a welcome aboard for the new confirmands who officially joined the youth group as well as a

send off for the seniors. Sadly it was a time to say good-bye to Janet who is leaving our church to finish her education on her road to being a school teacher.

Ask a youth about swimming in the "blob."



Lunch for Less
Take a Crossroads bulletin
to Campuzano's on
Main and Center in
Duncanville and receive a
10% discount
on Sundays.

Many of our members are friends of past members Don and Brenda Eubank and remember their daughter Shannon Eubank John. Shannon is in need of our prayers as she has suffered with cancer for 5 years. She is in Select Specialty Hospital on Blalock and I-10 in Houston undergoing rehab to learn how to walk and stand. Her leukemia is currently in remission but she is having many other serious health issues. Keep Shannon, husband Stephen, children William and Abby and parents Don and Brenda in your prayers.

Spread some joy
 Rev. Gene Welborn, our recently retired minister, is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment, and if you wish to send him a card of encouragement, bring it by the church office and it will be delivered to him.

cares and concerns

Steve Armstrong
 Frances Cowart
 Sam Laden
 Noel Leon
 Carolyn Wells
 Myrt Airhart
 Georgia Becker
 Rev. Gene Welborn
 Brantlee Sontag
 Grace Brandenburg
 Mary Dabiere
 Snooky Sanders
 Ruth Cross
 Sandy Courville
 Jon Kinslow
 Martha Leewright
 David Knox
 Owenda Douglass

Phyllis Goldman on the death of her mother, Emma Gilbert

 Chaz Womble, son of Fred and Cheryl Womble, who is being shipped to Iraq at the end of August.

Jordan Roedl and Cody Roedl, step-grandsons of Dan and Doris Poole, are both currently serving in Iraq.

Death

Winfield Hansard, father of Sharon Davis
 Harold Houser's brother Jim

memorials and honorariums

in honor of

Jaz Clayborne
 Bethany Luna
 Zack Newland

Children's Bible Lorri Jordan
 Children's Bible Lorri Jordan
 Choir Lorri Jordan

Christian One Liners

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

SHARE A MEMORY

If you have a great vacation picture or 2 that you would like to have printed in the paper, I would like to put together a page to share with our fellow members. Please submit to me in .jpg format and do not alter the size. Please tell where the picture was taken and when. I can also scan a photograph. Please submit by Friday, September 7.

Class Notes

CUP & SAUCER

On August 12 our class was blessed to have Mary Morriss back at the piano, a "mint" prayer by Reta Carver, and an inspiring lesson led by Marcie Hughson on "Personal Consequences of Sin" and to Don Newsom for the closing prayer. Many thanks to Dan and Doris for cleaning our classroom.

On August 18 Betty Greenlee led the class in prayer and our lesson "Call for Repentance" was led by Marcie Hughson.

Janie Rittenberry was back in class after shoulder surgery. We were pleased to have "Cloe", Betty and Weymond's granddaughter, as a visitor.

Prayers are needed for Helen Jones, Frances Cowart, Mary Dabiere, Rev. Gene Welborn, Jordan in Iraq and all of our military personnel.

NEW HORIZONS

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Bob Hastings giving the third lesson in unit 3: What Does God Require entitled "Call for Repentance." Gretta Reich played the piano to open the class and LaTrelle Power led us in prayer.

The salad social was very well attended at the Murray's, thanks, John & Ruby.

Mark your calendars for the September 15th game night at Nancy DeShazo's for some more fun.

A special thanks to all the current officers who will be serving their last Sunday of the church year on August 26th. They have each done a wonderful job and the class has had another active year of service in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks...Thanks...Thanks
 Joys this week go to Betty and George Michalski with the

birth of their new granddaughter.

Please keep the following in your prayers; Larry and Willa Yost, Gene Welborn, John Lang, Brad & Greg Wolf, Scott Jordan, Heather Foose, Jeanette Strickland, Shannon John, Carole Deffebach, Elizabeth Gregory, Jerry Guthrie, Bonnie, Pat Rattan, Sara, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Billy, Mavis Mathis, Weldon Dickson, Mary Ann Lee, Jim Rogers, Ruby Edgar, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, Karen Kelly, and Kathleen Godwin.

On August 26th, our lesson will be "Living Responsibly in the Community of Faith" taught by David Gregory. This lesson is the last in Unit 3, How Shall We Respond? The scripture background for the lesson is Malachi 2:17-4:3. Purpose is "To recognize that all present

conduct must be measured against the ultimate purpose of God within time." So read your Bible this week and we will see you next Sunday.

PROGRESSORS

This Sunday we held our annual class officer elections. The 2007-2008 slate of officers are as follows: President, Alice Dickerson; Co-Vice Presidents, Ada Bendall and Craig Bigelow; Secretary, Lee Martin; Treasurer, Claudia Zakutney; Reporter, Donna Dismukes; Social, Letitia and Bob Nachtrieb; Sunshine – Denyce Inmon; Share & Care Committee, Ada Bendall, Carol Bigelow and Netta Rodenburg; Email, Cynthia Harris.

We appreciate everyone serving our class in these capacities.

Note that Cynthia has a new personal email address (cindylo9999@sbcglobal.net). Remember to send her any information you want to share with the class.

Class attendance was light. Please keep Bob and Letitia in your prayers as they

recover from their recent illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who haven't been with us lately, whether for vacation, illness or busy schedules.

Join us next week was we continue James W. Moore's Jesus' Parables About Making Choices. Cynthia will teach on "Choosing to Listen".

UNITED CLASS

Sheri taught "Personal Consequences of Sin" from Ezekiel last Sunday and reminded us of our need to continue to be a part of the group called Christian.

Gary taught on Sunday, August 19 to a participating group of 22 the lesson "Call for Repentance" based on the prophet Zechariah reminding us that the temple was only a focal point for like-minded" Christians to gather and support each other to "Do good" as God directed--the temple was only a reminder but the good deeds lasted forever.

We had 22 at our party and are minded that 10am is new Sunday School time.

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