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Dan's Divinities

The Church Council and other church leadership groups have approved some exciting renovations in the Cravens Fellowship Hall. This room is used for many special activities which involve both members of our church and our community, and the room needs an update. The light fixtures were probably original to the building and soon the parts and bulbs will no longer be manufactured. The fixtures are in disrepair and need to be replaced. Also, the ceiling has many water spots from air conditioning pan overflows in previous years and from condensation around AC vents. It even has a hole or two in the ceiling tiles from many years ago. If we are going to put up new light fixtures, then it would make sense to go ahead and replace the ceiling prior replacing the light fixtures.

The Trustees have accepted a bid from contractor Tom Daigle for \$4477 to put up a new sheet rock ceiling, including

texturing and painting and putting up new crown molding. Another bid from Bill Barner for \$1603 has been accepted for the purchase and installation of new light fixtures. Total cost of the project is \$6080.

If anyone would like to make a special donation to the church for this project, you are invited to do so. Hopefully, we will receive enough special donations to complete these projects. If not, our Capital Improvement fund will be used to pay for the remainder. Please make your check out to the church and mark you check, “Craven’s renovation” in the memo line. Thank you for your special gifts!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dan

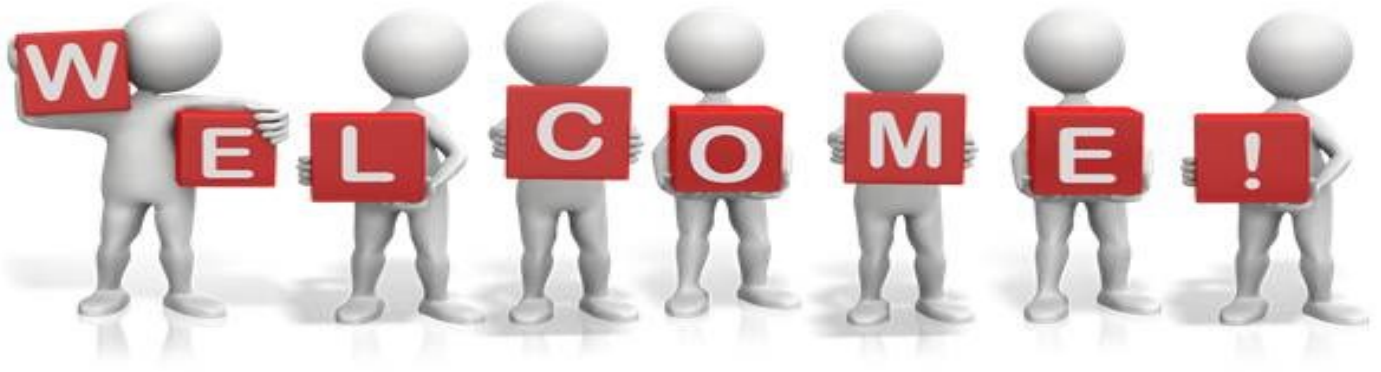
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We are currently in the season of Epiphany, in which we celebrated the revelation of Jesus as being the Christ. It was revealed to the Wise Men (Magi) that the King of Kings had been born, which we celebrated on January 4. The divinity of Christ was revealed at His baptism, which we celebrated on January 11. On January 18 we will celebrate the revelation to the disciple Nathanael, who exclaimed upon his calling to follow Jesus, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” (John 1:49). On that Sunday I will be preaching a sermon entitled, “The Call to Leadership.”

The season of Epiphany continues through February 15 when we will celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord.



We were blessed to receive 26 new members in 2014. If you don't know any of them, see how many you can meet and get to know! They are:

LaVerne Ross, the mother of LaNita Gilchriest, grandmother of Gracie Gilchriest, and the best mother-in-law Brook has ever had! LaVerne attends whichever worship service the Gilchriest family attends and is attending the Victory Sunday School Class.

Betty Shine. Betty was our choir director from February through July of 2014. She took a new job with FUMC, Beaumont as the administrator of the Leland Best Fine Arts Academy, so she has joined their church, but we still have a bit of her heart here.

Melba and Lester Tucker. Melba has been restored to our membership after many years away from our congregation, and Lester is enthusiastic about his new church home. Melba sometimes helps out in the church office as a volunteer.

Members joining from our 2014 Confirmation Class include Elianna Auer, Aiden Delano, Gracie Gilchriest, Corben Johnson, Corey McCarty, and Kyler McCarty. We are happy to report that all of these youth remain active in our church in various ways including acolyting, and attending worship, Sunday School, and youth group.

Bob and Sue Linn. Bob is the Scoutmaster of Troop 88, which meets on our campus. They attend the first service and are a part of the Cornerstone Sunday School Class.

James and Sarah Borello. James is our new Youth Director. When Sarah is not busy helping James with the youth, she teaches public school in Port Arthur.

Madison Richards. Madison is active in our youth group and in helping out with Faith Weaver Friends. She is the daughter of Jason and Heather Richards.

Jason Richards. Jason is the husband of Heather, and father to Madison and Hunter.

Hunter was baptized on July 27 when Jason and Madison joined the church, and is looking forward to becoming a Professing Member when he attends Confirmation classes when he is old enough. Jason is a member of the Men's Sunday School Class, and Heather attends the Unity Class. Heather is the granddaughter of Bertha Gallander. The Richards usually attend the 11:00 o'clock service.

Susie Dennis. A resident of Pine Arbor Nursing home, Susie was baptized in the nursing home and became a member of our congregation on August 15. She passed away on October 8.

Frances Patterson. Frances attends Primetimers, the Covenant Bible Study, and our 11:00 a.m. worship service. She is a special friend of Lester Hall.

Rupert Flores and Virginia McCarty. They are brother and sister. Rupert has some disabilities and he lives with Virginia and her grandchildren, Corey and Kyler McCarty. They attend the second service.

Ed and Nicole Guay, parents of Brianna, Nathan, Matthew, and Natalie. They attend the second service. Ed is a mechanic in Beaumont.

Angelo and Linda Napomoceno. Angelo is the father of Nicole Guay, The Napomocenos attend the second service.

Mitch and Stella Chapman attend the second service. Stella grew up Methodist in the Newton area, but had never been baptized, so it was our privilege to baptize her. Mitch has a Baptist background, and has renewed his commitment to the Lord and His Church.

We welcome all of our new members and pray that all of them will continue to make new friends in our midst.



FYI, parents, Church Camp at Lakeview next summer is July 13-17. Be sure and plan your vacation around these dates so your child(ren) can go to summer camp! We will also be needing adults to go as counselors, so please begin praying and see if you would like to serve the Lord in this way.



This is your opportunity to dig in and get serious about Bible Study. Phase 2 of the Covenant Bible Study will begin soon. There are two groups, one beginning today, January 11, at 5:30 p.m. led by Pastor Darby, and the other beginning on Thursday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m., led by Pastor Nancy. Both groups will meet weekly.

If you did not take Phase 1, don't worry about it, you are welcome to join us for phase 2. If you were not a part of Phase 1, call the church office to reserve a study guide for yourself. Donations of \$20 are accepted, but not required, to help the church pay for the guides. The Bible study calls for the reading of several chapters a day of the Bible and a bit of introduction in the study guides. Join us, you will enjoy it!

Office Volunteer

One of the suggestions which was made in our survey a year ago was that we seek volunteers to man the secretary's desk during her lunch hour from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. each day. During this time the pastors are often present, but not always. Duties would include answering the telephone, welcoming and assisting persons who stop by the office, receiving packages from UPS or other delivery services which normally deliver during this time period, and doing any other small tasks requested by our staff members. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Suitt in the church office.

Grief Support Group

A new support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will begin on Monday, February 9, at 3:00 p.m. The group will meet in Cravens Hall, room 200, weekly for about twelve weeks. The facilitator will be Rev. Nancy Ratchford. Interested persons may register for the group by calling the church office at 385-5568.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

An Update by
Director of
Children's
Ministries,
Glenda Delano



This past week, we mailed out our first edition of "Kids of the Kingdom", a quarterly newsletter for children. If you did not receive one, and would like to be put on the mailing list, please contact the church office at 385-5568.

Upcoming Events

January 14th

Faithweaver Friends Begins for Spring

February 18th

Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins

March 29th

Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt
2:00 pm at the Voigtman's House
404 Whippoorwill

April 5th

Easter Sunday, He is Risen! Breakfast
10:00 am in McDonough Hall

May 20th

Final Faithweaver Friends for the school
year

July 6-10

Vacation Bible School! 9-12 each day

In Loving Memory

Martha Bradshaw

The Felps Family
(Gary, Sue, and Gena)

Dorlores Nicar

The Felps Family
(Gary, Sue, and Gena)

Hugh Smith

Cecil & Marjorie Cassity
Pat Donalson
Freeda Duffle

Fred Kellum

Robert & Yvonne Neyland
Sharon & Reid Dickard
Freeda Duffle

Larry Hollis

Sharon & Reid Dickard
Pat Donalson

Carol Shilling

CE & JC Alford, Sr

Jack Edwards

Cecil & Marjorie Cassity
Project Cost Resources

Evelyn J. Monk

Oscar Morrison

The Felps Family
(Gary, Sue, and Gena)

Irene Redkey

Joyce McClung

Jack & Carol Jordan

Judy & Ron Erdman

Sharon & Reid Dickard

Robert & Dawn Zuilhof

Sam & Jeanette Tobey

Pat Donalson

Freeda Duffle

Worship

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| 12/21 | 126 |
| 12/24 | 271 |
| 12/28 | 100 |
| 01/04 | 123 |

Sunday School

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| 12/21 | 80 |
| 12/28 | 56 |
| 01/04 | 79 |

Gifts

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| 12/21 | \$4,875.00 |
| 12/24 | \$4,602.00 |
| 12/28 | \$3,962.00 |
| 01/04 | \$9,965.00 |

Caregiver's Support Group

A new support group for anyone who is a caregiver for a person with an illness or debilitating injury is beginning on Thursday, January 22. The group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, but it is not limited to caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It will meet every fourth Thursday of the month (beginning January 22) at 4:00 p.m. and lasting an hour to an hour and a half for each meeting. The meetings will be held at the Marilyn Georgas meeting room in the Silsbee Public Library, 295 N. 4th St.

Support group leaders will be Dr. Dan Darby and Mrs.

Alicia Beall Lockhart. Dr. Darby is the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Silsbee and has many years of experience in leading support groups. Alicia Beall Lockhart is the activity director of Pine Arbor Nursing Home in Silsbee, and has extensive experience in working with caregivers and patients. For more information you may contact Clarissa Urban with the Alzheimer's Association at 409.833.1613, Dr. Darby at 385-5568, or Mrs. Beall Lockhart at 385.0033.

All caregivers are welcome to attend, and your attendance is needed to get this group started.

2014 Prayer and Care Team Update

During 2014, the FUMC Prayer and Care Ministry met every Monday to pray for the prayer requests made on Sunday.

Many visits were made to nursing home residents, and to our homebound members. We also made many phone calls to check on some of our members. At least 144 cards were sent out

Members of the Prayer and Care Ministry also decided there was a need to provide Holy Communion to our church members that are homebound, their caregivers, and to church members in the nursing home. Although this ministry was started in the last half of the year, records show that 68 members and their families received Holy Communion.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Ally Tywater | 01/01 | Taylor Georgas | 01/12 | Flo Stark | 01/24 |
| Richard Burton | 01/04 | Bennie Kadlecek | 01/14 | Marianne Deadmon | 01/25 |
| Keli Day | 01/04 | Carolyn Pousson | 01/14 | Connie Hawthorne | 01/25 |
| Sam Karr | 01/05 | Bruce Cobb | 01/15 | Lisa Kilcrease | 01/26 |
| Richard Strong | 01/05 | Donna Theriot | 01/15 | Ami Burton | 01/29 |
| Jerry Hawthorne | 01/06 | Robyn Underhill | 01/16 | Roger Price | 01/31 |
| Madeline Stirling | 01/06 | Tyler Doiron | 01/18 | Curt Woodard | 01/31 |
| Gardner Stirling | 01/08 | Colton Johnson | 01/21 | | |
| Donna Brown | 01/10 | Jacob Conner | 01/23 | | |

January Anniversaries

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|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Ryan & Ronda Harkey– 11 years | 01/04 | Darrel & Mollie Balla– 54 years | 01/29 |
| Jim & Donna Brown– 33 years | 01/16 | | |
| Tom & Rosie Nelson– 38 years | 01/24 | | |

February Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Mitchell Cooper | 02/01 | Dillon Cain | 02/08 | Chambree Smith | 02/19 |
| Lacie Owens | 02/02 | Rhett Harkey | 02/08 | Karen Williams | 02/19 |
| Mona Parks | 02/02 | Corey Martin | 02/12 | Jessica Wise | 02/20 |
| Janette VanWinkle | 02/03 | Joshua McMullen | 02/12 | Christine Gill | 02/22 |
| John Watters | 02/04 | Brenden Gill | 02/13 | Taylor Dupre | 02/25 |
| David Jones | 02/05 | Dorothy Modisette | 02/15 | Pat Strong | 02/26 |
| Jazmin Knighten | 02/05 | Paula Darby | 02/16 | Brady Day | 02/27 |
| Abigail Boever | 02/06 | Courtney Martin | 02/16 | | |
| Nancy Erwin | 02/07 | Brandy Watts | 02/18 | | |

February Anniversaries

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| Rayford & Joyce Birdwell– 64 years | 02/05 | Reid & Sharon Dickard– 43 years | 02/20 |
| David & Karen Cobble– 52 years | 02/09 | | |

Apportionment Payments

At a joint meeting of the Church Council, Finance Committee, and Memorial Committee, our church leaders voted to pay a minimum of 50% of all of our 2014 apportionments. This was a step of faith because we had to dip into our reserve funds to do so. It was felt that we needed to do this to be faithful to our connection to the United Methodist Church. Two of the items related to ministerial benefits were paid at 100% and World Service, which funds our missions outreach to the world, was funded at 60% due to special offerings taken up previously for that item. A number of people also gave special gifts for our apportionments. The support that this church is giving to the connectional church is greatly appreciated.



Church Officers

Our annual Church Leadership Training Day is coming up soon! Saturday, January 31, from 9:00 am to noon, all church leaders (including all those who will be serving on a church committee in 2015) are requested to join us in Cravens Hall for training. Please contact the church office at 385-5568 if you will be unable to attend. Thank you!

Easter Cantata Practice Begins

Practice for the Easter cantata will begin on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. It will last until 7:00 p.m., when the Chancel Choir begins. Everyone is welcome, so please come join us!



Thank you Special thanks to each one of you who prepared and served the delicious meal for our family following Jack's funeral. We appreciate your kindness.

The Edwards family

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