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Dan's Divinities

You have a great and rare opportunity coming up soon that is for you, not for somebody else, it is for you. It is for you if you ever experience conflict in your marriage, with your children, with your parents, at work, in the church, or in any other aspect of your life. Did I just describe your life? Yes? I thought so. Wouldn't you like to more skilled at resolving those conflicts that trouble you? There is help available for you.

You are invited to attend the “Resolving Everyday Conflict” seminar in McDonough Hall on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Silsbee.

You will be taught biblically based peacemaking tools that can help you mend conflicted or even broken relationships. Our seminar leader for the event will be Mr. Dwight Shettler, who

is the Director of Training for Peacemakers Ministries which is based in Billings, Montana. (By the way, I am looking for someone to host Mr. Shettler in their home for Friday and Saturday nights. Please call me if you can volunteer a bedroom.)

You can register for the event by calling 409/283-7290 or by sending an email to rjmfscl@sbcglobal.net. A \$25 love offering is requested but not required. This will help pay the costs of the materials you will receive, the lunch you will be provided, and the refreshments for the coffee breaks.

This event is sponsored by the Restorative Justice Ministry Family Services and Mediation Center (RJMFS) which has offices in Woodville and in Silsbee in the Methodist Center on our campus.

Pastor Dan

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We're Searching for Volunteers

We would like to make a couple of banners – one for the Sanctuary and one for McDonough Hall – with our scripture verse for the year on it. The verse is 1 Corinthians 15:58, *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.* This is the Lord's word for us this year, and we need to prominently display it. The banners could be made out of flannel with cut out letters that are glued or sewn onto it. New ideas would be welcome. Call Jennifer Suitt in the church office if you would like to help with this project!

In Loving Memory

Roddy Farmer

Judy and Ron Erdman
Brook and LaNita Gilchrist
Robert Grote
Marianne Deadmon
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity

Britt Plunk

Jan Plunk

Louise Barnes

Robert & Yvonne Neyland
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity

Ann Jeffrey

The Lester Landgraf Family
Marianne Deadmon
Allan and Dagma Murphy
Martha and Dana Bradshaw
Suzanne Barfield
The Victory Class
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity

Billy Dinkle

Martha and Dana Bradshaw

Bill Barclay

Juanita Stover
Earl Stover III
David and Karen Cobble
Allan and Dagma Murphy
Brook and LaNita Gilchrist
Robert Grote
David and Nan Bush
The Lester Landgraf Family
Mr. & Mrs. Rayford Birdwell
Bob and Lola Burgess
Marianne Deadmon
Martha and Dana Bradshaw
Irene Redkey
Suzanne Barfield
John and Janis Richter
Patrick & Elizabeth Richardson
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity

Bo Templeton

Suzanne Barfield

Rhonda Mass

Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Cassity

Stewardship Update

Thank you for turning in your pledge cards. If you have not done so yet, please bring them to church with you Sunday or drop it by the church office. Your prayers are appreciated for a good response from our people.

In late December and early January, men from our church answered a call from a hospice patient in need of help. They volunteered their time and effort to help build a wheelchair ramp for Mr. Calvin Mason, Jr. On January 18, 2013, Mr. Mason passed away. Before his passing, he sent the following letter of thanks to the church:

*Dear Pastor Darby and Men of
First United Methodist,*

*We would like to thank you
and the group of men from your
church who helped to build our
wheelchair ramp. It gives us such
peace of mind to know that if there
is an emergency I can get out safely.
I also hope to enjoy some fresh air.
Your kindness will never be forgot-
ten.*

God Bless!

Calvin Mason Jr. & Bobbie Nix

Valentine's Day Dinner



The youth group of First United Methodist Church would like to invite you to a Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 15, 2013, beginning at 6:30 pm. Dan Theriot will be cooking brisket and the Day family and Jan Theriot are planning and preparking the rest of the menu, including

Marty's Famous Banana Pudding. Our tentative program for the evening will include dinner served by our Youth Group waitstaff, live piano music during dinner, and a guest speaker following the meal. We will also be offering free studio-style pictures throughout the evening. Ticket prices and final details are still being ironed out, and we will keep you updated as information become available. Please plan to join us to celebrate the holiday together.

Invitation to the New Testament Bible Study to Begin

Please join us Wednesday, February 6 at 4:00 pm as we begin a new Bible Study, titled *Invitation to the New Testament*. The study will be led by Allan Murphy and is expected to last approximately 8 weeks. Immediately following the Bible study each week,

you are also invited to join us in McDonough Hall for the All Church Dinner. If you are interested in participating in this study, please call Jennifer in the church office at 385-5568 to register, so that we can make sure to have materials for everyone.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

An Article by Karen Williams



This beautiful world is a treasure from God. We live here, and I believe are asked by God to take care of it the best way we know. I feel this is why we should try our best to reduce, reuse, and recycle all our products.

I would like to explain what I try to do, and encourage you to do what you feel is best. For the past year, I have been trying to do this at home. I have placed two large plastic trash containers in a closet in my kitchen. I put

all my junk mail after the address is removed or blocked out, along with all other paper trash. The other container is for plastic. I rinse out any drink residue like milk or soft drinks and put anything plastic here to recycle. When these containers are full, I drive to the recycling bins between Silsbee City Hall and the railroad tracks downtown to recycle.

Since I have been doing this I have reduced my garbage to be picked up to about 4-5 bags a month. I have been living mostly alone since my husband worked out of town during the week and would come home Thursday or Friday for the weekend. He has recently retired from the job in Houston and will be living at home full time. I hope I can continue to keep my trash at a minimum.

I feel this is a small amount of time and effort on my part to reduce the garbage dumped in our landfills. Please, consider doing this yourself. I believe if more people would try to reduce their garbage our world will stay a more beautiful place to live. This will help our children and their children have a beautiful world to enjoy. Please, ask yourself, "If not I, then who?" and "If not now, then when?"

If we do not do this for our world then who will take care of the beautiful world we enjoy?

Please let me know your stories of success in this plan to keep our world clean.

Thanks for listening to my story,
Karen Williams

385-3772



Worship

Our worship services on Sunday, February 3, will be based on Jeremiah's call to ministry in Jeremiah 1:4-10. Dr. Darby's sermon will be entitled, *The "If Onlys"*. Jenny Pachall will be singing a solo medley of *Jesus Paid It All* and *In Christ Alone*.

Sunday, February 10, is Transfiguration Sunday, and the Gospel reading is Luke 9:28-36. The Sermon will be *The Transforming Power of Jesus Christ*. February 10 is also Scout Sunday, our Cub and Boy Scouts will be present to present the colors and tell us a little about their work in the 11:00 a.m. service. The choir anthem is *Unto God Be the Glory*.

Presence

Gifts

Worship

Sunday School

01/06/2013

01/20/2013

\$7,186.00

\$18,209.25

01/13/2013

Human Relations

\$4,26.86

Day

\$130.00

01/06	133	01/06	74
01/13	147	01/13	89
01/20	152	01/20	94



Acolyte training will begin in February, led by Mrs. Dagma Murphy. Any children and youth (ages 3rd grade and older) that are interested in becoming an acolyte should contact Miss Dagma for more information on dates and times.

The church office has received a beautiful note of thanks from Constance Gilmore, thanking the church family for their generosity. This note of thanks (along with all others received by the church) will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Constance is one of our nursery workers, and she is otherwise unemployed. Our church recently took up a love offering for her to help her with her bills.

2013 Theme Verse

The leadership and staff of First United Methodist Church of Silsbee have claimed 1 Corinthians 15:58 as our theme verse for this year:

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

I Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

Pray over this verse, study it, meditate on it, and we pray that you will claim this verse for your own this year.

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