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Dan's Divinities

I want to thank many of you who made generous donations to help with the cost of the renovations we made in Craven's Hall. The light fixtures were no longer serviceable, and the ceiling tile was stained and damaged. A new sheetrock ceiling and new florescent light fixtures have been installed. Additionally, our custodian, Jim Burrell, has painted the walls, doors, and window frames. He is working on getting the floors back in shape and putting things back in place right now, and everything should be ready for Sunday. Additionally, one of the drain pans in one of the large air conditioning units in the Sanctuary building has been replaced. Thank the Lord we did not have to replace the entire unit! We all appreciate Pat Hardy and the Trustees for initiating and seeing these projects through.

Our Parent Youth Council is currently making a proposal to re-purpose the Methodist Center as a Youth Center. It is my understanding that that was the original intent when it was purchased a number of years ago, although that occurred before my tenure. Presentations will be made to the Trustees (March 2), the Finance Committee (March 9), and the Church Council (March 16) to see if this plan meets the approval of the leadership of the church.

The plan would require the relocating of a number of existing ministries and activities in the

building. WIC, Hardin County Mediation Services, and Narcotic Anonymous would all be asked to relocate to the former Gulf Coast Medical Clinic building which is also owned by the church and is located on 4th street behind McDonough Hall. The leadership of each of these organizations has been conferred with, and they are open to the change should the church decide to accept the youth ministry proposal. That building would have room and time availability for additional ministries as the church is able to develop them or through partnering with other service and ministry oriented organizations.

The plan includes moving the Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School classes to the Youth Center building and the relocation of the Cornerstone class to the parlor.

Finally, the plan would require some remodeling of the building in terms of paint and furnishings. No structural changes are being proposed.

As your pastor, I would ask each of you to be in prayer about this proposal. We want to discern and follow the Lord's will. May his Kingdom and ministry grow among us.

I will be looking forward to seeing you Sunday,

Pastor Dan

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Mission Trip

Beth Coudrain is one of our youth who has attended Sunday School and UMYF here for many years. She is now in college at Sam Houston State University, is going on a mission trip for Spring Break, and would appreciate any support anyone would like donate. Below is a short summary of her mission:

Beach Reach 2015

- Mission: servant evangelism to those on South Padre Island during Spring Break. We do this primarily through van rides and serving pancake breakfasts.
- Dates: Leaving on Saturday, March 7th at 6am and return on Friday, March 13th.
- Cost: the total cost is \$250. And \$80 deposit is due by February 13th and the other \$170 is due on the 20th of February.
- Cost includes: trip insurance, van rental & fuel, housing, meals on the island, & Administrative and incidentals.
- The following link explains a little more about the trip and what they hope to achieve: <http://youtu.be/RO50vxwTM0A>

Checks should be made out to "Sam Houston BSM" and given to Elizabeth Auer or brought by the church office for pick up by Elizabeth.



Lay Servant Training will be held at St. Paul UMC in Bridge City on Saturday, February 28, and Sunday, March 1. If you are interested in attending, registration forms are available in the church office. The cost is \$30, which includes all books and a lunch on Saturday.



The youth were at it again this weekend. We had a great link/bake sale. We raised over \$900 to go towards the upcoming summer trips. I would like to thank everyone that made goodies for us to sell. I would also like to send out a special thanks to Jason Richards, Mike Tywater and Daren Auer for manning the pit for the links. A church is on-

ly as strong as the people that help out and we are so blessed this church has a lot of those people.

The youth have a lot of trips coming up this summer. Please see the dates listed below. If your youth would like to go to any of these, please let us know as soon as possible. I will have permission forms hanging up outside my office. I would love to have these back as soon as possible so that I know what the transportation situation will be needed for these trips. As always, scholarships are available for anybody that needs one. If you would like to give donations towards these trips please talk to me about ways you can help. Money isn't always what is most needed for these events.

Upcoming Dates

- March 9-13 Silsbee Spring break
- March 29 – Youth Passion read in both services
- Easter Egg Hunt – TBA
- April 5 - Youth bake sale
- April 10-12 SE District Camp Lakeview
- May 9 –Youth BBQ sandwich sale at Walgreens
- June 8-12 Choir Camp
- June 11-14 Girls Chrysalis
- June 26- 28 Boys Chrysalis
- July 5 – No Converge
- July 5-11 UMARMY in Marshal
- July 13- 17 Summer Camp
- July 20-24 VBS

If you would like any more details on any of these events, please email me or stop by the office.

James Borello,
Director Of Converge Student Ministries



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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



Upcoming Events

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

Thank You

*Thank you to all the wonderful ladies
that provided food for our family.*

With Love,

Patsy, Steve, and Lisa Eppes

In Loving Memory

Martha Bradshaw

Jason and LeAnn Johnson
Herbert & Mary K Muckleroy

Hugh Smith

Kassie Moye

Fred Kellum

David and Karen Cobble

Larry Hollis

David and Karen Cobble

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Kassie Moye
Rowena Caraway
Allan and Dagma Murphy
Sam and Jeanette Tobey
Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Francis Richardson

The Felps family (Gary, Sue, and Gena)

Jack Edwards

Kassie Moye
Mary Partlow
Herbert and Mary K Muckleroy

Rowena Caraway

Dean and Willa Dean Hill

Marshall, Diane, Barret,
and Victoria Morrison

David and Karen Cobble

Hildegarde Bruce

James and Tonya Hawkins
Marianne Deadmon
Allan and Dagma Murphy
David and Karen Cobble

Mary Jon Tarver

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Jim Holbert

The Chancel Choir

Worship

01/11	96
01/18	134
01/25	140
02/01	125
02/08	155

Sunday School

01/11	64
01/18	97
01/25	89
02/01	83
02/08	89

Gifts

01/11	\$5,213.00
01/18	\$3,574.10
01/25	\$5,282.25
02/01	\$8,463.75
02/08	\$6,885.57

join us for **worship**



This Sunday, February 15th, is the last Sunday of the Epiphany Season. The sermon title is "A Glimpse of Glory: The Transfiguration of Jesus." The first service will feature the Praise Band leading the congregation in *This Little Light of Mine* in a blues style and *Open Up the Heavens*. In the second service, the Chancel Choir will sing the dramatic anthem, *Lift Your Light!*

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, February 18th, and marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days (not including Sundays) of preparation before Easter.

Last year we had a request for an early morning service in addition to an evening service, and we had a good turnout for both services, so we will do that again this year with the morning service at 7:00 a.m. and the evening service at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Nancy Ratchford will be preaching from Psalm 51 in both services, and Pastor Dan will be leading with Nancy in the liturgical parts of the service. The service will include the confession of our sins through writing them on a special piece of paper that congregants will be invited to put on the cross. The papers will then be lit and the record of our sins will disappear in a flash of God's grace. The repentant will also have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion and participate in the imposition of ashes.

The theme of our Lenten preaching series by Pastor Dan will be "Covenant." Sermon titles will be:

- February 22: "Covenants of Saving Grace: the covenant of Noah and the new covenant in Christ"
- March 1: "Covenants of Faith" the covenant of Abraham and the new covenant in Christ"
- March 8: "Covenants of Law and Grace: the Ten Commandments and the foolishness of the cross"
- March 15: "Covenants of Judgment and Healing: the snake in the wilderness and the power of the cross"
- March 22: "Covenants of Forgiveness and Renewal: Jeremiah's prophesy of a new covenant and the universal mediation of Christ"
- March 29: Palm/Passion Sunday. Both services will feature our youth in a dramatic reading of the passion story.
- April 2: Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday). Choir Cantata, "I am the Lord of the Dance" and Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m.
- April 3, Good Friday. Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.
- April 5, Easter Sunday

Thank you all for the contributions you made our Pumpkin Patch and Christmas in the Big Thicket sales. Thanks for both bringing supplies and for your purchases. Because of your generosity, we were able to make close to \$1000.00 for youth projects.

I need your help with two more projects now. If you have not brought your used (or new) greeting cards to send to St. Jude's Children's Ranch, please do so by February 14.

Also, we need some small new gifts for the Graduation Baccalaureate Service, especially gifts for the young men. Money donations and gift cards are always welcome. Please bring these items to the office by April 14.

I thank you in advance for your help. God's blessings to you,

Dagma Murphy

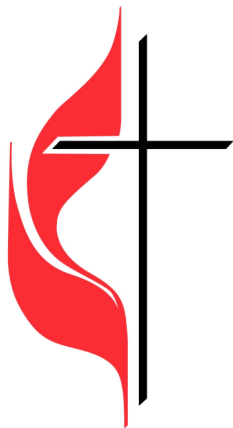


Our **Grief Support Group** has begun, and is meeting on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in Cravens Hall. It is led by Rev. Nancy Ratchford. Anyone recovering from the loss of a loved one is invited to attend.

The **Caregivers Support Group** is meeting in the Georgas Room of the Silsbee Public Library on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is February 26. The group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and is led by Dan Darby and Alicia Beall Lockhart. Anyone in a caregiving situation for a loved one is invited to attend. Our first meeting in January was well attended.

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