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The Lord continues to lay on my heart that we need to find ways to be more of an outreach church. Yes, we already do a lot with Faith Weaver Friends, VBS, and etc., along with our support of the Christian Center, WIC, Hardin County Mediation Center, Narcotics Anonymous, scouting, a missionary in Alaska, and so on. But I feel that we need to do more.

Our trip to Sager Brown is coming up April 10-15, and you can read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our Community Outreach Fair is April 30th. I hope you will support this effort. A big thanks to Gina Durham, Christine Gill, and Jennifer Suitt for pulling this together.

Our Young Adult Bible Study is talking about a couple of new projects. The first you have probably heard about – a Christian Coffee House. We want to start doing it once a month, probably in June, maybe at the Ice House or the new pavilion downtown. We will need bands, soloists, people to share their testimonies, and lots of servant leaders who will be hosts and perform the various tasks that will need to be accomplished. Obviously, we are still in the early planning stages, but we are making progress.

Lee Ann Sheppard came up with the second idea, that of getting a women’s group together again, sort

of a cross between Celebration and United Methodist Women. The vision is for getting together like the Celebration group has done in the past, but also centering the group around a missions project (like the UMW used to do) to support a local mission outreach to women, like a woman’s shelter. I think it is a great idea, and with Lee Ann behind it, this idea will sprout wings.

One idea that is stuck in the mud at the moment, but not forgotten, is translating our services into Spanish. If you know of persons who could do this for us, let us know. By the end of this year, I would like to see us accomplish this goal.

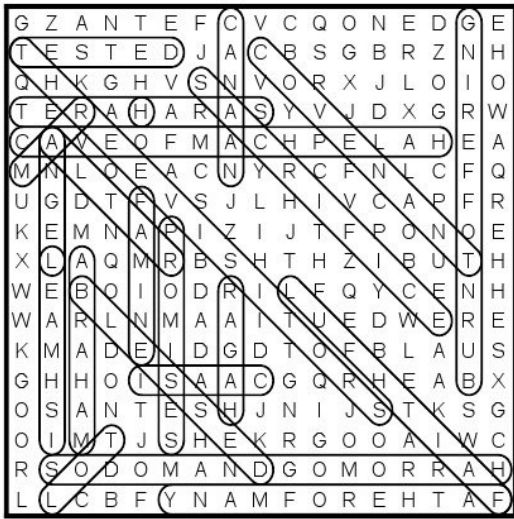
Speaking of mud, Pat Hardy, Darin Auer, and Jerry Cox have been busy doing the preliminary dirt work of getting our property ready for Upward Soccer. Darin broke up one of the slabs with a jackhammer, and Pat has been driving the front end loader, smoothing out the dirt. I’m not sure what Jerry has been doing, but the time I saw him, he was giving excellent supervision! (Just kidding Jerry, you are about the hardest working guy I know).

So, let’s all pitch in and become an outreach centered church.

I’ll see you Sunday!

Pastor Dan

Answers to March 15, 2011 Puzzle



Gifts

Presence

March 20, 2011

\$7,529.00

UMCOR
(Japan)

\$1,052.00

March 27, 2011

\$6,282.00

Worship

3/20 168

3/27 144

Sunday
School

3/20 113

3/27 103



The grief support group will be meeting once a month, on the first Thursday in each month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Cravens. Please contact Nancy Ratchford at 385-5568 for more information.

In Loving Memory

Steve Suber

Pat & Lynn Hardy

Henry Barfield

Lynn, Beth, Susan & Bill Barfield (his children)

Bill Barclay

Men's Bible Class

Tommy & Dorothy Dean and family

Juanita Felps

Frances Murphy

Richardson

Steve & Sharon Diden

George & Patricia

Donalson, III

Pat & Lynn Hardy

Mitsubishi Motor North America, Inc.

Dot Walker

Freeda Duffle

Bill Barclay

Janis & Craig Mears

There will be a Partners in Mission Team Leader Training at Wesley UMC Beaumont, Saturday April 2 from 9am-3pm. Cost is \$15 which includes the training manual and lunch. Any person wishing to lead a PIM mission must have this training at least every two years. Please call Wineva Hankamer at 892-7733 if you want to take this training.

In Worship



I have been preaching some of the great stories of the Old Testament lately. An-

other one is this Sunday – the anointing of the young David by the prophet Samuel to be the next king of Israel. The story is found in 1 Samuel 16:1-13. My title is “You are Called Out of the Shadows into Greatness.”

On April 10, my text will be from Ezekiel 37:1-14, which is Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones. I haven’t got a title for sure yet, but it will be something like, “The Call to Hope in the Midst of Hopelessness.” We will also be consecrating our new acolytes that day in the second service.

On Palm Sunday, April 17, I have asked Rev. Bill Servis to preach for me at the 9:00 a.m. service in McDonough Hall because I will be just getting back from Sager Brown. Bill is a retired local pastor. He and his wife Johnni are affiliated with our congregation.

During the second service on Palm Sunday, we will enjoy our Easter Cantata, *Majesty!*

Jean Dinkle Scholarship



It is time once again for all our graduating seniors to submit their applications for the Jean Dinkle Scholarship. Applications can be picked up in the church office, or found on our website at www.silsbeeumc.com if you would like to print them at home. Please have all applications completed and returned to the church office no later than April 18 to be considered for this scholarship. Applications will then be reviewed by our selection committee, and recipients will be announced during the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 22.

Homebound Communion

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month), we would like to start taking Holy Communion to our local homebound and nursing home members. To accomplish this, we need lots of servant leaders to do the visiting. Ask the Lord if he would have you participate in the ministry!

Here's the plan. After the first worship service this Sunday, our servant leaders who attend that service can meet in the back of McDonough Hall for instruction and supplies. Those attending the 11:00 a.m. service can gather in the Parlor to receive instructions and supplies. A Communion liturgy will be supplied to each person, along with bread and juice.

The elements would have been consecrated during morning worship. You may choose from a list who you want to visit, and sign your name. When you get home, you may want to call the person to arrange a mutually agreeable time for your visit. You are encouraged to partner with someone to make the visit with you.

Please call the church office and let us know that we can count on you.



We would like to thank those who prepared and served the wonderful lunch following Mother's service. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

The family of Juanita Felps



Messiah in the Passover

Don't forget to join us Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. for the Messiah in the Passover demonstration. This demonstration, conducted by a representative from Chosen People Ministries, will explain the Jewish Passover Seder meal, and show how it is significant to the Christian faith. A full meal will not be served at this event, so attendees are encouraged to eat dinner before arriving. You may contact the church office for more information or if you have any questions.

Easter Egg Hunt!

It's that time of year again! We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Sunday, April 17, at 2:00 pm. The party will be held at Jan Boothman's house (525 Hartman), followed by the egg hunt on the lawn of Nancy Ratchford's home (102 Quail Run). We need your help to collect supplies for this event! If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs for this event, you may drop them by the office at any time throughout the week. For more information, you may call the office at 385-5568. Thank you!



UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Trip

A team of six persons from FUMC Silsbee will be visiting the missions depot at UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana, next week. The team will be leaving on Sunday, April 10, and returning Friday, April 15. Fred and Linda Miller are leading the team. It is unknown at this time exactly

what kind of work the team will be doing – working in the warehouse to prepare emergency supplies or working in the field to help those in need with home repairs. They will be staying in dormitories on the campus, with most of their meals prepared by the Sager Brown staff.

About UMCOR Sager Brown



UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to the community of Baldwin and the world through its campus off of highway 90 in southern Louisiana.

The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, La., is the headquarters for UMCORs relief supply operations. Approximately \$4 million in supplies are shipped each year from the Baldwin, La. campus. More than 3,000 volunteers that come through Sager Brown each year make these shipments happen.

Locally, UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to the Baldwin community through a housing rehabilitation and food distribution, engaging volunteers in projects that help families and the elderly.

A Short History of UMCOR Sager Brown

UMCOR Sager Brown has its origins in New Orleans. In 1867 a group of women in New Orleans formed the Orphan's Home Society Corporation. This was a means of raising money to provide a home for African American boys who had been orphaned by the Civil War. It was funded primarily by the Freedman's Aid Society, a predecessor to the Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church, and John Baldwin, a plantation owner in St. Mary Parish, La.

Very early in the life of the orphanage, a large monetary gift of William Gilbert of Winsted, Conn., allowed a school for African Americans to be built with Dr. W. D. Godman as director. The institution was named the Orphans Home and the Gilbert Academy and Industrial School. Eventually, Gilbert Academy was moved to New Orleans near Dillard University and became a preparatory school. The school in Baldwin, grades one through eight, then became known as Godman Industrial School. Godman and his wife directed the school and the orphanage and were also responsible for building a Methodist Church on the property.



Miss Rosa Cobb, Superintendent of Sager Brown, 1950's

In the early 1900s, the Orphan's Home and Godman Industrial School were in dire financial straits. Dr. and Mrs. Godman took the student choir, the Jubilee Singers, on a tour of the north-eastern United States to raise money. Mrs. Addie Sager and Mrs. C. W. Brown became familiar with the plight of the organization through a concert given for the North Central New York Methodist Conference. Sager and Brown purchased the school and gave it to the Women's Home Mission Society, a forerunner of the Women's Division of the UMC, to operate. The institution was known as Sager Brown Home and Godman School until 1978. That year, the home and school closed, and the property was put up for sale. Twenty-eight acres and 10 brick buildings on beautiful Bayou Teche were for sale for \$100,000-but, there were no buyers. The property sat vacant for fourteen years!

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew hit the coast of south Louisiana causing major damage to the area around Baldwin. UMCOR came to the area with volunteers and supplies and used the old Sager Brown campus to stage their operations. After two years, UMCOR determined that the Sager Brown campus would be an excellent location to build an UMCOR depot from which disaster relief could be collected and provided to the world. The depot opened in 1996.

Many see the hand of God prominent in the events that formed the history of the Orphan's Home Society. It was preserved through hardship and changes until it could again be a healing ministry to those in need. The road beside the UMCOR Sager Brown campus is still today called, "Orphan's Home Road"; the property continues to be owned by the Women's Division of the UMC and the site is a significant piece of Black history.

The campus today is a living, working monument to over a century of United Methodist mission. UMCOR is a leader in service for the UMC to those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of natural or human-made disasters. UMCOR serves in 81 countries of the world. Each year more than 3,000 volunteers come to USB to work in the UMCOR Depot or in service to the community of Baldwin, La., to help make a difference for people who are suffering.



Kings of Judah



- Abijah
- Ahaz
- Ahaziah
- Amaziah
- Amon
- Asa
- Athaliah
- Hezekiah
- Jehoiakim
- Jehoram
- Jehoshaphat
- Joash
- Josiah
- Jotham
- Manasseh
- Rehoboam
- Uzziah
- Zedekiah

The solution to this puzzle can be found in the next edition of the Methogram, or by visiting our website at www.silsbeemc.com and visiting the "newsletter" page.

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