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Dan's Divinities

Another miracle is happening at First United Methodist Church! Our Staff and Pastor Parish Relations Committee has unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Youth Director Search Team to hire Mr. James Borello as our new full time Youth Director.

Mr. Borello is currently the Director of Missions and Special Programs at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston, which is one of the largest and most prestigious United Methodist churches in the nation. In his current position he organizes and runs all special events of the Children's Ministries department, works with area churches to host programs for children with special needs, and organizes and participates in monthly mission days with families. He has held this position for almost four years and prior to that was the Assistant Facilities Manager for the same church for three and a half years. It seems that in that position the children and youth got to know and love him so much that they had to put him on program staff.

James envisions an “out of the box” youth ministry here, meaning that he is not going to wait for the kids to come to the church to minister to them, he is going to them. He hopes to get to know them in the school environment, have off-church campus Bible stud-

ies, and get the kids involved in mission outreaches. James is also looking forward to supporting our current children's ministry.

James and his wife, Sarah, want to start a family, and decided to move out of the big city to Groves, Texas, where they are buying a home so they can be near her family for support. Sarah has found a job in the mid-county area as a school teacher, and James felt led of the Lord to apply for our position. It was the only job he applied for in the area!

His position is being paid for by second mile giving by church members who very strongly believe in our church's need for this position.

So, God has had to work a lot of miracles to bring James Borello to us. It is miracle that James was available. It is a miracle that he was attracted to our church. It is a miracle that the money is being provided to finance the position. We serve a God of miracles!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dan

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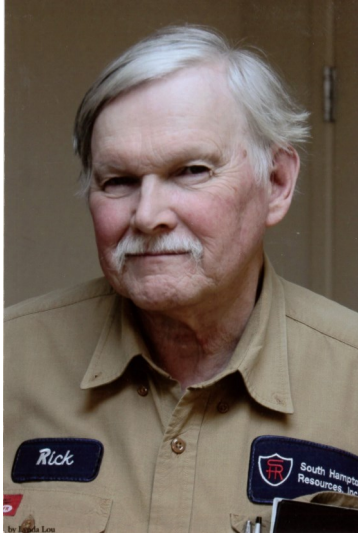
A Service of Baptism and Confirmation

The Church celebrated Pentecost Sunday on June 8 with a Service of Baptism and Confirmation. Corben Johnson and Aiden Delano were baptized and confirmed. Having been previously baptized as infants, Kyler McCarty, Corey McCarty, Gracie Gilchriest, and Elianna Auer were all confirmed. Each of the youth also became Professing Members of the church.

Each of these youth participated in the Confirmation Classes taught by the pastors all during the school year using the Credo Confirmation curriculum published by the Methodist Publishing House. Congratulate each of youth and pray for their continued walk in the Lord!

Volunteer of the Month

Our FUMC, Silsbee "Volunteer of the Month" is Mr. Rick Fetterolf. Rick is heavily involved in many areas of our church's ministry. Most recently, Rick heard that that the church was going to have to discontinue the Upward Soccer program because of the lack of a coordinator. So, Rick called and said that he did not know much about soccer, but that he does love kids. Guess what, he got the job! He and our church secretary, Jennifer Suitt, got right to work publicizing the program to area schools, pre-schools, and other entities.



Rick teaches our youngest preschool Sunday School class with his wife, Gaye. But he does not stop there! He is also teaching Vacation Bible School and Faith Weaver Friends classes with Gaye. Gaye says that during VBS he gets up at 4:00 a.m. so he can put in a full day at South Hampton Resources and teach VBS, too. Rick is the Environmental Supervisor at South Hampton. Rick enjoys working at our Fall Festival on Halloween. If kids are involved, Rick will be there!

Children's Coordinator Glenda Delano says, "Rick is a fantastic person, and the kids just love him." Most of the children call him "Mr. Rick," but some of the children have a little trouble with their "R's", so sometimes he is

called, "Mr. Wick"!

Rick serves on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and has previously served as a Trustee and as a member of the Finance Committee.

Rick was raised in the Methodist Home in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. He met Gaye at Stephen F. Austin University when they were both students. The first question he asked her was, "Are you Baptist?" When she responded that she was the daughter of the Methodist minister in Silsbee, the relationship continued. They got married on November 20, 1971 and began their married life in Silsbee. When Gaye's father, Rev. Eugene Jonté, was moved by the Conference from Silsbee to Alvin in 1978, the Fetterrolfs stayed in Silsbee.

Gaye says that when their boys were growing up, Rick did not come to church very regularly. Gaye says she prayed and prayed about it. Then, one day Rick asked if he could help her teach her children's class. And you know the rest of the story. Answered prayer! Gaye says, "God far exceeded what I expected."



Thank God for Mr. Rick!



It is almost that time again! Before we know it, Vacation Bible School will be starting. Our theme this year is going to be the Workshop of Wonders! Our VBS this year is going to be June 23-27. If you are interested in helping out or volunteering in ANY way, please let Glenda Delano know. Also, we need some supplies for Vacation Bible School: old paint cans, empty tool boxes, empty 20 oz. soda bottles, old manila folders, lunch boxes, and other workshop related items. If you have any questions, or for more information,

please call the church office at 385-5568.

Acolyte Training and Commissioning

Dagma Murphy will be training new acolytes on June 9-13, 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Sanctuary. Any child or youth grades three and above is welcome to participate. Call Mrs. Murphy at 673-0465 for more information. The Acolyte Commissioning Service will be Sunday, June 15, during the 11:00 a.m. service.

New Member Class

Pastor Dan will be starting a New Member class, beginning Thursday, June 26, 2014. It will be held weekly from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm. This class is open to anyone who is interested. If you would like to register, please contact the church office so that we can make sure to have materials ready for everyone! See you there!



Church Camp

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Camp is a miracle, too! FUMC Silsbee is sending 28 children and youth and 6 counselors to the SE District Church Camp on June 16-20! That is the most campers this church has sent to camp in many, many years, perhaps ever. And, even

though we had to remove camp scholarships from our general budget this year, we are able to send them free of charge. Tuition for campers is \$275 and for counselors is \$150. Half of the total is being paid by the district through the Fair Share gifts of our Texas Annual Conference churches. The other half is being paid through your general gifts in response to our fund raising efforts and through memorial gifts. Thank you! You are making it possible for our church to actively bring children and youth to Christ and to disciple them in the faith. Our church is sending almost 10% of all the campers in the district. We are sending 28 out of 318 campers.

Counselors attending this year are Elizabeth Auer (Elementary Camp), Dan Darby (Sr. High), Lola (Leigh) Waldrep (Sr. High), Krystin Medford (Elementary), Amy Miller Hill (Elementary), and Heather Richards (Junior Camp).

Campers are Emillie Auer, Grade 4, Elianna Auer, Grade 7, Paula Boothman, Grade 9, Payton Burleson, Grade 5, Olivia Burleson, Grade 5, Chelsi Cheatwood, Grade 7, Beth Coudrain, Graduating Senior, Ashton Cravy, Grade 9, Ashley Cravy, Grade 9, Gracie Feagin, Grade 7, Cullen (Trevor) Feagin, Grade 5, Gracie Gilchrist, Grade 8, Jeremiah Hesse, Grade 10, Hannah Ketchum, Grade 4, Taylor Martin, Grade 5, Rayleigh Middleton, Grade 5, Jayden Pfander, Grade 5, Courtney Gore, Grade 9, Tracie Harvill, Grade 8, Carlee Love, Grade 4, Madison Richards, Grade 7, Neeleigh Smith, Grade 9, Zachary Buchholz, grade 10, Jacob Fisher, Grade 10, Nicholas Trainer, Grade 10, Aiden Delano, Grade 6, Brandon Drummer, Grade 5, and Ali Day, grade 12.

Please use this list to pray daily for our campers and counselors. Pray that God will move in each of our lives. Pray for protection from injury and illness. Pray for God to speak to each person. Be a prayer warrior!

If you wish to send a note of encouragement or package to any of the campers our counselors, put the name of camper or counselor on the envelope or package and their camp or grade level on the envelope and deposit it in the box outside the church office on or before Sunday, June 15. No postage is necessary; Pastor Dan will take your mail to camp and deliver it to the age level camp you designate. If you want a letter or package delivered to the camper or counselor, write the day of the week you want it delivered on the upper left hand corner of the envelope. That way you can send a letter or package a day to your favorite person.

Baccalaureate

It was the privilege of our church to hold a Baccalaureate Service for the community's graduating high school seniors. We had excellent attendance with an estimated 40 seniors attending, along with their family, friends, and members of the community. Rev. Sonny Spurgeon of Trinity Baptist gave a stirring message, and Rebecca Darby and Sheridyn Johnston sang a lovely duet entitled, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Our praise band did an excellent job of leading in worship. School Superintendent Richard Bain led in prayer and Senior Class sponsor Sue Moore gave the Benediction.

After the service, members of our church hosted a reception in the Dauphin Room and door prizes were given to all the seniors. A special thanks to all of those who donated refreshments, door prizes, time, and effort in making this a very special event.

Gifts and Presence

Worship

05/18	113
05/25	122
06/02	133

Sunday School

05/18	64
05/25	58
06/02	67

Gifts

05/18	\$4,384.15
05/25	\$3,076.00
06/02	\$8,974.03

In Loving Memory

Ava Arlan

Victory Class

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Marianne Deadmon



We had our first registration this week! The soccer program is up and running. Several parents have called the church office with questions about the program, and have indicated an interest and intent in signing their kids up for the program.

We need your help!!

We need volunteers to take posters around town to local businesses and ask them to hang them up. If you are willing to help out our soccer program in this way, please call the church office at 385-5568.



The White Horse Band

On June 29th, we are excited to welcome the White Horse Band to First United Methodist Church! The White Horse Band is a local

Christian country band comprised of members Ronnie Yawn, Tim Meehan, Jarrod Meehan, Jerry Hawthorne, and Josh Yawn. We will be taking a love offering for the band during the service. White Horse will be joining us during the 9:00 am service, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 am, and our Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am. We would like to offer a special thank you to Reid Dickard for arranging this special event. Invite your friends and neighbors to come enjoy this wonderful experience with you on June 29th!



Each year, our church supports a mission work in Unalaska, Alaska through an Advanced Special giving. Our donation goes to salary support for the missionary pastor at the Unalaska UMC, and for the

past seven years, that pastor has been Pastor Daniel Wilcox and his wife, Kris-Ann. This year, beginning June 1, Unalaska UMC welcomes a new pastor, Pastor Carl Landerholm. The church will be undergoing a few changes as well, going to a part-time appointment. Pastor Landerholm will also be working as the director of Behavioral Health at the Iliuliuk Family and Health Services Clinic in Unalaska. Please continue to pray for this church in this time of transition, and for the ministry of Unalaska UMC.

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