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Back to School

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

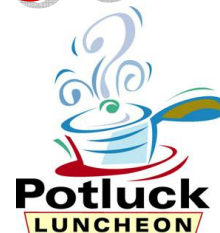
This Sunday, August 21, during both morning services, all (young and older) are encouraged to bring their backpacks, knapsacks, school bags, etc. to our Blessing of the Backpacks.

This blessing will send each student, teacher, administrator, and backpack into the 2011-2012 academic year with our prayers and support for a successful year.

Each blessed backpack will be tagged with a special FUMC-Commerce tag.

In addition, a **Special Fellowship Meal** will follow, with The Bridge Band providing the worship sounds!

August 21st promises to be a joyous occasion and all are encouraged to take part....and even invite others!



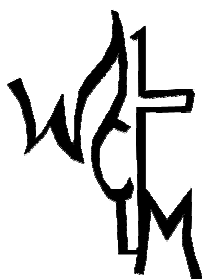
Potluck August 21

Please join us Sunday for the potluck after the 10:50 service to welcome students back to school and back to church.

Please bring a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert. The meat will be provided.

IT'S A WORK DAY FOR THE WESLEYAN!

This Sunday,
August 14 at
2:00pm



Come and help get the Wesleyan Campus Ministry building ready for another year of amazing ministry and outrageous hospitality! We'll be cleaning up and clearing things out so that new and returning students can find a place to connect, to grow, and to serve in their school and community. Contact Marc Corazao at 903-886-2953 or marc@fumccommerce.org with any questions or thoughts.



All FLY (Fun Loving Youth): Friday, August 12 - all youth will watch a movie and go to IHOP...maybe we can fill the IHOP with FLY kids!!

High School FLY (Fun Loving Youth): We will have youth week for high school ages, August 27-31. Yes, school will be in session, but we will have fun on the weekend!

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Do I Want That Mind?

by Marc Corazao

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:5-8



I want to have the mind of Christ! Don't you want to have the mind of Christ? I mean, think of all the things you would get with that: a calm in the midst of storms, a faith that enables you to walk on water, a clever wit to come back at those mean ol' Pharisees when they're trying to trap you, a bold authority to take on demons on their home turf... Yeah, that's what I want!

So, what's all this “emptying” and “humbling” and “slavery” and “obedience” and “death” talk about? Jesus, don't you understand? I'm trying to get my life right here. I'm trying to follow your way so that I can receive my inheritance, my blessing as it flows from you. I'm trying to live for you so that you will save me from pain and struggle and slavery and death, so that you will provide me and my family with a sense security that is free from physical threats and financial woes!

No wonder Peter pulled you aside to rebuke you when you talked about your own death. That's no way for our Leader, our Savior to talk! We need bold, decisive vision that shows us the good life, not life that leads to suffering and persecution. I mean, Jesus... I'm your disciple! Does that mean you want me to be a slave too, to be humbled and persecuted and die too? “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” Is that some kind of sick joke?

... But what do I do with all of those people who have no choice? What do I do when I continually encounter those who were born into a life of slavery, born into poverty, born in humble means, born into a life surrounded by persecution and death? Jesus, you saw them too, didn't you? And you saw me, living a life of what I called security, shackled by the comfort of my couch. And so to give us what we need and not what we want, you gave up all your wants to do what was needed. Coming down from the glory of heaven... being born a king who lies in a manger... being carried in your parents arms as you flee for your life... growing up as an unknown carpenter... walking headlong into dangerous waters with the outcasts and religious leaders so that you could bring true life to those who would listen, who could listen... walking straight into the arms of those who would have you beaten and crucified... all so that we could find life again rather than the illusion of life we have been living.

I want to truly know my sister, my brother. I want to be willing to give up everything I have to find everything we need. I want to be ready to die so that I can truly live. I want to have the mind of Christ.



Help us solve this problem!

Doors are being left unlocked.
If you unlock the door, lock it back.
The security of the church is
very important.

Worship

August 14, 2011

Please join us
this Sunday when
Rev. Marc Corazao
preaches on
2 Corinthians 4:6-9
“The Power
of Pottery”

8:45am ~ Chapel
9:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary

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****The next deadline is Monday, August 22 by 9:00am****



We are pleased to welcome new church family members:

Glenda Parks
Suzanne Dickinson

UMW will meet **Tuesday, August 16th** at 10:00am. Our guest speaker will be Sandra Patrick, Social Action Dist. Coordinator. The program will be on Haiti. We will have visitors from Cooper UMW and possibly others. Our mission will be school supplies to help with "Stuff the Bus." **All women are invited to join us!**



Bring Your Aluminum Cans



As a reminder, we are still collecting your aluminum cans for Proyecto Abrigo. Place your rinsed aluminum cans in the collection bins in the Family Ministry Center. We will continue to collect these cans and convert them to cash to help support Proyecto Abrigo.

Attendance

	July 24	July 31	August 7
Early	35	55	31
9:45	14	12	10
Late	116	144	125
SS	73	87	74



Financial Update

as of July 31, 2011	General Operating Fund	
		Year-to-Date
Income:	\$ 35,543	\$239,598
Expenses:	\$ 34,465	\$223,246
	\$ 1,078	\$16,352

Fund Balance: -\$3,008
(includes deficit from 2010)



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Property Team along with the Serve Team is pleased to announce the following job opportunity:

Someone needed to drive the church van with attached trailer to the Greenville recycling center weekly.

Hours: Monday mornings or afternoons.

Qualifications: Current drivers license, good driving record, and 21 years old.

Pay: Poor to none

Apply at Church office. First candidate will be highly considered.

Reading the Bible Daily

As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: "What does this text say about who God is?" "What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.



Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Aug 14	Psalm 133
Monday, Aug 15	Exodus 1:8-22
Tuesday, Aug 16	Exodus 2:1-10
Wednesday, Aug 17	Psalm 124
Thursday, Aug 18	Romans 12:1-2
Friday, Aug 19	Romans 12:1-8
Saturday, Aug 20	Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, Aug 21	Matthew 16:13-20
Monday, Aug 22	Exodus 3:1-15
Tuesday, Aug 23	Exodus 3:1-15
Wednesday, Aug 24	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-46, 45c
Thursday, Aug 25	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-46, 45c
Friday, Aug 26	Romans 12:9-21
Saturday, Aug 27	Romans 12:9-21



Prayer Lists

Newly Added

Families of the Navy Seals and other service members who gave their lives

Family of Helen Crook (Laura Milligan's mother)

Edna Cannon

Rev. Steve Miller

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Sally Grove Jan Vowell

Clay Yeager Helen Dickson

Pete Robinson Chance Thornton

Gary Kibler Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

People of Somalia Freda Teel

Virginia Taylor Dorothy Ingram

Erica Palmer Kay Webber

Dorothy Ingram Cleon Flanagan, Sr.

George O'Kelley

Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)

Laura Cole (Helen Cole's daughter-in-law & Judy Anderson's sister-in-law)

Jennifer Stream (Chris and Dona White's daughter)

Phyllis Quarles (Pat Talley's sister)

Linda Kao (Sherie Kao's sister-in-law)

William Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's father)

Oma Thomas (Ron Thomas' mother)

Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's friend)

Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)

Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)

Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)

David Crenshaw

Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

2nd Marine Division in Afghanistan

HM1 Robert Starkey (Afghanistan)-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son

Sgt. Jason Schmidlen (Iraq)-Jim and Debby Heitholt's son

Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother

Travis Miller-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson

Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son

Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson

Nathan Grove

David Wheat-Edna O'Quinn's nephew

Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

Lt. Col. Peter Bailey

Lt. Col. Richard Bailey

Lt. Col. Keith Williams

Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor

Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son

Lt. Dan Barton

Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed

Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson

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