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“How Can Our Worship Be Strengthened?”

One of the goals the congregation set this year has to do with worship.

As we move back into our renovated sanctuary we will take this opportunity to examine the entirety of our worship and make needed changes. We will find volunteers and equip teams to work with sound and technology systems and strengthen usher teams. We will examine our morning worship schedule considering one service or two, addition of a contemporary service, and the times worship and Sunday school will begin. We will look at our music program to make sure it is moving in the direction our church wants.

In order to begin addressing this goal we are seeking the input of the entire congregation. On Sunday February 15th at noon we are asking every member who is interested in / has an opinion about our worship services to meet in the Family Center for lunch and an opportunity to share and listen to one another on this subject. We will meet around tables in small groups and be led in a table discussion through a series of questions. Our goal is not simply to get everyone's opinions but to have all of us listen carefully to each other without judgments.

This is called “holy conferencing” and will help us to come to a common mind and direction on the ministry of worship. One person at each table will be asked to make an oral summary report back to the entire group after each question is discussed.

Following our conferencing a team will be appointed to prepare a set of recommendations based on our discussion. Our lunch will be a covered dish meal, so bring something to share.

UNITED METHODIST MEN’S VALENTINE’S BANQUET

Friday, February 13th

At

Still Water

Make plans to come!!!!

Missions Committee

We will be collecting each Sunday in the Month of February house hold items for the Hannah House.

If you need it in your home Hannah House can use it in theirs! Unsure what to give send a gift card for Wal-Mart or other stores that offer house hold supplies.

Jane Middleton
Missions Committee Chairperson

FLOWERS

Jan. 25	David & Shirley Craft
Feb. 1	Susan & Pat Bruce
Feb. 8	Christie & Rick Clark
Feb. 15	JoAnn & Jim Brady
Feb. 22	Andy & Laurie Mapes
Mar. 1	Brent Sexton Family
Mar. 8	JoAnn Davidson
Mar. 15	Gary & Vicki Marks

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

1st Sunday	8:30 Wyatt	11:00 Schoolfield
2nd Sunday	8:30 Ransom	11:00 Sumners
3rd Sunday	8:30 Barrow	11:00 Wegand
4th Sunday	8:30 Lander	11:00 D. Black
5th Sunday	8:30	11:00

COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY

1st Monday	Gruber & R. Lancaster
2nd Monday	Li. Shaw & Rice
3rd Monday	Brady & Barrow
4th Monday	Lander & Magee

USHERS 8:30 SERVICE

Jan. -	Renea & Landon Ballman
Feb. -	Jack & Jo Ann Davidson
Mar. -	Lee & Sharon Sundby
Apr. -	Eddie Flanary & Windell Rozelle
May -	Jane & Robin Middleton
June -	Barry & Jack Payne
July -	Joan & Bob Taylor

Methodist Pre-School

We enjoyed our Christmas plays and parties in December. Our Christmas wishes for our parents were in both of the local newspapers. We hope you enjoyed them.

We had pajama day and show & tell on our first days back to preschool after the holiday. David will come to visit the preschoolers soon for a story. We hope to go over to the church to see the stained glass windows.

We are planning for our annual Scholastic Book Fair on January 26-29 in the Family Center Gym from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for family night. Clifford the big red dog will visit the children everyday. Our parent volunteers will help run the book fair. The public is invited to attend the book fair sale.

We have 2 new students that have joined our classes. We now currently have 57 students enrolled in our 4 classes. Spaces are still available in our classes. For information and registration call Carol Gartrell at 897-4675 or 897-7036 preschool.

In God's Love,
Carol Gartrell

Prayer of thanks to all who offered comfort and support these past months. The prayers, phone calls, cards sent and meals shared helped ease a very difficult time. Thanks to the funeral committee for helping make Dave's celebration of Life service just as he would have wanted his going home party to be.

God bless each of you,
Marie Logan
Tina, Tim, Siera, Adeline Price

Appreciation to members who were such a help in the last two months of deaths. Our family is very grateful to all of you who have shown your love and concern for our family.

Thank you and God bless,
D. Newman and the Mitchell Family

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January Events

Jan. 19	9 a.m. Disc. 1
Jan. 20	8:30 a.m. Disc. IV 6 p.m. Evangelism Mtg. C.R. 7 p.m. Stephen Ministry Mtg.
Jan. 21	6:30 p.m. Missions Mtg. 6:30 p.m. UMYF 7 p.m. Choir
Jan. 24	9:30 a.m. District Leadership Mtg.
Jan. 25	6 p.m. Heavy Hearts / F.C. 6 p.m. UMYF
Jan. 26	9 a.m. Disc. I / C.R.
Jan. 27	8:30 a.m. Disc. IV / C.R.
Jan. 28	6:30 p.m. UMYF 7 p.m. Choir

February Events

Feb. 1	8:30 a.m. UMYF casserole sale 5 p.m. UMYF Mission Trip Mtg. 6 p.m. Heavy Hearts / F.C. 6 p.m. UMYF
Feb. 2	9 a.m. Disc. I / C.R.
Feb. 3	8:30 a.m. Disc. IV / C.R.
Feb. 4	6:30 p.m. UMYF 7 p.m. Choir
Feb. 5	No Finance Mtg. been rescheduled
Feb. 7	Youth Mid-Winter retreat @ G.L.C.
Feb. 8	Scout Sunday Youth Mid-Winter retreat @ G.L.C. 5 p.m. Council on Min./Admin. Brd No UMYF 6 p.m. Heavy Hearts / F.C.
Feb. 9	9 a.m. Disc. I / C.R. 6 p.m. Hand bells / F.C.
Feb. 10	8:30 Disc. IV / C.R. 6 p.m. Worship Mtg./ C.R.
Feb. 11	6:30 p.m. UMYF 7 p.m. Choir
Feb. 12	6:30 p.m. Finance Mtg.
Feb. 13	UMM Valentine Banquet - Still Water
Feb. 15	9:45 Confirmation Formation/ F.C. Noon Worship Discussion / F.C. 6 p.m. UMYF 6 p.m. Heavy Hearts / F.C.
Feb. 16	No School 9 a.m. Disc. I / C.R.
Feb. 17	8:30 Disc. IV / C.R.
Feb. 18	6:30 p.m. UMYF

	7 p.m. Choir
Feb. 22	6 p.m. UMYF 6 p.m. Heavy Hearts / F.C.
Feb. 23	9 a.m. Disc. 1
Feb. 24	8:30 a.m. Disc. IV
Feb. 25	7 a.m. & 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship No UMYF 7 p.m. Choir
Feb. 27-28	Lay Speaker Event @ Glen Lake
Feb. 30	6 p.m. UMYF

“Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart”

how to relate to those
who are suffering

Starting Sunday evening, January 18
6-7:30 in the Conference Room
new learning opportunity
facilitated by Robin Middleton,
Stephen Ministry instructor

Are you always at a loss for words when tragedy hits someone you care about? What do you say to someone in the hospital or facing terminal illness?

Come and join us!!!

Dear Members of FUMC,
Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the efforts put forth that made it possible to have the service for Dr. Roger Marks, our father, in the newly renovated sanctuary. The church is more beautiful than we ever imagined! Understanding how much our parents loved this church, made it especially meaningful for our family to gather together to celebrate the extraordinary life of our beloved father. We wish to extend a special thanks to Mike Ford and the many other members who helped through the long hours in preparing the sanctuary for the service. We would also like to thank Rev. David Leach for visiting with the family, and making the service so personal. Our family has been truly blessed by the outpouring of compassion, love and kindness during this time of great loss. Our parents truly loved this community and church, in turn this community and the First United Methodist Church of Glen Rose has certainly shown their respect and love for our Father.

With Love,

The family of Dr. Roger Marks

"Welcoming Our New Members"

We are very excited to welcome some of our new members that have joined our church family.

Tex and Monica Mercer
1930 Texas Dr.
Glen Rose, Tx. 76043

Pete & Connie Wyckoff
1183 CR 2023
Glen Rose, Tx. 76043

Stacey Osowski and her daughter Shay
701 Stadium Drive
Glen Rose, Tx. 76043

If you see these new members, be sure to welcome them to their new church family.

Dear Church Family,

What a beautiful ministry you provided for our family preparing the luncheon at the Fellowship Hall before the funeral of our beloved father and grandfather, Dr. Roger Marks. Nothing could be more healing to our family than to be together, with everything taken care of in such a peaceful and graceful atmosphere. We so much appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity to our family during this time of loss. Your support and compassion has touched us deeply.

May God Bless you as you continue to bless others with your love and stewardship.

The Family of Dr. Roger Marks

Thank you, Dear Friends, for the Christmas gift. Your love expression was so appreciated.

David Venable

Thank you, Chancel Choir, for the expression of Love you presented just before the cantata. You were and are wonderful, and I love you.

David Venable

Youth News...

Thank you to all who supported our youth through the purchase of a Carol-Gram. The youth had a wonderful time delivering carols and we raised \$250 for our youth fund!

The youth will be having a casserole and bake sale on Sunday, February 1. Casseroles and baked goods will be available on the sidewalk outside the sanctuary after both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. All proceeds will benefit our youth in participating in the CTCYM mission trips.

CTCYM Mission trip dates are June 14-20 for senior high youth and July 20-24 for junior high youth. There will be a meeting on Sunday, February 1 at 5:00 for those interested in participating, both youth and adults. We will discuss the specifics of the trip and fees.

Mid-Winter Retreat is February 7 and 8 and Glen Lake Camp. Registration begins at 10:00 in front of the Miller Activity Center. Please BRING a used t-shirt and three items for a Swap Meet. If you completed a form to attend, you should have also received an email with additional information from Glen Lake Camp. There will be no Sunday evening youth on February 8.

Grace and Peace,

Carly Kirkley

817.797.4902

Thanks to all that participated in the Angel Tree for this Christmas season. We were able to furnish a gift of remembrance and love to more than 85 people! Thanks for giving your love, time and resources.

Jane Middleton
Missions Committee

Thank you to congregation for my Christmas gift that you so graciously gave. It was very generous of you and very appreciated.

God Bless all of you,
Aly Kelly

PJs Campaign

Once again we are asking for you to pick up a pair of children's pajamas and bring to our basket in the back of the sanctuary. Last year we got great thanks from the CPS Rainbow room for the sets of pajamas we furnished for the children who are removed from their homes on emergency situations. Our goal is to furnish

30 sets of pajamas/gowns. They can be for boys or girls, any size infant through teen. Please have these in by the end of January.

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your contribution to the Hannah House Ministry. We appreciate your generosity and support.

May God Bless You,
Noel
A Hannah House Girl

**YOUTH CASSEROLE BAKE SALE!!
SUNDAY, FEB. 1ST
SIDEWALK OUTSIDE SANCTUARY
8:30 A.M TO 11 A.M.**

NEW NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

We will only be doing one Newsletter per month starting February. The deadline for all materials will be the 23rd of the previous month. For example the next newsletter for March will be coming out at the end of February so the materials will be due on February 23rd. If this falls on a weekend then the material will be due the following Monday. You may e-mail your materials to me or bring them by the church office. My e-mail is fumc@valornet.com

Church Football

Quarterback Sneak - Church members quietly leaving during the invitation.

Draw Play - What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Half-time - The period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave.

Benchwarmer - Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

Backfield-in-Motion - Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

Staying in the Pocket - What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

Two-minute Warning - The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Instant Replay - The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Sudden Death - What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime".

Trap - You're called on to pray and are asleep.

End Run - Getting out of church quickly without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

Flex Defense - The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

Halfback Option - The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service or Bible study.

Blitz - The rush for the restaurants following the benediction.

Confirmation Group Forming

The 2009 Confirmation Group will be forming on Sunday February 15th during Sunday school time at 9:45 a.m. in the family center auditorium. This group is designed to help our young people explore their faith and prepare them for a life in Christ. Some of the participants will choose to be confirmed as full members of the Christian faith. The group will meet weekly at a time they will determine and we will finish our exploration prior to Pentecost. It is hoped that the time together will include an over-night retreat.

Please come to the orientation meeting on February 15th with a parent and your activities calendar. The group is open to persons who are in the 5th grade and older.

Rev. Leach

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

The season of lent begins with Ash Wednesday worship on February 25th. Two services are offered at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Begin this holy season of reflection and growth by attending Ash Wednesday worship.

SCOUT SUNDAY

February 8th is Scout Sunday and in morning worship we will celebrate the Scouting ministry of our church. We sponsor both the Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack #725. Some of the boys involved will help lead our worship on Scout Sunday.

**The Finance Meeting for Feb. 5th
has been re-scheduled for
Thursday, Feb. 12th
At
6:30 p.m.
Conference Room**

Pre-School Book Fair

The Methodist Pre-School is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair on January 26th thru January 29th in the Family Center Auditorium. Come pick out a book for your kids or grand kids.

A Pint of Blood

Back at the beginning of January, I invited you to join me in giving a pint of blood to help me celebrate my 20th gallon. When I arrived at Carter Blood Center to give a %double red cell+ donation (counts as 2 pints), they told me that I could only give a single donation because a %double red+would put me above the limit for a year. This means that after an 8 week wait I can now give another pint and complete my 20th gallon. On Saturday January 31st please join me in giving the gift of life by donating a pint of blood. Contact me at 254-897-2511 (home), 897-2572 (office), or 254-396-5722 (cell) and we will make plans to go together as a group to Carter Blood Center.

Giving as Christ gave for us,
David Leach

Thank You

Anna and I want to express our warmest gratitude for your Christmas gift to us as your Parsonage Family. The money helped make our post Christmas trip possible.

Thank you,
David Leach

Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. My family and I are extremely blessed to be a part of your church.

Many thanks,
Carly Kirkley