

# The Messenger

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Friends,

First, a couple of weeks ago I received word from my friend and colleague, Rev. Jana Wear, pastor of Light of the World UMC, that the money we raised for the well in Yaukani Village has made it to Nigeria. As of the Newsletter, Luka (our contact and emissary) should have the money in hand and the work on the well should have begun. Jana assures me that as soon as there are pictures, they will be sent. Luka is very excited as are the people of Yaukani Village.

They will be drilling a bucket style well in the village because there is no electricity and because the hand pump style well costs five times more to drill than the bucket style. I want to say thank you once again for your support of this project for this brand new little church in Nigeria, literally started on a wish and a prayer, some of them ours.

Second, the Season of Lent is upon us. Lent represents the 40 days Jesus spent in the Wilderness where he was tempted, where he prepared Himself for the coming crucifixion. If you count the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, not counting Sundays (they are considered mini Easter celebrations) you will get those 40 days. Traditionally, Lent has been a time to give something up (chocolate, cussing, caffeine, desserts, etc.) as a spiritual discipline. The idea being self-denial is good for the spirit. But there has also been a growing movement of taking something on, which represents how Jesus took on the burden of our sins and bore the cross.

Taking something on later is as simple as going to bed 15 minutes or getting up 15 earlier so you can spend time in prayer and devotion. It could be setting a reading plan of reading through the Gospels in 40 days. Or it could be something more mission minded like visiting the nursing home or writing notes of encouragement to members of the church you haven't seen in awhile.

All of these have one purpose, to aid in our deepening journey of faith as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter. I invite you to draw closer to Christ this Lenten season through Wednesday Night Out, Sunday Worship and all the special worship opportunities this season.

Grace and Peace  
Billy



## FLOWERS

March 7	Windell & Jo Rozelle
March 14	Grady & Lera Brittain
March 21	Mike & Jean Ford
March 28	Gary & Vicki Marks

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## GREETERS FOR MARCH

1st Sunday	8:30	Kattner
	11:00	Lacey
2nd Sunday	8:30	English
	11:00	Wegand
3rd Sunday	8:30	Ford
	11:00	Clark
4th Sunday	8:30	Bach
	11:00	D. Black

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## COUNTERS FOR MARCH

1st Monday	Sundby & Wyckoff
2nd Monday	Garnett & Sumners
3rd Monday	Li. Shaw & Rice
4th Monday	Logan & Hooley
5th Monday	Magee & Barrow

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PLEASE CONTINUE  
TO WEAR YOUR  
NAMETAGS!



On Sunday, February 21 we began using the red Fellowship Pads to register church attendance. Pads are placed in each pew at the center aisles. Please sign in and pass the pad down to the end and then back to the center. Encourage those next to you to register. This will help guests & members to learn names and recognize faces; it also helps the secretary to keep accurate records. Any prayer requests or information for the church should be placed on the blue cards in the pew pockets & handed to the ushers at the designated time.

## Video Operator Schedule

1st Sunday	8:30	Mary Strayhorn
	11:00	Meghan Schuelke
2nd Sunday	8:30	Jack Payne
	11:00	Dianne Gruber
3rd Sunday	8:30	Carly Payne
	11:00	Larry Shaw
4th Sunday	8:30	Jane Middleton
	11:00	Susan Bruce
5th Sunday	8:30	TBA
	11:00	Mary Strayhorn

If interested please e-mail Larry Shaw at [wshaw@valornet.com](mailto:wshaw@valornet.com)

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## Welcome New Member

Karen Fox  
4168 N FM 199  
Cleburne, TX 76033  
817-357-9576

By transfer from First United Methodist  
Church of Granbury on February 7.

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## The Easter Cross Witness

Glen Rose churches are joining churches across the nation as we witness to the Risen Christ. White crosses are placed on your lawn throughout the Lenten season. On Easter Sunday the cross is turned to reveal "He is Risen"! Crosses will be handed out on Sunday; the cost to us is \$4 per cross if you would like to contribute - make note "Crosses" on check or envelope.

May this cross be a silent witness of your faith so that others may come to know the love of Jesus.  
[www.eastercross.org](http://www.eastercross.org)

**Let's cover Glen Rose with Easter  
Crosses!**

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## MARCH

March 2 6 p.m. Worship Mtg.  
7 p.m. Evangelism Mtg.

March 3 9 a.m. Disc. II  
9 a.m. Cup of Friendship  
10 a.m. Min. from the heart  
5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Out  
6:30 p.m. UMYF  
6:30 p.m. Choir

March 4 No Disc. I  
5 p.m. CIA Mtg.

March 7 6 p.m. UMYF

March 8 4:30 p.m. Handbells

March 10 9 a.m. Disc. II  
5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Out  
6:30 p.m. UMYF  
6:30 p.m. Choir

March 11 9:30 a.m. Disc. I  
5 p.m. CIA Mtg.  
6:30 p.m. Finance Mtg.

March 14 5 p.m. Council on Min. Mtg.  
6 p.m. Admin. Brd. Mtg.  
6 p.m. UMYF

March 15 4:30 p.m. Handbells

March 17 9 a.m. Disc. II  
4 p.m. Missions Mtg.  
5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Out  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
NO UMYF

March 18 9:30 p.m. Disc. I  
5 p.m. CIA Mtg.

March 21 6 p.m. UMYF

March 22 4:30 p.m. Handbells

March 24 9 a.m. Disc. II  
5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Out  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
6:30 p.m. UMYF

March 25 9:30 a.m. Disc. I  
5 p.m. CIA Mtg.

March 26 Laity Banquet

March 27 Christmas in Action Day

March 28 6 p.m. UMYF

March 29 4:30 p.m. Handbells

March 31 9 a.m. Disc. II  
5:30 p.m. Wed. Night Out  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
6:30 p.m. UMYF

Spring Break is March 15th-19th  
UMYF Ski Trip March 14th-18th

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## Lenten Offering Folders

I love the United Methodist Church and all we do in the world. I love all of our special causes and the recipients of the special offerings and the life changing ministry in which they are involved. However, with 17 special offerings throughout the year, I begin to feel a little like a beggar. And sometimes people get the impression that all we talk about is money.

I will be writing articles, sermon illustrations and showing short videos about each of these important recipients. However, the support for all but about 4 or 5 these will come from the Lenten Offering Folders with the quarter slots coinciding with the 40 days of Lent. I've found that we raise considerably more money for these causes this way, rather than by making an appeal on Sunday mornings. I hope you will participate by picking up one of the Lenten Offering Folders and doing your part. All of those small parts add up to a large amount to provide funds for ministry in a number of areas. Thanks.

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## FYI

**Our Recycling Ministry has collected over 13 tons of recycled paper since October 2009. Thank you so much for all that you have put in. Your support is what helps this ministry continue to grow.**

## Ministry from the ♥

Quilts for the soldiers

Workshop pinning quilts

Wednesday, March 3 at 10 AM

In the Family Center

Our goal is to have 30+ quilts to deliver to hospitalized soldiers in San Antonio in April. Call Joann Brady if you would be willing to sew the squares together 897-2031

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### All LADIES - JOIN US!

#### *Cup of Friendship Breakfast*

Wed. March 3 9 a.m.

At StorieBook Café

**Great menu choices-only ones there!  
Across Barnard from Family Center  
a social gathering  
going Dutch  
short UMW meeting**

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### Thank You

To Jane Middleton & committee

To Bill Wyatt - photographer

For putting together our new Picture Membership Directory! Great Job!

They are available for a donation of \$5 for a color copy and \$1 for a black & white copy or CD Contact Jane at 898-0048 or cjmidd@windstream.net to make any corrections. Corrections will appear in the next newsletter. Picture pages will be added as our membership changes.

Your may get your directory in the church office during office hours - Monday - Thursday 8AM-3PM

## We are publishing a Church Cookbook to commemorate our 125th Anniversary

Men & Women- - Gather Your Recipes and the favorite recipes of our departed members as well.

It is quick & easy to type in your recipes at [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com) Login with your names as the contributor; group login is heritagerecipes; password is hmumz. Type in your recipe following the format. Be sure to carefully proof your recipes! Or if you can do online, pick up a form in the office or on the nametag table. Return them there also.

**Deadline:  
Easter Sunday, April 4th**

Questions & recipe errors. call Sharon Sundby 898-1716 or Elaine 897-3715.

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### Mission Committee

The Mission Committee emphasis through March is Hannah House. Suggestions for donations are:

Gift Cards (Wal Mart, grocery stores) \*\*\*Preferred

Rotel tomatoes	Spaghetti sauce
Stewed tomatoes	canned chicken
Tomato paste	cake mix
Canned soup	canned frostings
Canned beans	brownie mix
Canned fruit	raisin bran
Tuna	peanut butter
Noodles	bottled water
Trash bags	liquid soap
Pudding/Jell-O	Pine Sol
Frosted flakes	olive oil
Coffee	paper napkins
Paper towels	Soft Scrub
Clorox wipes	Pam spray

Please leave gift cards in the church office and other items in the box in the sanctuary or church office.

## Opportunity To Help

The Trustees hope you have noticed the storm windows on the lower stained glass windows. Minor repairs were made and then storm windows were installed to protect the stained glass, as well as help with heating and cooling costs. The work was made possible by special donations. There are still 27 windows which need to be covered; the 24 small windows on the top corners of the building and 3 large windows on the east side. Donations, in the neighborhood of \$1,300, are very much needed to finish this project. Please consider where you might be able to help. For more information contact Paul Phillips.



Meal with Fellowship start at 5:30 PM  
Free Will Offering to cover meal costs  
Devotions by our members from 6:30-7 PM  
Song leader: Mike Ford; Keyboard Janet Burkhart

3/3 Brisket Sandwiches  
Served by: WNO Committee  
Devotions by: Robin Middleton  
"Old Rugged Cross"

3/10 Red Beans/Sausage/Rice  
Served by Fellowship Class  
Devotions by: Betty Black ÷Weaknessö

3/17 Soup & Cornbread  
Served by: UM Women  
Devotions by: Karen Fox

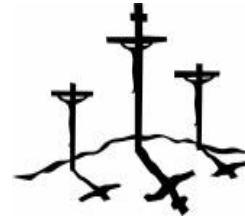
3/24 Lasagna, Salad, garlic bread  
Served by: volunteers  
Devotions by: Vicki Kattner

3/31 No Dinner during Holy Week

4/7 Pizza & Salad  
Served by Mission Committee  
Devotions by: Jackie Smith-"He Lives"

Beginning Wednesday, April 14  
New series Led by Pastor Billy

## Join in our Lenten worship



### "Golgotha Bound"

Lenten sermon series  
Pastor Billy D. Strayhorn  
Sunday 8:30 & 11 AM

Every Wednesday Lenten Fellowship  
Supper starting 5:30 Family Center  
Lenten Message from 6:30-7 PM

Palm Sunday March 28 8:30 and 11  
Special Worship Services

Holy Thursday April 1 7 PM  
Disciples Communion - Family Center

Good Friday April 2 7 PM  
Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday April 4 6:30AM  
Glen Lake Camp Community Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday April 4  
Celebration Worship  
Sanctuary 8:30 & 11 AM  
Handbells at both services

Bright Sunday April 11 both services  
The Great Day of Joining  
Choir Cantata "He is Risen"

## YOUTH NEWS

### Methodist Pre-School Report

We had our annual Scholastic Book Fair in January.

The children enjoyed Clifford, the dog, visiting.

We are preparing for our Valentine parties.

We will be visiting the Nemo Post Office soon to mail our classmates valentine letters.

We will also visit Dr. Susan Baker's Dentist office.

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### Thank You

Please know how much we all appreciated and enjoyed the meal you provided after mother's service. This is such a wonderful tribute of remembrance for past members and a place for the family to share a meal and fellowship. It was enjoyed by all. Mother enjoyed serving on this committee for many years.

With Sincere Appreciation & Love,  
Sharon & Bill Wiley  
Judy & Jonathan Gibson  
Angie & Eddie Edwards

öThe Abbie Ivy Familyö

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### Music News

**If you would like to join the choir for just a short time, I would like to invite you to join us for the Easter cantata. Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30. The cantata will be on the Sunday after Easter. Please come and join us. We would love to have you.**

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### Prayer Requests

Sheri Hooley, Jan Wegand, Connie Skiles, Chandler Davis, Kyle May, Jason Massey, Baby Emily, Bobbie Keller, Brenda Handley, The Williams Family, Lupo Family, Paul Rudolph, Major Sam Schoolfield, Cal Sieg, Sam Truluck, James Williams, Denise Lounsberry, D. Newman, Gary Hively, Ray Murski, Ernie Carwile, Devin Cox, Soldiers and their families

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. We raised a total of \$331.82. Over 8,000 groups participated in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring and generated \$7,759,336. All proceeds are donated to the charity of each group's choice, and we are excited to make a donation to the Food Bank!

CTCYM Mission Trip time is upon us. There will be a meeting Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 in the youth room for those interested in attending this year's trips. Senior High trip to Oklahoma and Kansas is June 13-19 and Junior High trip to South Central Texas is July 18-23.

The youth will be participating in a Great Day of Service, a mission event sponsored by CTCYM and Metropolitan Board of Missions. Great Day of Service is Saturday, April 10 from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm; cost is \$5. To attend this mission opportunity, you must fill out and return a liability and release form by Sunday, March 14. Forms may be found on the bulletin board in the Family Center or under the öStudent Ministriesö section at [www.ctcumc.org](http://www.ctcumc.org). The youth will need adult volunteers in order to participate in this event, so please prayerfully consider joining in this mission experience.

There will be an Easter egg hunt and picnic on Saturday, April 3 at the home of Pat and Susan Bruce. We are now collecting candy-filled eggs for the hunt. Please bring yours by the office!

Check the bulletin board in the Family Center for monthly calendars, release forms, and information on upcoming events.

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### Missions

**Do you need a ride to church?  
Do you know someone who needs a ride to church?**

**The Missions Committee is researching the need to provide rides to either the early or late worship service.**

**Call John Schoolfield at  
817-573-1735  
if you know of a need.**