



Congratulations!

Many people think that since they do not have any immediate family graduating, the end of school does not affect them. I believe everyone is affected by the changes going on around us. Sometimes simply being aware of the changes can help us to get through them in a positive way.

Growing up, my father used to pay close attention to the cotton crop in our area. I wondered why as a life insurance salesman he would care. I just assumed he had customers who were farmers. One day he was talking about the poor crop conditions and seemed worried so

I asked him about his concern. He spoke about how when the farmers do well they buy new trucks, appliances, equipment, homes and other items they may have been putting off. Those stores then give bonuses and raises to their employees who in turn take care of needs they too have been putting off. Eventually someone purchases the life insurance they need and so we are able to take care of some needs in our family.

Stress works much the same way. Even though you may not be dealing with an empty nest, college tuition, moving a child, graduation, or choosing a school or major, someone in your office may be. They may not be able to give you the same attention you have come to rely on or to work late on an important project. You may not even be aware that you don't visit with them casually as much as you have in the past. They have listened to your stories and you have listened to theirs. Because of this you are processing more thoughts on your own and seem to have less free time to offer others. These are small responses but touch many lives. Sometimes the responses are much bigger. I often remind people that if the response to any situation is significantly bigger than the situation warrants, there is probably something else going on.

Many of our college students have already finished their finals and some will be walking across the stage soon to receive their diploma. While this is a time for celebration we should remember it is also a time for life changes. With those changes comes some level of stress. High School students will be graduating soon and the choices they face feel just as critical to them. In fact they may feel more stressful. They do not have the same experiences to enable them to realize God's presence and peace is available to them during these wonderful times of transition.

Not everyone experiences the same level of stress at the same time in the same way for the same events. If you are one of the people who find that this is not a particularly stressful time for you, offer a little extra patience and understanding to someone who may not recognize they are under stress. One kind word or a smile can touch many peoples' lives. A simple phone call or note can change the world. "Doing unto others as you would have them do unto you" can bring in the kingdom of God.

See you Sunday,

Jim

SUMMER IN THE STORY



*Our great, great, great, great, great.....
Grandparents in Faith.*

Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock starting June 12 through August 21. Children will rotate through different centers each week to experience the story of Abraham and Joseph. Centers will include Art, Drama, Games, Missions, Science, Cooking, and Theatre.

Stephen Ministers to be commissioned



Stephen Ministers are celebrating - and with good reason! The newest class of

Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at both worship services on Sunday, May 22. Robbie Grzymek, Karen Michaelson and Randy Pollock will begin serving as Stephen Ministers as soon as they are commissioned.

Please come and meet these great folks during morning fellowship in the dining room on May 22.

**June 26 -
July 2 Youth
Mission Trip**
Sign up @ 733-7156

Summer hosts needed!

Would your class or group like to host a Wednesday night meal this summer? Dates are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156, to check on available dates or to give your requested date and menu. Please provide your complete menu when you reserve your date.

Your group will be responsible for any condiments (lemons for tea), as well as juice for the children, if desired. You will not be responsible for setting tables, washing dishes, or providing coffee and tea.

June dates not reserved by May 27, 2011 will be assigned to Acadiana Café. July and August dates not reserved by June 24, 2011 will be assigned to Acadiana Café.

Vacation Bible School

4 years - 6th grade

July 11 - 15 - 9 am - noon

REGISTER NOW!



Go online to www.mylhunc.org/events/vbs.html or pick up a Registration Form at one of the Welcome Stations at church. Closing Celebration and Dinner for the whole family Friday, July 15 at 6:00 pm.

Save the dates!



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CHURCH CALENDAR

*Childcare available.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship Service & Stephen Minister Commissioning - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *106*
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - *313-A*
9:45 Confirmation Class - *The Tower, Room 201*
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
4:00 Student Ministries (Middle School) - *319*
5:30 Student Ministries (High School) - *319*

6:30 Emmaus - *Scott Chapel*

Monday, May 23

9:00 Body Recall (M-W-F) - *312*
1:00 Knitpickers - *Laurel Room*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Mon.-Thu.) - *Gym*
5:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC

Advisory Council - *Laurel Room*

6:00 Emmaus Reunion Group - *DR*
6:00 Weekday School Board - *WDS*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Tuesday, May 24

7:00-5:00 Super Adults celebrate Aldersgate Day @ Southwestern University - *Church Bus*
8:45 Flow Yoga Class - *312*
10:00 Gentle Yoga Class - *312*

5:30 Bexar County Support Groups - *Dining Room*

6:30 Neighborhood Ministries - *Parlor*

7:00 Summer Sunday School Training - *312*

Wednesday, May 25

11:00 Staff Meeting - *313-B*
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 *Supper- *Gym*
6:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC Parents' Meeting - *305*
6:15 *Worship /Communion (Holly Nistler Rodriguez) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 26

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
9:00 Super Adult Day - *DR, Gym*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous - *313-B*

Saturday, May 28

8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:30 & 11:00 *Worship - *Sanctuary*
9:30 Fellowship Time - *Dining Rm.*
9:30 Tiny Tones - *106*
9:30 Joyful Noise Choir - *313-A*
9:45 Confirmation Class - *The Tower, Room 201*
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
10:00 LHUMC Leads Worship @ Chandler Center
4:00 Student Ministries (Middle School) - *319*
5:30 Student Ministries (High School) - *319*

Monday, May 30

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
All Offices & Buildings Closed

Tuesday, May 31

8:45 Flow Yoga Class - *312*
10:00 Gentle Yoga Class - *312*
3:00-7:00 SA Youth @ LHUMC (Tue.-Fri.) - *Gym*

Wednesday, June 1

9:00-3:00 Church Staff Kingdom-wide Planning - *Location TBD*
9:00 Body Recall (Wed. & Fri.)
4:30 Line Dancing - *312*
5:30 *Supper - *Dining Room*
6:15 *Worship / Communion (Rev. Robin Hiatt-Reed) - *Scott Chapel*
6:15 Handbells- *Sanctuary Balcony*
7:00 Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Thursday, June 2

9:00 Church Mice meet for fellowship and to do repairs around the church
6:00 Church under the Bridge - *Leave from Woodlawn Lot*
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*

Friday, June 3

8:00-5:00 Super Adults Tour San Antonio - *Regent Coach*
Saturday, June 4
8:30 Gamblers Anonymous- *313-B*
9:00-12:00 Inventory Day

Be an Altar Flower donor



Donating altar flowers helps beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and gives you the opportunity to honor someone special. Dates in 2011 are still available. You can order the arrangement yourself or the church office can order for you. If the church orders, prices start at \$42. For available dates, call Elizabeth Jackson, 733-7156.

Our mission

...is to offer Christ to those we encounter and to nurture, equip, and enable persons to become committed Christians in our community and the world beyond.



MAY

22 Rosalie Troutz
23 Pat Ewing; Barb Kurtz; Ella Sanders; Brian Troutz
24 Raquel Currah; Charles Davis; Charles Ferguson; Annabelle Oleson; Helen Shepler
27 Bertha Basil; Marshall Durham IV; Sara Kingsolver; Randolph Macias
28 Louise Lange
29 Luke Henry Farias; Lester Koerlin
30 Ginger McKay; Meredith Williams
31 Jeanne Redmond

JUNE

1 James Verette
2 William Campbell; Paul Parsons
3 Jeffrey Bowerman; Mick Davis; Tertia Emerson; Paul Kinnison

Scholarships available

The deadline to apply for a scholarship from the church for the 2011-2012 school year is May 31, 2011. The LHUMC Scholarship Committee invites anyone seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree to apply. Scholarships do not auto-renew; current recipients must re-apply. Pick up an application in the church office or contact Dave Gannon, dave_gannon@msn.com or 852-9932.

Children's Summer Camps 2011

The Southwest Texas Conference offers camps for children in three age levels at Mount Wesley Retreat Center this summer. Parents, choose the camp according to the grade that your child *will be entering in the fall*. Camp activities include indoor and outdoor activities, swimming, hands-on creation, Bible fun, labyrinth, and making new friends.

- **3rd/4th grade:** June 12-15 or July 10-13 \$250; register by May 27 and June 24.
- **5th/6th grade:** June 19-23 or July 7-11 \$275; register by June 3 and July 22.
- **4th/5th/6th grade:** Music, Art, and Drama: July 27-30 \$250; register by July 8.

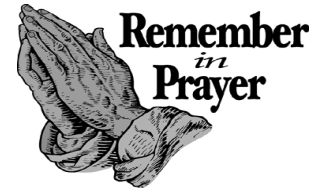
You can register online at www.umcswtx.org/summer-camps or pick up a Registration Form at the church. Camperships are available to cover one-third the cost of camp. Contact Kercida McClain, 733-7156 ext. 36, for details.

Mission for June: Imagine No Malaria

With Imagine No Malaria as our Mission of the Month for June, our church has the unique opportunity to make an extraordinary impact on the lives of children, families and entire villages in Africa, where malaria takes a child's life every 45 seconds. The success of Nothing But Nets has lifted us to a place where a sustainable victory over malaria is possible.

Imagine No Malaria is more than just a campaign against a disease that kills children and destroys families. It is a movement, marching steadily toward making real change in the world, and particularly in Africa. The goal is four-fold: 1) *Prevention* by using bed nets, improving sanitation and draining standing water, 2) *Treatment* through infrastructure by equipping the hundreds of churches, schools, hospitals and clinics operated by The United Methodist Church in Africa with diagnostic test equipment and medicines to treat the disease, 3) *Education* by training local residents to inform others in their communities how to prevent malaria, and 4) *Communication* upgrades to include more ways for people there to learn how to prevent and treat malaria.

Together, we can begin to imagine a world without malaria. With God's help, the dream can become a reality by 2015. This is who we are; this is what we do as United Methodists - *we save lives!*



Healing: Mindy Lanoux; Joe & Shelley McMullen; Ruth Nielsen; Harold Soudner; Roxane Darnell; Geraldine Douglas; Paul Roberts; Bill Magavern; Martha Hamil; Patti Vaughan.

Those Who Mourn: William Hills & family in loss of wife "Bonnie;" Pat Moss in loss of nephew Damien Schroeder; Holloway & Davis families in loss of Talitha Margaret Holloway, 3/18/2011 - 4/29/2011.

Thanksgiving: Safe return of Jose Garcia from Afghanistan.

Remember our shut-ins and those in the military.



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Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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REV. JIM, KERCIDA & DAUGHTER LANCY,
FOR
THEIR MINISTRY TO LAUREL HEIGHTS UMC
by
Aleene Block & Dinah Tanner

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