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United Methodist Church

Messenger

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June 13, 2008

FESTIVAL OF THE FOURTH



Sunday, June 29, 2008
8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

A&M United Methodist Church and its Music&Arts Ministry invite you to Sunday morning of worship that celebrates our independence as a nation and asks God to continue to bless us as a free nation.

The worship music will include:

Salute to the Armed Forces
Star Spangled Banner
America the Beautiful
This is my song
Eternal Father Strong to Save
God of the Ages (NATIONAL HYMN)
God Bless America
And the famous Wilhousky setting of
The Battle Hymn of the Republic

We will be recognizing the armed forces (both retired and active), families of those who are serving, and all others who work tirelessly to keep us safe. For all active or retired military, we ask that you please wear your uniform or anything else that will help us recognize your service.

Please don't miss this exciting worship experience!

Youth Events



this summer

The youth group has tons of fun stuff planned this summer. We have UMYF on Sunday nights from 6:00-8:15. Our theme is *Building Relationships*. We'll look at relationships with friends, family, nonbelievers, etc.

On Wednesdays, we do Swim-n-Scripture at different locations. We eat, swim, and then have a Bible study. Also, don't forget about Sunday School at 9:40 in the Youth Commons.

Be sure to check the website to get the most up-to-date schedule and to get directions for Swim-n-Scripture each week. Bring your friends to anything and everything!

MusicMakers '08

July 7-11

8:30 a.m. to Noon

The Rock Slinger and
His Greatest Hit

Presentation: Sunday, July 13 (10:50 am)

Play Day: Friday, July 11 following the final rehearsal

Music Makers is a music camp for all children entering grades K-7 this fall. Attendees do not have to be a member of the church, please bring guests!

Cost \$45.00

This includes music, supplies, refreshments, t-shirts, CD's, and an incredible play day with lunch.

No student will be turned down for financial reasons, scholarships are available.

Deadline has been extended to July 1!

VBS Supply List

VBS needs your help in saving these items:

12 oz. soup cans

Paper towel/wrapping paper tubes

Fabric scraps

One gallon milk jugs

Plastic water bottles



Artistic Adventures Takes on Austin

👉 Gig ‘Em Aggies + 🤘 Hook ‘Em Horns = 🤍 I Love You (in American Sign Language)

Yes, you’ve probably seen the shirt...but did you see 38 people from A&M-UMC in maroon shirts sharing the love of God in Austin?



Artistic Adventures—the A&M-UMC children’s choir—concluded its 2007-08 season with a trip to the state capital. Highlights included concerts for both Barton Hills Assisted Living residents and visitors to the Capitol Rotunda, a guided tour of the Capitol building and grounds, a very hot game of miniature golf at Austin’s landmark Peter Pan Mini Golf (topped off with refreshing snowcones), and feasts of Mexican food at Chuy’s and Italian fare at the Spaghetti Warehouse.



This “Keeping Austin Weird” tour wraps up a year-long curriculum focusing on the “Nitty-Gritty of God.” Some of the topics studied in class were the Trinity, prayer, love, worship and evangelism. Choir members made candy canes at Christmas and pretzels during Lent that symbolized these ideas. Potbelly’s and Antonio’s Pizza showed us another way we can further the kingdom by donating a portion of God’s gifts back to our church. These particular examples were in the form of milkshakes and pizza/pretzel dough!



Artistic Adventures is an after-school music and arts program that allows children in kindergarten through fifth grade to experience and learn about the love of God through visual and performing arts. Activities include singing, hand chimes, field trips, games and crafts. Children enjoy learning about God, identifying their talents, offering of themselves in worship, reaching into the community to invite friends, and serving their community by spreading the message of God’s love through song. Most of all, they discover that being with Christian friends at church is just plain fun!

Artistic Adventures rehearsals will resume in September with the Second Annual Gone Fishin’ event. Watch this newsletter for more details!

Announcing PIANO GAMES SUMMER CAMP

Monday, July 21 – Saturday, July 26 • 9 to 11 a.m.

All children going into Grade 4 this fall are eligible. It is suggested that all children participating have at least nine months of piano lessons in order to get the most out of the camp. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate as volunteers in the daily activities. There will be a volunteer and information meeting at the church on Tuesday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m. (Date subject to change.)



For more information, or to get a registration form, please contact Ed Kane at 846-8731 or edkane@am-umc.org. The cost for the camp is \$20 (includes t-shirt, morning snack, and all musical materials).



Kip's Korner

by Kip Gilts

Kids of the Scriptures

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. —Mark 10:13-16

This Sunday ends the series of sermons that has gone from Mother's Day to Father's Day. It has been an adventure to look through the scriptures at some of the children and the lessons they teach us. As we move forward to celebrating and remembering our fathers, I thought it might be helpful to look back at the kids of the scriptures and the lessons they teach us.

Mama's Boy from 2 Kings 4 reminded us that one seldom sees something amazing in sterile situations. The life of the Shunammite couple was clean, predictable, and settled until the prophet came and promised the couple a child. Then the unpredictability of life was heightened, but so too was the amazing power of God. *Mama's Boy* reminds us to look for God in the times when life is not going as planned.

David, the Giant Killer, from 1 Samuel 17 comes to us and challenges us to stand up to our giants in the name of the Lord. They are not always nine feet tall and carry a spear the head of which weighs as much as a bowling ball, but they can be just as formidable. Depression, addictions, guilt, shame, pressures that don't seem to go away all continue to grow in so many lives. Call upon the name of the loving God as you confront the giants.

The Lunch Box Boy from John 6 brings to us the lesson that when we offer what we have to Jesus, some incredible things can happen. It may not look like much, but the power of God can do a whole lot with what we have.

The Infected Child of Mark 6 is a grizzly tale of how our bitterness can be communicated to children causing them to be just as bitter or even more so. It is not just germs of the body for which we should cover our mouths. Our words and examples can infect the souls of the children around us.

The Sick Boy in Luke 9 was his father and mother's only child. He had been taken spiritual hostage and the disciples learned that on their own, they were about as effective as the bumbling detective Maxwell Smart. He always seemed to, "miss it by that much." Jesus grows exasperated when we continue to approach the needs of others without the power of God. In the words of the *Message*, "What a generation! No sense of God! No focus to your lives! How many times do I have to go over these things?"

Daddy's Girl in Mark 5 reminds us to cherish every moment with the children around us. It may only seem like a moment to us, but every moment has the potential to be a work of art given to a child.

I invite you to keep your eyes open for children as you read the scriptures and keep your eyes open for children throughout this week. They may very well have a lesson to teach you.

Sincerely,

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Prayer Corner

Prayers of Healing for Elva Gutierrez, Jack House (grandson of Don and Paula House), Douglas Ivey (Elaine Waggoner's son), Connie Kelly, Rachel Markham, Andrew Popham, Benton Storey, and Beckie Stover.

Prayers of Comfort for Ben Dillon for the death of his father, Ben Dillon, Sr. on June 3; and for Mark Sicilio and his family for the death of his mother, Mary, on June 9.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Lee and Jean Baker, M. R. Calliham, Bob Cochran, Bud Geiger, Jennifer Gutierrez, Tom Gilbreath, Millie Jones, Tom Sessums, Mary Sicilio, and Joe Wallace.

Remember our troops and their families in your prayers, as well as the victims of natural disasters in Myanmar and China.

Jumpstart Class Begins July 13

This seven-week long class is designed to assist new members in becoming more familiar with the ministries and mission of A&M UMC, and to help long-time members refresh their commitment to, and knowledge of, their home church.

The first class will meet on **Sunday, July 13, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 111** of the Sanctuary Building. For more information please contact Laurinda Kwiatkowski at 846-8731 or laurinda@am-umc.org.

Finances

June 8, 2008

Contributions

Offering	\$11,745.47
MTD	\$32,270.47
YTD	\$523,844.34
Communion Offering	\$301.00
(Lakeview Camp Scholarship Fund)	
Habitat For Humanity	\$740.00

Expenses

MTD	\$46,376.75
YTD	\$614,756.08
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Attendance

8:30 a.m.	218
9:45 a.m.	91
10:50 a.m.	<u>212</u>
TOTAL	521

Activities at A&M United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 15, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. **Sunday School for all ages
- 9:40 a.m. **College Sunday School, College Room
- 9:45 a.m. **Ekklesia Service, Annex
- 10:50 a.m. **Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. **College Sunday School, Annex Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 p.m. UM ARMY missionaries leave
- 4:00 p.m. College Women's Bible Study, *C-Coffee House
- 7:30 p.m. AA and AI-Anon

Monday, June 16, 2008

- 5:15 p.m. First Place, Room 114
- 6:00 p.m. Coffee House open
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 802, Scout Room
- 7:00 p.m. Open Court Basketball, *C-Great Hall

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

- 6:00 p.m. Coffee House open

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

- 12:00 p.m. AA, Room 209
- 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Prayer Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Coffee House open
- 6:00 p.m. Swim-n-Scripture for Youth, TBA
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 19, 2008

- 12:15 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group, Jane Pulley's home
- 6:00 p.m. Coffee House open
- 6:10 p.m. Summer Mosaic, *C-Great Hall
- 6:30 p.m. UK Bells Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday, June 21, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Emma Gay Circle

Sunday, June 22, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. **Sunday School for all ages
- 9:40 a.m. **College Sunday School, College Room
- 9:45 a.m. **Ekklesia Service, Annex Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. **Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:50 a.m. **College Sunday School, Annex Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Core Leadership Team, *C-211
- 4:00 p.m. College Women's Bible Study, *C-Coffee House
- 4:00 p.m. VBS Band Practice, *C-Youth Commons
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council, Fellowship Hall**
- 7:30 p.m. AA and AI-Anon

Monday, June 23, 2008

- 5:15 p.m. First Place, Room 114
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, *C-Great Hall**
- 6:00 p.m. Canterbury Bells, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 802, Scout Room

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, *C-Great Hall**

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall**
- 12:00 p.m. AA, Room 209
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, *C-Great Hall**
- 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Prayer Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 26, 2008

- 12:15 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group, Jane Pulley's home
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, *C-Great Hall**
- 6:10 p.m. Summer Mosaic, *C-Great Hall

Friday, June 27, 2008

- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, *C-Great Hall**

Saturday, June 28, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. West District Picnic, *C-Great Hall**

*Room is in the Christian Life Center **Childcare provided without reservations

The Messenger Classifieds

INCLUDE Ministries

USHERS NEEDED AT THE 8:30 SERVICE

Please contact Ned Baxter at 820-2490 (cell) or 846-8054 (home) if you would like to know more about ushering. It's not hard and it's a great way to get to know people. If you are new to the church, what better way to get to know names and faces! Call today!

Children's Ministry

NEEDED FOR VBS:

Empty & clean soup cans, one gallon milk jugs, plastic water bottles, paper towel or wrapping paper tubes, and fabric scraps. Please drop them off in the church office on Sunday morning.

College Ministries

The Coffee House is in need of volunteers this summer. We do not have enough volunteers at this time to keep the Coffee House open as much as we would like. For more information on how you can help, contact Taylor Smith at 846-8737 or smit21@neo.tamu.edu.

INVEST Ministries

HEALTH KITS - The United Methodist Women are collecting items for health kits to be used for emergencies such as the earthquake in China and the cyclone in Myanmar. Items needed are: soap, fingernail clippers, large combs, toothbrushes, wash cloths, and hand towels. (Please no toothpaste as it has an expiration date and may not be used when expired.)

Use *The Messenger Classifieds* to get your message out and fill open positions in your ministry. **Next issue date is June 27, deadline for submissions is Thursday, June 19, at noon.** Notices will run for two consecutive issues unless you call to cancel the ad. Contact Cindy Allen at 846-8731 or cindyallen@am-umc.org.