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Messenger

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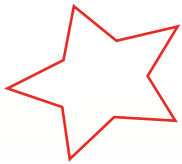
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*Look What We Have Planned for
This Sunday, June 29!*



FESTIVAL OF THE FOURTH

**8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
In the Main Sanctuary**

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.

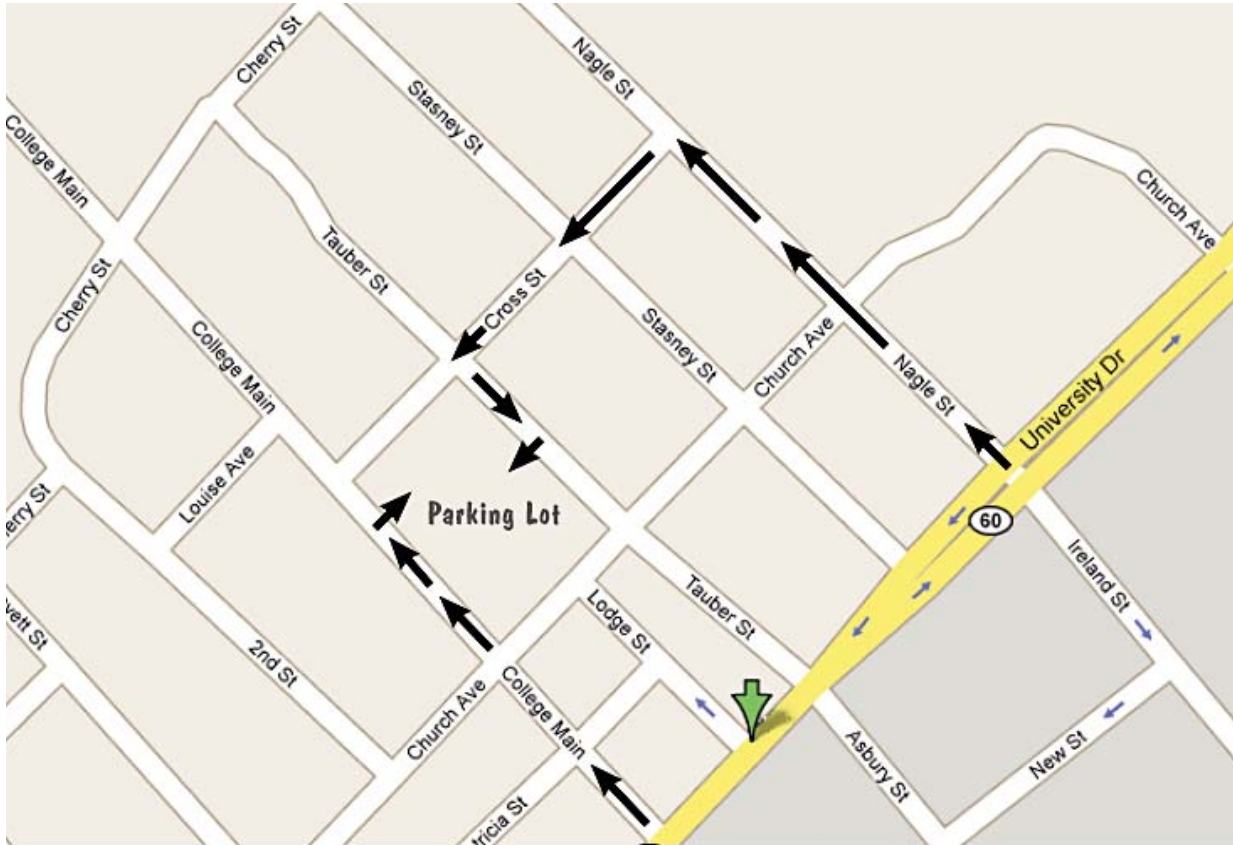
Vacation Bible School Closing Program

**9:45 a.m.
Great Hall of the Christian Life Center**

All Sunday School classes are invited.

The closing program is the culmination of the entire VBS program and will feature musical performances from all age groups.

How to get to the church during the reconstruction of Church Street.



We are expecting company! To get ready for Family Promise families, we need the following items:

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| 20 Pillows | 5 Lamps |
| 28 Pillow cases | 5 Flashlights for tables |
| 24 Plastic pillow protectors | 5 Waste baskets |
| 28 Flat sheets (twin size) | 1 Diaper Genie |
| 28 Fitted bottom sheets (twin size) | 6 Bath towels |
| 18 Twin bed mattress covers | 14 Face towels |
| 28 Blankets | 5 Boxes of tissue (i.e. Kleenex, Puffs, etc.) |
| 2 Baby cribs | 4 Extension cords |
| 6 Fitted crib sheets | 1 High chair |
| 6 Fitted crib pads | 5 Wet Wipes |
| 6 Baby blankets | 4 Rubber glove sets |
| 5 Clocks | |

Please bring small items to the church office. Call 846-8731 to make arrangements of delivery of larger items such as baby cribs.

Shop On-Line and Help the Youth Ministries

Go to www.Goodsearch.com to help the youth group raise money. Simply select "A&M United Methodist Church" as your charity of choice and then use goodsearch as a normal search engine. You don't have to pay anything and you'll help us by simply searching the internet.

MusicMakers 2008 July 7–11, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

MusicMakers is a music camp for all children entering grades K–7 this fall. Attendees do not have to be members of this church; guests are welcome and encouraged! The deadline to register is July 1. Register on-line at www.am-umc.org or pick up a form from the information table in the Welcome Area at church. Contact Sterling Allen for more information, sterling-allen@am-umc.org.



Piano Games Summer Camp

Piano Games takes a new approach to the piano by teaching children how to work in teams. The program will focus on challenging and strengthening kids' musical skills in a fun Christian environment.

The camp will be from **July 21st through the 26th from 9:00 a.m. to noon**. Registration is \$20. Because this is a new camp with a new curriculum, this year's camp will be limited to young pianists going into 4th grade.

For more information, contact Ed Kane at 846-8731 or edkane@am-umc.org. Look on our website, www.am-umc.org, for registration forms.





Kip's Korner

by Kip Gilts

Summer Music Fest 2008

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper! You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. Psalm 30:10-12

Last week I finally learned how to use an iPod. Zac, my 17-year-old son, had abandoned an old iPod for a newer version that held more music. So I started playing around with the older one and put about 300 songs on the device before heading to Dallas. Tammy and I were traveling together to a wedding for a couple who attended A&M UMC while students here. I put the iPod on "shuffle" so we would not know what song was coming next. The music transformed the car and added so much to our ride. Tammy and I found ourselves singing along to familiar tunes that we had not heard for a long time. Some of the songs were from the radio in years past, and some were from the church in years past. I was quickly reminded in those hours in the car about the power and gift that music is to us.

The psalmist was right - there is something about the gift of music that can transform mourning into dancing, sadness into joy, dullness into expression. It is often the key that opens the door into the very presence of God.

I have been looking forward to this summer series of sermons since last Fall. "Summer Music Fest" is a series of sermons prompted by my love of songs in our hymnal. Most of them are quite familiar and you will not be able to keep yourself from singing along not only during worship, but during the week.

Invite a friend to join you this summer in worship as we celebrate the songs of our faith. You might very well find your mood transformed through this God given gift of music.

Sincerely,

You Are Invited to Our New JumpStart Class



JumpStart is a Sunday school class designed to assist new members in becoming more familiar with the ministries and mission of A&M United Methodist Church, and to help long-term members refresh their commitment to, and knowledge of, their home church.

Our next class will begin on July 13 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 111 in the Sanctuary Building. The fall classes will begin September 21 and will be held at 9:45 and 10:50 a.m.

Every member of A&M United Methodist Church, whether a six-week member or a sixty-year member, can greatly benefit from the information in this class and the strong focus on forming new relationships.

Dr. Mike Workman is the class facilitator, with different leaders each week. If you would like to sign up for the class, or would like more information, please contact Laurinda Kwiatkowski at laurinda@am-umc.org or 846-8731.

Prayer Corner

Prayer of Healing for Jack House, grandson of Don and Paula House.

Prayers of Comfort for Peggy Sessums for the death of her husband, Tom, on June 14.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Lee and Jean Baker, M. R. Calliham, Bob Cochran, Bud Geiger, Jennifer Gutierrez, Tom Gilbreath, Jean Gresham, Charles Horner, Millie Jones, Connie Kelly, and Joe Wallace.

District Campers leave for Lakeview this Sunday and will return on Thursday, July 3. Please pray for safe travel and a good week at camp!

Church Staff: Many members of our church staff will be traveling in the coming weeks; please keep them in your prayers.

Please, always keep our troops around the world and their families in your prayers.

Do You Want to Be More Involved?



Being part of a faith-forming small group of believers is a very important part of being a Christian as is having that sense of belonging

we so long for in our church.

On our website, www.am-umc.org, we have information listed on Sunday School classes and home small groups. Contact numbers are listed for each one. Check it out and find one that is right for you.

Coming this fall we have several long-term and short-term Bible studies. We will be offering *Disciple I, II, and III* of the Disciple series, as well as *Jesus in the Gospels*, *Invitation to Romans*, *Invitation To The New Testament*, *Beth Moore: Patriarchs, Companions in Christ: The Way of Prayer*, *Financial Peace University*, *First Place 4 Health*, and *Serving From the Heart*.

More information on these Bible studies and a registration form will be available in July.

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Activities at A&M United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 29, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. **Festival of the Fourth, Sanctuary**
9:40 a.m. **Sunday School for all ages
9:40 a.m. **College Sunday School, College Room
9:45 a.m. **VBS Closing Program, *C-Great Hall
9:45 a.m. **Ekklesia Service, Annex
10:50 a.m. **Festival of the Fourth, Sanctuary
10:50 a.m. **College Sunday School, Annex

Fellowship Hall

- 4:00 p.m. College Women's Bible Study,
*C-Coffee House

- 7:30 p.m. AA and Al-Anon, Rooms 209 & 204

Monday, June 30, 2008

- 5:15 p.m. First Place, Room 114
6:00 p.m. Coffee House open

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

11:30 a.m. D.M.A., Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, July 3, 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

Friday, July 4, 2008 - Independence Day Church Offices Closed

Sunday, July 6, 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
4:00 p.m. College Women's Bible Study,
*C-Coffee House
7:30 p.m. AA and Al-Anon, Rooms 209 & 204

Monday, July 7, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. MusicMakers, *C-Great Hall
5:15 p.m. First Place, Room 114

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. MusicMakers, *C-Great Hall

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. MusicMakers, *C-Great Hall
12:00 p.m. AA, Room 209
5:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Prayer Chapel
6:00 p.m. Swim-n-Scripture, check website
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, July 10, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. MusicMakers, *C-Great Hall
12:15 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group, Jane Pulley's
home
6:10 p.m. Summer Mosaic, *C-Great Hall
6:30 p.m. UK Bells, Choir Room

Friday, July 11, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. MusicMakers, *C-Great Hall

Sunday, July 13, 2008

*MusicMakers Presentation of "The Rock Slinger and
His Greatest Hits" at 10:50 a.m.! Don't miss it!*

**Room is in the Christian Life Center*

***Childcare is 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!

A&M UMC POLO SHIRTS

We are now taking orders for blue polo shirts (like the choir wears) with the A&M UMC cross and heart logo on the front. The cost is \$20. Call 846-8731 or place your order online at www.am-umc.org.

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 taylor.g.smith@gmail.com.

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.)

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES - The Children's Mission Project for this spring and summer is collecting aluminum pop tabs. Please save your tabs and drop them in the collection boxes on the information table in the Welcome Area or in the church office.

Use *The Messenger Classifieds* to get your message out and fill open positions in your ministry. **Next issue date is July 11, deadline for submissions is Thursday, July 3, at noon.** Notices will run for two consecutive issues unless you call to extend or cancel the ad. Contact Cindy Allen at 846-8731 or cindyallen@am-umc.org.