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A&M UMC Wednesday Church Family Suppers



Beginning August 26 A&M UMC will be having weekly Church Family Suppers on Wednesday nights. Wednesdays are already busy days at the church with Artistic Adventures for Children, Youth Small Groups, Chancel Choir, Bible Studies and Small Groups. Church Family Wednesdays are the chance to be involved in the ministries of the church without having to catch fast food on the run in so many different directions. So, plan on being part of Church Family Wednesdays and making Church Family Suppers a part of your week beginning August 26th. Meals will be provided for \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 per family. Be sure to check the August newsletter for a complete line-up of Wednesday activities.

Mosaic Moves to Wednesdays

MOSAIC has a NEW DAY, TIME, and LOCATION for Worship - Mosaic's college worship service has moved to Wednesday nights at 8:30 pm in the Coffee House of the Christian Life Center. This schedule and location will be continued in the fall. Church Family Wednesday suppers will be served on Wednesdays in the Great Hall of the Christian Life Center beginning August 26, so please join us there for food and fellowship before Mosaic. If you would like more information on Mosaic, contact Katy-Marie at katy-marie@am-umc.org.

College Sunday School

For the summer, College Sunday School Class has been meeting only once at 11:00 am in the Annex Fellowship Hall. This will be in effect through August 9. After a break before the fall semester begins, College Sunday School will resume on August 30. At that time, two College Sunday School classes will meet on Sunday mornings. One class will meet at 9:45 am in Room 217 in the Christian Life Center and the other class will meet at 11:00 am in the Annex Fellowship Hall.

Dates to Remember

- July 19 - Visiting UM ARMY group
- July 21 - Children's Tuesday Play Day
- July 24 - BV Bombers Family Night
- July 28 - Children's Tuesday Play Day
- July 26-August 1 - Youth UM ARMY
- July 29 - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- August 2 - Blood Drive
- August 3-7 - Kid's Mega Sports Camp
- August 16 - District Hymn Sing
- August 22 - UMW Annual Garage Sale
- August 23 - West District Back to School Bash
- August 26 - Begin Church Family Wednesdays
- August 31 - Fall TAMU semester begins
- September 2 - Fall Mosaic begins
- September 2 - DMA Luncheon

Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Healing for Sue Foy, Ron Petty, Kathleen Pratt (sister of Harry Jones), Tex Owens, Charlie Horner, Don Johnston, Cecilia Wilson (Robert Wilson's mother), Ethel Choate (Tammy Gilts' grandmother), Robert Hoffman, Ashley Harkins, and Ken Pounders.

Prayers of Joy for the birth of Liam Quinlan, proud grandparents are Larry and Susan McNeese.

Prayers of Comfort for Liz Crompton and her family on the recent passing of her mother, Helen Stradley; for the friends and family of Joe Wallace for his passing on July 1, 2000; and for the friends and family of Bernice Smith, aunt of Bill Welch, on her passing on July 7, 2009.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Billy Sherman (Sandie Bennett's step-father), Frances Henry, Virginia Read (Eva Read-Warden's mother), Virginia Bean (Beckie Stover's mother), M. R. Calliham, Nelson Durst, Pat Sargent, Jean Gresham, Sarah Pausky (Paul Pausky's mother), and Fred Kettleborough.

Please continue to pray for peace as you keep our troops around the world and their families in your prayers.

If you are unable to attend church on Communion Sunday and would like to have communion brought to your home, please contact Mort or Kathy Kothmann at 693-8134 or email m-kothmann@tamu.edu. If you know of anyone who would like to be on the Homebound Communion list, please forward their information to Kathy and Mort.



Make your Appointment

There will be a blood drive at A&M UMC on **Sunday, August 2, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm**, in Great Hall. You may make your appointment after worship services on July 19 or July 26. The need for blood donations go beyond what people see on television and the news. Blood is needed for individuals being treated for cancer, babies who are born prematurely, individuals with anemia and much more. Blood donations save lives and there is no substitute. It must come from one individual to go to another, and every donation can help save up to three lives. The Blood Center of the Brazos Valley is a community blood bank and will provide blood and related services right here in the Brazos Valley.

Family Promise Club 274

"At all of the congregations, people always treated me like a person, and like the same as any member of the congregation and greater community. This made a big difference in feeling supported." This was from an evaluation by one of the families we have housed. We have supported Family Promise by sharing our church with them which is what being a Christian is all about, but the reality is, it also requires money to keep Family Promise viable. Club 274 began as a way to provide money for one day's operation of Family Promise but, of course, any amount would be welcome. Packets for donations can be found in the Welcome Center.



VBS 2009 Mission Project HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Thank You ! from Carol Tatum

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the children's Habitat project during VBS.

Contributions in gifts and cash came to over \$1800 for the three families. Housewarming gifts were presented on the day their homes were dedicated, and gift cards were presented this week. What a wonderful way to share the love of Christ with others in our community!

The church recently received the following letter of appreciation from one of the families.

Dear A&M United Methodist,

It is such a blessing to have someone who cares and shares God love. My family and I are so thankful for you. God is so faithful to his children. God's Word says "Whatever good any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord." May God bless you richly for all you do.

*All my love and thank you so much!
Toshia and family*

Adult Bible Studies 2009-2010

Are you interested in digging a little deeper into your spiritual life? Would you like to learn more about Scripture with others who have the same goal? Following is a list of Bible Studies that will be available this Fall. If you see one that you would like to join, please sign up by contacting Lindsay Kirkpatrick at lindsay-kirkpatrick@am-umc.org

	CLASS	FACILLATOR	DATES /TIMES	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
	First Place 4Health	Liz Mertz	Mondays 5:30-6:30 pm Beginning Sept. 14; minimum of 12 weeks - Orientations held Aug. 24 and 31, same time	A class that focuses on living a holistically balanced life, including mental, emotional, spiritual and physical wellness.
	Grief Support Group	Rev. Kip Gilts	Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Beginning Sept. 9; - 6 weeks	A class designed to help people work through their grief.
	Rebuilding	Pat Gideon	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm Beginning Sept. 9; - 10 weeks	A class meant to help those who have been divorced or are in the process.
	Serving From the Heart	Lindsay Kirkpatrick	Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Beginning Sept. 8; - 8 weeks	A class designed to guide Christians in discovering their spiritual gifts.
	Christian Believer	Jesse Parr	Sundays at 6:45 pm at A&M UMC	A class which critically studies a wide range of Biblical texts; meant to help students learn how to defend their faith.
	Jesus in the Gospels	Carol Patton	Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 am Beginning Sept. 9; held at Carol's home 1304 Angelina Circle, CS	A class that studies the gospels in an effort to learn more about the person of Jesus.
	Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman	DeEsta Garrett	Mondays 9:00-11:00 am From Sept. 14 to Nov. 23 in CLC, Room 211 Childcare available / cost is \$25.	A Beth Moore Bible Study on the person and book of Esther.
	Disciple 1	Kurt Gerken	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm Beginning Sept. 9; 32 week study with holiday breaks / cost \$40	An intensive introduction to study of the Bible, covering a wide range of texts in the Old and New Testaments.
	Disciple 3	Anne Ellis	Dates, time, and location to be determined, 32-week study Disciple 1 is a prerequisite cost \$40	A study of the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul.
	Disciple Bible Study: Psalms	Nancy Riveire	Thursdays 6:30-8:00 pm From Sept. 10 to Nov. 12, meeting at Nancy's home 1803 Fernhaven Circle, CS	A Class that takes a brief, in-depth look at the Bible's hymnbook, the Psalms
	Financial Peace University	Sandie Bennett	Beginning Aug. 30 Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 7:30 pm A&M UMC / cost \$99 per family	A life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money.

Super Summer Tuesday Play Days - All Ages Welcome...

July 21 - Southwood Valley Pool 10:30 am -12:30 pm
Cost is \$2.50/per person. Bring your lunch

July 28 - Family Movie Night, details TBA

For more information contact Joy Williams,
joy-williams@am-umc.org

Adults With Aging Parents Support Group Returns

This has certainly been one **HOT** summer, wouldn't you say? Well, the **COOL** fall news for this group is since the 2008 -2009 meeting schedule for *Adults With Aging Parents* worked well for most participants, the Quest classroom, Room 114, has been reserved for the first and third Tuesdays of each month, September 1, 2009 through May 18, 2010. AWAP will not meet Tuesday, March 16, 2010 due to the Spring Break holiday of the schools. Email notices will be sent out for meetings the week before to remind everyone. If you are interested in more information or just want to get on the email list, please email Lee Pausky at lppausky@suddenlink.net Until September 1st, keep cool!



It's Not Too Late

If you would like to attend A&M UMC Family Night at the Brazos Valley Bombers Game, there is still time. Just email Laurinda Kwiatkowski at laurinda@am-umc.org by Friday, July 17, and she will add you to the list of those attending.

Mega Sports Camp for Kids



Hey parents! Ready to drop a TON OF FUN right into your child's summer? Then MEGA Sports Camp is right for you! A&M UMC is offering kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade an awesome time. At MEGA Sports Camp, kids can choose between soccer, basketball, baseball, and cheerleading. COST: \$25 per child or \$60 maximum per family.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is July 19.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! - We still need a Soccer Coach, Small Group Leaders, and Snack Coaches. If you are interested please call or email Joy Williams at 220-2119 or joy-williams@am-umc.org

How You Can Help ...

Office Volunteers Needed - The church office is in need of volunteers who can work 2-4 hours per week. Duties will vary from answering the telephone to light computer work. If you find yourself with a little extra time on your hands, please contact Cindy Allen at 846-8731 or office@am-umc.org. The pay may not be great but the rewards are heavenly! We'd love to have you on our team!

Male Youth Counselors Needed - Ever thought about helping out with the youth group? As a youth counselor, you can help on Wednesday or Sunday nights and truly make a difference in the lives of our youth. To find out more, contact Clay in the youth office at clay-horton@am-umc.org.

MegaSports Camp Volunteers STILL NEEDED! - August 3-7, 8:00 am -12:00 pm. We still need a Soccer Coach, Small Group Leaders, and Snack Coaches. If you are interested please call or email Joy Williams at joy-williams@am-umc.org or 220-2119.

Help get students plugged in - If you know students who are coming to A&M as new Aggies for the first time this fall, or if you know students coming back to A&M in the fall and would like to help them get plugged into the life of our church, please feel free to contact Katy-Marie at Katy-marie@am-umc.org.

Coffee House for the Fall-Volunteers are needed for the Coffee House for this coming Fall. The Fall hours for the Coffee House will be Sunday 6-11:00 pm and Monday-Thursday 9:00 am -11:00 pm. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and impacting the lives of students, international friends, and others, contact Katy-Marie at Katy-marie@am-umc.org.