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Mid-Month News

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INVOLVE ... the Fourth I

Invest – Develop authentic relationships with persons not connected to a Christ-centered congregation.

Invite – Extend an invitation to someone not a part of a Christ-centered congregation to experience A&M UMC.

Include – Participate in inspiring congregational worship experiences.

Involve – Join a faith-forming small group.

Implement – Discover, develop, and deploy our spiritual and financial gifts in ministry.

Invest – Return the investment by investing in the lives of others.

Sunday School, Bible Studies & Home Small Groups

We have three types of small groups here at A&M UMC. We encourage you to check out a **Sunday School class** first, if you are not currently involved in one. We also have what we call **Long Term Bible Studies**. These are Bible-based curriculums that run from 6-32 weeks, at many different times throughout the week. Our studies will begin the first week of September. There are also **Home Small Groups**, which are continuous groups focusing on fellowship, discipleship, and service. We are launching 8 new groups at the end of September. Below is a list of Bible studies being offered. More detail about each of these formats is available online, at www.am-umc.org.

Disciple 1	- Sunday, 8:30 am
Disciple 1	- Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Disciple 3	- Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Christian Believer	- Sunday, 6:45 pm
Esther- It's Hard Being a Woman	- Monday, 9:00 am
Invitation to Psalms	- Thursday, 6:30 pm
The Jesus Priorities: 8 Essential Habits	- Wednesday, 9:00 am
How to Mess Up Your Child's Life	- Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Financial Peace University	- Sunday, 5:00 pm
First Place 4health	- Monday, 5:30 pm
Serving from the Heart	- Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Rebuilding	- Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Grief Support Group	- Wednesday, 6:30 pm



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. **MEALS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE FREE!**

Wednesday Night Lineup

- Artistic Adventures Childrens Choir - 3:30 pm (school pick-up upon request)
- Wednesday Night Family Supper - 5:30 pm
- Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30 pm
- Children's Ministries Activities - 6:30 pm
- Confirmation Class - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Studies
 - Disciple 1 - 6:30 pm
 - How to Mess Up Your Child's Life - 6:30 pm
 - Serving from the Heart - 6:30 pm
 - Rebuilding - 6:30 pm
 - Grief Support - 6:30 pm
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
- College Mosaic - 8:30 pm

Dates to Remember

- August 20** - College Leadership Retreat
- August 22** - UMW Annual Garage Sale
- August 23** - Financial Peace Univ. Preview
- August 23** - West District Back to School Bash
- August 26** - Begin Church Family Wednesdays
- August 30** - Youth Parent Meeting
- August 31** - Fall TAMU semester begins
- September 1** - Adults With Aging Parents resumes
- September 2** - Fall Mosaic begins
- September 2** - DMA Luncheon
- September 7** - Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- September 12** - Youth Counselor Retreat
- September 18** - Striving for Righteousness Retreat
- September 20** - Groneman Lecture Series begins
- September 20** - Elijah Partner Luncheon
- September 21** - Groneman Lecture
- September 27** - Student Joining Sunday
- September 27** - Adopt an Aggie Reception
- September 30** - Men's Prayer Breakfast

Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Healing for Kurt Gerken, Danny Shilk, Saralyn Morris (daughter of Liz Miller), and friend, Finis Horne, Connie Lipsey, Loyd Smith (Beth Cade's father), Pam Walkup (Cleve and Bobbie Walkup's daughter-in-law), Marti McLemore (Rachel Markham's mother), Field Cain, and Kathleen Pratt (sister of Harry Jones).

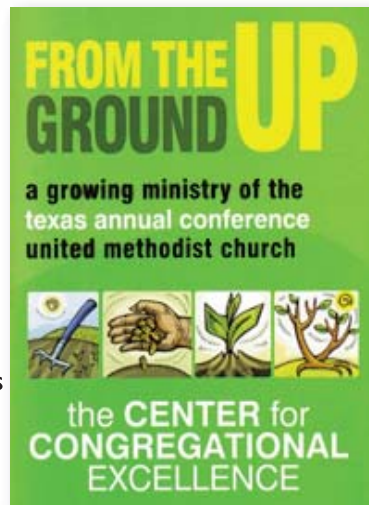
Prayers of Comfort for Susan Castillo and her family on the passing of her mother, Emma Crane, on August 13, 2009; and for Dian Jones for the passing of her her husband, Raymond Jones, on August 17, 2009

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Bob Gallaway, Bill Ward, Marj Leinhart, Pearl Kiser, Charlie Horner, Cecilia Wilson (Robert Wilson's mother), Ethel Choate (Tammy Gilts' grandmother), Robert and Toby Hoffman, 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 and Annie 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.

Support New Churches

Do You Have a "From the Ground Up" Share? One of the best ways to reach persons for Christ is by starting new congregations. Our Annual Conference has a goal of beginning at least ten new churches a year. We hope for some of these initiatives to be within the bounds of the West District. Starting new churches requires much funding, though. Land and construction costs are both expensive. To help make this happen, the Texas Annual Conference has a program called "From the Ground Up." Methodists \$100 annual contribution to This share is paid \$50 each. The will go to help church start-ups. used to help areas with special that can make a communities. It is every share, a returned directly discretionary use. shareholder in encourage you to take this step. Even taking out a partial share would be welcome. We will be holding a "From the Ground Up Emphasis Sunday" on August 23rd. Brochures about the program will be available at that time. Please be in prayer about how you can support the development of new churches in our part of the state of Texas.



called "From the Ground Up" volunteer to take out a "share" as a special From the Ground Up. in two installments of majority of these funds with the costs of new A smaller portion is also congregations in critical ministry undertakings difference in their also true that out of portion of the funds are to our district for If you are not presently a From the Ground Up, we

music & arts

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR..... Everyone should join a choir! The magic, joy and friendship that is created through singing with others is one of the most beautiful things in life. Singing is never boring, and singing with other people is one of the most energizing experiences. Help our worship become more inspiring and dynamic with your presence in the Chancel Choir. We want to encourage you to join us and share our enjoyment of making music to praise the Lord! Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm, with childcare available upon request.

TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN THE CHOIR

- #10** Reserved seating in church.
- #9** The robes are slimming.
- #8** Break dancing is no longer required.
- #7** Every time you sing, an angel gets their wings.
- #6** We're like American Idol...but for God...and we let you stay!
- #5** When Kip starts "preachin' to the choir," he'll be preachin' to YOU!
- #4** In Heaven, you'll know all the words to the songs...even the ones in Hebrew and Latin!
- #3** It's like singing in the shower...with 40 other people...with your clothes on...but less water.
- #2** They never pass the collection plate in the choir loft.
- #1** After we sing our Christmas Special, we're going on tour with Metallica.

Adults With Aging Parents Support Group Returns

Adults With Aging Parents will resume September 1 in the Quest classroom, Room 114, and will meet 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!



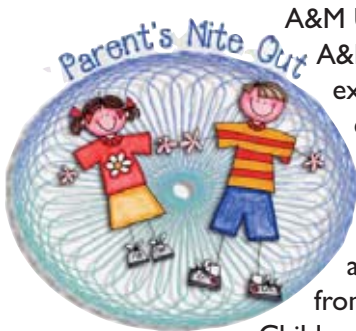
THE ANNUAL STYLE SHOW AND COFFEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10 AM TO 12 PM

AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SPONSORED BY CRESTVIEW VOLUNTEERS

Parent's Night Out is Coming!



A&M UMC Children's Ministries and A&M UMC College Ministries are excited to provide an opportunity to care for your children while you enjoy some much needed time together or with friends! Parents' Nite Out (PNO) will be held once a month, during the school year, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the church.

Children ages six months through sixth grade are eligible to participate, and all member and non-member families are welcome! Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 maximum per family. Planned activities will include games, crafts, snack supper, and a movie. Registration forms for Parent's Nite Out can be downloaded from the [A&M UMC webpage](#). The dates for PNO are as follows:

September 18, 2009
October 16, 2009
November 20, 2009

GRONEMAN LECTURE SERIES WITH CHRISTOPHER MARICLE

A&M UMC's Groneman Lecture Series is September 20-21.

Christopher Maricle, author of *The Jesus Priorities: 8 Essential*

Habits, will be the speaker for the lecture series. Currently, he serves as a governance consultant for the California School Board Association. He is a graduate of California State University in Sacramento. Mr. Maricle has a master's degree in educational leadership from St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. He lives in California's Sacramento Valley with his wife and two children.



UMW Garage Sale

Missions from our country and around the world are served by the proceeds from the annual United Methodist Women's garage sale which will be Saturday, August 22 this year from

7:00 am to Noon. Please clean out your storage areas and help the UMW in a very meaningful ministry outreach. Your donations will go toward feeding the hungry, teaching children, educating nurses, spreading the gospel, and much more. You are welcome to shop, volunteer, meet students, make friends, and browse. Donations can be brought to the Annex Fellowship Hall Monday, August 17, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Wednesday, August 19 through Friday, August 21 from 9:00 am to noon.



Help Buddy Walker - Buddy Walker, one of our former associate pastors and a Wesleyite, is a chaplain in Afghanistan and when asked if there was anything our church could do for him, he responded that children are always in need of school supplies. They also need basic medical supplies for the American Air Force doctors who are training Afghani hospital technicians and doctors/nurses. So when you are buying school supplies for your children and/or stuff the bus pick up an item or two extra to send to Afghanistan. Also, take advantage of those Wal-Mart buy one-get-two bottles of ibuprofen or Tylenol. Boxes for donated items will be in the Welcome Area.

Ringers Needed in the Handbell Choir

Canterbury and Coventry Handbell choirs are seeking new members to help augment the beautiful music which can be shared through the playing of the brass bells. If you are interested, please contact Ed Kane at edkane@am-umc.org or Sterling Allen at sterling-allen@am-umc.org.



Thinking Ahead...

Now is a good time to start purchasing school supplies to put in your Operation Christmas Child gift box this year. Watch the sales for plastic shoeboxes, crayons, map colors, glue, scissors, paper, pens, pencils, rulers, manual pencil sharpeners, and even children's t-shirts.



Katy-Marie Lyles, Director of College Ministries

college ministries

Soon, we will experience a transformation in our community. Our town will encounter the influx of 40,000+ young Aggies eager to come back to the place they know as Aggieland, their home away from home. At A&M UMC we have such a unique opportunity to pour into our student population. While there will be the inconvenience of not being able to drive down Texas Avenue or eat out expeditiously at any restaurant, we will once again be given the opportunity to share the love of Christ with so many individuals, even some who are arriving from different countries. If you have a passion for serving and forming relationships with students and international friends, we invite you to do so in College Ministries. We are always looking for people eager to enrich the lives of our college students. There are multitudes of ways to get involved. For more information or know an incoming or returning Aggie you would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Katy-Marie at katy-marie@am-umc.org.

IGNITE Freshman Bible Study - If you are a freshman and would like to be a part of a Bible study specifically geared for freshman, come join Ignite this Fall '09. Ignite will start September 8 and meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. So, grab some dinner, gather in the Coffee House, and then join the Ignite Bible Study in the Christian Life Center, room C-214. For more info contact Katy-Marie at katy-marie@am-umc.org.

College Sunday School will resume for the fall semester on August 30. At that time, we will have two classes on Sunday mornings. One class meets at 9:45 am in Room 217 in the Christian Life Center, and the other class meets at 11:00 am in the Annex Fellowship Hall.

In Home Small Groups- Students can sign up to participate in home small group Bible studies. These groups will meet on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings in a home environment. Students interested in joining a home small group can sign up by contacting Katy-Marie at katy-marie@am-umc.org. or by filling out a card on Sunday morning beginning August 30. Home small groups will begin Sunday, September 13.

Mixed Small groups- Students will have the opportunity to join an inter-generational small group if they would like. If you are interested in joining a small group comprised of different ages please contact Katy-Marie at katy-marie@am-umc.org.

Mosaic starts back on Wednesday, September 2 at 8:30 in the Annex Sanctuary. Mosaic is a unique opportunity for students to come together for a time of fellowship and worship comprised of only college students.



Adopt-An-AGGIE

If you are interested in "adopting" an Aggie please contact Katy-Marie at katy-marie@am-umc.org. Being part of the Adopt an Aggie program means you help make a home away from home for a young Aggie, show them the love of Christ, and exemplify what it means to be a part of a church family.

Kid Stuff on Wednesday Nights

On Wednesday nights this fall there will be activities for all ages! After dinner with your family, there will be a nursery for infants. Two-, three-, and four-year-olds, kindergarten, and first grade will meet in the nursery area; 3rd-5th grade and 6th grade confirmation will meet upstairs in the Children's Commons area. All ages will have a Bible study, games, crafts and music. Leaders are needed! If you are interested please contact Joy Williams at joy-williams@am-umc.org.

Working and having Fun with the Lord beside them....

