

The CHIMES Newsletter

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We have had a good time as we looked at the life and ministry of John Wesley and drew applications to our lives with the theme of “Revival” over the past few weeks. Many have shared with me how much they enjoyed this series because it gave them a greater appreciation of what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. I hope you were encouraged and challenged in your faith through this series.

As a response to the Revival series, the study of John Wesley’s life and ministry, and the season of Lent – I would encourage you to pick one of the “means of grace” (reading of scripture, attendance of worship, prayer, works of mercy, fasting, etc.) and put it into practice this coming month. Be intentional or methodical about it, and see how it impacts your faith and walk with Christ.

Moving into March we will be in the traditional season of Lent and will focus on the Cross. The sermons will explore the miracles at Jesus’ crucifixion: darkness, earthquake, torn Temple veil, and opened graves. Then we will conclude our focus on the cross with Palm Sunday as we look at living according to Jesus’ words, “Whoever would come after me must take up his cross and follow me”. I will have a sermon with few words that day. However, I will need some volunteers for actors for a skit. It will be easy, I promise!

During March we will take up a collection for the Care Center. The food pantry there has been running real low. We need to collect non-perishable food items and foods with protein such as peanut butter and tuna. Lent would be good time to follow up with this “work of mercy” as John Wesley described it.

May you find this month and this season of Lent a time of drawing closer to Christ and experiencing his love more deeply.

Pastor David Randall



From Pastor Juan

The 18th of February we celebrate Ash Wednesday to beginning the Christian Lenten season. The service for Ash Wednesday is one of the days more meaningful for Mexicans. This service reflects in Hispanic congregation with an attendance doubling any other services of worship held on Wednesday. At the end some families asked me if they could take some ashes home to their beloved ones that due to sickness were unable to attend the celebration, so it could nourish them spiritually (this year two families approached me asking for ashes in a few envelopes). Imposing ashes on the forehead and citing the biblical phrase "for dust you are and to dust you will return" Genesis 3:19. It invites us to think about the brevity of life and prepare for the celebration of Easter. In the next Sunday School teachings we will try to incorporate the Methodist doctrine, among the topics to be developed will be the means of grace, Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, Sanctifying Grace and the twenty-five articles of Religion. It is a proper season to receive Christian doctrine and live Holy week experiencing the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ on our side.

Blessings from above

Pastor Juan Garcia

PRAIRIE LAND FOOD PROGRAM Questions, call Elizabeth Irby @ 624-0467 or irby@swko.net

The Prairie Land Food Program specializes in bringing you quality food at affordable prices. It is a great way to get people involved in the community. Prairie Land Food is a program that was designed around the idea of giving a helping hand to people in your community. Volunteering can make a difference in a community or in someone's life. So you volunteer and in return you will be offered a nutritious grocery package at a low cost, helping to stretch your food dollar. Some refer to it as a "pay it forward" concept.

The Prairie Pak includes a wide assortment of frozen meats, and a variety of seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables – just like you see in major grocery stores. And at a savings of up to 50% off retail prices! Additional packages, including meat packages and specialty packages are also available. You can pay for your purchases with cash, checks, SNAP (food stamps) at local sites, or online with a bank draft or debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard & Discover).

It's as easy as 1-2-3. www.prairielandfoods.com

1. Select your food packages.
2. Place your order at your local host site (620)624-0467 or on line by the 10th of each month.
3. Pick up your purchase at the UMMAM Care Center on the Distribution Date (will be advertised each month).

We would appreciate anyone who would like to help drive to Ulysses (to pick up food) or do Distribution Day. Maybe a Sunday school class would like to take the month of May(or another month)? Talk about it and call Elizabeth to volunteer.

Get on board –METour 2015
Sponsored by Great Plains United Methodist Women

Local United Methodist Women are encouraged to sponsor this life changing experience for young women from their church.

Who: Forty (40) Great Plains young women ages 15-22

When: May 29 – June 7, 2015

Where: Southeastern United States including, Cookson Hills, Heifer International, Upper Room in Nashville, General Board of Discipleship and Red Bird Missions.

What: Make new friends and participate in a 10-day Hands on Mission opportunity; visit National Mission Institutions, Volunteer in Mission sites & other United Methodist related agencies.

Cost: \$350/person – send \$25 with application. Applications will be posted on the Great Plains UMW webpage. Updated information will be posted as we receive it – <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/METour>

For more information:

Visit our webpage at greatplainsumc.org/METour Or **Contact:** Jalynn Nolte at metourdirector@yahoo.com



Support UMW When You Shop at Dillons

Just affiliate with F.U.M.C Women with your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card or 1-2-3 Rewards Card. Anytime you shop at Dillons and scan your card, you'll support Liberal United Methodist Women. This program started Feb. 1.

- Visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards and scroll down to sign in to your account or create one.
- Click on "Enroll Now" and enter 66354 which is our number.
- Select First United Methodist Women and click "Enroll."

Share our number 66354 with others!

Youth here is what's coming up:

March 4th Movie Night @ 6:30

March 17th Pack Van @ 5:00

March 18-21 Youth Ski Trip

March 22nd No Youth Group

March 25th Baty Deadline



We are pleased to announce our brand new website!

www.liberalfirstumc.com



Designed with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation, updated with the latest church information. We hope you will enjoy our new site. Take a look at it this week and give us your feedback.

Don't Forget Baty Scholarship Applications!

Are now posted on the church's bulletin board.

Deadline is March 25th

Children's Time Volunteers

If you have any desire to help build the faith of our children by sharing the stories of our faith please contact Tim. He will be offering a training session for all children's time volunteers. With help from a handful of volunteers we will continue the tradition of faith development in our children.

Lent Collection

During March we will be collecting food for the Care Center. Please bring non perishable items and/or foods with protein (tuna, peanut butter, etc.) to worship, or drop them off at the church or care center during the week. Thank You.



If you'd like to have something in The CHIMES,
 Deadline for April Newsletter is
 March 16th

EVERY SATURDAY

12:00 noon Kids Club

EVERY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:10 a.m. Sunday school (**Adults**)

10:00 a.m. Kids & Youth Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (KSCB Radio)

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship

Youth Group Meeting

4:30pm Middle School

6:00pm Dinner for both groups

6:30pm High School

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 3-

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 4-

6:30 p.m. Youth Movie Night

Thursday, March 5-

7:00 p.m. Trustees

Monday, March 9-

6:30 p.m. Staff Parish

Tuesday, March 10-

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Sunday, March 15-

5:00 p.m. Church Council

Monday, March 16-

Chimes Deadline

Tuesday, March 17-

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:00 p.m. Youth Pack Van

Wed. 18 - Sun. 21

Youth Ski Trip

Thursday, March 19-

6:30 p.m. Finance

Sunday, March 22-

No Youth Group

Tuesday, March 24-

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 25-

6:00 p.m. Baty Deadline

Tuesday, March 31-

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesdays at 6:30



UMW Circles

Circle 3 - March 4th (TBA)

Jean Ratzlaff

Circle 6 - March 4th @ 9:30 a.m.

Cindy Lovelace

Circle 8 - March 4th @ 7:00 p.m.

Anita Sprague



Prayer Requests: To put a prayer request on the church's prayer chain, please call Daryl Hale at



Please join the UMW ladies and make a pledge to care for God's creation as we work toward following environmentally safe practices to care for our planet.

REMEMBER!!!

Buy products with less packaging.

For Your Information

Staff cell phone numbers:

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Pastor Juan 620-655-4720

Ruth Romero 620-309-7321

Tim Trommater 517-614-9321

Join us live on

1270 KSCB 11:00a.m

Taking our worship services ANYWHERE you want to be.



Thanks for your support of this fantastic ministry!