

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

April, 2009

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Church
204 W. Brown
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Robin Percy, Pastor

**We bid you welcome
In the name of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Pray with us,
Sing with us, rejoice
with us**

**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
First Worship 10:00 a.m.**



**Ministers:
Entire Congregation
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas
Pianist
Ashley Stewart
Organist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**

Greetings In Christ!

I have received many questions about “apportionments” paid by our Church and all United Methodist Churches to Conference Offices each year. Bishop James Dorff, who presides over The Southwest Texas Conference and The Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church, has published very informative facts and statistics in this regard, which he titled: *apportionments – a portion meant for others*. The following is my edited version of many facts, regarding “apportionments”, which may be found in Bishop Dorff’s publication. If you would like a copy of this resource, please let me know.

Bishop Dorff states: “I heard somewhere that ‘the Church may well be the only organization which exists for the sake of the people who aren’t in it.’ I believe that’s true.” “The World Service and Conference Benevolences Fund is the primary mission and ministry funding of the connectional church. Approximately one half goes to the General Church to pay for national and worldwide mission. Approximately one half stays in the conference to pay for Conference Mission and Ministry. Twenty-five cents of every apportioned dollar goes to World Service and Conference Benevolences.”

“World Service and Conference Benevolences allow the Connection to stay connected. The World Service Fund supports the Agencies of the General Church whose work is devoted to accomplishing the Bishop’s 4 areas of ministry focus: Poverty, Global Health, New and Existing Congregations, Develop Christian Leadership. In the Southwest Texas Conference, the money goes to fund events like Midwinter Retreats, Summer Camps for Children and Youth, Senior Christian Retreats, and Kingdom Camps. Through the World Service and Conference Benevolences Fund, we are all doing it together.”

“Five cents of every apportioned dollar goes to New Churches; the purpose is to reach persons for Christ by providing churches where they live. The Southwest Texas Conference continues a long history of going to where the people are through new churches. We now have a goal of starting 3 new churches each year. This apportionment along with the Offering Christ Today for Tomorrow Campaign is intended to make this happen. But the apportioned funds go beyond new churches, they are also used to transform existing churches so that they are able to minister to the next generation.”

“Ten cents of every apportioned dollar goes to Higher Educational Causes. A goal of the Methodist Tradition has always been to ‘unite those two so long apart, knowledge and vital piety’ (John Wesley). Giving to higher educational causes has always been a major priority of the Methodist Tradition. The average age of pastors in our conference is in the mid 50’s. They are approaching retirement. Where will your teens go if they are thinking about entering the ministry or if they want a Christian based education? – To one of the United Methodist Colleges and Universities in Texas. There they will probably be paying for a portion of their costs with scholarship money supplied by the Texas Methodist College Association supported by this apportionment.”

I strongly encourage all parents, grand parents, and great grand parents in our Congregation to discern, who are the children in your families with the spiritual gifts for Ministry in The United Methodist Church? Pray for those children to answer God’s Call!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Robin



Prayer Concerns



Charlotte Millican,
David Parker and Family,
Nelda Weatherby,
Vicki Stevenson,
James & Pat Reavis
Mary Sue Hinyard,
Mark Owens (safety),
Peter Hald,
Jean Miller,
Pete and Sue Hemenway,
Michael Pullen,
Mary Cummings,
Donald & Bettye McLaughlin,
Patrick Francis Gates,
Dr. John Bannister,
Dr. Tobey & Natalie Yu,
Nick Stripling ,
Johnnie Thornton,
Mitchell, Johna and Matthew
Moss,
Elaine Lansford & husband
John,
Jeannette Toole,
Sharon Clawson,
(In Our Military)
Eric Booker,
Matthew Barrier,
Cory Clendennen,
Andy Smith

Please Remember to Pray
for Our Troops,
All Our Military Men & Women,
Our Nation,
and
Our Church.

Thank You Lord for the
Rain!!



Baptism of Emmerson

Emmerson Easterwood,
daughter of Shay & Brandi
Easterwood, was baptized on
March 1, 2009 during the
worship service. Also pre-
sent for the special occasion
were Shay's parents, Mr. &
Mrs. Mike Easterwood,
Brandi's mom, Karen Harris,
Uncle Billie Davis and of course her sister Addyson.



Thinking of You Will Not Meet in April



Though many of you do not personally know our daughter Corrie, we would still like to invite the FUMC congregation to celebrate with us at her wedding. If you plan to attend the reception, would you please call 372-3204 (Lesa) or 372-3120 (church) by April 20.
Sincerely, Lesa & Ronnie Schulze

TOGETHER WITH OUR PARENTS,
MR. AND MRS. RONALD SCHULZE

AND

MR. AND MRS. PHILLIP DYSON,

Corrie Jo

AND

Shane Michael

REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE

AS WE UNITE IN MARRIAGE

ON SATURDAY, THE SECOND OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND AND NINE

AT SIX-THIRTY IN THE EVENING

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

204 WEST BROWN

SAN SABA, TEXAS

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY



Ann Parker

Virginia Anne, better known as Anne, was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a lifetime member of the church having been born and raised in San Saba as well as living her adult life in San Saba. She is survived by her husband David Parker, mother Nelda Weatherby, son Allen Parker and his wife Emily, daughter Alica Harker and her husband Joseph plus 2 grandchildren.

Hats Off To.....

Shea & Brandi Easterwood and Melanie Mathis for teaching the Young Adult Sunday School Class

Bob's Sunday School Class for relocating their Sunday School Class to the balcony level for 6 weeks.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels start April 6-9 (no delivery on April 10th, Good Friday) and April 13- 17.

If you are not on our list of volunteers but would like to help, call Elsie (372-3446) or Zolly (372-3113).

Christian Music via Internet Radio

If you enjoy listening to Christian music as I do, (without listening to commercials and other seemingly continuous radio talk on many stations), you will find that KTIS radio from Saint Paul, MN, is uplifting and encouraging as you listen to Christian music and encouraging stories from our Christian brothers and sisters up north. It is rather easy to begin listening as you can go to <http://ktis.nwc.edu/page.php> and click on "listen on-line", then you can select from the listen live options depending upon whether you plan to listen from a PC or MAC computer. I just thought you might like something different in your day that is Christ centered and positive! I certainly enjoy it on a weekly basis in my office, so I thought I would pass on the information to you!



Kevin



Happy Birthday Elsie!

Elsie Millican was honored by her children Mike & Charlotte Millican, Bob & Debbie Millican and Dean & Kay Thompson and their families on her 95th birthday. Seated next to her are Thelma Millican and Anita Felts. The affair drew a large crowd.

Fifteen children & youth of the First United Methodist Church have been working each Sunday morning to prepare an Easter musical. They have memorized lines, rehearsed songs, and practiced so many times! Thank you to Bob's Class for relocating to the balcony level so that we could practice during the Sunday School hour. Please join us on Sunday, April 5th at 6pm in the fellowship hall to hear **The Easter Miracle**. Refreshments will follow.

The Youth of the First United Methodist Church Proudly Present

The Easter Miracle

Through the Eyes of the Children



Sunday, April 5th
6:00pm

The First United Methodist Church

Everyone is Invited to the

FaithWeaver Friends Dinner



Wednesday, April 15th

at 5:30pm

in the parlor at

The First United Methodist Church

FaithWeaver Friends will conclude the spring semester on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009. We've had a great semester studying New Testament characters such as Peter & Cornelius, Philip & the Ethiopian, Thomas, & Bartimaeus. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have graciously given of their time and resources to create a program for our church and community.

First Women News



Thirteen members of the UMW met Monday evening, March 9 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. Following a covered dish dinner, President Nettie Oma Carpenter called the meeting to order and welcomed Wesley Nurse Kaye Clancey.

President Carpenter read the UMW Social Creed, then asked for prayer concerns.

Following the prayer, Secretary Wahnee Stallings read the minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting which were approved as presented.

Treasurer Millie Burnham presented her report. The beginning balance was \$313.46, receipts were \$732.50 and disbursements were 272.50, leaving a balance of \$773.46.

Nettie Oma reported that stamps are still being collected for school children, and she noted that three ladies had attended the Marble Falls training session. It was agreed that the summer vacation will be in June instead of July, and Shephardess Susan Garner will be asked to present the July program. The ladies voted to bring school supplies to the July meeting for the beginning of school in August. It was also agreed to ask Georgia Harris to speak at the Harvest Day Dinner in August.

Wesley Nurse Kaye Clancey explained the programs that are being planned and asked for the ladies to help with these programs.

Zollie Jones then presented the program, opening with a prayer. Carol Littlefield read the scripture and several of the ladies present read stories of people whose lives were changed by Methodist programs.

Questions regarding this Lenten season, helping Kaye Clancey with her program and tutoring school kids were discussed.

Wahnee Stallings, Secretary

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Kerrville District United Methodist Day Apart will be held April 18, 2009 at Hondo United Methodist Church. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are due by Wednesday, April 15, and lunch will be \$7.50. Please make payment for lunch to you unit treasurer. Lunch reservations received AFTER deadline will be \$10.00. Advise if child care is needed.

Our Church Family

We have some celebrities in our church family. Of course, we already knew we have some outstanding people as members of our church family. Kelly Reavis, daughter of David and Barbara Gilger was named outstanding secretary at the recent banquet sponsored by the City of San Saba. Gloria Mendelio was named outstanding maintenance person for the high school. Kim Kirk was named outstanding volunteer. Owen Parks was named the outstanding volunteer for the San Saba Economic Development Board. Wow! Lee & Kelly Murray were attending the banquet. They have moved to San Saba. You will see Lee's shining face at City National Bank and Kelly is working at Hill Country Community Action. It is nice to have them worshipping more often with us. Harper Stewart is another celebrity. He made the front page of the San Saba News & Star when he was named San Saba High School Principal. He will assume his duties on July 1st of this year. Harper and Ashley are looking forward to having the same spring break next year. Ashley Stewart took daughters Faith and Grace to Abilene for a visit with her mom during spring break. Harper took Grace and visited his family during the Llano ISD' spring break. Spring break brings some visitors to our worship service and let us catch up with how our college students are doing. Travis Hawkins was home from Kingsville and Texas A&M-Kingsville. He found time to work cattle, fish and hunt. Amy Fry was in from Sul Ross and enjoyed a visit with her mom and sisters. Lindsey Pugh brought her grandmother Billie Stone, Aunt Susan and cousin Samantha with her for a visit with the Mike Thomas' family. If you weren't careful you didn't see Katie McEwin. She slipped home from college to visit her parents Mark & Cathy McEwin and slipped right back out of town. Jess McDowell who is attending UTA in Arlington also visited with his parents. Derek Sears made it in to see dad Del and sister Nicole. Cristy Thornton is traveling more for her job again. Her son, Jackson is certainly growing and really crawling. Barrett & Barbara Renfro were in from Austin to their place in Richland Springs. Barrett will be retiring in June. They will still be spending time in Austin with their children and grandchildren. Spring break found Monica and Kevin Shahan camping at the family's place in Pecan Grove. Grandparents Debbie & Bob Millican enjoyed eating supper several nights with the family. David Parker enjoyed a visit with his sister and her husband. Did you notice that shining new face in the choir? It was Hollee Ragsdale and she looked like she had sung with them for 10 years. Loise Cook has been out of town several week-ends visiting her parents in Katy and to Dallas to see the kids. Mindy Cantu and Lesa Schultze are, I's sure, knee deep in wedding activities for Corrie Schulze. A wedding shower is being held March 28th in the home of Linda Parks. Ann & Don McRoy had their grandchildren with them one Sunday at church. Richard Waldie participated in an archery competition in Fredericksburg the 3rd week-end of the month. Klela enjoyed going with him and probably doing a little shopping while he participates in the competition. Klela has really been working on her garden and has 17 rose bushes from the Rose Emporium to plant. Elsie Millican's birthday certainly helped our attendance one Sunday. Maybe you should have birthday's more often, Elsie. Kelly Thompson, Kim Thompson & husband Jessie, Beth & Mike Grimes, Nicole, Darren & Elise Grant, (Darren & Elise missed the party as Elise was under the weather), Mike, Charlotte & Jill Millican. What a group! Tracey Thomas attended the advanced lay speaker school recently. We missed you but are glad you had a great time and came home with lots of knowledge to use. Mike Thomas, Melanie Mathis and Daniel Smith also attended a multi-media workshop. The Thomas' detoured by San Antonio to spend the rest of the week-end with Josh, Megan & Avery Thomas. Have you noticed how great the power-point presentations are? Melanie Mathis is certainly doing a great job. Thanks, Melanie for finding time to do that for us. Josh Thomas came one day to San Saba to visit with his parents and purchase some equipment for his job. Cherry Kay Lange is off on a 12 day vacation to South America with her sister Dorothy and cousin Gayle. Argentina, Brazil and the Panama Canal are some of the sights she will be seeing on this trip. David & Barbara Gilger are busy keeping up with the grandkids. Johna is on the San Saba High School track team. She placed 3rd recently in the hurdles. And then there are Morgan Gilger's rodeos. Charlotte & Mike Millican are also involved with a wedding. It is Charlotte's grandson Tyler who is marrying Kari Lindsey.

From Your Endowment Committee

Estate Planning is for *Everyone*. Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship - saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others



New Banners

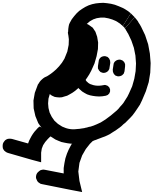
These two banners were recently put up in the sanctuary. The banners were purchased and donated by Barrett & Barbara Renfro.

Thanks also to Richard Waldie for hanging them. They certainly make a nice addition to our church.

From the Kitchen of..... Bettye McLaughlin

Hummus

- 1 15-16 oz. Can black beans, rinsed and drained well
- 1 15-16 oz. Can garbanzo beans, (chickpeas) drained well (reserve 1/2 cup of the liquid)
- 1 Tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/3 cup Tahini (sesame seed paste)*
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon or lime juice
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil



Combine drained beans with other ingredients in a food processor, adding enough garbanzo bean liquid to th mixture to consistency of thick mayonnaise. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Can be prepared two or three days ahead. Cover and refrigerate.

Serve with pita chips or toasted French bread as an appetizer or serve on Olive Oil Rosemary Trisketts. Can be also used as a sandwich spread. Fill a pita pocket for a quick lunch.

*purchase at Whole Foods.



Happy
Birthday
Pastor
Robin
April 6th

Holy Week Schedule

- April 6, 7, 8** Holy Week services at 1st Presbyterian Church at 12 Noon,
- April 9th** Maundy Thursday Service FUMC 7 pm
- April 10th** Good Friday Service FUMC 7 p.m.
- April 12th** Bring Fresh Flowers for the Flower Cross
- April 12th** Sunrise Service at the Gilger's at 6:45
Breakfast served. Please bring your lawn chairs.