



April 2013

Monthly Newsletter of First United
Methodist Church of Bridgeport

Methodist Connection

The Pastor's Pen: *The Bridge*

For a number of months some of us have been discussing some changes in our second service and we have implemented a few minor changes. Now we are ready to make a major change and it will all begin on Sunday, April 14th.

First, we are changing the name to reflect that we are doing something new. So, I introduce you to "The Bridge." Why "The Bridge?" We chose the name because we want the service to be a bridge to connect the living God, to connect with one another in the love of Christ, and to prepare us to connect to the community in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The service will be less formal and more inviting to people that are unchurched. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, which will give us maximum flexibility in the setup and the content and the use of visual images. We will be able to use the TV to project songs, scriptures, images and illustrations. We will have lots of music with the volume set appropriately for the room, prayer and a relevant message. We will minimize things like announcements, the children's message and the doxology.

Our order may change from time to time according to the season, the theme for the day and the feedback from attendees. I hope you will give this serve a try and remember to invite your friends who are unchurched and especially young families to this service.

Please be praying for both of our services. The reason for having two distinct services is to give people a choice of style and music. I am still convinced that we can reach more people when we have options than if we only had one service.

See you Sunday in the place where God is reaching out to us!

Yours in Christ,

Bro. David (home: 940-683-1724; davidrucker@fumcbridgeport.org)

Mark Your Calendar

4.14

Kids Movie Night

5.15

Last Wednesday night for Kids

5.15

Last Wednesday nigh Dinner

6.17

JR High Mission Trip

6.23

SR High Mission Trip

6.23

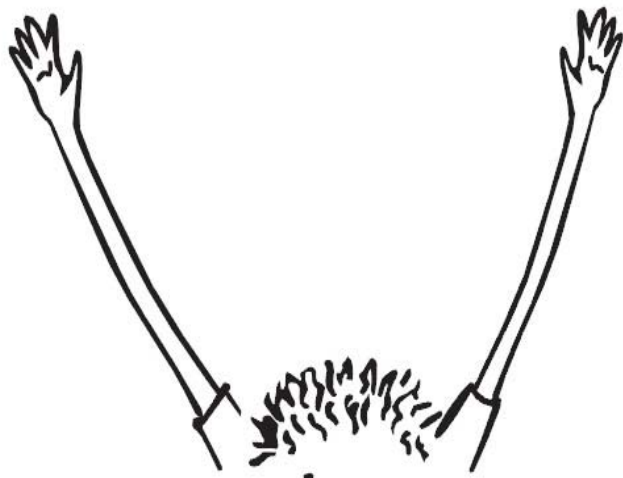
JR High Camp

7.1

SR High Camp

7.29-8.2

VBS



**Bridgeport
Gives Back**

May 15-19

Stay tuned for ways
you can be involved.



**Food
Pantry**

Needs: Canned fruits,
Pancake mix, syrup,
Tuna Helper, Cereal,
Peanut Butter & Jelly,
canned soups, chili, canned stew, rice &
beans

Family's Helping Together

**Missionary
Special Needs**



Crafty Ladies

Don't forget ladies we will meet
Monday April 15th at 10 am.

We will be making craft projects to be
delivered to the Nursing & Assisted living facilities

Costa Rica Coffee Sales to help with Costa Rica Mission Trip.

The Costa Rica mission team will be selling Costa Rican coffee to raise money for (VBS, Construction, etc) supplies to be used on the mission trip July 12-22. All supplies are bought in Costa Rica. This allows us to support the local economy and we do not have to worry about shipping supplies there.



Anniversaries

4/04 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tackel
4/09 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Blalock
4/15 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Penney
4/16 Mr. & Mrs. Wes Russell
4/16 Mr. & Mrs. Andy Townes
4/17 Mr. & Mrs. Corey Cowling
4/21 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Tackel
4/26 Mr. & Mrs. Taylor German

Thank you to all who offered prayers & support during Eddie's recent surgery. I am sure it is because of your help his bypass was such a success. It its nothing short of God's work that would make it possible for a triple bypass on Tuesday afternoon and being well enough to go home on Saturday!

Our thanks to all,
Eddie & Rhonda

BIRTHDAYS

4/04 Keith Ivie	4/16 Polly Huddleston
4/05 Lynda Bridwell	4/17 Gene Schulte
4/06 Sherri Jones	4/17 Ann Nimmo
4/07 Bunny Perry	4/17 Gaylord Kennedy
4/07 Beverly Crisp	4/21 Paulanna Watson
4/07 Patty Cook	4/21 Shellie Read
4/07 Sara Green	4/21 Paulanna Watson
4/07 Heather Hudson	4/22 Embry Hines
4/09 Bill Johnson	4/22 Doyle Bryant
4/09 Delaney Ingram	4/24 Pat Trail
4/10 Jeremy Richey	4/27 Alyssa Casper
4/11 Camille Rucker	4/28 Billie Horne
4/11 Jared Sturdivant	4/28 Dylan Benham
4/14 Bob Henderson	4/29 Taylor Russell
4/15 Patricia Young	4/30 Marti Hines

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In Memory of:

Roy Dick

Don Silver

Given By:

Doug & Lynda Bridwell

Deanna Dimmitt

Floyd & Carol Colbert

Tom & Yvonne Messer

The Wesley Class

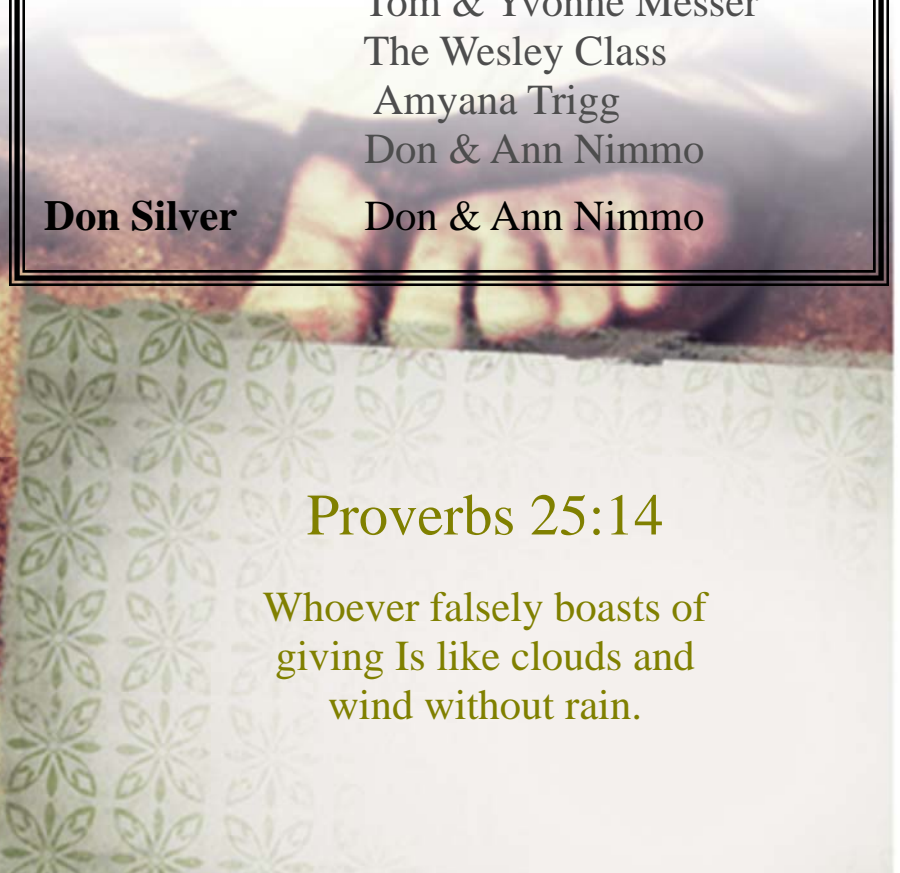
Amyana Trigg

Don & Ann Nimmo

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Proverbs 25:14

**Whoever falsely boasts of giving
Is like clouds and
wind without rain.**



COMING SUMMER 2013

Babylon

Daniel's Courage in Captivity™



Calling all kids!!

Join us April 14th 3-5 pm for
FUMC Kids movie night

Bring your pillows and blankets and lets
snuggle up with some popcorn and candy
to watch "The Rise of the Guardian's"
Invite your friends and let's have some
fun!



Bible Quest medal winners:
Noah Taft & Landon Davenport
Congratulations!

*Thank you so much for all the
donations that helped make our
Easter Egg hunt a success!*

*Brittany Whitehead
Children's Director*



Youth Schedule

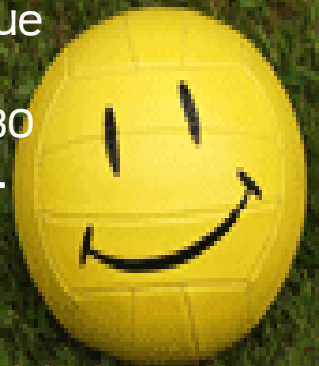
April 7th 6pm Youth Bible Studies

- Girls @ Rachel's
- Guy's @ Church

April 21st Cowboy Stadium Tour
Leave church @ noon

\$32 per person includes food
April 21st RSVP cards are due
for Sr. Banquet

April 24th Sr. meeting @ 6:30
and Senior photos are due.



Youth