



Connect with God, Deepen in Love, Serve Others | February 2012
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Methodist Connection

From the Pastor's Pen:

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesdays
5-7pm Financial Peace University
6pm
A New Bible Study

Feb 12th
Scout Sunday-Cross and Flame dedication

Feb 16th
Will You Be My Neighbor? Training 6pm

Will You Be My Neighbor?...Part 2

First, let me say, "Thank You!" for your faithful giving in 2011. We finished the year well and were able to give 10% of our balance for the year toward Second Mile giving for apportionments. Apportionments, for those who don't know, are the monies we pay to the district, annual conference, jurisdictional conference and general conference to support our various ministries as a connected church. We are able to do much more together than any single church could do alone. Here is what our district superintendent had to say,

"Thanks also to those that made District Second Mile contributions. Because these 18 churches were willing and able to contribute to help the 2 churches in the district that fell short, we as a district were able to continue our long tradition of 100% payment. I am sincerely grateful for your pride and determination in seeing that our district paid out in full!"

Second, I am pleased to report that we have more than 25 signed up for Financial Peace University. That is a great response for the first time it is offered here. It has resulted in the Trustees making a decision to move more

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Will You Be My Neighbor? Continued ...

quickly than they had planned to get a TV set up in the Fellowship Hall for large events. We hope to wire our internal TV set up to include this location as well as the Nursery so that we can have a space for those occasions when we have an overflow in the sanctuary. I say, "Thank you!" to those who have already made a special donation to help pay for it. If you would like to make a special contribution, please mark your gifts for "TV."

Finally, I want to say a few more words about our "Will you be my neighbor?" program. The first phase, the trial run, will launch the week of Ash Wednesday, February 22, and run to Easter Sunday. Here is what you need to know:

1. We hope most of the groups will meet in homes to make it convenient for people to attend close to their own home, so we are looking for some volunteers to host it.

2. Each group will need a designated leader which we are calling the "facilitator," so we are looking for these volunteers as well. We will provide training for both hosts and facilitators.

3. We hope the groups will be intergenerational so that youth and children can be a part of the same group with adults of all ages. I am convinced we need this kind of interaction in order to grow healthy Christians.

4. The trial run will last six weeks and we will have a suggested plan for what each group will do so that initially we are all trying the same things. Then at the end everyone will have a chance to evaluate what we have done. In the second phase, each group will have more flexibility to shape how often they meet and how they spend their time so that the groups meet the needs of everyone. Of course we will still have some common goals, but every group will not be identical.

If you have not had an opportunity to sign up to be in a group at a worship service, please call Tamara in the church office and add your name to the list. We need to have all of our groups identified by Sunday the 19th. Thanks for your help in making this happen and please sign up sooner rather than later!

See you Sunday in the place where God is renewing us daily!

Yours in Christ,

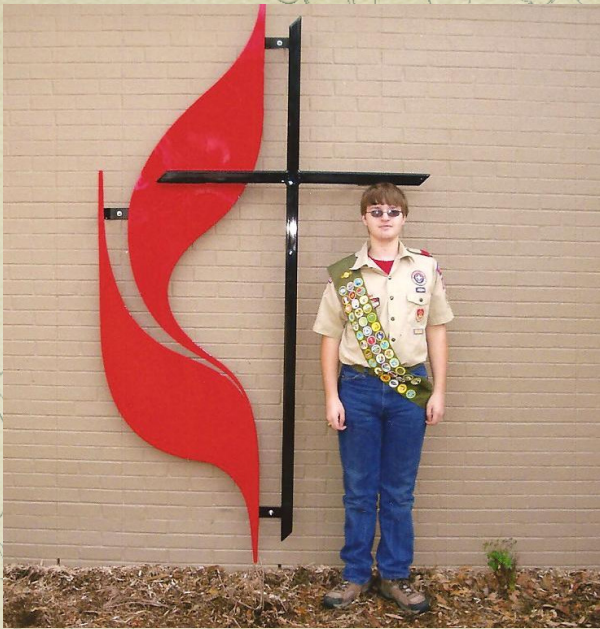
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Deuteronomy 6:5-6

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart." Amen.

Scout Sunday

We will celebrate Scout Sunday with Nicholas Blevins and Troop 194 on Sunday, February 12th. Please join us to show our appreciation and dedication for the cross and flame immediately following the early service.



Congratulations!

Katie Hudson received a ribbon at the Ft. Worth Stock Show for her artwork in her age division! Way to go Katie!!



Birthdays

- 2/5 Donald Penney
JR Moody
John Mauk
- 2/6 Betty Lamkin
Jane Larrow
- 2/8 Jenny Ingram
- 2/9 Brad Laxson
Jessica Bridges
- 2/10 Pauline Long
- 2/11 Stevie Johnson
Jonathan Wood
Clair Davenport
- 2/13 Sue Shawn
Corey Ingram
- 2/14 Peggy Bryant
Kelly Myers
- 2/15 Brenda Kennedy
- 2/16 Connor Hurd
- 2/18 Lillian Farmer
- 2/20 April Cowling
- 2/21 Christie Lambert
- 2/22 Ashley Ingram
- 2/24 Betty Anderson
- 2/25 Catherine Young
- 2/27 Danny Meyer
Mike Hutto
Kirby Russell
- 2/28 Bob Cantrell
Mike Hurd

Anniversaries

- 2/12 Mr/Mrs Doug Younger
- 2/14 Mr/Mrs Ted Miller
- 2/16 Mr/Mrs Doug Bridwell
- 2/18 Mr/Mrs Robert Higgins
- 2/19 Mr/Mrs Carl Russell
- 2/23 Mr/Mrs Don Silver

Memorials

For
Sue Smith

Given By
Don and Ann Nimmo

James Hudson

Nelda Adams-Flippin
Sharon Read

Dorothy Schiffler

Doug and Lynda Bridwell

FUMCB youth ministry



Have faith. Show love. Embrace hope.

A Special Word...

Thank you to ALL the youth, adults, and friends who have been working so hard to make the transformation of our youth room look AMAZING! The youth room is painted, the floors are re-done and our group even has a new youth mission statement and logo (above). We are a united group ready to truly make disci-

Mission Trip

Word is getting out about our amazing mission trip opportunity to Perryville, AR this year! There will be flyers and info posted on the back bulletin board near the youth room, as well as sign up deadlines. Please keep that in mind!

Dinner & Auction

We will be doing a dinner and auction on Saturday MARCH 4, 2012 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go towards our youth mission trip. Tickets will be \$10 a person More info to come in your Sunday school classes and at church! (Childcare will be provided)

**If you have any items or connections to items for silent or our live auction please contact Samanthawatson@fumcbridgeport.org

CAMP!

Early Registration for SUMMER CAMP at Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center is happening still!
Junior High: June 18-23rd (JH1)- Samantha Directing
Senior High: July 2-7th (SH)
SIGN UP TODAY!



Sunday School

The children's classes joined Mrs. Marti and Mrs. Tammy to put together this wonderful Ark. They did a fantastic job!! It is located in the K & 1st Sunday School room, so come and take a peek.



Children's Camp

This year the Children's Camp will be held beginning July 17th ending July 21st. If you'd like to register, you can sign up online at www.bridgeportcamp.com
Early Bird Rates Still Apply!!



Mission Possible Kids is a missions-based children's program we've joined up with for K-5th grades on Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 pm. Our first "official" mission was February 1st, and we made blankets for Project Linus. The kids, 11 total with one youth helper, made 10 blankets to be donated to the local chapter of Project Linus! Way to go agents!! www.projectlinus.org

Top Secret details of the next mission are on their way!





Zumba classes are forming!! If you'd like to get together and get toned, lose some weight, and just have fun, please call Tammy McGuire at 577-1170. The planning is beginning on the times—the place will be at the church in the Fellowship Hall. Come be a part of the fun!!



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