



# Methodist

Connection

Open Hearts,  
Open Doors,  
Open Minds



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## From the Pastor's Pen

### Celebrating Veteran's Day

Every few years November 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday. When it does I like to use the opportunity to make it a special day for the church. I think it is important for the church to be intentionally grateful and prayerful for our country and for those who have fought to give us our freedoms.

Paul wrote to the Romans: "Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God." **Romans 13:1 (NLT)** He also wrote to Timothy: "<sup>1</sup>I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. <sup>2</sup>Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is good and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." **1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NLT)**

These verses and others like



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them indicate that we ought not only to pray but to honor those in authority. It follows, then, that we should do the same for those who preserve our freedoms. So this is my primary reason for wanting to make our worship time on Nov. 11 a time of honoring our veterans.

The second reason is a bit more practical. I know that many of the people who come to worship will not take time to participate in a Veterans Day celebration and we all need to be reminded of what they have done for us.

So this is an invitation to all veterans in our church and to those who have a veteran in their family. We would like to put together a slide show of your service pictures and memorabilia. During the rest of October, if you could bring them to the office for Tamara to scan or take a picture, then we can organize a slide show for the 11<sup>th</sup>. We especially want to include all of our members, but we'd love to include your extended family as well. Then during the week prior to the 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting items that you are willing to loan in order to set up some displays that indicate how and where you have served. So if you have memorabilia, shadow boxes, special flags, etc. we would love for you to share them so we could have them on display Sunday morning.

See you Sunday in the place where God's grace is abundant!

Yours in Christ,

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## Church Conference

This year our Church Conference is set for 6 pm on Thursday, November 8. That is the day after our Thanksgiving Dinner, so it is a busy time for all of us. This meeting is our annual meeting to set our budget for next year, elect our leadership for next year, and talk about our accomplishments this year and our goals for next year. Every full member of the church is welcome and has both a voice and vote at the Conference. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

# October Happenings

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thanksgiving Tickets On Sale
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter in Our Parking Lot
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Laity Sunday
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Promise in Glen Rose
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Children's Sabbath
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and Cobbler after the game
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mary McKnight Escobar-Missionary to Paraguay
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	FUMC Trunk or Treat

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# TRUNK or Treat



**OCTOBER 31st 5pm –7pm**

First United Methodist Church of  
Bridgeport hosting a Community  
Trunk or Treat

*At Bridgeport Middle School  
Parking Lot.*



**Trick or Treating**

**FACE PAINT**

**GAMES**

**CAKE WALK**

**HAY RIDE**

**BOUNCE HOUSE**






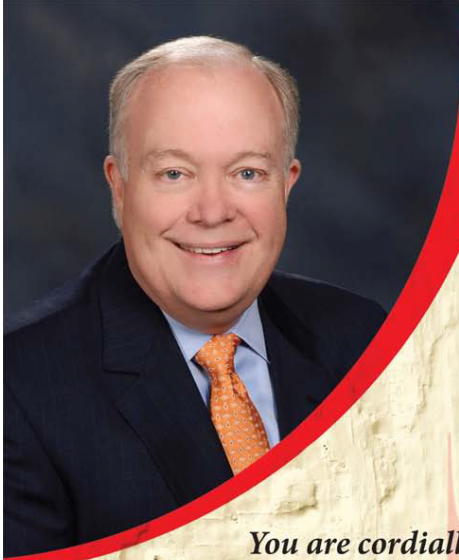
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### *Coffee and Cobbler*

*This year's celebration will be held after the Decatur home game. Come join us for this wonderful Salvation Army fundraiser! All proceeds go directly to the Wise County Salvation Army unit housed here in our church.*


## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

If you would like to sign up to ring the bell for this year's Salvation Army season, please call Brenda Kennedy or call Community Bank for more information on dates, times, and locations. This money comes back to the Wise County Unit housed at FUMC Bridgeport.



*You are cordially invited to attend  
A SERVICE WELCOMING  
Bishop Mike McKee  
TO THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE  
Sunday, October 28, 2012*

**University Park United Methodist Church**  
Service: 4-5 p.m., Sanctuary  
Reception for Joan and Bishop McKee:  
5-6 p.m., Activity Center

University Park  4024 Caruth Blvd. | Dallas, Texas, 75225  
www.upumc.org | 214-368-1435

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# Thanksgiving Dinner Tickets

Thanksgiving Dinner tickets are on sale and for pickup in the church office. This year the dinner will be on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Hurry in and get yours!

## Thank You Anniversaries

My sisters and brothers in Christ, Simple words cannot begin to tell you how much your calls, cards, visits, and other expressions of caring and concern have meant to us these past weeks. Gene is now at Sunrise Senior Living Center in Ft. Worth. I am at home from Stagecoach Rehab Center continuing to recover from my fall. It may not sound like much but – Thank You! Each and every one for all you have done for us. God Bless You!  
Nelda Adams

I just wanted to say thank you for the zipper binders. When I give them to the students they get very excited. I really appreciate the love you show by supporting the school and helping to meet the needs of our students. What a wonderful way of letting God's light shine in our community. Thanks again,  
Mindy Markum and the Bridgeport Intermediate Staff

10/04 Mr/Mrs Adney Stowe  
10/12 Mr/Mrs Marcus Lambert  
10/13 Mr/Mrs Gene Larrow  
10/15 Mr/Mrs Chip Wood  
10/20 Mr/Mrs David Bailey

## Memorial

Of Dene Boggs Given By Mike and Martine Simpson

### John 6:33-35

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

## Birthdays

10/02 Steve Sturdivant  
Jake Simmons  
10/03 Mike Simpson  
Steve Mauk  
William Myers  
10/04 Brody Brogan  
10/05 Bill Reynolds  
Rita Benham  
Corey Cowling  
Chris Hill  
10/09 Bob Carpenter  
Andrew Hill  
10/10 Jaime Sturdivant  
Daniel Selz  
10/11 Parker Eaton  
Kaitlyn Eaton

10/13 Ray Tebbets  
Peggy Kenyon  
10/14 Darla Hartsell  
Loretta Waynauskas  
Cole Shawn  
10/15 Erik Swensson  
Kristy Green  
Jim Hotchkin  
Alex Kline  
10/16 Dianne Younger  
Sandi George  
Donald Johnson  
10/17 Jessie Womack  
Haley Webb  
10/18 Robert Rutledge

10/20 Cody Weirich  
10/22 D'Anna Garrett  
10/24 Landon Davenport  
10/27 Colin Jones  
10/29 Betty Tackel  
Deanna Dimmitt  
10/30 Edie McDonald  
Tamara Cooper  
10/31 Terry Ivie