



Methodist *Connection*

First United Methodist Church
September 2013

Calendar *of Events*

Midweek Activities
Resume
9.4

No Chancel Choir
9.4

Tues. Morning
Bible Study
9.13

Laity Sunday
9.22

Crafty Christians
9.30

From the Pastor's Pen - "The Bridge is Back"

After a long summer break I'm pleased to announce that our 11 o'clock service will begin again on September 8th. We will meet in the Sanctuary and we will feature a more blended style of music. So, I hope that those of you who have been inconvenienced by the absence of this service will plan to start back with us on the 8th and invite your friends as well. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a great crowd as we start this service again. I am grateful to our staff leader, Josh McDaniel, and our volunteer music team, Carolyn McComis, Doug Bridwell, and Kipp Boales, for their leadership in this service.

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Wednesday Night Schedule begins again!

On Wednesday, September 4th our full Wednesday schedule will be up and running for the fall, even though parts of it are already on the schedule. The schedule will be as follows:

- 3:30-5 pm Children's Activities
- 5-7 pm Meal available for everyone, donations appreciated!
- 5:45-6:45 pm Bible Study led by Pam Worlow
- 6-7 pm Hand Bells practice
- 6-8 pm Youth Fellowship
- 7-8 pm Chancel Choir (they will be off of the 4th as Andy is out of town)
- 8-9 pm Praise Team

We are hoping to again use volunteers to prepare the meals on Wednesday, with the cost reimbursed by the church. Camille and I are planning to prepare the first one. You or you and your friends are invited to volunteer for a week or more sometime during the fall. Please contact the church office to reserve your date(s).

Lay Leadership Committee begins its work for 2014

During September and early October, the Lay Leadership Committee will be working to line up our leadership for 2014. If there is an area of service or leadership in which you would really like to serve, please give me a call and we will work to balance all of our needs with your gifts, talents and passions. If you receive a call from one of these team members, please give them your prayerful attention to discern if God is really calling you to serve in a particular way. The church does its best when the right people are serving in the right places.

See you Sunday in the place where God uses people of all ages to accomplish his purposes!

Yours in Christ,

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

* Anniversaries*

9/02 Mr./Mrs Don Petty

9/04 Mr./Mrs Kevin Lopez

9/15 Mr./Mrs Billy Brewer

9/19 Dr./Dr Dan Selz

9/22 Mr./Mrs John Fostel

9/23 Mr./Mrs Bob Kenyon

9/25 Mr./Mrs Bob Beneke

Birthdays of the Month

9/01 Carolyn McComis	9/18 Trey Cook
Kieron Diffenderfer	Megan Sturdivant
9/04 Martine Simpson	9/19 Harlan Bridwell
9/05 Danny Hartsell	Doug Bridwell
Becca Hurd	9/19 Mike McDonald
9/06 Nyree Shawn	Dawn Swensson
9/07 Carlos Mann	Erby Higgins
Billy Eaton	9/22 Morgan Cooper
9/08 Virginia Wood	9/23 Judy Peyton
Jerry Kennedy	9/26 Floyd Colbert
9/14 Delma Brookshire	9/27 Reba Boase
Brandon McComis	9/29 John Fostel
9/16 Zelda Colburn	Nelda Webb
9/17 Peggy Kronenberger	9/30 Donna Meyer



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Sunday October 20, 2013

Decatur Civic Center-

2010 W. US 380-Decatur

6:30-9:30

**Tickets:\$10.00on sale now at Mar-
ket Place Stores in Alvord, Boyd,
Chico, Bridgeport, Decatur**



Our Sincere Appreciation

First United Methodist Church of Bridgeport,

Thank you for hosting us! We really appreciate all that you did for our youth. They had a wonderful experience here.

God Bless,

U.M. Army 2013

*"From the fullness of His grace We have
all received one blessing after another."*

John 1:16

Missions Report



A New Habitat Home for the Schmerber Family

Ms. Schmerber has worked at Wal-Mart as a Pharmacy Technician for over four years. The Schmerber Family, Trinity Habitat for Humanity, along with Wise County sponsors and volunteers will build in partnership with our Build A Home homeownership program in November of 2013.

Our church, FUMC Bridgeport has pledged \$3000.00 toward this build. We will be looking to put together a team one Saturday in November.

To donate to this cause please put Habitat house in the memo line of your check and drop in the offering plate.

A Word of Thanks

The Costa Rica Mission team would like to thank the many kitchen angels who took hams out of the oven, cut up brisket, put out the food and ice for our church family potluck this Mission Sunday. Also, to those loving servants that helped clean up, put away food, did dishes and got the kitchen ready for the next event.

Each of you said "YES" to Community and "YES" to Serve!

We love you!

Denise, Shelley, Carolyn, Vonne and Pam

UMW

United Methodist Women Books that will be reviewed 2013-2014 for the Book Club by our UMW

Come join us for informative reviews and discussions. Time and Dates to follow.

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| October | I Am a Hutterite
by Mary Ann Kirkby |
| Nov. | Laugh Your Way to Grace
by Rev. Susan Sparks |
| Feb. | Plain Wisdom
by Cindy Woodsmall &
Miriam Flaud |
| March | This Will Be Remembered
of Her
by Megan McKenna |
| April | The Death of Josseline
by Margret Regan |

Tues. Morning Bible Study

Join us the 3rd Tues. of each month starting Sept. 13th @ 9:30 at the FUMC Bridgeport. We will be starting with Max Lucado's book "Out Live Your Life"