

September 2014

Methodist Connection

Monthly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church



From the Pastor's Pen

Upcoming Events

9.07

Costa Rica Report

9.14

Youth Day @ Camp

9.18

Ad Council 6pm

9.21

UMW Sunday

9.29

Crafty Christians 10am

Serve Meeting 6:30 pm

“What’s in a Name”

We all like to be known by name. One of the easiest ways to endear yourself to someone is remember their name. Your name means a lot and it is pleasant to hear it or see it in lights. Usually if you walk up to a person and introduce yourself by name they will respond with offering their own name. This is why we wear our nametags in church.

You may think your nametag is not needed because “everybody knows you”. As true as that might be, the nametag still says your are open to new folks and that you want to know them and be known by them. So even if most people really do know you, wearing the name tag still makes a statement! Our guests have a much better experience of welcome if we learn their names and they see that we want to be known.

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“From the Pastor’s Pen” cont.

As a congregation, our summer worship attendance has been scattered with many different faces each Sunday. You were thoughtful to wear your nametags my first couple of Sundays and then many of stopped wearing them! But I invite you to wear them every Sunday. Your face and your name are important to God and to me as your pastor! And to our guest!

Now that fall has arrived and school has started, I invite you to make worship a part of your weekly routine--every week! Your presence matters and your name matters. Bring them both to worship!

(If your nametag has been lost we can make you a new one! Email the church office at fumcbridgeport@fumcbridgeport.org or call 940-683-2780)



Bill & I both appreciate the visits and care that you shared with us recently. The afghan is beautiful and will be a welcome comfort this fall & winter. Thank you for continually praying for us, we feel the comfort from the daily.

Love Bill & Linda Smith

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, and the lovely card.

Gene is progressing each day. The prayers and the therapy are doing well.

Thanks again for your support,
Gene & Billie Suggs

Dear Methodist family,

Oh how I wish I could was still able to be of assistance to you.

I especially want to hear Sam Caldwell tell us to know God and find the way God wants us to go. We are very fortunate to have Sam as our leader. Take good care of him.

You are not alone God is with us,
Virginia Silver





Wednesday Youth SCHEDULE

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Jr High Youth @ Church

6:30-8 p.m.

Sr. High @ the Stower's

Youth and Family at Camp

Sunday afternoon
September 14, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
at **Bridgeport Conference Center**

4:00 options: Pool Time, Volleyball,
and Geo-Caching!

6:00 Dinner and Worship led by
Youth and Pastor

Free! BRING FRIENDS!

FUMC KIDZ

Wednesday Afternoon Program

Has started 3:30-5:00

Come join the Fun!

And bring a Friend!



Costa Rica Mission Report



Join us Sunday Sept. 7th at our 8:45 or 11:00 worship times for an inspirational and informative service as Denise Bailey, Rick and Vonne Walton share with you their experiences from Costa Rica.

FUMC UMW NEWS

September 13th will be The UMW Northwest District Meeting in Van Alstyne TX. It is opened to all women who are UMW members or who plan on joining. Please contact Dianne Radcliffe at 575-2785 if you plan on going.

The next UMW Board Meeting will be September 17th at 4:30

Our first book review for the year will be on September 17th On This Spirit Walk by Henrietta Mann And Anita Phillips the review will be given by Virginia Dick at 5:15 pm. More book review selections will be announce latter. Come join us for great book reviews. Women as well as men are invited to the book review if they are interested.

September 21st will be UMW Sunday with UMW members taking part as greeters, ushers, and an officer will be giving a brief explanation of what our local UMW Unit does.

October 5th will be a special meeting for all women of the church . It will be at the church at 2:00 pm all women are invited. Watch the Sunday bulletins in late September for more information.

Beginning in November on the third Tuesday of each of month we will have bible study at 9:30. This is a continuation from our spring study entitled: A Hopeful Earth, by Sally Dyke & Sarah Ehrman.