

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Josephine McCain

Jean Humphrey – M&M
Bobbie Harkrider – M&M
David & Luanne Brotherton – Parlor
Beacon Sunday School Class – Helping Hands
Jim & Sue Stanley – M&M
Dennis & Bertie Townsend – M&M
Johnny & Carol Scott – Helping Hands
Vicki Howard – General Budget
Carol Osmun – Helping Hands

In Memory of Bennie Williams

By Patricia Wommack

In Memory of Bo Irvin

By L.L. Irvin



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From the Pastor's desk...

As I write this, January is coming to a close and February is just around the corner. This is a leap year so we will have 29 days in February this year. We have already had some wonderful things happen in our church this year. The UMW has already had two wonderful programs. I have started another Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University and we have 5 families attending. Several of them are not members of this church, which shows me what an outreach this ministry is, not only to our church, but to the community as well. I have also started a confirmation class. This class is not just for our youth. This class would be great for anyone wanting to learn more about the United Methodist church. If you know anyone who would like to attend or if you would like to learn more please let me know. Twelve members of the church attended a fund raiser for the Wesley Fellowship at the Whatley Center at NTCC. We saw Thomas Pandolfi in a program called "Into the Night with Gershwin." He has what I call kiddingly an unequal distribution of talent. Not only is he a phenomenal pianist, he played the whole program by memory! I enjoyed the whole program but especially loved hearing Rhapsody in Blue and also his encore piece Music of the Night from Phantom of the Opera. January has a 5th Sunday so there will be a covered dish luncheon after worship. As I said, there has been a lot going on this month.

February looks to be busy as well. The Ordinary Men have talked about a dinner event this month. The UMW will have 2 meetings this month. Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd and we will have an Ash Wednesday service that evening. We will begin the Lenten meals on the following Wednesday, February 29th. I am considering having a Lenten Bible study but I need your input. Please let me know first of all, IF you would like a Bible study. If you would, then when would you like it to be – during the day or in the evening? Now I need for you to know that this would be a Bible study where you would have to do some reading of the Bible and come prepared for discussion. This will not be a Bible study where I lecture the whole time. I have found that participants learn more when they actually participate in the class. If we have a Bible Study it will probably begin around the beginning of Lent.

I want to remind you that if there is any service or event to which you would like a ride, please let us know. We have several of the members who have offered to go and pick up anyone who needs a ride. If you want to come to Sunday evening service but don't want to drive after dark, please call the church office or tell me and we will have someone come and get you. There is a lot happening here at the "Friendliest Church in Daingerfield" and we want you to be a part of it. I look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday. Please invite someone to come with you.

Your Pastor and your friend,

Pastor Dan



Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 p.m.

Lenten Meals

Wednesday evenings
February 29 – March 28
6:00 p.m.

CHURCH NEWS

We are thankful for our visitors who worshipped with us last month: Makenzie Manes, Jim & Anell Crews, Ryan Norsworthy, Juan & Krystal Zangora, Joey Tolbert and our dear friends Madison, Mason & Christi McCaffity, Whitney Camp, Dwyatt & Ginger Bell, LaCresia Qualls Tolbert, and visits from long distance members Miles, Caden & Manda Richardson, Penny, Bree & Alex DeFrank and our once homebound member Bob Ramsey. We were blessed by your presence. Come back soon.

At the Church Council meeting held in the month of January, the Council reviewed the normal end of year reports and discussed in length what action should be taken regarding our Educational Building. The building is in bad repair and a recommendation was made by the Trustees to keep the A/C units and dispose of the old building. During the discussion it was pointed out that for a remodel/renovation almost the entire building would have to be torn out and replaced. There are still questions and concerns and information that needs to be gathered before it is presented to the Church for a vote. A proposed floor plan for an updated Educational Building has been placed in the church foyer for review by the church family.

Jerry Mills reported for the Finance Committee that monies from several outdated building repair oriented Designated Funds have been consolidated to prepare for actions taken by the church on the Educational Building. The current balance in the Educational Building Fund is \$59,231.60. Danny McCain closed the meeting with a request for prayer for God's guidance about the Educational Building.

We thank... the Howard family for helping the church with the damaged tree in the playground area. All the branches have been removed and the trunk of the tree will be cut when the outcome of the Educational Building is decided.

We thank... Mike Skipper for replacing the flood lights on our church sign on the front lawn of the church.

Please add an SPR Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. to your February calendar.

Mr. Jim Goodman was elected as Trustee Chairman

GLORY BEES

The Glory Bees, our craft group, will meet this coming Wednesday, February 1st, in the Bee Hive (craft hut) at 9:00 a.m. First, we will clean and then we will start to work on making items for the Bazaar. The date is November 3rd but we have to start early so that we will be ready! Plan to join us.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We have had good attendance at both of our January meetings. Even the much needed rain didn't keep our members at home this past Wednesday, January 25; we had 18 present. Deva Kersey and Jean Skipper prepared a tropical scene with their decorations and the food was delicious. We started our collection of items for Newgate Mission and are also filling up our coin box for our donation to the Patriot Guard Riders. Our two lessons of study this year are on Haiti and on Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Our last meeting was on the history of Haiti and then on February 8 Heather Sanders will give a program on "Forgiveness." June Pickens and Bertie Townsend will be Hostesses for this meeting. Also at this meeting, we will sign cards to missionaries, shut-ins and military personnel. (Last year we sent 168 cards.) On February 22, Ken Allen Craig, Annette's son, will present our program: "Fire Prevention." For this meeting, our Hostesses will be Annette McCain and Sue Stanley. We are now starting to collect recipes in preparation for our Salad Luncheon. Please plan to join us; visitors are always welcome!

SCHEDULED EVENTS

February

- 21 SPR Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 First Sunday in Lent
- 29 Lenten Meal, 6:00 p.m.

March

- 07 Lenten meal, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14 Lenten Meal, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 CHURCH COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Lenten Meal, 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Lenten Meal, 6:00 p.m.

April

- 01 Palm Sunday
- 05 Holy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 08 EASTER DAY
- 26 Salad Luncheon

May

- 13 Mother's Day
- 15 CHURCH COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Senior Graduate Recognition
- 28 Memorial Day

June

- 03 Texas Annual Conference of UMC
 - 17 Father's Day
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OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVICE

We are in need of paid nursery workers. Primarily for times other than Sunday mornings (Sunday night, Wednesday night, Wednesday morning), but would need to work occasionally on Sunday mornings.

Contact Esther Brown at 903-759-3831 or estherb@greggton.org. Greggton UMC of Longview

Part-time Administrative Assistant Needed

FUMC, Hughes Springs, TX, PO Box 818, Hughes Springs, TX 75656

Contact Rev. Heidi Cain, 903-639-2131, bnh072801@gmail.com

Part-time Youth Director Needed

Cornett UMC, near Naples, TX, PO Box 818, Hughes Springs, TX 75656

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