

OUR PRAYERS
Odessa, TX Hosp.
Rev. Gladys Dennis

Camden Rehab
Gabe Colosia 508A

OUR PRESENCE

August 14
Church School 51
Worship 90
Visitors 11

OUR GIFTS

August 14
Total Rec'd \$ 2,869
MTD \$ 8,173
Apportionments TD \$ 18,100

OUR SERVICE
Assisting August 21

Greeters Peggy Brightwell
Sharon Lockhart
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Jane Hight
Children's Time Rebeca Ernst
Lock-up Neil DeLong

OUR WITNESS
August Scripture Readers
28 Lisa Hughes

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

With the children returning to school, I thought a little Sunday School humor was appropriate.

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Reading for August 21st
Psalm 124
Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon Title
"The Power of Salvation"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. 8/21	9:00a Trustees Mtg. 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 8/22	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 8/23	10:00a UMW Mission Study 3:00p AFLS
Wed. 8/24	7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 8/25	10:00a Bible Study 3:00p AFLS
Fri. 8/26	Offices Closed
Sat. 8/27	10-11a Angelfood Orders

FELLOWSHIP TIME

...resumes on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Class will be our hosts.



9TH ANNUAL FAITH AND LABOR PICNIC Eat Pray Do Justice

Monday, Sept. 5, 2011 - 11 a.m.

Open to the public, the Workers Interfaith Network's annual fundraiser helps workers uphold their rights to living wages and fair working conditions.

To be held on Labor Day at Trinity UMC, 1738 Galloway Ave., all food, beverages, moon bounce, entertainment and chances to win door prizes are included in the admission price of \$12 at the door (13 and over); \$6 at the door (5-12); and a maximum per family of \$35 at the door. There is a small reduction in cost for advance tickets. WIN may be reached at 332-3570, or for advance tickets, visit their website www.workersinterfaithnetwork.org.



CONGRATULATIONS

...to Wilson & Courtney (Mathis) Bierbrodt who were married in our Sanctuary on August 12. After a honeymoon in Jamaica the couple will live in Bartlett.

THANK YOU NOTES

Have you noticed the difference in the look of the parking lot? Our thanks to Don Speraw for donating his time and the spray to kill the weeds. His hard, hot work certainly makes a big change.

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Many thanks to Barry & Perri Mathis for painting the Sanctuary door and planting shrubs by the front door. It really spruced up the looks of the church.

Thanks again to all of you.
The Trustees

OUTDOOR TRASH BINS NEEDED

If you have outdoor trash bins you could donate to the church, please call Wanda Tabor, 818-0201, and she will be glad to pick them up or you may drop them off at the church.

WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF AND OFFICERS

After its meeting August 1-3, the World Methodist Council named their new staff and officers to begin duties in 2012. Staff includes Bishop Ivan Abrahams, General Secretary, who will move to WMC's headquarters in Lake Junaluska, NC in January, when he assumes his post; Bishop Heinrich Bolleter, re-elected as Geneva Secretary and John Thomas III is the new Youth & Young Adult Coordinator.

Officers include: President-Bishop Paulo Lockmann, Brazil; VP-Bishop Sarah F. Davis, Jamaica; Treasurer-Mr. Kirby Hickey, USA.

UMW NEWS

It's countdown time for our August study so please plan to attend and invite others. We are especially grateful to our men who are helping in many ways. Our study topic is a difficult subject—restorative justice—unknown to most of us. September will be another BIG month with District and Conference Annual Meetings and our own UMW Sunday. In order for us to be a Platinum Unit, we must have at least one representative, a voting delegate, at Conference Annual Meeting at First Church in Jackson, TN on September 24.

Our Unit picture will be taken on Sunday, August 28, immediately following worship. All UMW members, please stay.

THE UPPER ROOM

..for Sept/Oct is now available on the tables outside the Sanctuary.



THE NATURAL WORLD

All creation is the Lord's and we are responsible for the way in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. (Excerpt from the Book of Discipline, Paragraph 160)

The Social Action Committee of the United Methodist Women will be sharing ways of good stewardship with regard to our earth. Please watch for tips that may be easier than you think to follow. Tips for this week:

- ◆ Do not let water run while doing tasks.
- ◆ Repair hot water leaks. Insulate hot water heaters.
- ◆ Buy local produce and products.
- ◆ Avoid paper towels. Use cloth napkins and handkerchiefs.



GOING PLACES

Fall Foliage Tour

September 26 - October 6

Please contact Carolyn McDougal (861-0841) if you or a friend are interested in this wonderful tour. We will visit Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York (Niagra Falls), Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont. This is a great opportunity to see New England at its best!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have you read life's instruction manual—the 10 Commandments?

AT THE BROOKS

tea tour

Seniors, you're invited to *The Impressionist Revolution* at the Brooks Museum of Art on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 1:30. Among the painters on exhibit will be Monet, Renoir, Cezanne and Pissarro, as well as American artists Cassatt, Hassam and Sargent. Featuring over 100 works, the avant-garde movement has never failed to intrigue, challenge and beguile the viewer.

Reservations are required. You may RSVP to 544-6244. Admission is \$3.00 for non-members, free for members.

Opera and Ballet in Cinema

Saturday, Sept. 10 the showing of the ballet *The Flames of Paris* will begin at 10:30 a.m. in crystal clear, Hi-Definition digital projection. Composed by Boris Asafiev, it was filmed at the Bolshoi Theatre.

On September 17, at 10:30 a.m., enjoy the opera *Romeo & Juliet* in French with English subtitles, filmed at the Salzburg Festival.

Tickets are \$15 for non-members, \$12 for members and free with a VIP film pass for all showings. Call 544-6208 for tickets and details.