

GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



FUMC is a Spiritual Vision Partner for the Offer Them Christ Campaign

BUDGET CONCERNS

On Monday, September 13, 2010 the Church Council voted with a heavy heart to adopt a budget cut that will cause a reduction in the church staff. Specific cuts included the elimination of two positions: the Pastor Emeritus and the Coordinator of the Contemporary Worship Service. In addition, the position of Christian Education Director was changed from full-time to a half-time position.

Effective October 1, 2010, the above cutbacks will produce a budget savings of \$40,869. The decision to make the reductions was unpleasant, but was the only financially responsible course of action. The priority of the Council was to sustain as many and as much of our programs as possible with the resources available.

Why were such drastic measures necessary? Expenses have exceeded income through every month of the current budget year. While we have attempted to reduce program expenses, we have not been able to reduce enough to match the diminished level of income. Even with the budget cuts approved in Church Council, we still owe approximately \$65,000 toward Annual Apportionments, and we have incurred a debt to a local bank that has reached the maximum allowed on our line of credit. Even with the budget reductions, we still face considerable financial obligations. Bottom line, we are \$121,000 behind for the current year.

Was our budget deficit brought about by the increased expenditures on the renovation of the sanctuary? No, the annual budget is separate and apart from the pledges made to the sanctuary.

What can we do to grow the church and its ministries? God's people always find a way to come together in tough situations. We can resolve to build on the recent positive accomplishments. Our attendance has steadily increased, worship services are exciting and we sense that God's Spirit is with us. The Church council is asking that the membership be resolved to support the church with time, talents, gifts, service, worship and most importantly prayer! Remember, when staff is reduced, the volunteer spirit of church members becomes increasingly important.

Know that as God's people we have a future and a hope. Know that we will do even greater ministries in our community and in the world.

FUMC Church Council

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT January-August 2010

Receipts to Operating.... \$ 303,292.34
Expenditures..... \$ 360,179.34
Net Income/(Loss)..... \$ (56,887.00)

Your Finance Committee



*Central Texas Conference
Centennial Celebration
Will Rogers Memorial Center
Ft. Worth, TX 76107
October 23, 2010*

Event tickets for the October 23 Centennial Celebration at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Ft. Worth will cover the entire day's activities, including a delicious Risky's Barbecue Lunch for the adults and a Hotdog-Lunch (including a drink and dessert) for the children ages seven and under.

**Adult Tickets - \$20 each
(includes children ages 8 and older)**

Child (age 7 or under) Tickets - \$5 each

Please call (965-5046) or email (office@fumcstephenville.org) the church office and let Lori know how many tickets you will need if you plan on attending the Centennial Celebration.

Deadline for ordering tickets is Oct. 1st.

Memorials are given in loving memory of...

Virginia Tull By:
Tommie & Sylvia Huckabee
(Children's book donation to the Tree House After School Program)



9:00



11:00

**RENEW
SERVICE**

September 19, 2010

Jake Bagby
Peyton Barberee

**RENEW
SERVICE**

September 26, 2010

Hagen Carter
Mason Castleberry

**RENEW
SERVICE**

October 3, 2010

Tatum Dobson
Robyn McGuire-Huffman



Youth Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 15th: 7:00pm
"ONLEASHED" Community Wide
Youth Event-Off Site

Friday, September 17th: 5th Quarter-after the
game, here at FOMC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 25th- "ONIFY" District
Youth Event-Off Site

For more info about these Youth activities call
the church office, 965-5046.



Worship on Wednesday

@ First United Methodist Church

With the change of day and time, it is no longer necessary to provide 'snack supper' for the kids. Rather, we will provide an after school snack and drink to hold the kiddos over until dinner time. We are requesting that each group provide the snacks and drinks for an entire month. You will only need to provide snacks for **ONE** month during the school year. This can be something as simple as animal crackers and juice provided once for the whole month or a fresh snack brought each Wednesday. We are asking that sugary snacks be kept to a minimum. We appreciate our church's help and support in moving children's activities to Wednesday.

September.....Children's Council

October.....UMW

November....UMM

Please bring to Fellowship Hall prior to 3:00pm on
Wednesday's. Please plan for 80 kids.

Totally JOY

Like totally for sure! We're "Totally JOY" (Just Older Youth) and we're calling all young adult ladies to join us in fellowship, friendship, and fun. Join us **Thursdays at 5:00pm** as we share bible and book studies, prayer, and some TOTALLY meaningful "girl time".

Our first meeting was last Thursday across from the nursery. Hailey Austin says, "It was great and we are way excited about the attendance for next week!"

Child care will be provided.

Find us on Facebook by the group name "Totally JOY", details of the group, including meeting times and locations can be found there.

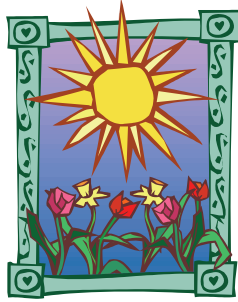
Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)

Altar Flowers

Call or come by the church office today and ask how you can have the altar flowers placed in loving memory or in honor of that special someone in your life. The flowers are also a great way to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries!

Call us at 965-5046.

If you call and designate the flowers in memory or honor of your loved one (s), please feel free to take them home with you after the 11:00am service.



Quilters Wanted

Come join us in the quilting room in Hutchinson Annex first and third Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. We visit and sew—and give our profits to Tree House. Now experience is necessary! If you have a favorite thimble, needle, or scissors, bring them.

For information, call Betty Chandler, 968-6796 or Norma Schwartzkopf, 968-5840.

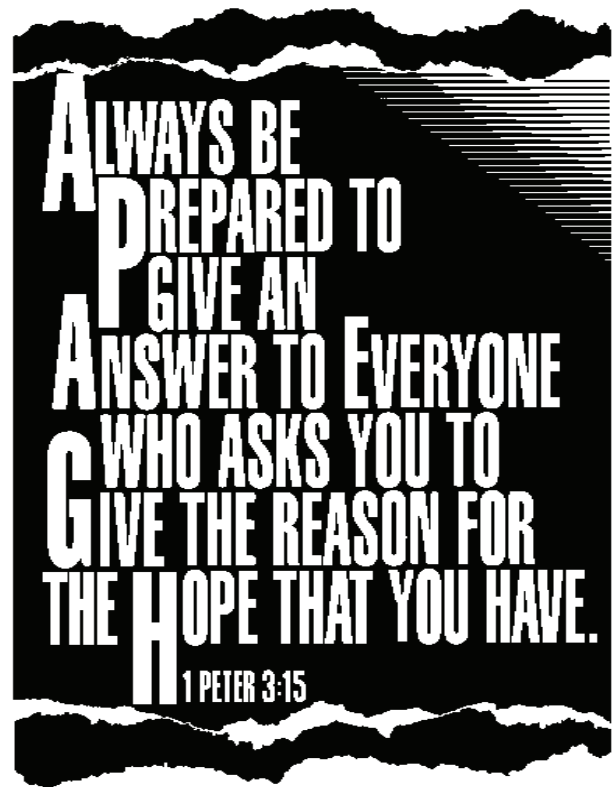


90 Second Club

Church experts tell us that visitors in worship make their way out of the church in a mere 90 seconds after the service ends...and that their experience during those 90 seconds has an enormous impact on whether they come back.

So...we have an organization at FUMC called the 90-Second Club! Club members are friendly, caring people who make it a priority after every benediction to share a smile and a greeting with newcomers and to make them feel warmly welcomed. It's as simple and wonderful as that!

Be an active member of the 90-Second Club this week! Remember, a small investment of your time today can win you a friend for eternal life!





Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns may be added to the list by calling or writing the church office. Names will run for four full weeks, and can be continued on the list with a simple call or email.

Hospital...

Nancy Crouch-Baylor Dallas

Jim Perry-Regency FW

Glenda Stephens-FW Rehab Center

Willia Ormsby-Harris FW

Thanksgivings...

For the life of John Earl "Jay" Hamilton (Brother of Heather Hamilton)

For the life of Yvonne Locklin (Service is Thursday, Sept. 16th at 2pm at S'ville Funeral Home Chapel)

Others...

Nursing Home Residents * Our Troops in Harm's Way * John Laird (Son-in-law of Don & Patti Douglas) * June Herrod Aaron (Aunt of Linda Jones) * Tom Malloy (Friend of Linda Jones) * Dottie Stanley (Sister-in-law of Leslie Stanley-Stevens) * Glen Cauble (Friend of Jill Burk & Janet Whitley) * Ashley Walker (Friend of Sheri Magnani) * Emily Ferreira (Food Pantry client) * Mack Sorrells (Father of Connie Banks) * Al Jones (Friend of Sheri Magnani) * Ray Sisemore (Son-in-law of Bill & Betty Chandler) * Kelly Oliver * Rita Mason * Dean McGee (Friend of Don Fulton & Larry & Helen Collins) * Misty Elliott * Libba Johnson (Mother of Marion Surles) * Janice Carlson * Jack Demetruk * Jack Anderson * Joe Gillespie * Lindsey Lozano *

Church Calendar

Wednesday, September 15

- *10:30am ESL Classes-FH
- *1:30pm Busy Bee-QR
- *4:00pm "WOW" (Van)
- *7:00pm Unleashed Youth Event-OS
- *6:00pm Handbells
- *7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 16

- *12:00pm TSU Lunch
- *5:00pm Totally JOY-CL
- *6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S
- *6:30pm Hispanic Bible Study

Friday, September 17

- *10:00pm 5th Quarter-FH

Saturday, September 18

UMW Mtg-OS (Van Reserved)

Sunday, September 19

Stewardship Announcement

- *9:00am RENEW Contemp. Srv.
- *10:00am Sunday School
- *11:00am Traditional Srv.
- *5:30pm Peer Passion

Monday, September 20

- *9:00am Staff Mtg-CR
- *6:30pm ESL Classes-FH
- *7:00pm University Praise-Upr. Room

Tuesday, September 21

- *5:30pm Witness Mtg-CR
- *6:30pm Judges Bible Study-CR

Wednesday, September 22

- *10:30am ESL Classes-FH
- *4:00pm "WOW" (Van)
- *5:30pm Peer Passion
- *6:00pm Handbell Choir
- *6:00pm S.T.A.R.-FH
- *7:00pm Chancel Choir

ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday in our church,

90 people attended the 9:00 contemporary service

218 people attended the 11:00 traditional service

TELLERS

September 19, 2010

Vicki Cook, LaRue Weems, Van Evans

September 26, 2010

Gary Sult, Marion Pack

Please place Sunday School attendance envelope in offering plate during worship service.



Place Stamp Here

Our Faithful Followers:

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