



## “Encounters of the Last Kind: A Tale of Two Sisters”

Our church staff has been considering some up-dates/changes to our newsletter for almost a year. We have looked at everything from the format and color to a name change and how often we publish the newsletter. We also have been looking at the cost of the newsletter, with cost increases to both postage and the printing of the newsletter.

In a nutshell, we have decided to alter the layout/format so that it will be much more user friendly, and to go to bi-monthly (every two weeks) instead of weekly mailings. While this may seem like a big change, it really is not. Most of the articles in our current newsletter deal with events that are still weeks away, and this will not change. The new newsletter will also continue to give important information about the upcoming Sunday(s), meetings and events.

I am generally one who doesn't like change, but I am truly excited about this change. We have some extremely talented people

Sunday, Rev. Paul Goodrich will be preaching a sermon entitled, “Encounters of the Last Kind: A Tale of Two Sisters.” If you would like to read the Scripture relating to this week's text, it can be found in John 11:17-21.

If you missed the sermon last week, you may watch or tape the 30 minute rebroadcast at 9:00am this Sunday on FOX 18 (Cable 9) or anytime this week at [www.fumcwf.org](http://www.fumcwf.org). This Sunday, if you cannot be with us in the sanctuary, we invite you to watch us on our live telecast at 10:30am on MYTV-35 (Cable 7).

on our staff, and everyone got excited and involved in the process. I think that you will not only enjoy the new newsletter, but you will appreciate the changes.

The first edition of the new newsletter will arrive in your homes (I hope) on Friday, April 10, which just happens to be Good Friday. After that, it will arrive every other Friday.

For those of you who would like to receive the newsletter on-line instead of in the mail, you can sign up on-line and receive it every other Tuesday.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Troy, and they will be able to assist you.

As always, I look forward to seeing you, especially in worship this Sunday.

—Paul Goodrich

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SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE  
YOUR NEWSLETTER ON-  
LINE AND GET IT BY  
TUESDAY  
INSTEAD OF FRIDAY!

*In the hospital recently. . .*

**Mitizi Brotherton  
Chrissy Cooper  
Mary Golden  
Lee Grace  
Wayne Patterson**



the family and friends of  
Jerry and Kristen Gossett.  
Jerry's step-father, Mark  
Coleman, died Saturday,  
March 14th. Services were  
held Monday, March 16th at Davis Funeral  
Home Chapel.

the family and friends of Jacque Allen. Dr.  
David Allen died Monday, March 16th. Ser-  
vices are pending as of Monday at press  
time.



Altar  
flowers  
this Sun-  
day are  
given to  
the glory  
of God and in loving  
memory of Paul Herold  
by Ella Herold.

*Don't forget after Palm Sunday, April 5th, the Berean Sunday School  
Class will host a spaghetti luncheon for the church!*



*Congratulations to...*

Jared & Sara Clark on the birth of their daughter, Katelyn  
Elizabeth Clark. She was born Friday, March 6th.

*Would you believe...*

Breanna Press from Notre Dame competed in this years Region II West  
Zone UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest and received "Superior" ratings in the  
contest. Congratulations!

Robby Press got first in science, first in social studies, and second in num-  
ber sense at Notre Dame's TAPPS Class A Academic and Speech District  
Meet. He also got 1st Place in Physics and Astronomy in the Red River Re-  
gional Science and Engineering Fair and 4th Place for his ink drawing in the  
TAPPS District in Art. Congratulations!

### Daily Bible Readings

**Saturday, March 21**

**Joshua 22-24**

**Sunday, March 22**

**Judges 1-2**

**Monday, March 23**

**Judges 3-5**



**Tuesday, March 24**

**Judges 6-7**

**Wednesday, March 25**

**Judges 8-9**

**Thursday, March 26**

**Judges 10-11**

**Friday, March 27**

**Judges 12-14**

## SERVING OUR CHURCH ON MARCH 22, 2009

### Ushers

Chairman

Bill Presson

Co-Chair

Danny Clarke

8:30 Service

Davis Lowe

10:30 Service

Pulpit

Bill Rowland (*Captain*)

Robin Young, Fred Lowder

Tim Travis, Tommy Arens

Dewayne Bell, Doug Bomer

Lectern

Harold Lerew (*Captain*)

Gant Grimes, Lisa Hill

George Knause, Vern Lingle

Larry Petrash, Randy Riley

Barbara Davis

10:30 Service Greeters

Sam Kenshalo

John Mitchell

Mary Leath

Reception Desk

Ram Rushing

Mary Jane Arrington

Television Ministry

Joan Gray, Anne Kring

Peggy Scarlott, Tyler Travis

Keith Hill, Glenn Barham

Ross Hammond

Drivers

Berean Class

Acolytes

Breanne Press

Millicent Paris

Visitor Locators

Jean & Lamar Baer

Flower Delivery (Monday)

Lynn Silver

Jeannine Humphris

# Children's Ministries



Hey Kids: Memorize this verse, tell it to Lydia, & get 5 Good Bucks!

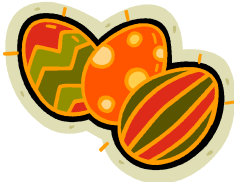
**"I am the Lord your God; worship no god but me."**

Exodus 20:2-3 GNT



## School for Little People Enrollment Begins Sunday

School for Little People enrollment for Fall 2009-10 and Summer 2009 begins **THIS Sunday, March 22nd**, for FUMC member families only!! You may turn in your paperwork right after the 10:30 service at the School for Little People office at the top of the stairs on the second floor of the Sunday School wing. Enrollment will continue for FUMC families and current SLP families through March 25th. Public enrollment begins March 26th. Remember, enrollment is "first come first served."



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 5th

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday following the Berean luncheon. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to this fun event. The Children's Council is asking for donations to buy candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to make a donation, you can stop by the office or simply make an offering to the church and designate your gift for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you all for your generosity and for the loving support you provide for the children of our church!!

## ↘ This Week's Children's Activities! ↙

### Pre-School Sunday School:

(9:15-10:15am) - Meet in Rm 204

### K-5th Grade Sunday School:

(9:15-10:15am) - Gather in Rm 216

### Children's Church:

(10:30 worship) Rec Lobby

### Music 'n' More (Age 4-Grade 6):

#### Wednesdays

(3:45-4:00pm) - Snack time!

(4:00-4:45pm) - Cherub Choir (Age 4-K)

- Trinity Choir (Grades 1-3)

- MORE Bible Study (Grades 4-6)

(4:45-5:30pm) - Wesley Choir (Grades 4-6)

- MORE Bible Study (Age 4-Grade3)



## VBS 2009

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-17, 2009, at First United Methodist Church.

**Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience + Discover God Everywhere** is an extreme adventure camp taking kids on exciting Bible treks to experience and discover God everywhere, every day. More information coming soon!

The Lord is my strength and my might.

Psalm 118:14

**Don't forget summer camps!** Bridgeport Children's Summer Camps are for kids who have completed grades 3-5. The dates for summer 2009 are:

July 14-18

August 11-15


July 21-25

August 18-22

For more info, or to sign-up on-line, visit [www.fumcwf.org](http://www.fumcwf.org)!

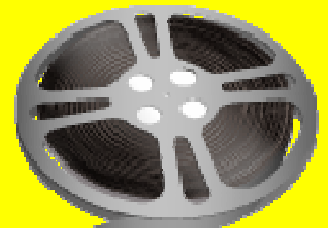
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT REV. LYDIA PELLIKAN, [LPELLIKAN@FUMCWF.ORG](mailto:LPELLIKAN@FUMCWF.ORG) OR KRISTEN GOSSETT, [KKGOSSETT@AOL.COM](mailto:KKGOSSETT@AOL.COM).

# The **ROCK** FUMC YOUTH PAGE

**Jr. HIGH**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
 -@-   
**The Rock**  
**Wed — March 25**  
**5:30—6:45**

**OUR REGULAR**  
**Sunday Line-up**  
 9:15am—Sunday school  
 3:45pm—Praise Band  
 4:45pm—Chapel Choir  
 5:30pm—CRABLEG Ringers  
 6:00pm—UMYF

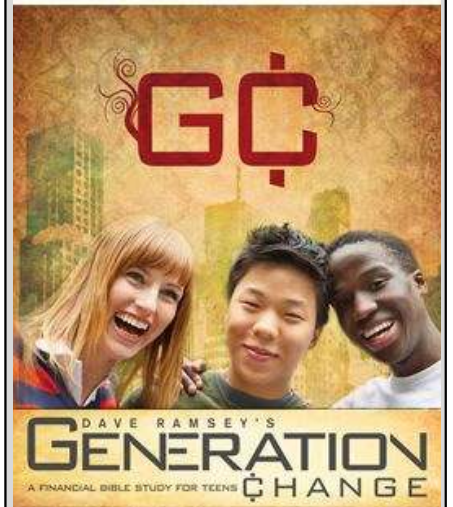
**UMYF**  
**March 22nd**  
**MOVIE**



**NIGHT**  
**6:00PM**



**MARCH 25TH STARTS A NEW**  
**SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY FOR**  
**THE SENIOR HIGH GROUP!**



**FINANCIAL PEACE SERIES**  
**COST: \$10**



**FUMC Youth Staff: Jeff "Mr. Clean" Ginn, Youth Director; Ross "Hambone" Hammond, Youth Assistant; Lamar "Teddy" Baer, Shepherds Council Chair; Macy "The Macynator" Bretschneider, Youth Council President**



But Peter said to him, "I have no money at all, but I give you what I have: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I order you to get up and walk!"  
 Luke 19:8 (GNT)

# ADULT MINISTRIES



## For Adults

**Calling ALL Adults!** Don't let the youth be the only ones who have fun on Mission Trips! Join us, June 14-20 on a trip to Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso! Cost is anticipated to be about \$150, and we will be doing light-moderate construction to help this UM School save money! More info will be coming SOON!

Even if you are SLIGHTLY interested in going, please contact Rev. Sims ([tsims@fumcwf.org](mailto:tsims@fumcwf.org) or 766-4231)!

**We are looking for Jesus and his Disciples to help make the Holy Thursday Service here at FUMC more meaningful.**

**Do you know how we can find them?**

**If not, would you be willing to act like them (no speaking necessary).**

**If you are interested in taking part on April 9, contact Rev. Sims.**

**At this 7:00pm service, we will remember the Last Supper and Jesus' Passion. Portions of Handel's Messiah will help guide the service.**

**If you would like to sing in the choir for this service, contact Kristen Gossett!**



The Last Supper



### ↘ This Week's Activities for Adults! ↙

- Library:** Sundays (8:30-10:15am)  
- Check out a book out on Sunday
- First Light Study:** Sunday, March 22 (4:30-6:00pm)  
- Session 8, "Substitutionary Atonement?"
- Asbury Ringers:** Sundays (5:00-6:30pm)  
- Handbell Room 17-U (in the Undercroft)
- Got Teen? Class for Parents:** Sundays (6:30-8:00)pm  
- Room 301 (Genesis Class)
- Young Adult Singles:** Sunday, March 22 (6:30pm)  
- Jesus' Last Week at Johnathan's: 2423 Cambridge
- YES Tutoring:** Monday, March 16 (3:00pm)  
- Meet at the church; tutor at Southern Hills Elementary.
- Financial Peace University:** Tuesdays (10:30am)  
- Sweeton Room
- Men's Breakfast:** Wednesdays (7:00-7:45am)  
- at Pioneer Restaurant (4545 Maplewood Ave)
- Dream of God Study:** Wed, Mar 25 (12:15 & 6:15pm)  
- Chapter 3, "The Rejection of the Dream"
- Chancel Choir:** Wednesdays (7:00pm)  
- Rehearse in the Choir Room (in the Undercroft)
- Jesus in the Gospels Bible Study:** Thursday, March 26  
- Session 24, "We Have Seen His Glory"

### YOUNG ADULT SINGLES: Upcoming Events!

- ☺ **Saturday, March 21, 6:30pm-1st**  
Burgers, dogs, fellowship, and maybe some "jamming" at Johnathan's (2423 Cambridge). Meat provided; bring your own "fixing's" and sides to share!
- ☺ **Sunday, March 22, 6:30pm**  
Continuation of Jesus' Last Week at Johnathan's (2423 Cambridge)
- ☺ **Sunday, April 19-more details soon!**  
ROAD TRIP to Medieval Times in Dallas.

Any Young Adult Singles who are interested, we'd love for you to go on the Adult Mission Trip to the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso this summer. More info is above and to the left!

Check out page 6 for info about **Missions for the World** at FUMC!







# ADULT MINISTRIES CONT'D



MARCH IS MISSIONS AWARENESS MONTH AT FUMC!

## Missions for the World—Recycling & Meeting World Needs

### Why do we do missions for the world? Don't we have enough problems to take care of here?

-  Yes, we do, but we MUST remember that no one is an island but each is connected to others throughout the world by the God “in which we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28), by the God that is “above all, through all, and in all” (Ephesians 4:6).
-  Yes, we do, but we MUST remember that Jesus calls us not only to our own community, but to “all nations” to share the gospel (Matthew 28:29-20).
-  Yes, we do, but we MUST remember that, “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). We are called to take care of God’s world and those who live in it.
-  Yes, we do, but sometimes in helping others we learn how to better care for our own community in new and different ways.

## Recycling *Did you know we recycle at FUMC?*

### ⇒ Aluminum Cans

*–Help Preserve the Earth’s Resources & Help Our Local Community*

You can drop off your Aluminum Cans here at the church across from the Church Library on the 1st Floor OR take them directly to the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank (1230 Midwestern Pkwy). Money that the Food Bank raises from selling these helps to fund their ministries. In 2008 alone, they raised \$2,531.20 from aluminum cans they received! That equals about 15,187 meals!

### ⇒ Office Paper

*–Help Preserve the Earth’s Resources & Provide Jobs at North Texas State Hospital*

You can drop off office paper (AND your used Church Bulletin or edition of The Word newsletter) in the red bin here at the church across from the Church Library on the 1st Floor. This provides jobs for individuals at the North Texas State Hospital (NTSH) here in Wichita Falls. You might consider contacting the NTSH (940-692-1220) to get a collection bin for office paper at your place of work. They come and pick it up for FREE! Confidential bins for paper that needs to be shredded are also available!

### ⇒ Handheld Electronics and Ink Jet Cartridges

*–Help Preserve the Earth’s Resources & Raise Money for FUMC Mission Projects*

You can drop off small electronic items (working OR not) such as cell phones, laptops, MP3 / Ipod Players, digital cameras / camcorders, rechargeable batteries, and GPS devices as well as used ink cartridges (all brands) in the box across from the Church Library on the 1st Floor. The church will receive some money back for these items, which will be used to further fund the mission projects of our church!

**Have other things to recycle but don't know where to take them?**

Visit [www.fumcwf.org/links](http://www.fumcwf.org/links) and scroll down to Recycling; or pick up a handout at the Information Rack across from the Church Library!



## Meeting World Needs *Healing where there is hurt.*

For World Communion Sunday (1st Sunday in October) and at other times as needs arise around the world, we take special offerings to meet a need somewhere in the world. In the past, this supported Tsunami Relief, Hurricane Relief, Heifer Project (which provides livestock for people in third-world countries to learn to provide for their own), and Nothing But Nets (which provides mosquito nets to prevent the spread of malaria).

**Be looking for ways you can help these and other needs in the world throughout the coming year!**

# Easter Lily Order Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Order deadline is *this Monday, April 6th*

Please enclose \$10 for each lily ordered. Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church. *In the memo section, please write Easter Lily*

## Symphony League Brunch

The Wichita Falls Symphony League will meet for brunch at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26th in the FUMC parlor. The program will feature members of Applause, the League's high school honors program for high school students.

Vocal performers will be Claire Baer, FUMC member; Bethany Wineinger and Maria Thompson, Applause accompanist.

Judy Pipes, League president, will preside.

Any person is invited to attend and/or join the League, which supports the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra, Applause and youth music scholarships.



## SPIRIT FEEDS THE KIDS



How bountiful can a harvest be? Thanks to "The Fruit of the Spirit" cookbook presented by the YES Committee, the potential gift to PowerPak 4 Kids in the community is \$4,509. Thanks be to a surprising and overwhelming success, the remaining inventory is rapidly dwindling; so ensure your needs are met before they sell out completely.

Tempted by the prepared recipes at a recent Sunday morning Café LePaul, 'The Fruit of the Spirit' offers a complete Easter dinner menu starring you as the cook for your family and friends. We only provide the meal planning.

Entice your guests with **Signal Mountain Lodge Dip** (pg.11) and a chilled cup of zingy **Cold Tomato Soup** (pg. 22.) Present them with an entrée of **Mustard and Basil Encrusted Salmon** (pg. 88) accompanied by colorful sides of **Best Ever Corn Pudding** (pg. 46.) **Asparagus Salad** (pg.16) and for this special occasion, bake the **Beer Bread** (pg. 117,) baked in muffin tins. Finish the feast with **Sour Cream Pound Cake** (pg.173) accented with strawberries...or perhaps baked in a sheet pan and served with sliced berries. The versatility of this cake lends itself to pastel iced squares of cake decorated with an edible flower or, for the young at heart – iced and sprinkled with green coconut and jelly beans. Why not a chocolate rabbit on top as well?

As the YES committee enjoys its bounty, we thank each of you who purchased the cookbooks and helping us to fill little tummies.

~The YES Committee

# The Word



We are accessible to all.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Our worship service is broadcast at 10:30 a.m.  
on UPN 35, Time Warner Cable Channel 7.  
Rebroadcast of last week's service on Sunday  
on Fox 18 and Cable 9 at 9:00 a.m.

*For more information:*  
940-766-4231  
[www.fumcwf.org](http://www.fumcwf.org)

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE PAGE 6 FOR WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN MISSIONS!

Can you make chili?  
Do you cook desserts?  
Do you like to eat?

## THEN WE NEED YOU

to make our Chili / Dessert Cook-Off Fundraiser a success!



and / or



Contact Rev. Sims to sign up to enter your chili and / or dessert in a contest.

- 💰 Chili that raises the most money gets a \$50 gift card to *Chili's*
- 💰 Dessert that raises the most money gets a \$10 gift card to *Maggie Moo's*
- 💰 Class that raises the most money gets Troy Sims as a teacher for 4 weeks!

Bring your appetite and money to share  
(any donation or check accepted)

- 💰 You'll vote for favorite chilis and desserts by placing money in a box by your favs!
- 💰 You can vote for as many as you want and give as much as you want when you vote!
- 💰 Cost to eat: \$10 / Adult € \$5 / Child  
-\$25 MAX / Family

**Proceeds will benefit FUMC Mission Projects, locally and abroad!**