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Youth Winter Retreat & Ski Trip 2012

54 youth and sponsors from Polk Street UMC traveled to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, for their 2012 Winter Retreat and Ski Trip. The retreat occurred over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. Our youth and their leaders participated in daily worship times, fellowship activities, and two days of skiing at the Aspen ski area. The trip was a great success and the youth are now gearing up for their summer mission trips to San Marcos, Texas, and San Jose, Costa Rica.



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You are invited to attend the
Polk Street United Methodist Church
Child Development Center's

Open House

Sunday, January 29, 2012
9:30-12:30 Come and Go

Sunday School classes may come as a group

Burt'sBytes

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem!*

Psalm 122:1-2



In my trip to Haiti earlier this month, I was struck by the tragic, conflicting imagery as we passed by the Cathedral of the Assumption of our Lady in Port-au-Prince Haiti (pictured below). A symbol of hope was destroyed by the earthquake in 2010 and has not been rebuilt. Our largest UMCOR project in Haiti is Grace Children's Hospital (GCH) and 80% of the hospital on the original campus was destroyed.

The incredible work of GCH was propelled forward by an estate gift in the 1960's. A woman who had moved to Haiti years before died and left the roughly 2 acres that became what is now the original campus. She had the foresight to have all of the necessary legal documentation in place so that the transition could take place smoothly after her death.

On January 12, 2012, the Haiti President gave all government employees the day off and ordered that there be no celebrations or remembrance ceremonies. The campus was so eerily quiet on that Friday and during our visit I had time to reflect on the world I had left here in Amarillo and the world in which I was sitting in Haiti. Though there were many contrasts, there was a common element.

Grace Children's Hospital and Polk Street UMC were both recipients of estate gifts that had a significant impact on ministry. GCH received a gift upon which was built a hospital and PSUMC has received estate gifts that established our Foundation. The PSUMC Foundation is made up of money that can never be spent, but the interest earned is used under the direction of the Trustees for capital repair projects.

Gifts to the Foundation, especially estate gifts, are a way of making a perpetual gift to the church because the gift earns interest every year. *It is important that you talk to your financial planner or tax attorney when considering your estate planning.* Often times, church members are able to make gifts to the church in their wills and estates after their passing that they could not make while living.

We are blessed with a strong set of rules that guide our PSUMC foundation and as our current building ages and we expand our facilities the interest revenue from our Foundation will become increasingly important. As you consider including PSUMC in your wills and estates, please consider how important your contribution could be to the ongoing support of our church. While the most useful estate gift to the Foundation is an unrestricted gift, you may want to consider a specific area of ministry to support.

If you would like to learn more about our PSUMC Foundation, please feel free to contact me or Mike Jones, our Business Administrator. Either of us would be delighted to share more with you about how important a gift in your will or estate can be for the future of our church.

Every Blessing,
Pastor Burt

Polk Street United Methodist Church Worship Information

**Sunday, January 29, 2012,
8:30 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.**

Epiphany 4
Mark 1:21-28

Dr. Burt Palmer, preaching

**Sunday, February 5, 2012,
8:30 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.**

Epiphany 5
Isaiah 40:21-31

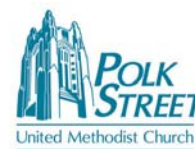
Dr. Burt Palmer, preaching

TV Broadcast:

Delayed from previous week,
10:00 a.m.
KCIT Fox Channel 14 (cable 13).

Prayer Room:

Monday-Friday,
7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.



Family News

Members in the Hospital and Rehab:
BSA: Nancy McCullough

New Members

Gene and Judabeth Bural joined Polk Street January 22 by transfer. No picture is available.

Television Sponsor

January 22, 2012 was given in honor of our military and their families, by Don and Theresa Turner.

Altar flowers

January 22, 2012 were given in memory of Dr. Tom Gerald, by Don and Theresa Turner.

January 29, 2012 are given by Rena Jeffers and Family in loving memory of Franklin Jeffers.

Celebrations

Jena Cherry and Charles Davis were married in the Polk Street Sanctuary, January 5, 2012. Rev. Kevin Deckard officiated.

David Upton and Kim Davis were married, January 2, 2012. Rev. Kevin Deckard officiated.

Sympathy

Phyllis & Gary Shewbert upon the death of her mother, Ruth Hickmott.

Friends and family upon the death of, Patricia "Pat" Buzzell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Vision for Discipling United Methodist Men for the next 10 years Presented by James Bell—Men's Ministry Specialist

Tuesday, February 28,
11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Polk Street

United Methodist Church Parlor

Enter from Polk Street at bell tower. Box lunch provided by Polk Street United Methodist Men at no charge to you.

Please RSVP by noon, Monday, February 27, to Becki Bean, beckibean@psumc.com or 374-2891.

Please tell Becki your choice of sandwich—Beef, Ham or Turkey.

Door Prize: Autographed football by the 4 nominees for the 2011 Lombardi Award Finalists.

During lunch you will be shown how to build an all-inclusive ministry to every man in your church with the No Man Left Behind model.

You will hear about Wesleyan Building Brothers, Letters from Dad, Amachi and other resources for discipling all the men in your church.

We will also discuss the process for rebuilding the NWTX conference UMM.

For more information contact:
Rodney Laubhan rx11@sbcglobal.net or 570-7367; Wes Reeves Wes.Reeves@XCELENERGY.com or 679-7773; Kevin Deckard kevindeckard@psumc.com or 223-5660

Save the Date

for the S.T.A.R.S. Luncheon
Sunday, February 12,
following the 10:55 worship.
Details will follow soon!

Church Nursery News

One of the blessings that the Child Development Center gave the church was sharing their furniture and supplies with our church nursery rooms. With the relocation of the CDC classes, the church nursery is in need of the following types of supplies and equipment:

- Toys, books, and games for all age groups (from 6 week olds through 5 year olds)
- Infant swings, pack & play bassinets, bumbo seats, "bouncer" seats, etc...
- Stereos and music for the nursery rooms

If you have any of these items or anything that you feel might be useful in the nursery, please contact Ken Knight in the church office at 374-2891 or kenknight@psumc.com. Receipts are available from the business office for any items that are donated.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY

Special Memorial Fund

Marti Kirk from Bill Smith, Lonnelle & Arden Kenady, Peggy & Jack Martin, Carol Ann Pemberton, Mary Alice King, Dennis & Debra Beene, Pete & Darlene Smith, Jan & Tony Elsis, Patty & Gary Humphrey and Joe Bill Crowley
Ruth Hickmott from Jean Baker
Charles Deyhle from Jane Juett

Music Ministry

Marti Kirk from Beverly De La Bretonne, Shirley Porter and Jeff & Bettie Ingham
Tom Gerald from Beverly De La Bretonne

TV Ministry

Marti Kirk from Cheryl & Larry Orman and Rena Jeffers
Charles Deyhle from Ann & Michael Powell

Permanent Endowment Fund

Ruth Hickmott from Carolyn & David Cole

Music Scholarship Fund

Marti Kirk from Pearl Babcock and Marge & Dale Garner
Tom Gerald from Marge & Dale Garner

Promises to Keep

Marti Kirk from Judith & John Paul Askew
Frances Smith from Tisha & Barry Peterson
Ruth Hickmott from Gail & Miles Neely

Child Development Center

Marti Kirk from Teresa & Steve Hoard

IN HONOR

Promises to Keep

Brett Beesley, Barbara & Andrew Bourassa and Matt Koumalats from Gail & Miles Neely

Music Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Choir from Mary Ruth McCulley





Bev Harris presented "The Healthy Benefits of Laughing" to the January meeting of the Evening Circle of United Methodist Women. Bev helped the group lower stress levels and learn ways to experience more joy in life. Group members were honored to receive clown noses from Bev and some of those pictured are also using drinking straws to reduce the stresses of the day.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of Polk Street UMC meet for fellowship, study and to further the work of missions throughout the world.

There are five Circles (groups) that meet once each month on Wednesday mornings or Sunday evenings for programs or mission activities. Some of the upcoming programs include: Sunday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. "A New Look at Love" presented by Diana Martindale; Wednesday, Feb 8 at 9:30 a.m. "Joy to the World, Part II" presented by Frances Dauner; Sunday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. the circle will provide dinner for the residents of Ronald McDonald House; Wednesday March 7 at 9:30

a.m. "Haiti" presented by Shawn Palmer. Contact Joy Gibbins for information about joining the Quilting Circle which meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week (you may attend one or all of these meetings to help create quilts to raise money for mission.)

The UMW supports a variety of ministries around the world and supports Amarillo ministries including The High Plains Food Bank, The Salvation Army, City Church, The Suzuki Program at Amarillo College, and PSUMC Children's Ministries.

Contact President Sandra Feagan at 358-9732 or at jsfeagan@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Mark your calendar:

Friday evening, March 30 through Saturday, March 31

The Amarillo Lay School of Theology

An opportunity for laity and others to explore issues of spirituality, theology, religion and church leadership with faculty and leaders from Perkins School of Theology at SMU

Class offerings will be:

Let's Begin at the Beginning: The Book of Genesis

Dr. John Holbert
and

Faith and Fear in Biblical Perspective

Dr. Alyce M. McKenzie

ASH Wednesday

Worship
February 22, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Seventeenth Annual "Bach's" Lunch Series

The "Bach's" lunch series is *Bach* by popular demand! Bring a "Bach's" lunch and some friends with you. The *Bach's* Lunches are a wonderful time for Lenten reflection and good music among friends. Held at various churches every Friday during Lent, each program will begin promptly at 12:05 p.m. with a twenty-five minute organ recital. Following the recital, the host church will provide tea, coffee and a place to eat. You'll have plenty of time to get *Bach* to work by 1:00 p.m. This event has been very well received for sixteen years, so plan to attend the Seventeenth Annual *Bach's* Lunch Series!

Friday, February 24, 2012

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Jim Gardner, organist

Friday, March 2, 2012

First Baptist Church Original Chapel, Various AGO Organist

Friday, March 9, 2012

First Christian Church; Neal Nossaman, Organist

Friday, March 16, 2012

First Presbyterian Church, Norman Goad, Organist

Friday, March 23, 2012

Trinity Lutheran Church, Michael Johnson, Organist

Friday, March 30, 2012

St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Margaret Lacy organist

The "Bach's" Lunch series is sponsored by the Amarillo Chapter of the American Guild of Organist

J.S. Bach's 327th birthday will fall on Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Snack Pak 4 Kids Needs

Our congregation continues to provide a food for almost 100 children every weekend. We minister to children who are enrolled at San Jacinto Elementary School. As we continue to bless these children with nourishment for their weekends, we ask you to bring any or all of the following to the church office:

- 1) Donations of 18 oz. or less jars of peanut butter (please do not buy jars larger than 18 oz. as we cannot use them in the Snack Paks.)
- 2) Pop Tarts or Toaster Pastries of any flavor.
- 3) We also need continued financial support to buy the other items for the Snack Paks. You can sponsor 1 child for \$16.00 per month. Make checks payable to PSUMC and put Snack Pak in the memo.

Thanks very much for being the hands and feet of Jesus as you feed the little children. For more information contact Kevin Deckard kevindeckard@psumc.com 374.2891