



The Disciple

May 11, 2011

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Happy Anniversary

Christie & Eddie Roberts
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Wednesday Night Meals

May 11th

Chicken Tortilla Soup
Beef Stew
Tossed Green Salad
Cookies



The Importance of Prayer



"Be alert at all times, praying that you may have ... strength." (Luke 21:36, NRSV)

Shortly after sending me to be pastor of Christ Church, Bishop Mike Lowery met me informally for coffee; and kindly offered words of wisdom to help in my new charge. He shared a great deal of helpful counsel which I took to heart, including: 1) There must be effective preaching; 2) Do not combine the two Sunday morning worship services; and 3) Bathe everything in prayer.

The first two instructions have been of great value as I have sought to nurture and grow the congregation; but practically every day I am reminded of the third directive's great importance.

If not for daily prayer I would be reduced to shouldering the needs of the congregation with my own limited strength; the church programs would rely on my imperfect intellect; and my mistakes would begin to overwhelm me. Instead, because the Lord and I talk often, I have power for coping with problems; I have insight from Immanuel (God with us); and I am set free from frustration.

What about you? How do you cope with life's stresses and strains? I pray your experience is similar to the hymn writer's:

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*
-William Walford, 1845



In Christ,
Pastor Nealy

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17, NRSV

Assisting May 15

Counters: Marv Walling, Eddie Roberts
9:00 Worship Assistant: Cindy Hardgrove
11:00 Worship Assistant: Sandy Nealy

Assisting May 22

Counters: Grace Breeze, Bob Herring
9:00 Worship Assistant: Cindy Hardgrove
11:00 Worship Assistant: Sandy Trimble

YOUTH CAR WASH

The Youth will have a Car Wash Fund Raiser on May 15th from 11:30 to 3:00. Bring your cars to church and let the youth make them sparkle for a donation of your choosing. Come support our Youth.

Senior Sunday

May 15th

We will be recognizing our seniors, Drew Shores, Betty Shannon, and Bree Daggett, with baskets during first and second services as well as with a small reception for them during the Sunday School hour.

"Thank You" to all who donated items for the baskets. If anyone wishes to add anything to the baskets that would help decorate a dorm room, help with college classes, or gift cards for all of those 'last minute' projects it would be greatly appreciated.

Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th

6:00 pm

Seniors Reception

A reception for the Seniors will be held May 28, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the church for all to gather and honor our graduating seniors.

Electronic Giving Increases Tithing

SUMMARY: Fewer people today are using cash and checks for their financial transactions. As a result, churches have an opportunity to expand their giving opportunities. Here are **seven** reasons why CUMC is considering electronic giving options:

- **Giving is a biblical mandate.**
- **Checks are becoming outdated.**
- **Sunday attendance is lower than total church membership.**
- **Some church attendees don't attend worship.**
- **Electronic giving is here to stay.** Why not embrace this technology?
- **Easy to promote and account for special offerings.**
- **Economic recession forces us to rethink giving opportunities.**

The [United Methodist Electronic Funds Transfer Service](#) (UM EFT) offers United Methodist congregations a convenient and low-cost alternative to traditional collection methods, and we are exploring this option. Please help us decide if electronic giving is meant for our congregation by taking the survey that accompanied your quarterly giving statements. You may drop it in the basket in the narthex or put it in the offering plate.

United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet the third Sunday, May 15th, at the church at 7:30 am. This will give those attending the first service plenty of time. This is a great opportunity to get to know the other men in the church better. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Trimble at 817-292-7806 or trim1955@swbell.net.

Note from Michele

Please remember ... that if you are involved in any kind of food event in the church kitchen the trash needs to be taken out before you go home. This could be a big event, preparing a youth meal or an evening meeting. If you generate trash ... someone needs to take it out.

If you have placed a name on the Prayer Request List and the prayer has been answered, please let me know so I can remove it to make room for others. If a name needs to be moved to the Long Term Prayer Needs List, please let me know so I can move them to the proper list.

Here to Serve,

Sandy Trimble, Office Manager

Fall Festival Save the Date!

To be even more successful this year than last, we need everyone to be ready to contribute and participate in the Fall Festival on October 8, 2011. The festival benefits Christ UMC's Mission and Ministry, so be sure to start thinking about what you can contribute, as well as how you can participate.

Grace Breeze
Fall Festival Chair



May I take this opportunity to say how wonderful it is to be able to work where you feel as if you are really serving someone. I want to "Thank You" for this opportunity to serve my Church in this way. I am adjusting in and know that (after seeing some of the slides this past Sunday) I will make adjustments. I will strive to serve you to the best of my ability. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. If you have any Newsletter Articles, please leave them on my desk, or email me by noon on Monday so I can include them.

Sandy Trimble, Office Manager



“Just ‘Early Service’ will suffice, Ed.”

You don’t need to be part of the Wednesday Night activities to enjoy Wednesday Night Meals! Everyone is invited to come eat and fellowship.

This week we’ll be serving up Chicken Tortilla Soup, Beef Stew, Tossed Green Salad and Cookies.

All of this is only \$6 per adult! What a bargain! The buffet opens at 6:00 and we serve until about 6:45.

Hope to see you there.

New Prayer Concerns

- Sarah Abel
- Brenda Anderson
- Sarah Bischiping
- Sharon Burke
- Joe Chamness
- Ginny Chapman
- Donna Christian
- Jan Craig
- Gary Davis
- Tralana Daniels
- Catherine Emerson
- Al & Joane Fournier
- Karen Gossett
- Diana Haberman
- Luke Hansen
- Steve Howe
- Louise Jones
- Jane Kreuger
- Laura (friend of Claude Lawson)
- Christopher Lawson
- Nikki Lawson
- Robert Lowry
- Wanda Marez
- Cassandra McClellan
- Pam Nugent
- Rose Okorocho
- Ann Patrick
- Tadge Ross
- Dorothy Salser
- Juanita Sanchez
- Calvin Scarborough
- Marion Schmidt
- Dara Seals
- Karen & Mike Tarver
- Lina Trotter
- Odette Trotter
- Tom & Ann Van Winkle
- Bernard Warnesuriye
- Jim Wilson
- Michelle Wilson



- Robbie Wimmer
- Joy Ziegler

Long Term Prayer Needs

- Andy Atwood
- Patsy Barnhart
- Jerry Carney
- Jim Duncan
- Ivee Foley
- Joy Fry
- Melody Garcia
- Rita Green
- Violet Herring
- Phil Hesbol
- Varue Hubbard
- Rev. Willie Hunt
- Kyong Jones
- Jackie Luther
- Dr. Jim Olney
- Juanita Plumb
- Ernest Roberts
- Lee Rodawalt
- Charlotte Shey
- Christopher Smith
- Jacqueline Smith
- Shaun Smith & daughters
- Margaret Stratton
- Dr. Charles Whittle

Joys and Praises

Kiley Herring—Graduated College

Love and Sympathy

- Family of Hannah Huckfeldt
- Family of Beanie Smith
- Family of Thomas Van Winkle

Other Prayer Concerns

- Caregivers
- Ministries & Programs of CUMC
- Missionaries
- Our Church & Staff
- Our Nation’s Leaders
- Single parents
- Those seeking employment
- Those struggling with addictions
- Those traveling
- World Peace

Support for Our Military

- John Barrington (Iraq)
- Presley Bloom (Afghanistan)
- Isaac Bray
- Justin Burns
- Jay Cates
- Val Cooper
- Dan Laton
- Bryon McDowell
- John McGloin
- Devon McNew
- Patrick Morphy
- Nicholas Perez (Iraq)
- Nick Pianilto (Iraq)
- Jose Rodriquez
- Jacob Tarver
- Brian Trimble (Fort Knox)
- Austin Walling
- Kevin White
- Chap. Bob Wichman (Iraq)
- 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment II

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For Your Information



May 1, 2011

General Budget Offering	\$4,833
General Budget Expenses	\$2,645
This week's difference	\$2,188
Year to date difference	-\$6,466
General Funds Available	-\$2,005

**CUMC needs an income of \$6,030.00
per week in order to meet our 2011 budget.**

Did You Know...

...Annual Conference is coming the first week of June? Our Pastor as well as one delegate will be attending to represent our church.. It is in Waco this year. The opportunity is there to assist in sending these people to Waco for our church by making an extra offering.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 11th

6:00 pm - Wednesday evening meal
6:00 pm - Trustees Meeting
6:30 pm - Children's Bible Study
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm - *Out Live Your Life* study
7:00 pm - *Beverly Hillbillies* Study (final evening)
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal
8:30 pm - Praise Band rehearsal

Sunday, May 15th

7:30 am - UMM Breakfast
HS Senior Sunday
9:00 am - Contemporary Worship
10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am - Traditional Worship
11:30 am - Youth Car Wash
12:00 pm - College/Young Adult Bible Study
12:15 pm - Finance Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Youth Bible Study
5:30 pm - Revive Prayer Group

Tuesday, May 17th

10:30 am - Martha Circle

Wednesday, May 18th

6:00 pm - Wednesday evening meal
6:30 pm - Children's Bible Study
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm - *Out Live Your Life* study
7:00 pm - *Bonanza* Study
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal
8:30 pm - Praise Band rehearsal

Thursday, May 19th

11:30 am - Young at Heart Luncheon

Friday thru Sunday, May 20th-22nd

UMW Retreat

Saturday, May 21st

4:00 pm—Baby Shower for Amanda Shannon