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## SAGINAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**May 31, 2010**

**Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**  
**Making Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World . . .**  
**One Person at a Time**



### **Our Presence** **Sunday, May 23**

Total Worship...366  
Budget...\$11,248.93  
Required weekly for 2010 budget:\$10,153.00



### **REDEFINED BEYOND ME**

#### **Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission**

*Redefined Beyond Me* is the 2010 theme for CTCYM. This awesome church, that loves their youth, has come through to support them and their missional efforts. Your response to our "Tear Down the Wall" fundraiser was overwhelming for our first year. Our optimistic and hopeful goal was to raise \$7,000 and you exceeded that goal by contributing over \$7,100. More than 30 youth are proud and honored to represent you, as the hands and feet of Christ, to the people of Oklahoma and South Texas. Thank you to our SUMC family for believing in us and allowing us to *reach beyond ourselves in mission*.

A new addition to Annual Conference this year will be a commissioning service for the participants of CTCYM at the opening worship service Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. More than 500 throughout our conference have responded to the Mission Celebration and Commissioning.

There will be a picnic at Trinity Park followed by the commission service at First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, with Bishop Lowry presiding. We will be leaving SUMC at 3:50 p.m. and return around 10:00 p.m. If you are participating in CTCYM but have not RSVP'd, please let Josh or Kristin know ASAP.

Again, a huge and heartfelt thank you to YOU, SUMC, for your continued support of our youth.

## Mary Nell's Moments~

Summer is upon us. Wow! They used to say that life in the church slowed down in the summer, but I find the opposite to be true. As I work to take a breath, slow down, find balance, meaning and peace in my life I turn to a favorite book of mine by Rueben Job, *Three Simple Rules*. I wish to share below excerpts from the book that I pray will guide you, give you peace and balance.

"There are three simple rules that have the power to change the world. While they are ancient, they have seldom been fully put to the test. But when and where practiced, the world of things as they were was shaken until a new formation, a new world was formed. The Wesleyan movement is a prime example of this new creation that is formed when these three simple rules were adopted as a way of living.

We live in such a fast-paced, frenzied, and complex world that it is easy to believe we are all trapped into being someone we do not wish to be and living a life we do not desire to live. We long for some way to cut through the complexities and turbulence of every day life. We search for a way to overcome the divisiveness that separates, disparages, disrespects, diminishes, and leave us wounded and incomplete. We know deep within that the path we are on is not healthy or morally right and that it cannot lead to a positive ending. We fear that there is no way out.

To seek help we turn to the One who created us, formed us, and loves us as we are and yet always seeks to lead us to become more than we are. When asked which commandment was most important, Jesus responded, ". . . you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these". Here we have the foundation and instruction for the faithful and good life in every age. It is both a simple and profound statement. And it remains a guide to the highest form of faithfulness and continues to hold the promise of a way of life that is both rewarding and fruitful in furthering God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

I believe we have reached a place where, as a people of faith, we are ready to give serious consideration to . . . a more faithful way of living as disciples of Jesus Christ. This way must be so clear that it can be taught and practiced by everyone.

This way of living was given to John Wesley in a time much like our own. Now it is up to us to see if we will take it, teach it, and practice it until it becomes our natural way of living – a way of living that will mark our life together and our lives as individual Christians. This radical change of direction is marked by these three simple rules:

1. Do No Harm
2. Do Good
3. Stay in Love with God"

Grace and peace, *Mary Nell*



**Saginaw United Methodist Church**  
**Softball Team Games at**  
**Willow Creek Park**  
**(Thursday nights)**  
 June 3 - 9:15 p.m.  
 June 10 - 8:20 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 27 - July 1**

**6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Ages: Going into Kindergarten  
 through 5th grade

(PreK for worker's kids only)



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 EDITION OF THE FOCUS  
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**Wondering What to do with those Empty Ink Cartridges? Recycle them in Fellowship Hall!** Bring your empty HP, Lexmark™ or Dell® ink cartridges to church and place them in the box marked "Ink Cartridges" in Fellowship Hall.

An invitation has been received for Winston and Lorraine Woolsey's 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 12. It is posted on the bulletin board.



**Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Pearl Cook  
 Karen and David Ranney

Rose Yount  
 Nate Bishara

*Email Terry Timms, tstimms@att.net,  
 to add people to the email prayer list.*



for Tuesday, July 6, Wednesday, July 7, Thursday, July 8, and Thursday, July 15. If you are able to help on any or all of the above dates, please call or email the church office at 817-232-0390 or office@saginawumc.org. Thank you!

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**Hola!**



Spanish Immersion Summer Camp is on the way! Classes are \$75 per child (\$60 each if more than one child in a family). Classes will be held at SUMC in the Scout room from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Monday - Thursday.

Session I (June 7 - 10) for Kindergarten - 2nd grade  
 Session II (June 14 - 17) for 3rd to 5th grade  
 Session III (June 21 - 24) for Middle and High School

Adult classes may be offered if there is enough interest. For summer camp information, please call Mimi Aldape, 817-894-7930 or e-mail her at rja70@sbcglobal.net.

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**It is Time to Sign up for**

Glen Lake Camp has started registration for summer camp for 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If your child needs financial assistance you may apply for an SUMC Campership. **Should you choose to apply for a Campership, you CANNOT register online.** You must complete a registration form and turn it into Mary Nell Partin. For additional information about summer camp, go to www.glenlake.org, or contact Mary Nell at 817-232-0390 or marynell@saginawumc.org.

**Danny and Rosa  
 Jordan's home  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 Come and Go**



*Dear Church Family,*

*Jim and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with the 2010 Lord's Acre. It obviously takes many dedicated people to put a project like this together, and Jim and I are very thankful for all of your contributions. From bulletin board creators, sound technicians, bakers, quilters, auctioneers, stage builders, tent raisers, auction donors, table movers, cooks, servers, drink suppliers, babysitters, computer wizards, to decorators and bidders, thank you, thank you, thank you! You are an amazing church, so please pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!*

*Sincerely,*

*Tracey and Jim Cox  
 2010 Lord's Acre Chairs*



# GOD SQUAD YOUTH NEWS



Senior High Mission Trip  
June 14 - 19, 2010  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

## COMMUNITY LINK MISSION (CLM)

During the month of April, CLM served 246 families which consisted of a total of 700 individuals. CLM is in need of the following items: sugar, cream of chicken soup, ramen noodles, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, crackers, toothpaste, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap, dish soap, and toilet paper. You may take your donations directly to CLM (hours posted in next column) or you may put them in the bin located in Fellowship Hall. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Church-Wide Movie Night Under the Stars  
Friday, June 4  
7:30 p.m. - Church parking lot

Annual Conference  
Sunday - Wednesday  
June 6 - 9

Will Rogers Memorial Center



Monday, June 7  
7:00 p.m.; Room C2

## Wisdom Group

Potluck Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Antiques Roadshow - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8; Fellowship Hall

Bring some interesting artifact, antique, picture or whatever to our next meeting to share with our group. You can also be a History Detective and share an interesting story about your genealogy, something you have inherited or purchased.



Tuesday, June 8; 7:00 p.m.

Room C2



the Sisterhood

Thursday, June 10; 7:00 p.m.



United Methodist Men Breakfast

Saturday, June 12

8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

A graduation announcement has been received from Leslie Creed. It is posted on the bulletin board.



## SUMC OUTREACH

- **Weight Watchers** - Fellowship Hall: Mondays at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- **Daisy Girl Scouts** - C20: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (August - May); **Girl Scout Troop 2702** - C20; 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (August - May) <http://gstroop2702.webs.com>
- **Boy Scouts** - Scout Building; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
- **Cub Scouts: Webelos I**, Scout Building, Mondays at 6:00 p.m.; **Bear Den**, Scout Building, 1st/3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.; 2nd/4th Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.;
- **Webelos II**, Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.; **Wolf Den**, Scout Building, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.; **Tiger Dens**, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; [www.cubscoutpack151.org](http://www.cubscoutpack151.org)
- **Little Blessings** - Children's Wing: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (August - May)
- **Community Link Mission (CLM)**: Hours of operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; CLM Board Meeting is held the second Monday of each month.
- **Habitat for Humanity** - For more information, visit [www.trinityhabitat.org](http://www.trinityhabitat.org)
- **Water Wells** - funding the building of three wells and one church in the Congo over the next five years.

## Fellowship Hall Floor Fund

In Honor of George and Linda Allison's  
50th Wedding Anniversary

Given by: Margie Keeter, Paul Spindor, Bill and Lois Horton, Bill and Yvonne Flippo, Frankie Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Tompkins, Bob and Alice Anderson, Ron and Linda Brown, Mildred Vick, Helen Carr, Jerry and Betty Williams, and Faye Dell Bicknell

In Honor of Winston and Lorraine Woolsey's  
50th Wedding Anniversary

Given by: Faye Dell Bicknell

## Memorials

In Memory of

Margaret Richey (Mildred Vick's sister)  
and James Treadway

Given by: Faye Dell Bicknell

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**YOU**

**SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
3:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Live (Grades 6 - 12)

**Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. Quilters - Annex Building  
6:15 p.m. Youth Wednesday Night Unwind  
(Grades 6 - 12) - Youth Café  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room



**Worship Assistants**

**June 6**

**Liturgists:** Don Browning and Sandy Thompson  
**Sound System Operators:** Tom Griffith and Doug Denton  
**Ushers:** John Mackey and Craig Bradford; Rosa Jordan, Linda and Keith Carter, Shirley and Charles Stephens  
**Doorstep Visitation:** Liz and Randy Hatley  
**Acolytes:** Taylor Smith and Meghan Lewis  
**Greeters:** Londa and Dale Pontius, Liz Hatley; Evelyn Hudgens, Mary Coman, JoAnn Avery

**June 13**

**Liturgist:** Shelley Collins and Chuck Wheeler  
**Sound System Operators:** Kirk Wise and Kallie Weaver  
**Ushers:** Danny Jordan and Peggy Dietz; Bobby Rann, Paul Hood, Dan Wilkening, Michelle Burkholder  
**Doorstep Visitation:** Anita and David Witter  
**Acolytes:** Bailey Collins and Avarie Switzer  
**Greeters:** Rita Roberts, John Mackey, Pam Phinney, Cyd Baumgardner; Shirley and Charles Stephens, Tammy Line

**Presbyterian Night Shelter: Crossroads**