Collections for Haiti mission trip

Aledo UMC is very excited to be taking our first mission trip to Haiti. A team of five will be traveling to Haiti with another United Methodist church on October 5–13 to work with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in the continued recovery efforts from the 2010 earthquake that devastated the country and killed over 300,000 people.

Over the next several weeks we will collect items for our Haiti mission trip. Please give as you can and begin to pray for our team.

- Inflatable balls
- Pumps to inflate the balls
- Jump ropes
- Playground items
- Vacation Bible School supplies
- School supplies

AUMC will take a second trip to Haiti in 2012.

Backpacks for Fort Worth homeless

As a church, we have been serving the homeless at Broadway Baptist in Fort Worth for the last few months on the first and third Thursdays. This is both very rewarding and very eye opening. I have yet to meet anyone who has chosen this way of life. Their stories are all heartbreaking. To sit with them and share a meal has been more rewarding than I could have ever imagined.

Many of the people we serve carry their belongings in plastic grocery sacks or trash bags. Some are lucky enough to have a backpack, although most of those are torn and being held together by tape or string.

We would like to collect new backpacks for Broadway Baptist on Sunday, September 11th and then take them the next time that we serve. We will be collecting them after both services in the narthex. Please find it in your heart to pick up one or two backpacks. You don't know how much they would appreciate this and how this little thing would help them out so much.

Please bring one or two new backpacks to the church, and we would love for you to join us in serving a meal one night.

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NEW MEMBERS

Gary and Barbara Leevy
Mikaela, Grant and Glenn
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Gary is an engineer at Lockheed.
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Barbara: Cell 817-733-9760, E-mail: bleevy@sbcglobal.net
Mikaela is 10 years old and in 5th grade.
Grant is 8 years old and in 3rd grade.
Glenn is 2 years old.
They are transferring their membership from Fort Worth First Church of the Nazarene in Crowley, TX.


Our special members who are unable to be with us for worship:
Anna Boger, Rosemary Houser, Wynell Stevens

Our Long Term Prayer Concerns: Sara Reed’s mother Paula Duckering, PFC Logan Tidwell, PFC Travis Dare, Kids Hope USA Children, Sheryl Glusing, Henry Davis, Brian White’s Family, Capt. Marc R. Bradle, PFC James Spurlock, Brian Hebert, Casey Tutt, Lucas Potter, Sgt. Aavram Powell, Barbara Moore’s parents Edward & Helen Farcus, Mason Gomez, Lt. 1st Class Jesse Spurlock, Bryan Thomas, USMC Cory Applewhite, Sgt. Adam Novak, Sgt. Andrew Schneider, Pvt. 1st Class Ryan Hedinblad, Johnny Rowell, Ben Weston, Missionaries, Chase Peysen, Sgt. Joe Washam, Beth Fischer’s Mom, All Military Personnel

If you have an emergency (life threatening illness or death in the family) and would like to speak to one of our pastors, please call (817)710-AUMC (2862).

A burden, even a small one, when carried alone and in isolation can destroy us, but a burden when carried as part of God’s burden can lead us to new life. That is the great mystery of our faith. —Henri Nouwen

Burdens
If you or someone you know would benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact DeAndrea in the church office or at DeAndreaDare@aledoumc.org. Stephen Ministers are here to care for you when you need encouragement, hope and prayer.
Fall Book Discussions

OCTOBER BOOK DISCUSSION
Letters to a Young Doubter
Thursday, October 6, 6:30-7:30pm
In “Letters to a Young Poet”, the poet Rainer Maria Rilke advises to “be patient towards all that is unsolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves,” for gradually, “you will live into the answers.” These words have long struck renowned preacher and activist William Sloane Coffin as a wise way to view a growing and evolving life.

Thus inspired, Coffin, former university chaplain at Yale, imagined a similar volume of letters. In an exchange of letters over the months of an academic year, Bill writes an imagined bright, young college student, answering his questions and giving typically Coffin-sage advice about problems of faith, the difficulties of personal life, and the more confusing and complex problems of today’s world.

In these letters, Bill Coffin demonstrates that a strong religious faith despite doubts is far stronger than one without doubts. And, as he says, no one so reveals an absence of faith as a dogmatist.

NOVEMBER BOOK DISCUSSION
Sinning Like a Christian
Thursday, November 3, 6:30-7:30pm
William H. Willimon, noted author, teacher, preacher and now United Methodist Bishop, brings his blunt, eloquent, and humorous style to bear on the question of sin. His penetrating observations will be welcomed by readers who are dissatisfied with shallow, feel-good Christianity (from the left or the right) that does not attempt to grapple with our propensity to do evil.

DECEMBER BOOK DISCUSSION
Searching For God Knows What
Thursday, December 1, 6:30-7:30pm
Miller weaves phenomenal characters and true-to-life spectacles into his acclaimed memoir style to show that one of the greatest desires of “every” person is the desire for redemption. Instead of the chaotic relationships, self-hatred, reckless consumerism, and anxiety, Miller uncovers the beauty and power of the Gospel to fulfill one of our deepest needs.

Help restock the Center of Hope

On the first Sunday of each month the Missions Committee collects the items listed below for the Center of Hope. These are necessities that cannot be purchased with food stamps, so the stock at the Center of Hope disappears rapidly. On your next trip to the store, won’t you please pick up an item or two and place in the blue basket in the narthex. If this is not convenient for you, monetary donations are also accepted. Your continued support of this project is greatly appreciated.

- **Paper Products:** Toilet tissue, paper towels
- **Cleaning supplies:** Laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaners
- **Personal Care:** Shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream and aftershave lotion (sample sizes are fine), Depends for men and women

The Will of God
Facilitated by Rev. Jason M. Jones
Wednesday Nights 6:45 Through September 28

It was during World War II that Leslie Weatherhead preached five sermons on understanding the will of God for the congregation at City Temple in London. These sermons became the classic book, “The Will of God”, which has helped hundreds of thousands of Christians explore how God’s will is related to God's character and ultimate intentions for us.

The Hidden Power of the Gospels
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
10:00–12:00
Tuesday, Sept. 13–Nov. 15
Led by Rev. DeAndrea Dare

Shaia reveals how the recurring cycles of change, loss, enlightenment, and maturation are illuminated by the Bible’s four gospels. Combining ancient Christian traditions, anthropology and modern psychology, he reveals what has been in front of our eyes for two thousand years: each of the gospels is centered on a different core metaphor and on a vital spiritual question.

Disciple I
Tuesday Nights 6:30-8:30, August 30–May 15
Facilitated by Trudy Smith and Fanci Coyle
Making a connection between our minds, hearts and hands is the goal of Disciple Bible Study. Disciple I is a 34-week comprehensive study of Scripture beginning with Genesis and ending with Revelation and is a perfect beginning Bible study for individuals or couples. Each class is one and a half to two hours long and requires daily Bible reading and preparation. Cost for the study book is $30.00.

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life
Thursday Nights 6:30-8:30, September 8–May 17
Facilitated by Matt Reed and Bob Bull
Disciple IV focuses on the writings in the Old Testament of Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations and Daniel, as well as some New Testament books. Disciple I is a pre-requisite for Disciple IV.
See what’s new this year in Children’s Sunday School!

• **A new look!** Thanks to a very generous gift, our Education Building has new carpet and fresh, bright paint! If you haven’t yet visited, stop by and see the colorful rooms!
• **New curriculum!** We are using the live B.I.G. curriculum this fall. It is fresh and exciting, a fun new look for the children to enjoy!
• **New format!** All children in grades 1–5 will meet for Sunday school in the Gathering Room (first floor of the Ed. Bldg.) at 10:00am. After a time of fellowship and focus—through music, video, and words—they will move with their teachers to their classrooms. They will need to be picked up in their classrooms at 10:45am.
• **New teachers!** Our fall teachers are starting on Sunday, September 4th. Some grades have individual class teachers for the school year; other grades have team teachers working together! Check your child’s classroom for new teacher information, and find out what you can do to help!

**Confirmation begins on Sunday, September 4th with a Parent/Student Meeting in the Rock House from 9:50-10:45 a.m.**

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

**New weekly events and times!**

Join us on Sunday Mornings 9:45–11:00 in the E.R. for the Gathering and Sunday School.

Join us on Sunday Nights at SURGE from 6–7:30.

**MISSION POSSIBLE**

**September 7th**
Moroccan Spiced Apricot Chicken with Couscous
Marinated Baked Chicken
Variety of hot vegetables
Salads

**September 14th**
Country Fried Steaks with Chipotle Gravy
Real Mashed Potatoes
Wonderful seasoned Green Beans

**September 21st**
PORK CHOP NIGHT
Pork Medallions with Mushroom Marsala Sauce
Variety of vegetables
Salads

**September 28th**
Texas BRISKET Night
We have 9 Holland interns from Lockheed Martin coming to join us for dinner this night. Come show them a big welcome and learn a few things about Holland. We will have a birthday cake that night as one of them will be celebrating their birthday right here in Aledo, Texas.

Every Wednesday night dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. This is a change from last year. We hope that this time change will allow more of you to attend dinner that were unable to make it last year. We will have a KIDS MENU each Wednesday. Cost is $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for kids up to 5th grade.

**Did you know?...**

Lord’s Acre Fall Festival has been a tradition at Aledo UMC for over 40 years! The entire Church is encouraged to join in and make this year the best ever!

**How can you help?**
Shop for or make items to sell or auction; bake a pie, cake or cookies; give some of your time (just an hour or two); serve BBQ with the Mission Chicks; shop, eat or just have fun!
Please mark your calendar and plan to make the 2011 Lord’s Acre Fall Festival

**MISSION POSSIBLE**
October 8th, 4pm–8pm
Kid’s Carnival, BBQ Dinner, Live and Silent Auctions, Cake Walk, Gift Shop and Bake Sale

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