GO FOR THE GOLD!

I’ve been seeing some amazing sights this week. I have been watching the Olympics and, as usual, have been awed by the level of skill and mastery these athletes exhibit in their respected fields. It boggles the mind to think of how many hours of hard work have gone into the efforts of these young men and women as they have prepared for this competition. What dedication, commitment, and hope they must have to do what it takes to “go for the gold”.

The Apostle Paul was also impressed by the athletes of his day. In fact, in his letter to the Corinthians he looked to the dedication of athletes as an analogy for the kind of commitment God is looking for in our walk with Him. Listen to Paul’s words:

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

1 Cor 9:24-25

Just imagine what amazing sights we would see if each and every Christian took their faith as seriously as the Olympians take their sports. Wow!

May God bless you this week as you go for God’s gold!

Grace and Peace,
Lynne
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Some people give casseroles, bake bread or cookies while others send flowers. This special ministry at FUMC provides prayer shawls and pocket shawls to people as a symbol of God’s love for everyone. The shawls are given to people in the hospital or at home who need a special touch to let them know they are not alone and who need to feel God’s loving arms wrapped around them. The pocket shawls (4”squares) have also been sent with young people who are bound for mission work in service to others so that they know God is by their side.

If you can knit or crochet and are interested in joining this ministry to provide shawls for very special people, call Linda Neumann for more information at (979) 297-7305.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Shawl Ministry

VBS
July 21 - 25, 2014
5:30PM - 8:15PM

DISTRICT SUMMER CAMP
July 14 -18, 2014
Ages 4th Grade thru High School
Lakeview Methodist Center
Palestine, TX

Come discover how
the ordinary becomes extraordinary!

Rock-n-Roll Easter Event
April 12, 2014
9:00AM—11:00AM
Come have fun!
There will be games, crafts, Easter egg hunts, and more....

If you are interested in volunteering and helping others, call the church office, Ramona Barr, Ethel Tracy, or Chloe Taylor.

The Alter Flower Ministry is seeking more volunteers to help arrange and/or deliver altar flowers to shut-ins after the beautiful arrays have been enjoyed in our worship services. The flowers always seem to brighten the lives of all who receive them. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry or want more information, please call the church office, Ramona Barr, Ethel Tracy, or Chloe Taylor.

Doubting Faith

You’ve all heard of a doubting Thomas - a person who refuses to believe without proof; otherwise called a skeptic. There are lots of doubting people in the world but God doesn’t want us to doubt. He wants us to trust Him; to have faith and have confidence that Jesus is always with us. Faith is believing in what you can’t see because of what you can see. We can believe that what the Bible says about God is true! So come join us this month in Sunday school and let’s explore the stories together.

Week 1 - Peter dropped everything to follow Jesus. He believed in Him! Luke 5:1-11
Week 2 - Jesus walked on water. Peter believed Jesus! Matthew 14:22-33
Week 3 - John is doubting Jesus. Jesus performed miracles! Luke 7:18-22
Week 4 - Nicodemus learns that Jesus is our savior. Jesus lives in us! John 3:1-21

God is real. He wants to be in our lives. Will you let Him in, will you let Jesus into your heart? That is the question. That simple question will change your life forever. It did mine!!

If you have never accepted Jesus into your life, we are here to help you. Call me, call Lynne, call Josh. We would love to visit with you. You are that important to us and God!!! May the love of Christ be with you today and always.

Praising God Always,
Kimberly Bowers
Children’s Ministry Director
ATTENTION: 7th thru 12th Graders
Come out on Sunday nights 5-7 PM for our 3-week study - “Give Yourself Away”. Learn how to live your life for others and combat the selfishness we all struggle with! Worship along with Joshua and enjoy dinner, provided by FUMC!!

Connect with The Awakening Youth Group on Facebook!

ATTENTION: 5th Graders

Submerge
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- Sunday, March 23rd – SUBMERGED to “Spring” into Service
Drop-off is at 3:45pm in the Blue Door room and pickup is at 4:55. Contact Kim Copeland at copeland.kim@att.net or (832) 741-3932 with questions.
Our meetings always include a Bible lesson, food, and games. Don’t miss it!!

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Sympathies and Memorials...

On the death of A. G. Snelgrove
Condolences can be sent to:
Frances Snelgrove
721 W. Mulberry #516
Angleton, TX 77515

MEMORIALS
The following memorial donations have recently been received by the church:

In memory of: JOHN HUEBEL
given by: Ruth Munnerlyn

In memory of: JUDY POPPELREITER
given by: Stella K. Alcott
Bill & Curly Leshikar
Martha Wallace, CPA

In memory of: GLENDA JOY
given by: Douglas & Nina Kirk

Rogers & Feb Crous
Suzanne Sargent
Carl & Lane Spoonemore
Linda Neumann
Bob & Eleanor Walker
Frances Snelgrove & family
Lola Willy (aunt of Bryan & Delia Hoskins)
Barbara Davis
Chelsa & Nikolai Leatherwood
Shirley Rylander & family
Jim Reaves
Chuck Schrieber (grandfather of Mark Standlee)
Tal & Harriet Whiteside
Jim Gauntt Sr. (father of Jim Gauntt)
J.C. Joy
Jean Clements

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, fill out a request card and drop in offering plate or prayer box on Sundays, or contact the church office.
A message from your 2014 Finance Committee...

The Bible tells us...

Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 

Philippians 2:4

And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need; these are the sacrifices that please God. 

Hebrews 13:16

In the community surrounding FUMC, our ministry opportunities are endless. While we desire to fulfill Christ’s mission to serve, our limited budget is hindering these efforts. In other words, we currently have more ministry than money and we need your help. Your Finance Committee is working closely with church leadership to develop a plan of action that will help close the gap and enhance the overall effectiveness of our church in and around the Brazosport area. We welcome your ideas and we covet your prayers as we look for ways to overcome these challenges.

Tom Crawford        Kye Han Lee
Finance Chair          Stewardship Chair

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**
- 7:00 AM Emmaus Group Mtg - Lib
- 10:00 AM C-3 Youth Bible Study - Brazoswood HS Cafeteria
- 3:30 PM C-3 Youth Bible Study - Lj Intermediate
- 6:15 PM Small Group Study - WP
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - WH

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**
- 10:00 AM Beth Moore Bible Study - Rm I4
- 7:00 PM Barbershop Group - CR
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack Mtg - AR

**Friday, February 21, 2014**
- 6:15 PM Small Group Study - WP

**Sunday, February 23, 2014**
- 8:00 AM Classic Worship Service - Chapel
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Service - WH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School - (all ages)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Service - WH
- 3:00 PM Confirmation Class - BDR
- 3:45 PM Submerge - BDR
- 5:00 PM The Awakening Youth Group
- 5:00 PM The Journey Service - WH

**Monday, February 24, 2014**
- 9:00 AM Mom’s in Prayer - WP
- 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #27028 - PP
- 6:30 PM Sunday School - (all ages)
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #245 - AR

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2014**
- 9AM - 8PM Intercessory Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 AM Worship Team Mtg - WP
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - AR
- 7:30 PM Praise Team Practice - WH

**Thursday, February 26, 2014**
- 7:00 AM Emmaus Group Mtg - Lib
- 10:00 AM C-3 Youth Bible Study - Brazoswood HS Cafeteria
- 10:00 AM Friendship Club - Rm I4
- 3:30 PM C-3 Youth Bible Study - Lj Intermediate
- 6:15 PM Small Group Study - WP
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - WH