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Greatness to Spare

T. R. Fehrenback's book, *Greatness to Spare*, is a series of biographical sketches of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence. He concluded the book with a summary of what happened to some of those people.

- "Nine signers (of the Declaration of Independence) died of wounds or hardships during the Revolutionary War.
- Five were captured or imprisoned with brutal treatment.
- The wives, sons, and daughters of others were killed, jailed, mistreated, persecuted or left penniless. One was driven from his wife's deathbed and lost all of his children.
- The houses of twelve signers were burned to the ground.
- Seventeen lost everything they owned.
- Every one of them was proscribed as a traitor.
- Every one was a hunted man. Most were driven into flight; most were at one time of another barred from their families or their homes.
- Most were offered immunity, freedom, rewards; their property or the lives and release of loved ones to break their pledged word or to take the king's protection.
- Their fortune was forfeit but their honor was not.

And NOT ONE OF THEM… no single one of them… no signer defected or changed his stand throughout those darkest hours."

What a legacy we share!

Have a wonderful 4th of July.

Grace and Peace,

Lynne

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in JULY

JULY 2:
Steve Davis
Rosemary Holt

JULY 3:
John Cannan
Melissa Miller

JULY 4:
Alex Haase

JULY 5:
Jordan Goldman

JULY 7:
Frances Bitter
Michelle Overman

JULY 8:
Robert Overman

JULY 11:
Kimberly Bowers

JULY 13:
Rita Holt

JULY 14:
Veronica Hicks
Joyce Gaubatz
Larkin Atkins

JULY 15:
Jim May
Barbara Michna

JULY 16:
George Hoot

JULY 17:
Kelly Johnson

JULY 20:
Stacey Aycock
Vickie Anderson

JULY 22:
Stephanie Israel

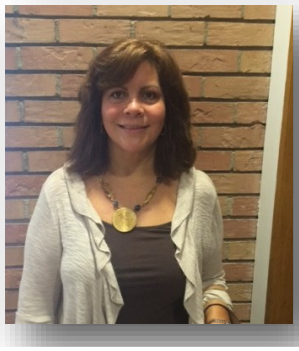
JULY 25:
Tristan Garrett

JULY 27:
Bailey Daeschner
Sandra Miller

JULY 29:
Becky Hendricks

JULY 30:
Jennifer Cannan

Newest member of the FUMC family…



Martha Marshall

Give GOD what's right …

… not what's left!

Deuteronomy 15:10 **-** Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this, the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

A donation has been made by:

David & Jackie Swisher

In loving honor of:

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On the death of:

GEORGE DORROH

Condolences may be sent to his son:

Larry Dorroh
420 Garland Dr., Apt. 1019
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Donations have been made to FUMC in memory of **Evelyn Marvin** by each of the following:

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Bill & Curly Leshikar

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VBS 2015

Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid

Everyone had a lot of fun learning about the old days of the Bible at VBS this summer!

Jesus had a family...a name...a home...a church...*and we do too!!*

Nothing is Impossible!

Do you ever feel like the world is crashing in around you? Life is not always fun & games. It can be challenging. It can be amazing. Our God is so big and wonderful. He is always with us. He loves us so much!

This summer at Sunday School we will be getting into Bible stories! Stories that tell us about Conviction. Conviction is standing up for what's right, even when others don't.

Our bottom line: when you know what God says, it can help you stand for what's right.

So come join us as we explore our super heroes from the Bible!
Sunday school every Sunday from 10-10:50 am.

We will learn that Nothing is Impossible with God! Luke 1:37

Praising God Always,
Kimberly Bowers
FUMC Children's Ministry Director

If you provided food for VBS or helped serve, we appreciate you!

Our tribe leaders, shop keepers, teen helpers and kids loved all the yummy snacks. We had quite a spread!

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We are now on Instagram at firstyouthlj

JULY SUNDAY NIGHT EVENTS

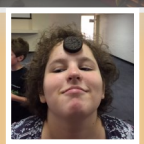
July 5
Movie Night in the New Youth Center
"Heaven is For Real"
JOY Ministry is invited
5 - 7pm

July 12th to 13th
Lock-In and 1st Annual Fish Camp
5pm - 8am

July 19th
Beach Cookout with Chapelwood UMC and Angleton UMC
3:30 - 6:30pm

July 26th
Kayaking at the Bachmans in Surfside
4:30 - 7pm
**Please let us know if you have a tandem kayak that we can borrow.

Super-Sized Human Game Pictures from June 14th
Thank you, Wes



Happiness is an Oreo on your forehead

July News

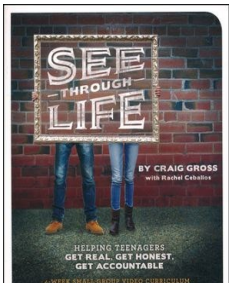
July Wednesday Night Bible Study

7th through 12th Grades Invited:

Meet us on Wednesday nights in July at 6:30pm in the youth center. Wes will be teaching a DVD series called ***"See through Life".*** It's about why you should be accountable, why you should live a life of depth, and why you should surround yourself with people who are accountable and can help you through times of both trouble and peace.

We start on July 1 at 6:30.
See you then.

Get Real
Get Honest
Get Accountable



How do you get your FirstYouth News?

1. Email: Signup at youth@ljfumc.org

2. Text Message: Signup at 832-741-3932

3. Facebook: Like us at First Youth Lake Jackson

4. Instagram: Follow us at firstyouthlj

Instagram

4. Church Newsletter? http://www.ljfumc.org/#/media/newsletters

F.I.S.H. First I Seek Him

July Youth Spotlight - DC Cameron

DC Cameron is our Youth of the Month for July 2015. I chose DC because of his commitment to reading the Bible. He started a challenge at the beginning of the school year of reading the Bible every day. He started in Genesis and is currently in Revelation. What a great accomplishment.

DC will be going into the 10th grade and attends Foundation Preparatory Academy. He is active in Sunday School and the youth group at FUMC.

DC has attended UM Army, GAC, (a Christian summer camp), and has helped with VBS for several years. DC is also active in Boy Scout Troop 325 and in Teen Guild at The Center for Arts and Sciences.

Thanks, DC, for setting a great example as a young Christian Bible reader.

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More June Youth Celebrations

Youth Parent Dinner/ Confirmation Banquet

(70+ people attending)

A special youth thank you to KayKay, Bob, Kyehan, and Suzanne.

Shattered Silence Concert

(80+ people attending)

Faith & Family Night at the Astros with *Mercy Me*

(44 people attending)

Youth Center Remodel

We are hoping that by the time this newsletter goes to print, the youth center remodel will be mostly complete. So far there is new paint and new countertops. We are waiting on the new floor to be installed, new faucets, new doors, ceiling tiles to be replaced, lights to be replaced, and Mrs. Suzanne's new stove. Look for more "after" pictures in the next newsletter.

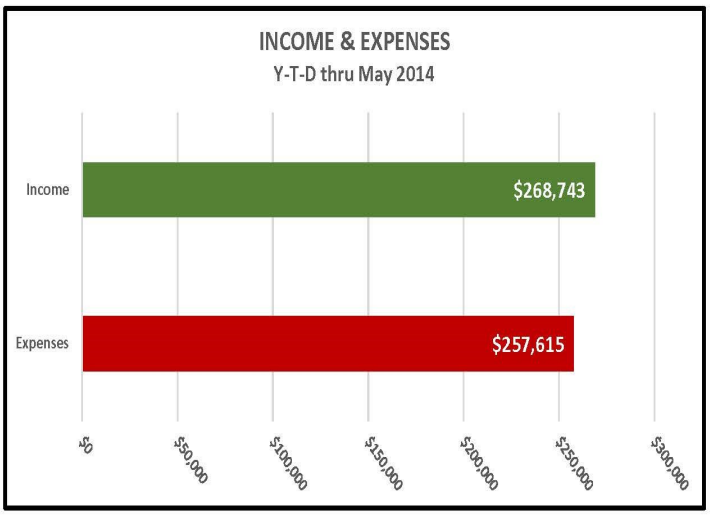
SUBMERGE
5th & 6th Graders
July 14 - Let's go see the *Minions Movie*
(afternoon time TBD)

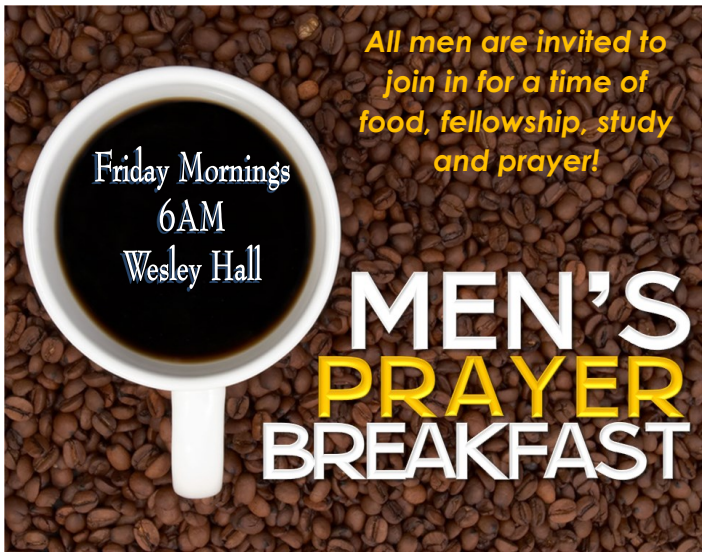
A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE....

The Finance team is pleased that our year-to-date income is exceeding expenses thus far.

We would like to remind everyone that expenses typically go up during the summer months with the increased usage of our A/C's and the additional youth and children's activities that take place. Please keep this in mind as you plan for and enjoy your summer vacations.

As always, we sincerely appreciate your ongoing financial and prayerful support!





11AM
4th Wednesday
of each month
at the home of Linda Neumann
132 Lily

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.
Love them *anyway*. (6/7)

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good *anyway*. (6-14)

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank *anyway*. (6/21)

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good *anyway*. (6/28)

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.
Think big *anyway*. (7/5)

If you are successful, you will win fals friends and true enemies.
Succeed *anyway*. (7/12)

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have *anyway*. (7/19)

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs *anyway*. (7/26)

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build *anyway*. (8/2)

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.
Help people *anyway*. (8-9)

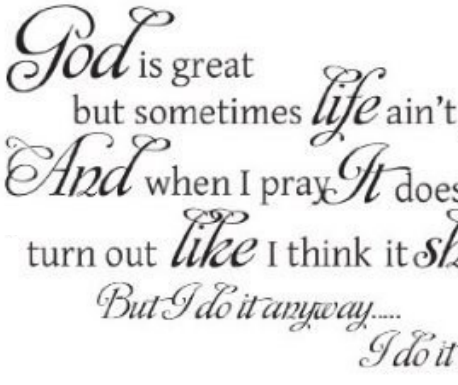
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;
It was never between you and them *anyway*.

~Mother Theresa~

Do It Anyway!

Keeping with the series of Mother Theresa's Paradoxical Commandments, here are Lynne's sermon topics for the month of July.

If you are unable to attend one or more weeks, *we'll miss you!*... but keep in mind that Sunday sermons can be viewed online anytime at www.ljfumc.org.



PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 23

SUPER HERO BIBLE PARTY

The time for all children to move to their new grade level Sunday School class.

All children to meet in Wesley Hall at 10am for some *Super* fun!

Children can come dressed in costumes reprenting their favorite Bible hero.

More details to come....

FUMC
Family Pool Party/Cookout
AUGUST 15

4:30 - 6:30 swim
6:30 - 7:30 cookout at park pavilion across from pool

All children, youth, and Joy Ministry kids are invited! *(Moms and Dads too!)*

Hotdogs and all the trimmings will be provided! Families attending are asked to bring a food or dessert to share!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Summer is here and it's time to go camping...

We have a group of 12 *(9 children and 3 adults)* going from FUMC to Lakeview Camp, July 6 - 10. We will be traveling on Greyhound buses with other groups from the Brazosport area.

Pray for safe travels, good weather, and great fun for all!

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CORINTHIANS
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GENESIS
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- Praising God!
- Teaching God's Word!
- Loving One Another!
- Strengthening Families!
- Sharing the Good News!

JOIN US!

Schedule of Sunday Services

Classic Service	Chapel	8AM
Contemporary Service	Sanctuary	9AM
Sunday School	*(all ages)*	10AM
Traditional Service	Sanctuary	11AM