



Ministry Matters

Spotlight is on . . . Yates Park Help the Youth Project - School Supply Program

With summer in full swing, the first days of school in August are just a few weeks away – and that means it’s time to begin preparations for our 2011 Yates Park Help the Youth Project - School Supply Program. Founded by community leaders Mary Craig and Betty Elder 25 years ago and sponsored each year by FUMC member Anne McCrady, the Yates Park Project provides school supplies to over 800 needy children in Rusk County! This year’s event is set for Friday, August 19, 2010, from 8 A.M. - 2 P.M. at the Henderson Civic Center. Our church family has always been so supportive of this project, and we need your help again this year! We are accepting cash donations, as well as actual school supplies. Donations can be mailed to P. O. Box 1121. School Supplies can be dropped off at the church. You can also contact Betty Elder at 903-657-4061 or Anne McCrady at 903-658-5645. Finally, we invite you to join us as a volunteer either Thursday to help sort supplies or Friday to greet and register families, as we make sure the first day of school is a celebration for every child!

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Worship in July

Sunday, July 3

*Our Response to God:
Sacraments & Worship
(John 4:19-24)*



Sunday, July 10

U.M. ARMY Testimonies

Sunday, July 17

*Parables of Jesus:
Wise Builders, Solid Foundations
(Matthew 7:24-27)*



Sunday, July 24

*Parables of Jesus:
Good Soil, Good Crop
Mark 4:1-20*



Sunday, July 31

*Parables of Jesus:
Lost & Found
Luke 15:11-24*



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Who am I?

Allow me to briefly introduce myself and what is most important to me.

My Family: married to Cathy for 29 years; son, Ben lives and works in Ft. Worth; daughter, Danae will be a senior at LeTourneau University this fall.

My Faith: grew up in the church; responded to God’s love at age 12; responded to God’s call to serve Him with my life while in college; I experience God’s love through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection; I express God’s love through my interaction with others.

My Focus in Ministry: church health; if we are a healthy church we will grow.

My Foundation for Ministry: a commitment to God’s Word; a commitment to caring for one another; a commitment to worship; a commitment to prayer (Acts 2:42).

In the coming years we will get to know one another better. I hope you have been, or will be, part of one of our small group, home meetings. This provides an excellent opportunity for me to hear your stories of faith and discover your passion for mission and ministry.

May we always be found faithful in worship and in witness.

Grace & Peace,

David Luckert



Blossom Hill Revival

Reverend David Luckert will be preaching the Blossom Hill United Methodist Revival. You can hear his message July 17 through the 20th.

Also, Gene Evans will be singing the evening of July 19, and Cathy Luckert will be singing July 20. We invite you to listen to and enjoy the word of God.



Register NOW for the 2011 Terrific Tuesday program, Dog Days of Summer

On Tuesdays in June and July Elementary aged children will have the opportunity become a child that “Depends On God” for his/her needs.

Registration is **FREE**, but you **MUST** register to participate. All of the information can be found in the pamphlets around the church and on our website.



- TUESDAYS IN JULY 2011:**
- July 5th—Cooking Class— Make Doggie Biscuits
 - July 12th—Visit from Rusk County K-9 officer
 - July 19th—Bill and Star Famous Dog Trainer will show us some dog tricks
 - July 26th—Tour Animal Shelter and Deliver Donations*
*Space Limited



Above: A single set of automatic doors was installed in the entryway between the church office and Great Hall in June.

DOG Days

Our FUMC DOG Days of Summer Program has been in full swing on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

We’ve hosted kids from all over the community, enjoying special doggie crafts, games and Christian fellowship.

The program will continue throughout the month of July. Participation is free, but you **MUST** register to attend. Please bring your kids and invite their friends to join us for this very special outreach ministry.



Above: We welcome our newest member, Cathy Luckert to FUMC Henderson.

Right: Everyone enjoyed our “Welcome Lunch” for the Luckerts.

We will celebrate July 4th with a combined service in the sanctuary at 10:00a.m. on July 3rd. Invite your friends to join us for the covered dish luncheon at 11:00 a.m. that day, too.



CHAMPS Uniform Drive Concludes

CHAMPS (4th and 5th graders) spent the month of May and June collecting and sorting school uniform donations with the leadership of Emili Foster and Misty Powers

On June 25th, Hope, William, Marcy and Kennedy opened up a ‘shop’ for the community to pick up FREE uniform pieces.

These kids are learning the value of hard work and helping others through the many mission projects they complete each year.

Thank you CHAMPS KIDZ for making our community a better place!



FUMC YOUTH

GROW THE ROOTS

Guys' Weekend



The boys of our FUMC Youth had their turn to get away for a couple days last month.



Our UM ARMY will be working on its mission July 3-9. Please keep those that are going in your prayers.

Attendees: Emily Holmes, Hannah Leitner, Kaitlan Sabella, Karen Mobbs and Brent Ricks



Youth Activities in July

- 3rd-9th—No youth due to UM Army
- 10th—Water Activities at the McCrady's
- 13th—Putt Putt in Longview
- 17th—Youth at church
- 20th—Movies TBA
- 24th—Rangers Game

Fumc Henderson Music and Fine arts:

Music Notes

Be a Part of Our Musical Worship

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), a great theologian, was born in Copenhagen in the early nineteenth century. He graduated from the University of Copenhagen and then spent two years in Germany before he returned to Copenhagen, where he lived the rest of his life. Although his writings covered many areas of the Christian faith, he was particularly outspoken on the subject of worship.

He was quite critical of many churches whose worship had become "user friendly." He developed the idea that Christian worship was a drama. He had come to the conviction that many churches also believed that, but that there was an inappropriate redefining of what that meant. What he observed was that in the drama, God was to be the prompter, the liturgical leaders (musicians, readers of the scriptures, preachers and celebrants) had become the actors in the drama and the congregation had become the audience in the drama. An elitist class of leaders had implicitly modeled that they were better equipped to be the performers in this drama and that it was best if those in the congregation just watched as onlookers. This understanding of worship is still maintained and taught in many churches in America today.

Kierkegaard taught that this understanding of our worship of drama was totally wrong. People were taking on the wrong roles. The liturgical leaders (musicians, readers of the scriptures, preachers and celebrants) were to be the prompters in worship. All of us, the congregation as well as the liturgical leaders are the actors in the drama of worship and God alone is the audience for the drama.

It is truly exciting to be a part of our liturgical leadership of our drama of worship. This year we hope to advance our musical worship breadth to include new types of prompting in our worship. We would like to identify those of you in the parish that would like to explore sharing your musical gifts with the entire church. If you have an interest in participating with the choir, singing solos, playing a keyboard instrument, playing hand bells or other musical instruments, please join us!



Common Ground

WORSHIP

We will be taking a trip to see the Rangers play this month.

Rangers Game
July 24

Sign up deadline is July 6.

Cost \$35



Sundays

Sunday School 10 am
Youth Praise Band 4 pm
Heavy Metal 5 pm
Youth 6:15 pm

Tuesdays

McMorning Manna 7 am
@ McDonalds

Wednesdays

Bible Study 6 pm

