



The Messenger



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MESSAGE FROM REV. JUDITH REEDY

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year to all of you!! First, I want to thank each one of you for your hope that First United Methodist Church, The Colony, is a place where people will develop a personal relationship with God, and for your efforts to do everything within your power to make that happen. Our great commission continues to be to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and our personal relationship with God equips and inspires us to fulfill our commission.

I have seen the care and love that you have invested this past year to make this place a sanctuary for those who are searching. In ancient times, Solomon's temple was apparently designed as a replica of Eden. As once in Eden, God now dwelled in the temple among God's people. The temple was, therefore, a haven of *shalom*. When the pilgrim throngs climbed the slopes of Mount Zion to enter God's house, there were exultant cries of joy and praise; they yearned and pined to be in God's courts.

I have seen you trying your best to make it so that one day here for those who come through our doors will be better than a thousand elsewhere, and I give thanks for your hearts. Thank you for your hard work to update the building and grounds. Thank you for your efforts on Monday mornings and Saturday nights and all through the week to keep this place clean and inviting. Thank you for getting up early to have our doors open at 6:30 AM throughout the week to be in mission to our community and for making sure that our doors are open on Thursdays to provide food to the community. Thank you for continuing to care about what happens to children on the other side of the world. This is true worship! Scripture says, "Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere." (Psalm 84:10) Let it be so here at FUMC, The Colony!!

2010 is a New Year! As we approach the New Year, there are many exciting NEW turns which have been in the planning for

a very long time. I hope you catch the spirit of passion and excitement for the NEW. One, of course, is our new service starting Sunday, January 10, at 6 PM. This service is an emergent church service – a service of praise and worship, singing songs of the ancient church in a new way, presenting God's word in a comfortable but challenging venue. You are invited to come to our opening service on January 10 and bring someone – a neighbor, a friend, someone who is looking for a church or does not have a church. **Remember to bring your own Bible!**

We are blessed to have those among us who have been called into the ministry. Our own Rebecca is being ordained the first week in June in Wichita Falls this year. Beginning January 10, Rebecca will be preaching at the 8:30 service and alternating sometimes at the 11:00. Our student intern, Amanda Glassey, a Perkins School of Theology student, soon to graduate, will be teaming up with J.D. Allen, chair of Missions, at the new 6 PM service to bring the message. J.D. is a graduate of Truitt Seminary. You have recently heard Jack Cloyd bring messages at both the Healing Service and the 11 PM Christmas Eve service – a very special service! Amanda is with us until the last of May. Jack and J.D. have other vocations, but they very definitely are called to the ministry as well. What I am saying is that we are indeed blessed THIS YEAR with these special heralds of God, and we are indeed blessed with *each one of you*. **You truly make this a place for which I yearn and pine and still love fervently to arrive each day!**

Many thanks for all the blessings you bestow. May your New Year make you ever more aware of God's presence in your life.

Grace and Peace,

Judith
Judith@fumctc.org

NEW PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE begins January 10th!! 6 PM every Sunday in FUMC Sanctuary. Babysitting is provided. Music/Art/Drama! Come early, browse our books, sip java, talk with friends!!!



Church Planning Retreat

Our 2010 Church Planning Retreat for all Administrative Council and Committee Members is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 10:00am to 2:00pm here at FUMC, The Colony.

This is a very important date! Jason's Deli box lunches \$5.00.

Babysitting will be provided at the church upon request.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 5
972-625-1281 or martha.holcomb@fumctc.org



Join us in starting off the New Year by attending our first breakfast of 2010 on January 9th, 8:00 a.m. Our new officers will all be in attendance to meet everyone!

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING

Sunday, January 10, at 3:00pm in the Quiet Room.

TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS

You are invited! Who: All Lay Members of FUMC, TC
What: Update on Transforming Congregations
Where: FUMC, TC
When: Thursday, January 7, 10 AM – Noon

CHARGE CONFERENCE

“REMODELING/FUNDING NEEDS FOR 2010”

1:00 PM Saturday, January 9, 2010 at FUMC

All church members are invited.
Babysitting available upon request.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY DEPARTMENT

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas music and musicals during the month of December! You helped us joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus!

All of our ensembles are rehearsing new music for the New Year! It is a great time for YOU to come join us as we worship Him!

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sundays

During the 11am service CHERUB CHOIR (age 4 – 1st grade)

12:00 – 12:45pm CANTATE CHOIR (grades 2 – 5)

1:00 – 2:00pm SANCTUARY RINGERS

4:00 – 5:00pm CELEBRATION SINGERS (grades 6–12)

Wednesdays

7:00–8:30pm CHANCEL CHOIR (adults)

HEAVEN (formerly “30/40s GROUP”)

It's a new year, so I'd like to suggest a resolution: make a date with your spouse once a month. Not sure where to go? Why not join HEAVEN? We are a group of mostly 30 and 40 year olds, mostly parents, mostly couples, but those are by no means requirements. Most importantly, we are members of FUMC The Colony who enjoy hanging out, eating, playing a game or two, or just visiting with other members. We meet on the third Saturday of each month, usually at a member's home, with an E-vite reminder issued the week before. We meet from 6:00 until 10:00 and babysitting is provided at the church nursery. We would love to have you join us! Our location this month is to be determined, but we will meet on January 24th. Please contact Heather Deputy if you would like to attend: 469-384-1590 or hadeputy@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

TWELFTH NIGHT

January 6, Wednesday, at 7 PM. Please help us celebrate Twelfth Night, the twelfth day of Christmas, as we pack up the Christmas decorations and prepare for the New Year.





Young Adults/Young Families

The next Young Adults/Young Families Lunch is January 17, 2010 at 1:15 PM. at the Reddoch house at 1041 London Drive, Frisco. Contact J.D. Allen at 972-370-2936 for any questions. We meet monthly on each 3rd Sunday, with whole families! Please join us for food, fun, and community.

BREAKFAST AT AUSTIN STREET SHELTER - START THE NEW YEAR WITH SERVICE!

On Saturday morning, January 9, 2010 FUMC TC has the opportunity to serve breakfast to approximately 400 people at Austin Street Centre. Austin Street Centre, located in Dallas, provides emergency shelter and services to the homeless.

There are 3 ways you and your family can participate:

1) Provide breakfast for 12:

We need **34-36** families to make breakfast for 12 and deliver to the church by Friday night, January 8.

Breakfast includes:

- 12 sandwiches (ham & cheese, turkey & cheese, pb & j or pimento cheese) individually packaged and labeled with the type. No condiments, please.
- 12 hard boiled eggs
- 12 pieces of fruit (apples, bananas, boxed raisins, bags of grapes, etc. Many of the people we will be serving have dental problems, so softer fruits are appreciated)

Putting these breakfast items together is a great way for families with young children to gather together and serve!

2) Go and serve:

In order to man the serving line, we need at least 8 people to participate on Saturday morning, January 9. We will meet at the church at 4:00 am, load the food and head down to Austin Street to serve breakfast at 5:00 am. We should be back at the church by 6:45 am. This is a great opportunity for adults and older youth.

3) Donate your plastic grocery sacks:

It's nice to have something to carry your breakfast in, so clean out that stash of plastic bags under the sink and bring them to the church so we can distribute them. Everyone can participate in this way!

Please sign-up to participate in the narthex on Sunday mornings or contact Amanda Glassey at amanda.glassey@fumctc.org or at 214-536-8100

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE CELEBRATES ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

First United Methodist Church of The Colony will celebrate Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Friday, January 22 from 8 pm to 10 pm. The service, which will be held as part of the area's observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will include Scriptural readings and special music. The public is cordially invited.

Begun in 1908, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated each year in cities and towns across the country and around the world.

The theme for the 2010 observance is "You Are Witnesses of These Things." (Luke 24:48) The theme and text for each year's observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are chosen and prepared by representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches. The international texts are developed, adapted and published for use in the USA by the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute.

NEW HOPE GRANT

We are blessed – once again! Texas Methodist Foundation has reviewed the operations, efforts, and needs of New Hope - our subsidized childcare program for families with young children. They have informed us that they applaud our efforts and are staying with us one more year. They have granted us \$20,000 for the upcoming year!!



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2010 Altar Flower Calendar is located in the narthex. For \$25 you can order a beautiful arrangement for the altar and take it home with you after the 11:00am service. Please return the empty vase to be recycled.

SUBMISSIONS FOR *The Messenger*

Please send your submissions to newsletter@fumctc.org by January 15 for the February 2010 issue. All articles and announcements are considered. Photos can be submitted but may be published online only.

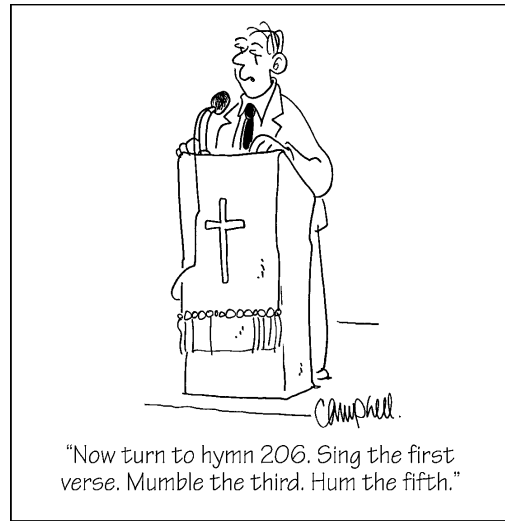
Club C.O.O.L.



(Children Of Our Lord)
A program for pre-K through 3rd grade
Children.

January 10, 2010
3:30-5:00 pm

Games
Crafts
Songs
Snacks
Come Along!



.....studEnt nooz

Well, it's already snowed.....and iced....so I'm ready for Spring!!!! Unless you can snowboard on the white stuff it's not worth having around. So here we are in the cold months and what are we going to do?

With all the excitement of the Christmas holiday, it's hard to look at a month and think.....nothing? There is Martin Luther King, Jr. day, but other than not going to school, it's not much after Christmas. So we need to think hard about what we expect out of life.....so what do you? Do you expect to be entertained, fed, given what you need? Or do you expect to have blessings from God and the love and forgiveness of a Lord like Jesus? I mean think about it.....it could change your attitude.....and maybe your life.

This month is regular CrossFire nights on Sunday. We are going to be attending the new worship service that starts at 6 pm on January 10. We'll get to sing to great music and you won't hear me!!!! That's a plus. I want you to think about worship as a time to not think about yourself or what is going on around you but really focus on Jesus. Okay? Okay.

January 3 – CrossFire 5 pm I know school starts the next day.....

January 10 – CrossFire 5 pm

January 17 – CrossFire and a movie, at the theatre.....no school the next day.

January 24 – CrossFire 5 pm

January 31 – SMC 3 pm, Crossfire 5 pm. New Year's Eve



K.I.C.K.
Frozen Style
(it's January!)

Sunday, January 24
3-5pm

B7
Games, Food,
And Fun!!!!!!!!!!
For 4th and 5th Grade Students!

Thank you to everyone who supported KICK with your purchase of Christmas Eve poinsettias. In our next meeting on the 24th, we will vote on the usage of funds raised and to what mission we will be donating - and we'll probably play a few games, too! I hope to see you there! Please contact Heather Deputy with any questions: 469-384-1590 or hadeputy@yahoo.com.