

**Canyon Lake United Methodist Church**

# **Messenger**

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*We're A Church Worth Finding!  
30 Years and Counting.....!*

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My Next Thirty Years...

There was a country music song a few years ago that was titled, "My Next Thirty Years". It was sort of a reflection of what has happened in the first thirty years of the singer's life, of all the things he'd done, and what he wanted to do differently over the next three decades. I liked that song because it made me take a moment and reflect on my own life over the last few decades. In the last thirty years, I managed to graduate high school, complete a four-year college degree (in only five years!), complete a master's degree, get married, get ordained, have two children, complete a doctoral degree, and serve a total of seven churches!

As I have aged though, I wondered what I might do differently. I wonder how I would act, what I would believe, where I'd be when I reached a certain age. The goals I had set for myself so many years ago - how had I done in achieving them? The reflection set me on a journey of my mind - and how the goals might have been achieved differently.

It seems that our culture is driven to set goals - we're often asked where we'd like to be in five, ten, twenty years or more into the future. The problem with this is that oftentimes, we are confused when those goals are not realized by a given timeline. Have we failed? Was there something we did wrong? Could we have done something differently? What happened? It can send the mind reeling, and the spirit crashing.

And yet, Scripture says that we ought not worry about these things. Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." In this passage there is grace. Grace for the exiles to whom Jeremiah was writing, but also to you and me. When we live in the faith of the one who has planned out the entirety of creation - including our own lives - we are kept secure. God knows our lives better than we do, and we can rest assured that those plans God has for us will be far better than anything that we could have dreamt.

Where this comes in most handily is when we begin to remember and reflect. Looking backward, it is easy to despair, especially when our own plans fall short of our expectations. But God's grace is sufficient. And in this grace there is a subtle reminder that when we trust in God's plans, we'll never be disappointed.

So, as we reflect this week about the past thirty years here at Canyon Lake, we can be proud. Proud of the many accomplishments - new members, baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and all the celebrations that a faithful people of God take part in. Proud that we've managed to share the gospel message of hope and grace for over three decades.

And we can be assured that, as a people of God, our faith in the plans that God has for us will take us into the next thirty years - and beyond - with grace and hope as well. The plans God has for us will not only amaze and astound us, but will call out across the community - We've a story to tell to the nations! Here's to our next thirty years! And Beyond!

See you in Church!

Grace and peace,  
Brad

## *HAPPY 30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CLUMC!*

*On the fifth Sunday in August, Aug. 29, 2010, we will be celebrating our church's 30th birthday with a special worship service at the 10:50 hour, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. A committee headed by Betty Smith, and including Jean Teas, Judy Russell, Cindy Helton, Debbie Drum and Carol Bisset has been making plans for this celebration.*

*Four of the past six pastors of the church will be joining us that day and will take part in the service in some way. The theme of the day will be*

### *" 30 YEARS AND COUNTING "*

*and will feature a power point presentation of pictures from the beginning until the present, and a few dreams for the future of our church will be included.*

*We will be inviting charter members to be our special guests also, and we are asking present members now to invite those they know have had a relationship with our church or prospective members to come. If you know of such persons, you may give us their address or ask for some invitations that are being prepared to send out yourselves.*

*The luncheon will be a covered dish affair with the meat being provided. Please bring a side dish to share. We would like to have a response as to how many persons plan to attend and ask that you e-mail the church at [clumc@gvtc.com](mailto:clumc@gvtc.com) or call the office at 899-7104 to make your's and your guests' reservations. You may request invitations for others by this manner also.*

*Questions? Contact any of those mentioned on the Planning Committee, but by all means, mark your calendars for August 29.*

## September Birthdays

Tara Evans	1
Elaine Koppers	1
Kelly Spencer	1
Thelma Fuller	2
Bobby Spencer	2
Rick Kissell	3
Larry Sloan	3
Nora Sloan	7
Laura Hill	8
Wanda Jenkins	8
Leslie Quisenberry	8
Kale Peel	9
Jay Brewer	10
Linda Hendricks	11
Kaci Mullen	11
Leslie Bode	12
Carolyn Hall	12
Elizabeth Bench	13
Cordie Jasinsky	13
Toni Taylor	13
Mike Crownover	14
Clint Finstad	14
John Sargent	14
Joe Pavlica	16
Cindy Roberts	16
Monty Strohmeyer	18
Theresa Ricker	20
Kenzie Sayles	20
Michael Jasinsky	21
Bonnie Adams	22
Dale Dehlin	22
Jean Kinsfather	22
Frasier McNew	22
Barbara Jelonek	23
Bobbie LaLonde	23
David Rees	23
Will Feigler	24
Shayne Moss	24
Roger Henry	25
Jaden Rogganbuck	25
Hannah Wisdom	28
Pat Cross	29
Loren Drum	29
Margaret Hughey	29
Dorothy Remy	29
Jack Balzer	30
Terri Dehlin	30

## Associate Pastor's Happenings:

I feel like I have gotten into the groove of things, finally. I am excited about everything that has occurred and am even more upbeat about what is next. I have made a few hospital visits, delivered communion to people in their homes, preached a few Sundays, and just generally hung around the church. I owe Clint Harris a thank you for all the knowledge he has passed on to me.

I am going to begin my internship duties soon and that means writing, writing, and more writing. I am also planning on teaching the kids involved in Super Wednesdays. It is a huge priority of mine to continue the hospital and home visits.

I have a request to make of the congregation though, please let me know if you have knowledge of somebody in the hospital or of someone not feeling well. I want to keep an up to date account of how people are doing. Another thing to remember is: my office is upstairs and please don't hesitate to come say hi!

*Pastor Amy*



Have you ever wondered what it must have felt like to stand beside the Sea of Galilee while Jesus called those first disciples? Ever wondered what the First Christmas was like? Ever wondered how it felt to walk across the Kidron Valley into the city walls of Jerusalem? Then now's your chance!

Our Bishop Jim Dorff from the Southwest Texas Annual Conference will be hosting a ten-day Tour of the Holy Lands, including Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, and Nazareth, departing January 31<sup>st</sup>, and returning February 9<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Brad DeHaven will be our local host pastor. You are invited to an informal INFORMATIONAL MEETING about an upcoming tour of the Holy Lands, sponsored by Educational Opportunities, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A second opportunity to find out more about this exciting event will be held on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, right after Late Worship at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars now! Get in on this exciting opportunity to make the Bible come to life!

## Missionary of the Month

Mary Gladstone-Highland  
1802 Lancaster Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231  
Email: [Mary\\_Gladstone@yahoo.com](mailto:Mary_Gladstone@yahoo.com)  
Birthday: September 30

Mary is a missionary with the General Board of global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving as a Church and Community worker with the Eastside Mission in Utica, New York. She previously worked with the Deaf Shalom Zone in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference for two years as a US-2 missionary and for another two as a Church and Community Worker.

Eastside Mission, established in 2008 and housed at Asbury United Methodist Church, offers a range of educational enrichment opportunities for low-income children and youth. One of its objectives is to coordinate rather than duplicate existing services.

Born into a strongly United Methodist family in Detroit, Mary says that her "call to mission was a slow nudge," which developed through her high school and college years. Her knowledge of American Sign Language led her toward ministry with the deaf. Her four years at the Deaf Shalom Zone led to a firm commitment to devote her life to God's mission.

Assigned to Utica in July 2010, Mary looks forward to further development of her skills as she works with the Eastside community.

Mary earned her degree from Western Michigan University. During her university studies, she worked writing grants, implemented fundraising plans, served as a peer minister for the Wesley Foundation and planned and worked with summer camps for under-served children.

Mary's parents, David and Terry Gladstone, as well as her brother are ordained clergy with The United Methodist Church. She is married to Andrew Gladstone-Highland, a Church and Community Worker at Syracuse (NY) Westside Urban Mission.

## CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY

*Our Church Family is changing. We have lost some dear precious folks; some of the kids have grown up, gone off to school, married and moved away, families have moved, AND we have a lot of new folks who have joined our Family within the past few years.*

*We are delighted to announce that we are planning and working hard on a new Church Family Directory. You will be seeing posters around our Church – please take time to stop and read them and see dates and times for new directory photos. Sorry, we are unable to use photos from previous directories due to copyrights.*

*The folks taking the photos are a Christian/Methodist couple. They have guaranteed us there will be no pressure to purchase photos. Please check out the price list on the posters. If you want to buy photos, they will be available. If your photo is in the directory – you get a **FREE** Canyon Lake United Methodist Church Family Directory and a **FREE** 8x10 photo or a digital image of the directory pose. Should you be interested in photo Christmas cards, you must sign up and have your photo made by Friday, October 29 to make sure you have your cards in plenty of time.*

*We have set up some photo dates for Sunday, October 10<sup>TH</sup> whichever service you attend. **APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE FOR ANY AND ALL PHOTOS.** The week of October 25 (Monday) thru October 29 (Friday) has also been reserved for those who wish to have their photos taken during the week. Our absolute final day for photos is Friday, November 26 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.*

*If you wish to have a Directory and you did not have your photo taken, the cost for the Directory is \$5.00. **PLEASE, PLEASE GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN AND SHOW THAT YOU ARE PART OF OUR CANYON LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FAMILY!!***

*You will be seeing posters and hearing the five of us talking about the new directory in the near future. In the meantime, please feel free to contact any one of us for more information.*

*Blessings from your Directory Committee.  
Julie Collins Becky Rudy Kathy Borders  
Pat Hurley Heather Perricone*

### September Anniversaries

Richard & Lois Jones	4
John & Barbara Bell	6
Ben & Margarete Leibe	10

## MISSION NOTE

But Jesus called the children to him and said, ***“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*** Luke 18:16

The House of Mercy Orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico provides a safe, nurturing, God-centered home for the abused, neglected and homeless children of Coahuila, Mexico. A representative of the DIF, Procuraduria de la Familia, of Coahuila (Family and Children Service Agency) brings the children to the Casa. The DIF has full authority over the deposit or removal of the children but does not provide any physical or monetary assistance. Rather than a facility, The House of Mercy is a Christ-centered home with loving house parents and caregivers. The children, more often than not, come in distraught, afraid, angry and belligerent. But in this safe haven, God’s love melts away the despair and they become loved and secure.

At the House of Mercy, children receive full medical and dental care. They attend public school, continuing, or in some cases, beginning their education. Tutoring is available as needed. They faithfully attend church at Aleluya Methodist Church and participate in age appropriate church functions like Sunday School and youth worships. Devotionals are led nightly and on Saturday mornings for the house parents. Families’ lives are time and again transformed as they attend the devotional time with their children during Saturday morning court-appointed visitations. There have been many families successfully reunited.

Our friends, Karen and David Smith, Co-Directors at the House of Mercy, keep us updated on the special needs of the orphanage. Their biggest need now is financial support so “we can continue to take care of the children of Piedras Negras.”

On Sunday, September 5th, when you come to the Communion Table, please pray for the continued blessing of this wonderful facility and those who provide love and security to the children who live there.

Blessings,  
Your Mission Committee

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*CRRC is looking for gently-used, clean stuffed animals for the Toy Store at the North Pole Village. If you would like to collect them from your church, you can drop them off in the box at the Thrift Store. Thank you, in advance, for your donations and support.*

### ***Lost Sheep***



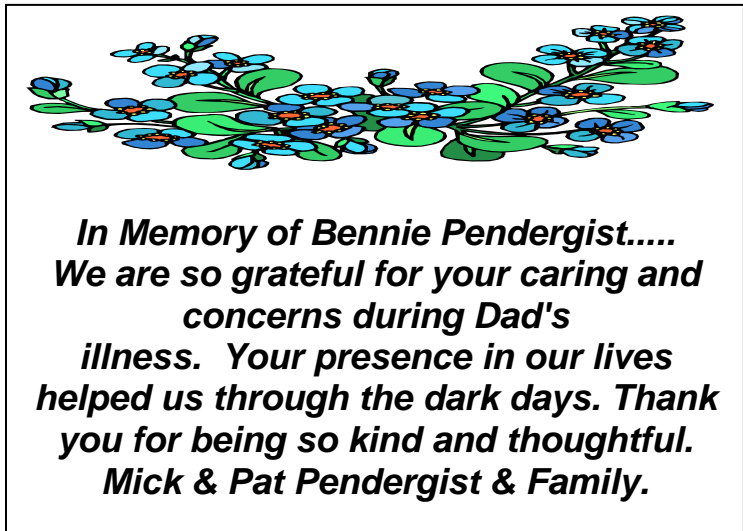
“For thus says the Lord God: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out”. Ezek 13:7

Like a running river, people are on the move, and can slip through your fingers before you blink. As the years have passed, we have lost contact with some of our church members. Please help us find them! If you are aware of how to get in touch with any of the following individuals (address, phone number or email), please contact the church office (899-7104) and let us know of any new information that you may have so we may contact them.

Anderson, Linda  
 Arndt, Pat  
 Booth, David & Paula  
 Brough, Linda  
 Buchanan, David  
 Buvinghaus, Sheila  
 Cole, David, Gynna, Gretchen & Hillary  
 Crawford, Penny  
 Crawford, John  
 DeGata, Linda  
 Delavan, Richard  
 Ferguson, Eric & Amie  
 Fest, Kelly  
 Flowers, Kyle  
 Gwinn, Tom  
 Hagan, Walter  
 Hagan, Ruth  
 Harkins, Colleen  
 Hoen, Susan  
 Hopkins, Sheena  
 Howe, Ken & Betty  
 Hudson, Claudette  
 Hughey, Margaret  
 Jackson, Garry & Christene  
 Jeffcoat, Larry  
 Kelley, Jaclyn  
 Krohn, Kyle  
 Landau, Terry  
 Lindley, Craig  
 Lindley, Melinda  
 Lloyd, LeAnn  
 Loudon, Margaret  
 Loudon, Bryan, Bonnie and Becky  
 Martin, Johnathan  
 McPherson, Althea

Neptune, Nicholas  
 Neptune, Meghan  
 Neptune, Cassie  
 Neptune, Corrie  
 Newberry, Alicia  
 Nickens, John, Rebecca & Gabriel  
 Page, Larry & Frances  
 Pretorius, William  
 Quisenberry, Leslie  
 Richeson, Ella  
 Robison, Doris  
 Russell, Wallace  
 Salling, Mary Catherine  
 Satterfield, Teresa  
 Sifuentes, Jason  
 Smith, Stanley & Kathy  
 Snowden, Tom & Angela  
 Teuton, Robert  
 Toon, Dorothy  
 Waide, Richard & Carole  
 Windham, Patrick  
 Winter, Steve  
 Wood, Chad

Murray, Linda



One of the most endearing traits of this church is the way our members give freely, when the need is there. This summer we were called to help with three of those needs. The first was when our church family gave to help the victims of the flood victims in the Laredo area. Our church collected a total of \$507.00 to help those victims. A total of \$743.00 was collected to help with the cash for cans, which was divided into two donations with half going to Smithson Valley Food Bank and the other for CRRC and their food pantry. The communion rail offering for August was for Communities in Schools, which helps many children in our local area. The amount collected to date is \$423.00. And our givers continue

to support our local church. Offerings for year to date are \$259,495.80, and our budget needs to date are \$250,673.28. In times that finances are tight for many, we still witness the work of our Lord - through our generous church family. We are blessed, indeed.

**HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLES OF UMW WOMEN** regathered Thurs. Aug 12th, 40 strong for wonderful fellowship and dining. This tradition of Hope Circle is over ten years old. We spent a hot summer evening together to regroup and renew ourselves for the upcoming Fall events. As you can see from the turn out, and many new faces.... United Methodist Women at Canyon Lake UMC are "alive with the spirit". So..... now GET READY .... September will be here soon and Hope Circle meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th, 7:00 pm in the parlor at church. We have an inspiring program arranged with Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio. Julie Collins will present and introduce the speaker and share her personal journey. This is one meeting you will not want to miss! Remember working women... we have dinner for you with our heavy refreshments upon your arrival..... COME..... BECOME A PART OF A GREAT GROUP OF METHODIST WOMEN IN MISSION..... BRING A FRIEND....ALSO IN THE PLANNING STAGE..... Hope Circle will again sponsor a fun night for the entire family.... from 6 to 90..... We will have a Potato Supper and then play Bunco. (Haven't played ? No worry all can play and enjoy fellowship with all ages) Set the date on your calendar, Friday, September 17th, 6:00 to 8:30 (or so) in the Fellowship Hall. This is not a fundraiser..... whatever we collect will hopefully pay the expenses. Price to be determined later. THIS IS A CHANCE FOR FAMILIES YOUNG AND OLD TO HAVE A GOOD TIME TOGETHER..... WATCH FOR DETAILS SOON!

## **TO YOUR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH - SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL EYE HEALTH MONTH**

Be safe: Understand the danger involved with tools, toys, and furniture.

- Read all warning and instructional information.
- Know what is in all chemicals used in your home.
- Make sure there are no loose items in your car, secure them.
- Loose items become dangerous in a crash.

Eye Emergencies:

- Be prepared- wear eye protection, have a first-aid kit on hand.
- Do not assume that an eye injury is harmless.
- Chemical Burns- flush the eye with water or any drinkable liquid, flush for 15 minutes.
- DO NOT use an eye cup - flush, flush & flush.
- DO NOT bandage
- DO NOT pass goal or collect 200.00 dollars, but seek immediate medical treatment.

Something in the eye:

- DO NOT rub, if tears do not wash it out flush with water or drinkable liquid.  
If the object does not come out seek medical attention.
- Blows to the eye- cold compress, be careful not to put pressure on the eye. Remember that regular glasses are not enough protection for your eyes.

Remember this is the only set of eyes you get, so be careful, be safe, and protect your eyes.

## **Children's Ministries**

### **Sunday School:**

This month in Sunday school, the children will be learning about the following:

Judges and Kings:

September 5<sup>th</sup>: Deborah, the Judge  
September 12<sup>th</sup>: Hannah and Samuel  
September 19<sup>th</sup>: Samuel Hears God  
September 26<sup>th</sup>: Saul Becomes King

**Needed: Sunday school teacher for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>!!!**

**Parent's Time Out:**

September's parent's time out will be held on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. As usual, the cost for each time out is \$10 per child. The \$10 includes four hours of childcare, food and drinks. Please remember that space is limited to fifteen children so you must sign them up in advance to reserve their place.

**Super Wednesday:**

Super Wednesday is Back! We started back on August 25<sup>th</sup> and the children got to know their teachers by playing fun "get-to-know-you" games. This month, we will be studying the following:

September 1<sup>st</sup>: Moses and the Burning Bust  
September 8<sup>th</sup>: Samuel  
September 15<sup>th</sup>: David (God Looks at the Heart)  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Matthew  
September 29<sup>th</sup>: Joshua

We will need teachers and classroom assistants so please let me know if you'd like to volunteer for this incredible outreach program!

**Children's Church:**

This month in children's church:

September 5<sup>th</sup>: No Children's Church (Communion Sunday)  
September 12<sup>th</sup>: Priscilla and Aquila (Lori Maus)  
September 19<sup>th</sup>: Paul and Silas in Prison (Kelly Spencer)  
September 26<sup>th</sup>: For God So Loved the World (Linda Hendricks)

Blessings,  
Lori Maus

*Youth Stuff*



## September 2010

Youth Director-Laura Hill 830-708-3153 or enterthezoo@earthlink.net

### RECAP

**Free Sale** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Back to School Free Sale on Sunday, August 15 was a big success. Thanks to Sandy, Trisha, Bert, Carol, Belinda, Diana, Rudell, Linda, Tina plus all the youth and everyone else who worked so hard to make this happen.

**Back to School Bash/Silver Stars Faith Night 2** on August 20 was tons of fun. All twenty of us had a blast and also heard some amazing testimonies from the players. Go, team!

### SUNDAYS

**Breakfast** is served each Sunday at 9:15 AM in the youth bldg.

**Sunday School** kicks off the fall quarter new material and fun. Right now we have Ms. Joan leading a combined class at 9:30 each Sunday morning in Rm. 4 in the Youth Building. I am looking for another teacher so that we can separate Jr. and Sr. High ASAP.

**Just Us** A lightly structured activity and discussion time, 10:30 AM-12 Noon in the youth building. Ms. Heather has let me know that she cannot continue leading this time now that she's back at school. I am looking for a new leader for this group too.

**Sunday Groove** a youth mission time, the third Sunday of each month, 12- 2 PM. Lunch will be provided. We will be painting the youth building on September 19. If you have extra paint left over from a project, please call Laura donate!

### WEDNESDAYS

**Souper Wednesdays** are now Super Wednesdays and our Fall Quarter is now underway. We now offer separate programs for Jr. and Sr. High. Call Laura to arrange pickup from area schools.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**See You at the Pole** Wednesday, September 22, 7 AM. Meet to pray with other Christian youth at the flagpole at your school. Stand up and be counted!

**Project Tract or Treat** will be our mission project for October. We will be stuffing the bags during our October Sunday Groove and will hand them out on Halloween.

**Rocktoberfest** CLUMC will be teaming up with Freedom Fellowship to present a Christian concert in the Super S parking lot in Sattler on Halloween.

# ***METHODIST DAY SCHOOL NEWS***

## ***MDS Begins Monday, August 30***

A message from Shirley Funderburgh, Director:

Our goal is to make this year a positive experience, fostering confidence and self-esteem in each child. It is our privilege to introduce the joy of learning to our preschool children in a safe and secure Christian environment. Our teaching goes beyond academic skills to include sharing God's love, caring for others, problem solving, and much more.

Young children are growing and learning every single day. I will have the opportunity to be the teacher in the youngest class. We will be using thematic units for music and story time as well as daily classroom lesson. The children will have planned activities for language development, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts and social interaction. Bible stories will be part of their daily schedule. Children learn best using their senses, so careful attention will be part of their daily schedule. Children learn best using their senses, so careful attention will be given to plan activities that will engage the class with developmentally appropriate hands-on materials for play and learning.

Chris McNeill in Room 1 will teach the Pre-Kindergarten Four class. Mrs. McNeill will be presenting the ABeka Curriculum. This is a Christian curriculum that will allow the children to gain independence, competence, and self-confidence in their growing abilities, as they achieve the readiness skills needed for kindergarten.

Kelly Powell will be planning enrichment activities. She will spend time with each age group for special art activities, story time, and music and movement. When she is not busy singing, dancing and painting, she will assist with the 3 and 4 year old classes.

What a wonderful year we are planning! We have spaces available for all ages so please mention our program to family and friends. Please pray for safety and success for each child attending, for patience and understanding for the teaching staff and for wisdom and direction for the Methodist Day School Board and myself.

If you would like to be a part of the MDS program and have a special musical talent, like reading to the children, or would just like to come visit, please feel welcome to call the office so we can determine how best you can be involved. In His Service, Shirley Funderburgh

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*ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND STAFF -  
RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE:*

Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Budget Training/Planning Meeting

RSVP to church office - 899-7104

# *CLUMC Regular Programming*

## *And Upcoming Events*

### *Sundays*

**8:15 AM Traditional Worship**-Sanctuary

**9:30 AM Contemporary Worship**-Assembly Room

**10:50 AM Traditional Worship**-Sanctuary

**9:15 AM Youth Breakfast**-Youth Building

**9:30 AM Sunday School** (All ages)

**12-2 PM Sunday Groove**-Youth Mission Activity Time-  
each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Fellowship Hall, lunch provided

### *Wednesdays*

**3:15-6:30 PM Children's Super Wednesdays**, Dinner Provided

**4:30-6:30 PM Youth Super Wednesdays**, Dinner Provided

Pick up available from area schools each week. Pre-registration required.

Call Lori Maus 512-558-1904 for children or Laura Hill 830-708-3153 for youth.

### *Weekday Ministries*

**Methodist Day School/Mother's Day Out** Monday through Thursday,  
8:30 AM to 2 PM. Call Shirley at 830-899-7104 for more information.

### *Upcoming Events*

**Sunday Groove Project Paint the Youth Building** Sunday, September 19, 12-5 PM.  
Lunch will be provided. Now accepting donations of unused paint. Contact Laura Hill  
830-708-3153 for more information.