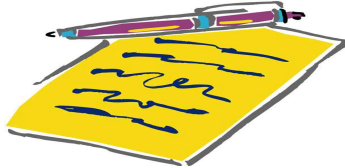


## **THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS**

First United Methodist Church

Mexia, Texas

September, 2010



**.....Be Yourself.....**

God created each of us to be ourselves. In other words, if we are authentic to ourselves and God then we cannot pretend to be someone we are not. There is a story about a new lieutenant who wanted to impress the first private to enter his new office, and he pretended to be on the phone with a general so that the private would know he was somebody. "Yes, sir, General, you can count on me," he said as he banged the receiver down. Then he asked the private what he wanted. "I'm just here to connect your phone, sir." If our goal in life is to be someone we were not created to be, then we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. God did not create all of us to be pro football players or concert pianists or movie stars. Chances are most of us will live our lives in relative obscurity and when we are gone the world will hardly notice. The news media will not run a report on how we affected the world. But if we are who God created us to be then the people in our lives will never forget us because we will be a part of them. By being ourselves we will have fulfilled the role God intended us to fulfill for the kingdom. Be yourself!

In Christ,

Brad

*Message from Preschool Director, Sherry Miller.....*



Welcome to First Methodist Preschool Fall 2010. We have listed our wonderful Fall staff in this newsletter. We are already a week into our Fall semester and things are going great. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year! We are thankful for the support from all our parents, friends, community, the First United Methodist Church, and of course, our wonderful staff.

Please note the calendar attached and find a special place to hang this at home so you can keep up with our busy fall schedule and activities. We hope you will include our Preschool in your daily prayers as God continues to bless First Methodist Preschool.

## Fall 2010 Staff

Infant I	Tammy, Erica, Brittney
1B	Ashley, Sandy, Brittney
2	Brenda, Lindsey, Holly
3	Laura
4	Rae Lynne, Anetress
6	Anetress

Kitchen and Lunchroom: Dorothy  
Frog Time: Jodie  
Director: Sherry  
Bookkeeper: Sandy I.

### FALL 2010 FIRST METHODIST PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

September 6, Monday	Preschool Closed for Labor Day Holiday
September 17, Friday	Groups 4 will go to Blackcat Field to hear the Blackcat Band Play and March (Leave 8:00 am) We have to go at 8 am because this is their Band Class Time!
September 25, Saturday	Fall Child Care Workers Conference for FMP Staff Sponsored by FMP and Limestone County Extension Service 8 am - 1 pm FUMC, Mexia
October 8, Friday	Mexia Blackcat Cheerleaders and Flag Corp will come to Preschool for Pep Rally 4 pm All Groups invited

October 18- October 29	First Methodist Preschool Annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair
October 29, Friday	Halloween parties - All Groups - Morning
October 30, Saturday	Trunk or Treat      More Details in next newsletter
November 23 Tuesday	Cornucopia Lunch for Group 4 Children and Parents 12 noon - 1 pm Fellowship Hall / Concert
November 25 and 26	Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving
December 4, Saturday	Annual Breakfast with Santa 9:00 - 10:30 Fellowship Hall FUMC, Mexia
December 17, Friday	Annual FMP Birthday Party for Baby Jesus Christmas Parties - All Ages - Morning
December 24 and 27	FMP Closed for Christmas Holidays
Dec. 31, 2010, Friday	F M P Closed for New Year's Holidays

**\*Tuesday is Gymnastics Day for those who have signed up.**  
**\*Wednesday is Book Nook Day for everyone!**  
**\*Friday is Computer Day for those who have signed up.**

**CHAPEL TIME EVERY MORNING**  
**9:30 Group 3 and 4**  
**9:45 Group 1B and 2**

Thanks! Sherry

*Message from Jill Flatt, Youth Director.....*

HOWDY MYF!!! Our weekly bible studies begin this Wednesday, September 1 from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Our Movie Nights have been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. This month we have our Movie Night on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-6. Be prepared to Laugh!!! Our service project for this month is to help with the Beth Moore Simulcast by serving the lunches and water to our guests. We plan on setting up tables around 7 am then serving lunches later. If you are unable to help with the set up, then please come around 10:30 am to help serve lunches. Those helping will be eligible to travel with us to Waco to go Bowling that afternoon. Remember, adult/youth dinner is served from 5 to 6 in the Fellowship hall and all youth eat free..... AND please eat with the adults and not the children! Thanks.

Love and Peace!!  
Mrs. Jill



*Message from the United Methodist Women.....*

The UMW Tea and Book Review held August 8, 2010, in the Fellowship Hall was quite successful. Sara Sims' storytelling abilities would be difficult to beat. The book reviewed was "The Pot Luck Club" and some of us now really want to READ the book. Refreshments were served afterwards to 29 ladies from Mexia and surrounding areas.

Those of you unable to attend were missed, and, you truly missed an afternoon of enjoyment, fellowship, and "puredee" fun! Maybe next year??

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School**—This fall we have several adult Sunday school classes that will be studying various topics and books of the Bible. The New Life Class will be studying the life of Abraham. The Alpha to Omega Class will be studying the gospel of Matthew. The Unknowns Class will be studying the book of Genesis. The Upper Room Class will be studying the Cokesbury quarterly curriculum. Rev. Brittain will be leading a new class in the fellowship hall studying the life of Jesus. If you have any additional questions about any of these classes, feel free to call the church office. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

**Wednesday Programs**—Our Wednesday evening programs begin in full on Wednesday, September 8th. Here is a list of activities and times:

- 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Supper -- come and enjoy a meal with your friends at the church.
- 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Children's Program, Youth Program -- We have activities for all ages.
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir (First rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 15th -- Rehearsal takes place in sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

If you would like additional information about any of our Wednesday activities, contact the church office.

**Beth Moore Simulcast Event**—The women of our church are hosting a Beth Moore Simulcast Event on Saturday, September 18th. Beth Moore is a popular Bible teacher who will be leading the live event from Chicago, Illinois. Churches all across the country are serving as host sites. We are hosting this event for our entire region and have opened this up to women free of charge. There will be a box lunch provided by Coffee Cabaret for those wanting to eat lunch on site. The cost for the lunch is \$6.

**Beth Moore Bible Study**—Every Tuesday in the Parlor at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Bible study by Beth Moore as a follow-up to our amazing Simulcast Experience. The study begins on September 28th.

**Fish Fry -- Wednesday, September 8th**—We will be kicking off our Wednesday evening suppers on Wednesday, September 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will be having a fish fry. Special thanks to Bob Candy for catching and providing the fish for our meal. We look forward to many great meals together this fall. All proceeds from our Wednesday meals go to our FUMC Preschool ministry.

**Pastor's Bible Study**

Rev. Brittain will be leading a Bible study this fall every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. The first class will be Wednesday, September 8th. Bring your Bible to class as we will be studying the parables of Jesus. Jesus' parables have so much to teach us on many different levels. We look forward to a good study together.

**Charge Conference**—Our annual Charge Conference will be Tuesday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. Our District Superintendent will be here to lead the meeting. Charge Conference is the meeting where we approve our budget for 2011, as well as approve nominations for church leadership for 2011.

**Choir Invitation**—Our music director, Art Nutt, and the rest of the FUMC choir would like to invite you to join them in the choir. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition to rehearsing music for Sunday mornings, the choir will also be rehearsing for a special Lessons and Carols service in December.

**September Emmaus Gathering**—Our monthly Emmaus gathering will be Sunday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. This month's gathering will be hosted by Shiloh Baptist Church. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a pot-luck meal, followed by worship.

**Adult Handbell Choir**—Our Adult Handbell Choir begins again on Wednesday, September 15th. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Like the chancel choir, the handbell choir would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join.

*Turning 80 is really great!  
Join us as we celebrate!*

*You Are Invited  
To a Birthday Celebration  
For Delma Park*

*Sunday, September 19  
1:30 – 3:00  
Fellowship Hall  
First United Methodist Church*

*Given by  
Children,, Grandchildren and  
Great Grandchildren  
(no gifts please!)*



**Wednesday Night Meals**  
(Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday)

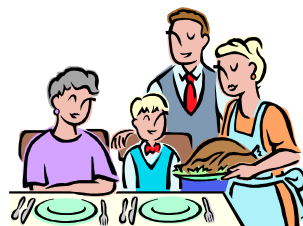
Sept 8th: Fish Fry, Cole Slaw, Beans, Dessert

Sept 15th: Potato Bar, Salad Bar, Fruit Bar, Dessert

Sept 22nd: Spaghetti and Meat Balls, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Sept 29th: Ham, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Dessert

Chef Combo Kids Table Each Wednesday Night—will serve kid friendly supplements to Adult menu



To the First United Methodist Church:

Thank you for the scholarship for this coming year.  
It is greatly appreciated.

Michael Bowe



**Memorial**

**Pat Neill**  
William Matthews

**Nell Robinson**  
C.F. Robinson, T.H. Robinson  
Frances Lenamon

**Estalee Price**  
Frances Lenamon

**Bill Goswick**  
Frances Lenamon





### September Birthdays

3rd—Larry Sewell, 4th—Starlene Yelverton, 6th—Vic Vines, Trevor Owen, Alexia Bowe,  
9th—Kenneth Christian, 10th—Ina Beth Forrest, 13th—Kelly O’Hare, Mattie Wilson,  
14th—Mary Marcotte, Mike Bolton, 16th—Bug Paschal, Mica Candy, Kay Hynes,  
17th—Emily Lewis, 19th—Sandy Imes, 20th—Wendy Simmons, 23rd—Delma Park,  
24th—Lady Carter-Fain, Danette Day, 26th—Brandi Ellis, 28th—Doug Allen,  
29th—Ed Neubauer, Kathy Paschal

### September Anniversaries

2nd—Bob & Patsy Henry, 3rd—James & Carol Ann Dawley, J.R. & Kathleen Flowers,  
5th—Roger & Michelda Brown, Tad & Ima Burroughs, 10th—Bob & Barbara Candy,  
19th—Bob & Peggy Wright, 29th—Bobby & Roy Baccus, 30th—Walt & Gael McKeever



### Your Church Staff

Rev. Brad Brittain, Pastor  
Arthur Nutt, Director of Music  
Wynona Lipsett, Organist  
Jill Flatt, Youth Director  
Jackie Tidwell, Children’s Coordinator  
Sandy Imes, Administrative Assistant/Fiscal Coordinator  
Cass Candy, Building Maintenance  
Barbara Owens, Cleaning

Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.