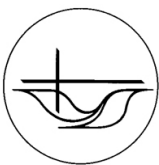


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Our Mission

The mission of the First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.



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Pastor's Reflection

While doing some recent research for an upcoming sermon, I came upon the following illustration from a website called sermonillustrations.com:

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph
Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop
Nazareth 25922

From: Jordan Management Consultants

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests, and we have not only run the results through our computer but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our service, we make some general comments for your guidance, much as an auditor will include some general statements. This is given as a result of staff consultation and comes without any additional fee.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable

and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew had been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely,
Jordan Management Consultants

(Taken from Tim Hansel's book, [Eating Problems for Breakfast](#), Word Publishing, 1988, pp. 194-195.)

Kind of makes me wonder how I might be evaluated as a disciple. Thank goodness for the amazing grace of Jesus Christ.

In Him,
Kurt

Newsletter Deadlines

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Our Visitors

July 14

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Tammy Gaskins, Johnnie Johnson, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Sally McKenzie, Kate Parnell, Becky Sides, Gloria Williams.

July 21

Ok Yo Chang, Mimi Coffey, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Patti Elvington, Fran Lewis, Tammy McCarn, Anna Rayfield, Erin Rayfield, Jennifer Rayfield, Julia Rayfield, Patrick Rayfield, Reese Rayfield, Jed Reid, Kathy Stuart, Ken Stuart, Caroline Swarr, Elizabeth Swarr, Hudson Swarr, Peter Swarr, Spencer Swarr, Carrie Townsend, Kenny Townsend, Anne Wallace.

Serving in August

Hostess

JoAnne Morgan

Altar Guild

Kay VanDeman and Julia Tucker

Head Usher

Rhett Butler

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Caroline Crouse (A) Jayson Lewis (CB)

Greeters

Aug. 4 M&M Keith Smith

Aug. 11 M&M Doug Wilson

Aug. 18 M&M John Wagnon

Aug. 25 Drusilla Walker

Lobby Door Greeters

Aug. 4 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Aug. 11 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

Aug. 18 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Aug. 25 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Aug. 4 Kim Williamson

Aug. 11 Caroline Crouse

Aug. 18 Rebekah Williams

Aug. 25 Alayna Carabo

Children's Church

Aug. 4 Kelly Dusa, Megan Goodwin

Aug. 11 Jeff Kollitz, Alayna Carabo

Aug. 18 Amy Lewis, Jake Williamson

Aug. 25 Doug Carabo, Greer Eddins

Lay Readers

Aug. 4 Ruth Middleton

Aug. 11 Ray Crouse

Aug. 18 Jenny Keefe

Aug. 25 Jim Bennett

Counters

Aug. 4 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

Aug. 11 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Aug. 18 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

Aug. 25 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Flower Calendar

Aug. 4 OPEN

Aug. 11 Gini Eddins

Aug. 18 Sue McManus

Aug. 25 Amy & Harrison Goodman

McArn Items

Aug. 4 Dry goods

Aug. 11 Canned meats

Aug. 18 Toiletries

Aug. 25 Paper goods

Birthdays in August

Aug. 1 Micki Lockey
 Aug. 3 Gailya Wilson, Holly Miles
 Aug. 4 C.C. Quick
 Aug. 7 Drusilla Walker, Amy Lewis
 Aug. 8 Jim Crawford, III
 Aug. 9 Manuel Assef, Ester Furr
 Aug. 10 Allison Becker, Judith Dixon
 Aug. 11 Jimmie Williamson
 Aug. 13 Debbie Adams
 Aug. 14 Betty Thrailkill
 Aug. 15 Ron Cundiff, Jayson Lewis
 Aug. 16 Kevin Pickrel
 Aug. 18 Robert Calhoun, Sawyer Becker
 Aug. 20 Patsy Rushing
 Aug. 21 Margie Wannamaker, Kristen Berley Orr
 Aug. 22 Jordan Williamson
 Aug. 23 David Dixon
 Aug. 24 Doug Wilson, Jonathan Michael Orr
 Aug. 25 Sarah Allen, Kristina Allen, Rebecca Baker
 Aug. 26 Katie Moore, Olivia Crawford, David Townsend
 Aug. 27 Brenda Rayfield
 Aug. 28 Ethel Ann Streater
 Aug. 30 Heath Ruffner
 Aug. 31 Patti Rollings, Harley Rushing, IV.

Anniversaries in August

Aug. 4 M&M Jeff Kollitz
 Aug. 13 M&M Dick Griggs, M&M Greg Sanderson
 Aug. 15 M&M Manuel Assef, M&M Curtis Jones
 Aug. 19 M&M Roger Wolfe
 Aug. 31 M&M Jakie Streater

Remember our Homebound



Frances Laney

CONVALESCENT CENTER

Laura Stubbs, Eddie Stubbs

NURSING HOME

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

RETIREMENT HOME

Polly Edwards

HOME

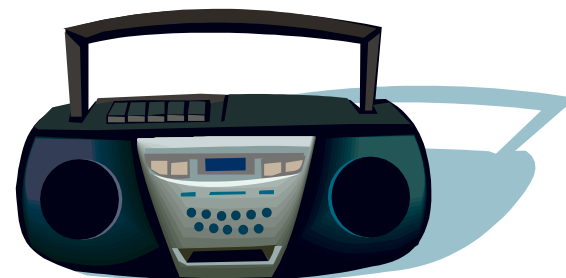
Robin Motley, Sabrina Tucker,
Gene Huckabee, Michael Motley,

ASSISTED LIVING

Patsy Rushing, Margie
Wannamaker

Missing

The radio/CD player from the church nursery is missing, along with a children's Christian CD. If you have borrowed this player would you please return it to the church nursery. Thanks.



Thank You

Just want to thank you for the prayers, telephone calls, cards and visits when I was ill. It was so sweet of you to remember me. God bless you.

Shirley Walton

F.I.S.H (Fun In Summer Heat) Activity

August 14 Swim Party

Times to be announced later.

"GENESIS"

Our contemporary service is held on the third Sunday of each month. Genesis will begin at 8:45am on Sunday, August 18.

Scouting at First Church

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

Meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Dan Stowe Scout Hut.



CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various days of the week, at various times and at various locations.

Yours in SCOUTING,

John Moore

Charter Representative, Phone number 843-537-2553

News From the Pre-School and Nursery

What a wonderful summer it has been at FMPSN. Our summer program has 6 children and they are looking forward to going to Discovery Kids next week. They have already attended Wacky Wednesday at the Recreation Department and will have two more classes. The four year olds are attending Wacky Wednesday also. They all get excited when they get to ride the bus. We will be going to Baskins Ice Cream parlor in the near future to get a cool treat!!

Enrollment has been changing constantly, but we have about 10 waiting to get in our program.

We have started Chapel with Pastor Kurt and the children love their time with him. We are working with Mr. Jon every week on new songs, and Mrs. Simone Heider has been teaching the children about exciting places all over the world.

Splash days are a big hit with all the kids. Going out to play on the water slide and in the wading pools is a great way to stay cool.

They keep me running with all the projects they have been doing.

In Christian Faith,

Catreenna

The Lighter Side



"We're equipped with surround sound."

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Our contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share of your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")

Building Use and Scheduling Meetings

If you wish to use the building or schedule meetings at the church, please contact Angie in the church office. In doing so, you are assured that the room will be set up and the AC is set for your meeting.

Left/Returned Items

There are several items in the church office that have been found and turned in. If you are missing an item, come by the office and see if it has been turned in.

DISHES — If you took items to the parsonage and left a dish there, those dishes have been returned to the church office to be picked up.

Upcoming Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church will hold a blood drive on Monday, August 12 from 2:00—7:00pm in the fellowship hall. To make sure you get the appointment time you want, make your appointment early. You can sign up on the sheet in the lobby by the office door, call the church office at 537-7002 or go online to



www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.
GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE—GIVE BLOOD

A FACT ABOUT THE RED CROSS

Every day, the Red Cross must collect almost 17,000 pints of blood for patients at nearly 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion.

EMERGENCY REQUEST

Fewer donors than expected gave blood during June and the first week of July, leading the Red Cross to issue an emergency request for donors of all blood types — especially O negative, A negative and B negative.

August

Thursday, August 1, 2013

Bus Reserved, 1:00—3:15pm, Preschool Swimming

Angie Vacation

Sunday, August 4, 2013

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm, Softball @ Arrowhead Park

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Sunday, August 11 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Bus Reserved, 1:00—3:15pm, Preschool Swimming

Sunday, August 11, 2013

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm, Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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Blood Drive, 2-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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Sunday, August 18, 2013

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm, Pool Party @ Moree's Country Club

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Sunday, August 25 Bulletin Deadline

First Day of School

Sunday, August 25, 2013

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 26, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

September 1 Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Sunday, September 1 Bulletin Deadline