



Introducing
FUMC WEEKLY

As you can see, this is not your regular church paper. Allow us to introduce the first part of your new church-wide publications program.

FUMC Weekly will bring you each week, online or to your house, a quick rundown on the time-sensitive news you need regarding upcoming events and programs, along with study notes and reflections for Sunday's worship, plus news of our church family, including new members, births, weddings, baptisms and deaths.

Coming up in the next few weeks, look for *FUMC Connects*, a more in-depth publication packed with stories about our church family, the impact of our many diverse ministries, and who we are as a faith community working together to Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives.

We do appreciate your patience during this time of transition, and welcome your comments and suggestions, as well as your stories and story ideas. We're building a team of volunteer writers, photographers, proofreaders, and social media buffs, and will begin training later this spring.

For more information about how to get involved with our new communications program, please contact Melinda Smoot (mmsmoot@myfumc.org) 817/338-5087.



“Grow” | Matthew 13: 1-9, 31-32

The Christmas season is over and the New Year has begun. What now? What does Jesus call us to do? How are we to live in the light of the promises and demands of his teachings?

During this Epiphany season we are considering some of the **imperatives** in Jesus' teachings, particularly in his parables. An imperative is not only a command, but it is also defined as *something that demands attention or action; an unavoidable obligation or requirement; necessity*. We continue the *What Now?* series in sanctuary worship this Sunday with the second imperative: GROW. There is a sense in which growth is unavoidable — a natural and inevitable part of life. However, physical growth — so rapid in the early months and years of life — slows to a stop with maturity.

So, how can growth be considered an imperative?

There are other kinds of growth that are not automatic or inevitable and do not necessarily come naturally. When it comes to intellectual, emotional, attitudinal, or spiritual growth, it can stop almost anywhere along the way and requires more effort as time goes along. So, Jesus challenged his followers to keep growing. He took his disciples to places they would not otherwise have gone. He stretched their minds and their hearts with his parables and other teachings. He confronted some of their beliefs and attitudes. He reminded them that the kingdom of God itself means growth and that the responsibility of any

Christ-follower is to sow seeds that may one day grow and bear fruit. He taught them that openness to receive the message and allow it to bear fruit in our lives is also part of what it means to follow him. Sunday we will consider the mandate to continual growth in our own lives.

Sunday is also the Sunday in the Christian year called “Baptism of our Lord” in which we remember his baptism and our own, renewing our commitment to Christ and our commitment to be God's people in the world.

I look forward to seeing you then!

Grace and peace,

WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JAN. 13

Disciple Church
Rev. Page Hines/Rev. Brooks Harrington
8:30 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

Traditional Worship
Dr. Tim Bruster | “Grow”
9:30 and 11:00 am | Sanctuary

eleven:eleven celebration
Charles Gaby, MA, LPC
11:11 am | Wesley Hall

◆ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ◆

1.13-2.3 UNITED METHODIST INFORMATION CLASS

Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 am | Room 310

Hosted by Creative Couples

For more information, contact Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5065 or Dr. Lamar Smith (lsmith@myfumc.org) at 817/339-3886.



JANUARY MISSION ITEM

This month's mission donation focus is **Pudding, Fruit or Applesauce Cups** for our Stock Show Lunch Program. Bring your donations to the Mission between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday or on Sunday mornings to the Welcome Center.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who participated in buying groceries to fill the Red Bags for First Street Methodist Mission. Due to your generosity, the bags and drop off bins were overflowing throughout Advent. Many of our neighbors in need will benefit from the tremendous success of this year's drive.



1.13 - 2.3 LIVING THROUGH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sundays | 9:30 - 10:30 am

Library | 2nd floor Foundation Bldg.

This class is free, all are welcome, no registration required. Optional guide book is \$5.00, in the church office or at the workshop. Contact Charne Robarts (crobarts@firststreetmission.org) at 817/335-6080, Ext. 103 or Rev. Phyllis McDougal (pmcdougal@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5082.

1.15 UMM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 7:00 - 8:00 am | Rm 154

All men welcome to this study of "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young. Contact Fred Cantu (fcantu@carterpark.com) for more information.

27 "FIRST FRIEND" TRAINING

Sunday, January 27, 10:30-10:55 am, room 154 (near the kitchen). "First Friends" stand with our newest church members when they come forward to join our congregation during worship services. For more information, contact Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817-339-5065.

2013 COWTOWN 5K WALK/RUN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Sign up by January 27 to walk/run the Cowtown 5K Race with our church group or serve at a water station in this year's Cowtown. **Cost is \$22 per person for the 5K. The race begins at 8:30 am on Saturday, February 23, at the Will Rogers Memorial Center.** Contact Sammye Dunn (sammyelou9@gmail.com) at 817/705-3136 to register.

EPIPHANY STUDIES

The Heart of Christianity | Nancy Tully Sundays | January 6 - March 24

11:00 - 12:15 pm | Room 333, main building
12-week study on Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*. Cost of the study is \$12 to cover the cost of the book.

The Book of John | Rev. Phyllis McDougal Wednesdays | February 6 - April 17

9:30 - 11:00 am | Room 231, main building.
Cost of the study is \$12 to cover the cost of materials.

Register and pick up books in the Adult Education Office (located in the Main Office) Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 5:00 pm and Sundays 9:00 am - 12 pm. For childcare contact Paula Wagstaff (pwagstaff@myfumc.org) at 817/546-4414 two days prior to your study.

2.4 COFFEE, POVERTY & JESUS (Not Necessarily in that Order) A Brand New Book Club

Begins February 4 | 6:00 pm

Room 230 | Main Building

Hosted by our First Street Mission staff

Great, character-driven fiction. Lively discussion and camaraderie. Relatable substance to help shine a light on who we are called to be as Christians. Meets February 4, May 6, August 5, and November 4. Our first book, *Shine*, by New York Bestselling author Lauren Myracle, is available for \$8 in the Adult Education Office. For more information, please contact Page Hines (phines@firststreetmission.org) 817/ 335-6080, ext. 101.



SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 23, 2013

**UMW STYLE SHOW
RIDGLEA COUNTRY CLUB**

YOUTH

1.19 REVOLUTION WEEKEND

Retreat for all 7-12 grade FUMC Youth January 19-21 | Glen Lake Camp \$100 | Registration due January 13. Dallas-based band, Bus Seven and Nashville Youth Minister and Speaker Adam Jones will lead this inspiring worship weekend. For details, contact Casey Langley (clangley@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5070.

2.12 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

5:30-7:30 pm | Justin Building

\$10 per individual | \$25 per family

Indulge on delicious pancakes served up in style by our youth and their families, with special activities and crafts for children. Money raised supports youth missions. Contact Brenda Kegans (bkegans@myfumc.org) 817/339-3888.



1.17&18 OPERA IN PRESCHOOL!

Fort Worth Children's Opera will perform "The Three Little Pigs" at FUMC Preschool. Free teacher guides available at www.fwopera.org. Contact the Preschool Office for more information 817/870-9174.

1.29 PDO RODEO ROUNDUP

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Justin Youth Building

Dress western, and bring the whole family to this fun event. Come for dinner, games, crafts, face painting and farm animals. Please contact the preschool if you can help with activities or decorations. Contact the Preschool Office for more information 817/870-9174.

2.10 2012 BABY CELEBRATION

11:00 am | Sanctuary

One of our church's most cherished traditions — Baby Celebration Sunday — is to recognize as a congregation all the babies born in the previous year, reaffirming how much these children mean to our church family. A reception in the Children's Atrium will follow the service to connect these young families and acquaint them with our nursery and Parent's Day Out programs. If you had a child born in 2012, please contact Nikki McInnis (nmcinnis@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5086 to participate in this special celebration.

SAVE THE DATE!

3.30.13 Churchwide Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Lyle Lodge

TEACHERS & TOPICS FOR JANUARY 2013

- Aldersgate Couples I** Room 333 at 9:30 a.m.
13. Assembling Hygiene Kits at First Street Methodist Mission
- Cana Disciples I** Room 332 at 9:30 a.m.
- Covenant I** Room 331 at 9:30 a.m.
13. Dr. David Grant
20. Rev. Michael Pattison
27. "Justice for Our Neighbors", Dean Reed
- Creative Couples I** Room 310 at 9:45 a.m.
Methodist Information Class:
13. "John Wesley & Methodist Beginnings", Dr. Gil Ferrell
20. "What Do United Methodists Believe", Dr. Lamar Smith
27. "The Rich Heritage of FUMC Ft. Worth", Barry Hudson
- Downtown Singles I** Room 340-341 at 11:00 a.m.
13. TBA
20. 2012 Tax Law News, Jan Banks
27. The Bible, Dr. Luther Henry
- Genesis Couples I** Room 224 at 9:45 a.m.
- Good Neighbors I** Room 334 at 11:00 a.m.
13. The Gladney Center for Adoption, Sandy Owen
20. The Gospel of John (Part 1), Dr. Lamar Smith
27. The Gospel of John (Part 2), Dr. Lamar Smith
- 8:30 a.m. In-Depth Bible Study I** Room 350 (Dr. Lamar Smith, Teacher)
Luke/Acts (January - February)
- Inquirers I** Room 352 at 9:30 a.m.
13. Dr. Gil Ferrell
20. & 27. Rev. Linda McDermott
- Journey I** Room 230 at 9:30a.m.
- Koinonia I** Room 351 at 9:30 a.m.
- Loyalty I** Room 334 at 9:30 a.m.
13. Modern Art Museum
20. Laura Hilgart, President and CEO of Women's Center
27. Robert Early, President and CEO of JPS Hospital
- New Horizon Singles I** Room 231 at 9:30 a.m.
13. "What Do You Expect from a Lawyer?", Jim Grau
20. "Life's Everyday Events/Problems, and How They are Dealt With", Leroy Groce
27. "Angels in My Life", Trish Hill
- New Passages I** Room 352 at 11:00 a.m.
- Partners I** Room 320 at 9:30 a.m.
- Sojourners I** Room 335 at 9:30 a.m.
13. "Opting Out", Marty Morrison
20. Rev. Phyllis McDougal
27. "God the Creator", Marvin Bahnman
- Trinity Fellowship I** Room 340-341 at 9:30 a.m.
- Twosome I** Room 154 at 9:30 a.m.
- Veriditas I** Room 272F (Foundation Building) 9:30 a.m.
"Wisdom of the Native Americans" by Kent Nerburn,
Beverly Fletcher and Ann Dunkin (All Sundays in January)
- Wesley Bible I** Room 350 at 9:30 a.m.; Dr. Ron Ballard, Teacher

NOTE: If the class you are interested in does not list topics or teachers for this month, we did not receive the information prior to the paper deadline.

Please submit monthly Teachers and Topics by the first Monday of each month for the following month. Make any changes or updates for publication in FUMC Weekly each Monday by 5:00 pm. Contact Gayle Ammerman (gammerman@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5091.

BAPTISMS



Bridget & Brandon Karr
Son Stevenson Powers



Katie and Chase Torres
Son Brandon James

NEW MEMBERS



Paige Hendricks



April Hill



Eric Moeller



Trish Techmeyer



Cynthia Scott



Allison Barley



Linda & David Murphy
Daughter Megan



Jackie Flusche

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Linda Rutledge, Donnie Waugh, David Young, Mary Vail, Deborah Cunion, Bob Protzman

DEATHS

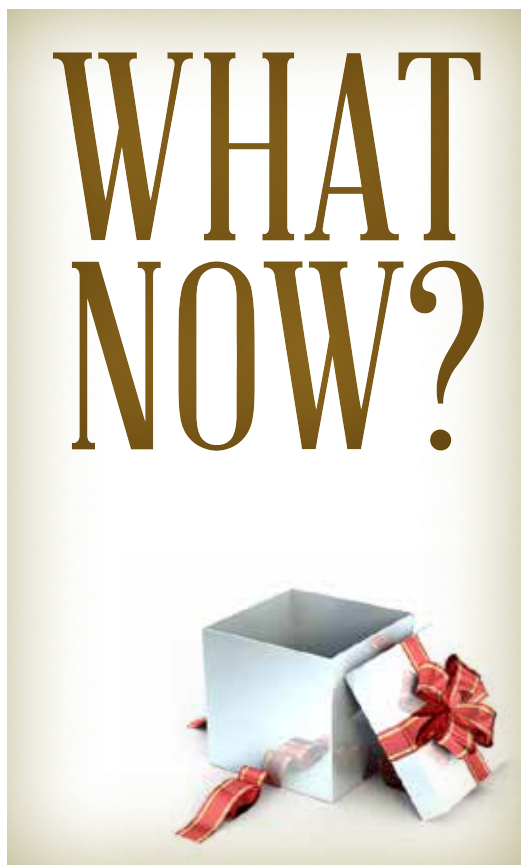
Bernard Hardick, Gene Taylor, Al Hennersdorf, Charles Grant

FUMC STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE

FUMC is looking for a new Receptionist. In addition to answering phones and sorting and distributing daily mail, the job entails preparing and electronically disseminating reports, as well as inputting information into our member database. Some college or higher education preferred; computer skills are a must. Applicants should be comfortable working with a wide variety of people, and possess a positive can do attitude. If interested, please contact Pam Erlandson (perlandson@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5062.



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An Epiphany Sermon Series

by Dr. Tim Bruster

January 13	Baptism Sunday	What Now? "Grow" Matthew 13:1-9, 31-32
January 20	MLK Weekend	What Now? "Dream" Matthew 13:10-17
January 27	Stewardship Kick-off Sunday	What Now? "Share" Luke 10:25-37
February 3	4th Sunday after Epiphany	What Now? "Tell" Matthew 5:14-16

Children First | 9:45 in the Sanctuary
Traditional Service - 9:40 in the Chapel | 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

February 10	Transfiguration Sunday	What Now? "Follow" Luke 9:28-36
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