



A Word About Worship Rev. Linda McDermott

Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers) once quieted a raucous crowd of young adults by posing this question: "Who loved you into being?"

I grew up in a wonderful Christian environment. My home church had some very fine Christian people – progressive, thoughtful, loving, wise. Some were my Sunday School teachers, others were friends of my parents, and then there were those whom I simply watched quietly-observing. Here are a few standouts:

Mrs. Brown (children's choir director) who let me sing in the choir a whole year before I was officially old enough because, she said, I had such a nice voice and good ear for music. She had a beautiful smile and contagious laugh!

Mr. Waters, my junior high Sunday School teacher, who told me my aqua blue mascara and matching eye shadow was lovely (it wasn't!). And Mrs. McDonald (co-teacher) who told me she loved hearing my perspectives on Bible stories. Both laughed easily at our antics. They actually LIKED us!

Mrs. Knight, a youth parent, who took time from her family on a Saturday to meet me at the church to talk about an issue with which I needed some trusted guidance.

The Andersons, who welcomed their son's college roommate into their home and then brought him to church and happily introduced him as a visitor. He was African American. This was the late 60's.

And the list goes on. They lived their faith in ways that shaped me.

Of course, I also observed other things going on in those sacred walls, observations that made me stop and think about the ways we live out our faith, or don't:

Two friends of my parents had not spoken to each other for 6 years even though they were in the same Sunday School class.

Mr. Monset was suing Mr. Bender, they sang in the choir together.

The Administrative Board meeting was disrupted by yelling and angry threats.

The Snyders and the Hartfords left the church because the Andersons' son came to church with his college roommate (see above).

The phone calls that came to my father because he chaired the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee! (Mostly petty)

Its been a long time since I was active in that community of faith, but I still remember the people that helped shape me, for better or worse, in my understanding of the Christian faith. It reminds me that how we live out our faith matters. If you are an adult, our children and youth are watching and learning what it means to live out our faith. If you are a youth, there are adults who watch you and are encouraged by your ethical choices and your willingness to serve. We all play a part in loving each other into being.

Who loved you into being?



DR. KENDA CREASY DEAN

Sunday, June 9 | 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Please plan to join us as we welcome

Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean for a one-

time seminar. Kenda is a United Methodist pastor, a professor of youth and culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, and the author of *Almost Christian: What the Faith of American Teenagers is Telling the Church*.

She is also this year's Central Texas Annual Conference teacher. For more information about this program, Dr.

Kenda Creasy Dean, or her new book, please contact Casey Langley, Director of Youth Ministries (clangley@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5070.

Traditional Worship
Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean
"Whatever It Takes"
9:30 | Sanctuary
11:00 am | Sanctuary

DiscipleChurch
Rev. Brooks Harrington
8:30 am | Leonard
Memorial Chapel

Chapel Communion Service
Dr. Len Delony
10:30 – 11:00 am | Leonard
Memorial Chapel

eleven:eleven celebration

Rev. Tom McDermott
"Summertime Living—A Faith
Map for the Unexpected"
11:11 am | Wesley Hall

music by Christa Russell, Elizabeth
Wills & Brad Thompson & guest
trumpeter, Dale Colgrove

◆ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ◆



“And are we yet alive, and see each other’s face?” These are the opening words of a Charles Wesley hymn that is sung to open nearly all annual conference sessions throughout the Methodist movement since the days of John Wesley. On Monday, the lay and clergy members of the Central Texas Annual Conference will sing it as the 2013 session of the conference begins.

Since I first learned about this tradition and the lives of the early Methodists, I have been struck by the power of Charles Wesley’s words for those pioneering preachers on the early American frontier and what they continue to mean for us today.

In the early days of the Methodist Church in America, only clergy were voting members. They were known as travelling preachers, or “circuit riders.” Peter Cartwright (1785-1816) was one of the best known of the circuit riders and in his autobiography he wrote this about the life of a circuit rider:

...he went through storms of wind, hail, snow, and rain; climbed hills and mountains, traversed valleys, plunged through swamps, swollen streams, lay out all night, wet, weary, and hungry, held his horse by the bridle all night, or tied him to a limb, slept with his saddle blanket for a bed, his saddle-bags for a pillow. Often he slept in dirty cabins, ate roasting ears for bread, drank butter-milk for coffee; took deer, bear meat, or wild turkey, for breakfast, dinner, and supper. This was old-fashioned Methodist preacher fare and fortune.

It is little wonder most of these preachers died almost before their careers had begun. Of those who died up to 1847, nearly half were less than 30 years old. Many were too worn out to travel. When laity began to attend the conferences, many of them travelled to the sessions of the conferences

out of great hardship and heartache. Clergy and laity alike often did not know until they gathered who had made it another year and who had gone on to glory.

While life is very different for clergy and laity today, the words of the old hymn still speak to us as we gather. With communication being what it is today, we know almost instantly how our brothers and sisters are faring throughout the year. Yet, still we gather—as Methodists have for generations—celebrating being together again and celebrating the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ. Somehow the words of Charles Wesley’s hymn have managed to remain fresh in every generation and somehow they tie us to all those who have gone before.

And are we yet alive,
and see each other’s face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
for his almighty grace!

Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesus’ praise we join,
and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen,
what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!

Yet out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost,
till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.

Please keep our Annual Conference in your prayers leading up to and during the sessions – June 9-12.

Grace and peace,



6.9 YOUTH CHOIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE

Youth Choir members need to be at Arborlawn UMC at 2:00 pm to rehearse, have dinner, which is provided, and then perform at the Annual Conference Worship Service. Attire: black bottoms, white tops.

6.16 YOUTH CHOIR

No Youth Choir rehearsal on this date.



6.9 - 7.28 | COLLEGE CLASS

10:15 - 11:00 am | ROOM 203 | JUSTIN YOUTH BUILDING

We have an awesome group of volunteers to teach this summer. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings for donuts/bagels. It will be a great time to reconnect with old friends. You may join us in the Big Room at 9:45 for youth worship and then go to your class at 10:15. If arriving after 9:45 please use the 5th street entrance. See you Sunday!!

- June 9 | Danica Knight and Ann McIntyre
- June 16 | Robert Rogers
- June 23 | Joe and Suzi Schlecte
- June 30 | Bob Hood and Julie Donovan
- July 7 | Mike Marshall
- July 14 | Julie Wende
- July 21 | TBD
- July 28 | Lamar Smith

6.16 Father’s Day Surprise In The Garden | 10:30 - 11:00 am

Reciprocating for last month’s Mother’s Day pancakes, the women on staff at FUMC will be serving up a special Father’s Day surprise in the Garden between services. We invite the entire FUMC family to this special opportunity for fellowship with family and friends in honor of all the fathers and father figures in our church family.

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6.9 | RADIUS

Sunday Morning there will be no Radius in the Justin Building. All youth and families are encouraged to join us for either the 9:30 or 11:00 am sanctuary worship to hear Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean's message Sunday morning.

6.16 - 6.21 | HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP New Orleans, LA

The high schoolers (9th-12th graders) are heading for a week of work in the Big Easy! We'll be working with families in the city to repair and restore their homes and share a week serving and being served. Participating youth need to bring their luggage to the Justin between 5 and 6 pm on June 15th so we can leave at 6:30 on June 16th. If there are any questions, please e-mail Brenda (bkegans@myfumc.org).

7.14 - 7.19 | MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP Waco, TX

Our middle school students (6th-8th graders) are heading down south to Waco for a week of work in the middle of July. Join us as we spend a week working to bless the people and the city of Waco. Adults are also needed for this trip! Grab a form from the Justin Building and **turn it into the youth office by June 16th**. Any questions? Contact Brenda (bkegans@myfumc.org).



JUNE MISSION SUNDAYS: VIENNA SAUSAGE

Throughout June, please bring cans of Vienna sausage to the Mission during regular donation hours, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, or to the Welcome Center on Sundays. Be part of our service to those in need by participating in monthly Mission Sundays. Remember: Your Small Gifts. Big Difference in the lives of those we serve.



MOVIES, BOOKS & THEOLOGY

Wednesday Morning | 9:30 – 11:00 am

Rev. Phyllis McDougal will lead this great summer study to examine how God's presence is always around us and see how God moves in and through our world. The group is open all summer, so come when you can! Register anytime during the week by contacting Gayle Ammerman (gammerman@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5091. Scholarships and childcare available.



COME ROCK WITH US THIS SUMMER AT VBS!

Mark your calendars for **KINGDOM ROCK, Where Kids Stand Strong for God!** Kingdom Rock is the awesome Vacation Bible School experience offered at FUMC this summer. Kingdom Rock VBS begins on Monday, July 8, and finishes with a huge celebration on Sunday morning, July 14.

Kingdom Rock will encourage your children to explore God's incredible love for them. As children are surrounded by a colossal castle theme and the usual cast of silly characters, they will journey through Bible stories that teach them about God's love, their family, prayer, trust, and God's Word all helping them to Stand Strong! They will experience a fanfare of fun music and dancing, epic Bible stories, creative crafts, yummy snacks, and so much more.

What makes this year's VBS even more awesome? Online registration and payment is now available! We no longer need the medical form notarized, so just print it off, fill it out, and send it in. We have made it easy and convenient, so **REGISTER TODAY!** You will also find much more helpful information and details about Kingdom Rock VBS at <http://bit.ly/10A0Xkb>.

We can't wait to see your children's shining, happy faces this summer as we **ROCK at FUMC VBS!** And remember, grown-ups are welcome to come rock, too! Volunteer registration is also available on our website.

Pass this along to any friends - even if they're not involved at FUMC. We would love to have them, too! If you have a problem with registration or payment, please contact Nikki McInnis at 817/339-5086.

COMING EVENTS

6.22 - 23 YOUTH CHOIR ALUMNI WEEKEND

All alums are invited to sing with the Youth Choir. Saturday rehearsal 10:30 am – noon and 8:30 am on Sunday morning to sing for both worship services.

6.24 - 6.29 YOUTH CHOIR TOUR | Nashville, TN

For more information, contact Janis Rathburn (jrathburn@myfumc.org) at 817/339-3883.

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NO BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: 6.16 - Father's Day

NEW MEMBERS



Amanda and Murphy Parks



Ann and Doug Higgins



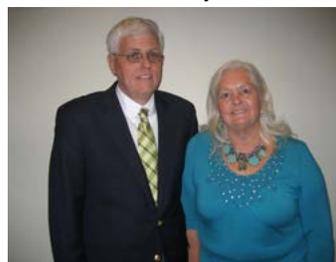
Steve Higgins



Glenda Maynard



Kimberly and Scott Ward



Melanie and Mack Wallace

BAPTISMS

Braxton and Anthony Ward, sons of Kimberly and Scott Ward

TEACHERS & TOPICS

Classes Meeting on Sunday, June 9

- Aldersgate Couples** | Room 333 | 9:30 am
Assembling Hygiene Kits at *First Street Methodist Mission*
- Cana Disciples** | Room 332 | 9:30 am
Book Study: *Forgiveness*, by Rev. Adam Hamilton
- Covenant** | Room 331 | 9:30 am | Bronson Davis
- Creative Couples** | Room 321 | 9:45 am | Rev. Kay Johnson
- Downtown Singles** | Room 340-341 | 10:50 am
- Genesis Couples** | Room 351 | 9:45 am | Lance Marshall,
Pastor of *First 7th Campus*
- Good Neighbors** | Room 334 | 11:00 am
Humanitarian Services | Eddie Carroll
- 8:30 am In-Depth Bible Study** | Room 350 | Dr. Lamar Smith
The Trials & Travels of Peter & Paul
Introducing "The Acts of the Apostles"
- Inquirers** | Room 352 | 9:30 am | Bruce Frankel
Day Resource Center
- Journey** | Room 230 | 10:00 am
Fruits of the Spirit Series: Mission
- Koinonia** | Room 224 | 9:30 am | Tom Cockerell
- Loyalty** | Room 334 | 9:30 am
- New Horizon Singles** | Room 231 | 9:30 am | Bobbie Wygant
Talking to the Stars | Entertainment Reporter & Critic
NBC 5 KXAS-TV
- New Passages** | Room 352 | 11:00 am
- Partners** | Room 320 | 9:45 am | Raymond Best
Galatians
- Sojourners** | Room 335 | 9:30 am | Karl Alexander
Young Mary/Mother of Jesus
- Trinity Fellowship** | Room 340-341 | 9:30 am
- Twosome** | Room 154 | 9:30 am
- Veriditas** | Room 272F (Foundation Building) | 9:30 am
Book Study: *It's Really All About God*, by Samir Selmanovic
- Wesley Bible** | Room 350 | 9:30 am | Dr. Ron Ballard
- Young Couples** | Room 336 | 9:45 am

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 deadline.

ADULT CLASSES:

*Please contact Gayle Ammerman with your July study topics by June 3
Phone: 817/339-5091 or gammerman@MyFUMC.org.*

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Elizabeth Crawford
Joe Hardgrove
Buddy Stegman

IN MEMORIUM

Lucille Royal

BIRTHS

Tanner Heath Hester was born Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Her proud parents are Elizabeth & Bill Hester.

TORNADO RELIEF

To become part of UMCOR's tornado relief efforts to all those affected by recent devastating Spring storms, please designate your checks as tornado relief or give online at (<http://bit.ly/15IXv7i>) and check the box marked UMCOR.