



FUMC WEEKLY

July 12, 2013

"For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"

Galatians 5:1, 13 – 15



A Word About Worship

Rev. Linda McDermott

"Let the children come to me and do not hinder them for to such as these belongs the Kingdom of God..."

This Sunday's worship at 11:00 is the culmination of a wonderful and inspiring week here at FUMC. Children have been filling our hallways, our classrooms, our playground, and our hearts all week as they have participated in Vacation Bible School: Kingdom Rock.

I was able to volunteer one day in the art room this week and loved being with the kids. And, to be honest, the kids ranged from sweet, noisy, shy, stubborn, tired, cranky, laughing, sharing, inclusive, demanding — the whole gamut! And yet, each one was a gift. Each one loved.

As I stood to the side of one of the morning assemblies and recognized so many of the children as ones we have baptized at our own altar, the words of the baptismal introduction came to mind: "...we come into this relationship not on the basis of anything that we have done or anything that we have accomplished, but simply on the basis of God's gracious invitation of love to us...". Those words give me hope, because, I don't know about you, but I, too, tend to run the emotional and behavioral gamut much like those VBS children (sweet, noisy, shy, stubborn, tired, cranky, laughing, sharing, inclusive, demanding). And yet God loves me, holds out possibilities for my life, values my existence, and depends on my service. Same for you. Really!

I love what Frederick Buechner once said in one of his sermons: "We are children, perhaps, at the very moment when we know that it is as children that God loves us — not because we have deserved God's love and not in spite of our undeserving; not because we try and not because we recognize the futility of our trying; but simply because God has chosen to love us. We are children because God is our father; and all of our efforts, fruitful and fruitless, to do good, to speak truth, to understand, are the efforts of children who, for all their precocity, are children still in that before we loved Him, God loved us, as children, through Jesus Christ our lord." (The Magnificent Defeat)

I hope you'll come and share in the exuberant, celebratory, and tender worship that our children will be leading this Sunday at 11:00. They are offering it as a gift: to God — and to you and me. And if you come open to the child in you, you might just glimpse a piece of the Kingdom of God that belongs, in a very special way, to the children.

See you in worship this Sunday.

Linda

Traditional Worship

Dr. Tim Bruster

**"For Freedom
Christ Has Set Us Free"
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9:30 am | Sanctuary



Vacation Bible School Celebration Sunday!

11:00 am | Sanctuary

DiscipleChurch

Pam Hews

8:30 am

Leonard Memorial Chapel

Chapel Communion

Dr. Len Delony

10:30 – 11:00 am

Leonard Memorial Chapel

eleven:eleven celebration

Charles Gaby, MS, LPC

11:11 am | Wesley Hall

♦ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ♦



Vacation Bible School shared the message of God with more than 400 children during *Kingdom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong for God.*



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Camp runs Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Cost is \$140/week. There are still a few spots left; call 817/870-9174 to register for remaining camps:

Science Camp, July 15 – 18
Art Camp, July 22 – 25

PARENTS' DAY OUT HAS OPENINGS FOR THE 2013–2014 SCHOOL YEAR!

Monday/Wednesday/Friday spots from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm are available for children 3 – 23 months. Choose one, two or three days. Contact Paula Wagstaff (pwagstaff@myfumc.org) at 817/546-4414.



7.7 – 7.28 COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 – 11:00 am | Room 203 | Justin

Hey, College students! Join us on Sunday mornings for donuts/bagels, to reconnect with old friends, and enjoy an awesome group of summer volunteer teachers. Meet us in the Big Room at 9:45 am for youth worship; class starts at 10:15 am. (If you arrive after 9:45 am, please use the 5th Street entrance.) See you Sunday!!

July 14 | Julie Wende

July 21 | TBD

July 28 | Dr. Lamar Smith



MOVIES, BOOKS & THEOLOGY

Wednesday Mornings | 9:30 – 11:00 am

Rev. Phyllis McDougal is leading 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.



JULY MISSION SUNDAYS:

BOTTLED WATER

Throughout July, please bring bottles of water 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.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mission has an urgent need for summertime adult volunteers (MUST be 18 years of age or older) Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and on Wednesday from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Please call Rev. Page Hines (phines@myfumc.org) at 817/339-8881 or Elizabeth Becker (ebecker@myfumc.org) at 817/339-8886 to learn more about joining the Mission's volunteer family.

HOME START-UP KITS

Do you have any spare, new or gently used towels and sheets? The Mission includes these items in our home start-up kits and supplies are low. For more information on this program, call Rev. Page Hines at 817/339-8881.

7.19 FUMC SINGLES THIRD FRIDAY DINNER

Danny D's BBQ | 7:00 pm
565 W Bedford Euless Rd Hurst, TX
See you there!

ADULT SUMMER STUDY: THE TRIALS AND TRAVELS OF PETER AND PAUL

Sundays | 8:30 am | Room 350

This popular, in-depth Bible Study by Dr. Lamar Smith welcomes new-comers as well as regular, faithful members during this series. Current lessons are covering the missionary work of Paul and Barnabas in the cities in the "tough neighborhood" of Galatia. Join us!



7.7 – 8.4 MorningSong

If you've ever wanted to sing with the FUMC choir, NOW is your chance! All are welcome to arrive 30 minutes prior to the 9:30 am or 11:00 am service (or both!) to rehearse and then sing at the service. Questions? Contact Taylor Davis, Director of Music and Worship Arts (tdavis@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5074.

7.7 – 8.4 NO CHORAL UNION REHEARSAL

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7.27 PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE ONE-DAY SEMINAR

9:00 am – 5:00 pm | lunch on your own
Wesley Hall | \$160 per couple

Led by Charles Gaby, MA, LPC

Couples often spend thousands of dollars on their wedding but invest very little in their marriage. This one-day workshop helps couples recognize and develop strategies for approaching issues in their relationship that may limit satisfaction in their marriage, BEFORE they say, "I do." Couples must pre-register by July 21 as class size is limited. The cost is \$160 per couple and includes the cost of all materials (the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Prepare instrument) as well as an individual session with Charles Gaby after the seminar is concluded. For more information, contact Marianne Wilson (mwilson@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5071.

WEST 7TH STREET BRIDGE CLOSED

West 7th Street bridge is closed for the installation of the last two arches and the new bridge deck. The closure should last for no more than 150 days. During the closure, motorists will be detoured to Lancaster Avenue. White Settlement Road can also be used as an alternate route through the area. Additional project information is available at: www.fortworthgov.org/seventhstreetbridge/.

FIRST 7TH PRAYER AND SHARE TEAM

The most important task now before our new First 7th Campus is signing up people for its "Prayer and Share" team. To sign up, please go to bit.ly/First7th — and be sure to share this link with friends and family. "Like" First7th on Facebook (facebook.com/First7th) and "Follow" us on Twitter (twitter.com/First7th), and repost our news regularly to exponentially increase the number of people who see — and pray for — our First7th ministry!

PLEASE KEEP THESE TEAMS IN YOUR PRAYERS

COSTA RICA

FUMCFW began its ministry in Puerto Viejo, one of the poorest areas in Costa Rica, in 2006 with the construction of the Evangelical Methodist Church and Children's Worship Center. The project has expanded to include work on a Children's Home for orphans in San Jose, as well as a medical clinic for migrant workers in Puerto Viejo. Approximately 100 church members have participated in this ministry and their efforts have dramatically impacted the lives of the people of Costa Rica. The team leaves Friday, July 12.

2013 Team Members:

Denise Bailey, Ronda Brandt, Linda Chaney, Roy Thorton, Beth Cooper, Dan Cooper, Chuck Graff, Trish Hill, Sarge Hill, Thaira Johnson, Annette Keller, John Keller, Carolyn McComis, Shelley McComis, Laura Morris, Michael Morris, Sarah Munoz, Victor Munoz, Madeline O'Neal, Joe Rhone, Jeff Siewert, Vonne Walton, Sharon West, Pamela Worlow

KENYA

Since 2010, mission teams from FUMCFW have traveled to Meru, Kenya to assist Reverends Stella and Daniel Mwiti in their work with 250 orphans and vulnerable children. Each summer these children experience Vacation Bible School with the team members and receive a gift from our church at the end of the week. This year the children will receive sweaters and backpacks. Together, FUMCFW and the Kenyan Mission Team are providing these children with educational opportunities that improve their chances for a brighter future. The team leaves Sunday, August 18.

2013 Team Members:

Nancy Tully, Nancy Fisher, Kim and Sreeni Gudimetla, Tim and Emily McDermott, Holly Toulouse



A PLACE AT THE TABLE MOVIE NIGHT



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Using personal stories, this documentary investigates incidents of hunger experienced by millions of Americans, as well as proposed solutions to the problem. The film examines these incidents through the lens of three people who are struggling with food insecurity. Starring Jeff Bridges, spokesman for No Kid Hungry Campaign.

SUNDAY, JULY 21
4:00 – 7:00 PM
WESLEY HALL

Childcare will be available at the church.
RSVP by July 18 to Paula Wagstaff (pwagstaff@myfumc.org) at 817/546-4414.

SAVE THE DATES

8.3 WORTH IT RESALE

SAMPLE SALE

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Foundation Building | Third Floor

8.16 – 8.18

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Make plans now to attend the 5th Street Theater's production of *A Year with Frog and Toad*.

There will be four performances:

Friday – 7:00 pm

Saturday – 2:00 & 5:00 pm

Sunday – 2:00 pm

BIRTH

Emerson Jane Wright

Born Sunday, July 7, 2013.

Proud parents are Brooke & Kyle Wright

Big sister is Olivia.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Kerbi Nobles Bloxom

Carolyn Stephens

IN MEMORIUM

Gayla Sellers

TEACHERS & TOPICS

Classes Meeting on Sunday, July 14

Aldersgate Couples | Room 333 | 9:30 am

Assembling Hygiene Kits at First Street Methodist Mission

Cana Disciples | Room 332 | 9:30 am | NOT MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST

Covenant | Room 331 | 9:30 am | Dr. Judith Carrier

Creative Couples | Room 321 | 9:45 am

Meeting with Trinity Fellowship in Room 340-341

Downtown Singles | Room 340-341 | 10:50 am

Foundations | Room 336 | 9:45 am

Genesis Couples | Room 351 | 9:45 am | Larry Ammerman, FUMC Business Administrator

Good Neighbors | Room 334 | 11:00 am

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

Journey | Room 230 | 10:00 am | Mary Kathleen Baldwin | *Fruits of the Spirit: Mission*

Koinonia | Room 224 | 9:30 am | NOT MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST

Loyalty | Room 334 | 9:30 am | Marnie Stites

New Horizon Singles | Room 231 | 9:30 am

Sid Johnston, Director of the FUMC Foundation

New Passages | Room 352 | 11:00 am | Bill Lanford

Four-week series: *Church and State As Two Masters*

Partners | Room 320 | 9:45 am

Sojourners | Room 335 | 9:30 am | Liz Sisk, Tarrant County College District

Trinity Fellowship | Room 340-341 | 9:30 am

Twosome | Room 154 | 9:30 am | Dick Rightmire

Veriditas | Room 272F (Foundation Building) | 9:30 am

Wesley Bible | Room 350 | 9:30 am | Dr. Charles Holland

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

MorningSong

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in the choir?

Do you enjoy singing, even if it's only in the shower or along with the radio or your favorite CD?

We invite you to join us for **MorningSong**, a unique summertime choir experience that extends the entire month of July.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

We will meet every Sunday morning in July, 30 minutes before each service to learn a piece of music and then lead worship in song. It's really that simple. And the best part: it's family friendly — kids and grandkids welcome! Come and enjoy the view and experience only available from the choir loft. Join us for MorningSong!

For more information, contact Taylor Davis (tdavis@myfumc.org) 817/339-5074.



**"We are a church
full of good singers
who may not even
realize it — or what
fun it is to sing for a
worship service."**

—Taylor Davis
Director of Music and Worship Arts