



Second in the Series *The Faith We Sing*:

“God the Creator”

Dr. Tim Bruster

Job 38:1-7; 34-41

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we began a September series in our 9:30 and 11:00 services entitled “The Faith We Sing.” The Bible is the Church’s primary book, to be sure, but hymnals are important books for the Church as well. Our United Methodist Hymnal is no exception. It contains many of the major themes of our faith and understandings of God—captured in poetry. There are hymns written hundreds of years ago and hymns written thirty years ago. There are hymns from several ethnic traditions in varieties of style.

In addition to hymns, there are orders of worship, prayers, canticles, affirmations of faith, readings, Psalms arranged in responsive readings with sung responses, and indexes to help you find what you are looking for. In past generations, the people called Methodists not only possessed their own Bibles, but they also possessed their own hymnals and used them as a way to solidify their faith and write it on their hearts.

It only takes a few moments of leafing through the hymnal to see that it is laid out in the pattern of a creed. It begins with the Trinity: God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit—the divine presence in our lives. Then, it moves to the Church—the Body of Christ, the Community of Faith. The hymnal then ends with looking to the coming fullness of the Realm of God and eternal life. Along the way, we remember that the grace of God moves in our lives and in our world in three distinct ways:

- 1) Prevenient Grace—the working of God in our lives—even before we are aware of God—to bring us to faith.
- 2) Justifying Grace—the working of God in Jesus Christ brings about forgiveness and reconciliation with God and new beginnings.
- 3) Sanctifying Grace—the power and presence of God in our lives to mold us and make us who Christ calls us to be and to live as he calls us to live.

This Sunday we will focus on God as Creator and all that means for us and for our world. We will look at it through the lens of the ancient biblical book of Job (Job 38:1-7; 34-41), as well as through the poetry of our hymns. I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Grace and Peace,

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

DiscipleChurch
Rev. Brooks Harrington | 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



CONNECT!

Go to bit.ly/1f2Ldcz for the online version of the second issue of CONNECT, our new church magazine. If you are not receiving the link to FUMC’s quarterly magazine by email, please email Lisa Helm, FUMC Communications Coordinator, (lhelm@myfumc.org) to be added to the subscription list.

Printed versions are available in the Welcome Center.

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9.8 IT'S FINALLY HERE - FALL ACADEMY BEGINS!

Don't forget that Fall Academy classes start THIS SUNDAY! Treasure Hunters, Visual Arts and Puppets are full.

9.15 | THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

11:00 am | Sanctuary

One of the real milestones in our Children's Ministry is the Third Grade Bible Presentation in which each third grader is presented with a brand new Bible, inscribed with their full name, during the 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary.

9.20 - 9.21 BIBLE CAMP

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center
\$45 per person

Our church Conference is hosting a Bible Camp, and we encourage all our third graders to attend with their new Bibles! The camp is limited to 136 children and adults, so please register as soon as possible if your child will participate. Go to <http://bit.ly/1d3smSb> to register and pay for the camp.

9.8 GOOD BOOK CLUB BEGINS

Guess What? Good Book Club is moving to the **SECOND SUNDAY** of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This schedule change will allow more families to participate, and the earlier start time will allow parents of younger children to get kiddos home and in their PJs at a more reasonable time. The theme for our September Good Book Club is "God Is." Our three book selections will focus on aspects of who God is, as revealed by some all-time classic storybook characters.

- **Kindergarten and Younger** - *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown, pictures by Clement Hurd.
- **1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade** - *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel.
- **4th Grade and Older** - *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

Questions? Contact Nikki McInnis (nmcinnis@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5086.



If you've always wanted to volunteer at FSMM, now is the perfect time!

Three volunteers are needed on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm to help with intake for grocery services.

There is also an opportunity for one or two volunteers to host the Mission's Share Table Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Contact Charmé Roberts (crobarts@firststreetmission.org) or Elizabeth Becker (ebecker@firststreetmission.org) to learn more.

SEPTEMBER MISSION SUNDAYS: UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS

During September, please bring men's and/or women's adult size underwear and socks to FSMM during regular donation hours, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm or to the Welcome Center on Sunday. Remember: **Small Gifts, Big Difference!**



9.5 NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASS Thursday Evenings | 6:30 - 8:00 pm Room 231 | \$50 per person

This beginner level, non-credit, Spanish class will focus on understanding and conversing in Spanish - and having fun as we learn! Sharon West, who has a BA in Spanish from TCU and experience teaching conversational Spanish, will teach the class. Scholarships available; contact Sharon West (swest124@swbell.net) or Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5065 for more information.

9.26 - 9.28 CAMPING TRIP Mineral Wells State Park

Campers of all ages are invited for camping, worship and outdoor activities including hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. Join the fun in God's beautiful creation at nearby Mineral Wells State Park. You can tent camp or RV with us on all or any one of these dates - or just come for the day! Food costs will be shared. Contact Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5065 for more details.

10.14 GOLF TOURNAMENT

9:00 am Shotgun Start | Lost Creek Golf Course | \$40 per person | Guests Welcome

All men and women (senior or near senior) interested in enjoying a four-person scramble are invited to join the fun! Cost includes green fee, cart and lunch, and is payable at the tournament. Please contact Tournament Director, Wayne Maddox (waymad@juno.com) at 817/560-7323 or Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5065 to register. Include your handicap, or probable score, who you would like to be teamed with, or your foursome.



Register in the Adult Education Office
Sundays | September 1 & 8
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Scholarships available

Registration information

Gayle Ammerman
(gammerman@myfumc.org) 817/339-5091

Childcare reservations

Paula Wagstaff
(pwagstaff@myfumc.org) 817/546-4414

Scholarship and class information

Rev. Gena Anderson
(ganderson@myfumc.org) 817/339-5067



9. 7 YOUTH CHOIR KICKOFF

10:00 am - 3:00 pm | 7 - 12 graders
\$5 per person

Join Youth Choir for an exciting kickoff to the year! Come, bring a friend if you like, and be a part of this special group.

- Meet in the choir room at 10:00 am for some getting-to-know-you fun (and a little singin')
- Head either to the Justin Building or Wesley Hall (depending on construction) for some lunch at 11:30 am
- Load up the vans around 12:15 pm and head to Pepe's Pottery for an artistic spin on a mission project
- Return to the church at 3:00 pm

Questions? Contact Janis Rathburn (jrathburn@myfumc.org).

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9.8 CONFIRMATION BEGINS

9:30 am | 2nd Floor | Justin Youth Building | Current 6th graders
Led by Dr. Mike Marshall

This class will meet every Sunday and culminate on Sunday evening, May 18, 2014, with the Service of Confirmation. Questions? Contact Dr. Mike Marshall (mmarshall@myfumc.org) at 817/339-2409.

9.8 KICKOFF

5:30 pm | Justin Youth Building

We're kicking off a new school year and a whole new Sunday night schedule! Join us for dinner, worship and some big fun in the Justin after choir rehearsal!

9.20 – 9.22 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Lyle Lodge | Cost: \$25

All current 7 – 8th graders are invited to join us for a weekend out at the lake for some fun, relaxation and worship. Register by September 15. Contact Brenda (bkegans@myfumc.org) for more information.

10.19 – 10.20 HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

Lyle Lodge | Cost: \$25

All current 9 – 12th graders are invited to join us for a weekend out at the lake for some fun, relaxation and worship. Register by September 15. Contact Brenda Kegans for more information.



9.29 ROOTS OF CHANGE BEGINS

Register by 9.22

Foundation Building | Room 274

If you are ready to experience some intense, personal, life-changing growth don't miss the opportunity to be a part of Roots of Change.

This free class is designed to expose how patterns in our emotions impact how we work, think, pray and love. Donations are accepted to continue this ministry.

Choose any of these weekly meeting times:

Sunday | 9:00 – 11:00 am

Led by Sharon West

Sunday | 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Potluck Lunch Each Week

Led by Charles Gaby

Wednesday | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Potluck Dinner Each Week

Led by Peter Canning

To register, contact Marianne Wilson (mwilson@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5071. For more information about **Roots of Change** visit www.rootsofchange.com.



10.5 FAITHWORKS

8:00 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

Be a part of **FAITHWORKS**— a variety of exciting volunteer opportunities for all ages and groups! Join us as we put into practice our commitment to go out and be God's people in the world by reaching out to improve our community and strengthen our church.

The day will begin with a communion service in the Leonard Memorial Chapel at 8:30. After the service, we will focus our efforts on the following projects:

- **Stop Hunger Now**
- **The Paint Project**
- **The World Communion Project**
- **The Gardening Project**
- **Mystery Teams**

For detailed information on each of these projects, contact Caren Walker (carenwalk@aol.com) at 817/688-8195 or Marianne Wells (hpwmtw@charter.net) at 817/266-1123.

UNITED METHODIST INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday Mornings | Oct. 20 – Nov. 10 | 9:45 – 10:45 am
Room 230 | Hosted by the Journey Sunday School Class

Guests, new members, and all interested in meeting new people and learning more about our denomination and our church are welcome to join us for any or all of these informative sessions.

There is no cost for the materials or sessions.

Questions? Please contact Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) 817/339-5065 or Dr. Lamar Smith (lsmith@myfumc.org) at 817/339-3886.



October 20

"John Wesley and Methodist Beginnings"

Leader: Dr. Gil Ferrell
Former Seminary Professor and Wesley Scholar



October 27

"What Do United Methodists Believe?"

Leader: Dr. Lamar Smith
Associate Pastor



***November 3**

"The Rich Heritage of FUMC Fort Worth"

Leader: Barry Hudson
Chair, Communications Committee
**This Sunday marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time*



November 10

"There Is a Place For You to Love God, Serve People, Transform Lives!"

Leaders: Carolyn Stephens, Lay Ministry Chair, & other lay leaders
This session includes a facility tour and will last until noon.

TEACHERS & TOPICS

Classes Meeting on Sunday, September 8

Aldersgate Couples | First Street Methodist Mission | 9:30 am | Assembling Hygiene Kits

Cana Disciples | Room 332 | 9:30 am | TBA

Covenant | Room 331 | 9:30 am | Bill Lanford

Creative Couples | Room 321 | 9:45 am | FUMC Costa Rica Mission Trip | Beth & Dan Cooper

Downtown Singles | Room 340-341 | 10:50 am | Dr. Mike Marshall

Foundations | Room 336 | 9:45 am | TBA

Genesis Couples | Room 351 | 9:45 am | The Trinity | Rev. Brooks Harrington

Good Neighbors | Room 334 | 11:00 am | China Tour | Liz & John Howard and Barbara & Wes Alderete

8:30 am In-Depth Bible Study | Room 350 | Dr. Lamar Smith
The Trials & Travels of Peter & Paul (September Study)

Inquirers | Room 352 | 9:30 am | Dr. Gil Ferrell

Journey | Room 230 | 10:00 am | Class is working at the First Street Methodist Mission

Koinonia | Room 224 | 9:30 am | Peter and Paul Meet Jesus (Part 2) | Dr. Lamar Smith

Loyalty | Room 334 | 9:30 am | The Supreme Court's Latest Term | Don Jackson, Professor-Emeritus, TCU

New Horizon Singles | Room 231 | 9:30 am | Dr. Linda Duncan

New Passages | Room 352 | 11:00 am | What is "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God?" | Bill Lanford

Partners | Room 320 | 9:45 am | 4-Week study: The Tough Sayings of Jesus | Kelly Mahachek

Sojourners | Room 335 | 9:30 am | Ray Best

Trinity Fellowship | Room 340-341 | 9:30 am | Book Study: *The Way* by Adam Hamilton

Twosome | Room 154 | 9:30 am | Dr. David Grant

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

BIRTHS

Preston George Huckaby was born Thursday, August 29, 2013 to proud parents Bonnie & Aaron Huckaby

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Ernie Nance Richardson
Faires Kuykendall
Verone Massie
Bonnie Siddons

IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Dugan
Orris King
Wynn Chapman

Debates about the historical Jesus frequently also address social issues like the separation of church and state, or the power of religious authorities.

As new generations encounter problems that previous generations didn't address, they renew the quest to find out who Jesus really was. The upcoming forum revisits the historical Jesus to help explore the role of religion in an increasingly secular American society. All sessions are open to the general public.

9.20 – 9.21 LECTURE SERIES:

THE HISTORICAL JESUS IN A (POST) MODERN WORLD

Friday 7:30 – 9:00 pm | Saturday 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Bass Conference Center at Brite Divinity School, TCU Campus

Registration

All Sessions

Pre-registration (by September 6) \$60

Registration (after September 6) \$75

Additional Family Members \$50

Single Sessions

Friday Evening Lecture \$20

Saturday Morning Workshop \$30

Saturday Afternoon Workshop \$30

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