

## Easter Joy

April 24, 2011 was one of the best Easter Sundays I have ever experienced, truly. I am still overwhelmed with the sense of joy and life that was celebrated at Asbury that day. The Leadership teams had made a decision put all of our energy and focus into Easter day. We didn't plan other events, we planned for Easter. And the result, to me, validated the decision. It was an extravagant day.

From the music of the choir and the band, to the work of the CrossTalk youth at the sunrise service, we declared the good news that Jesus Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! The atmosphere was electric and the Spirit of God was moving.

And then there was the small group time. Many adult groups joined to watch the special drama and crafts being presented by the Growth & Nurture team. From hearing the story and watching it played out, the children knew Easter was more than bunnies and eggs. Each family got a set of Resurrection Eggs – a simple way to tell the story of Jesus and Easter. One child took hers home and used them to tell the story of Easter to her friend across the street. Joy upon joy happened that day.

I know I will miss some, but I want to offer a word of gratitude to those who did so much to lift up Jesus and glorify God on this BEST day of the YEAR. Kay and Matt along with the choir and band; Pat and the back corner team: Laurel and the CrossTalk youth; Don, Kristi, Bryan; Jan for hosting breakfast; Heather and Brandy for an awesome time for the children; Cindy, Pat, Mike, Pam, Mark, Scott, Albert and Sue for their amazingly creative set design that took much time and effort; all the actors in the play; Jeanie for the wonderful backdrop drapes; Mike for help with flower stands; always Andrea for her help keeping things on track and ordered on time; all those who served and greeted and ushered; to every one of you I say THANK YOU for allowing God to use you to bring Easter joy into our lives. To those whom I forgot to mention, forgive me and please accept my thanks.

Blessings,



### *Growing, Leading, Serving...*

**Friday, May 13th  
6:30 pm**

*Asbury Forum &  
Ice Cream Social*

**Sunday, May 15th  
Noon**

*New Member Luncheon  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Connections 101 Class*

**Wednesday, May 18th  
11:30 am**

*Young @ Heart Potluck  
Luncheon*

**Sunday, May 22nd  
4:30 pm**

*VBS Planning Mtg*

**Monday, May 23rd  
5:30 pm**

*Young @ Heart outing to  
Astros Baseball game*

**Sun - Wed, May 29 - June 1st**  
*Texas Annual Conference @  
GRB Convention Center*

**Monday, May 30th**  
**Church Office Closed**

*Our Church Office hours are:*

**Monday - Thursday**  
**9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Friday**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

*Phone: 281-484-4814  
Fax: 281-998-3438*

Pastor: Rev. Mike Lindstrom

**Thanks Received...**

A big thank you...

Thank you to Carl Moore for providing the funds for the purchase of our Sunday morning fruit for the month of March, and to the United Methodist Men providing the funds for fruit for "an unlimited amount of time."

The Fruit Lady

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous monetary gift to Pasadena Community Ministry. You are all so special. This will go a long way in helping the needy in our area. God bless each of you.

Jean Wottrich, Director, PCM

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Dear Ladies,

Your generous monetary gift empowers Methodist Children's Home to "offer hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing Christian community." We appreciate your continued financial support and trust in our ministry.

Sincerely,

Trey Oakley, Vice President for Development

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My sincere thanks to all of you who remembered me in any way during my recent hospital stay. Your prayers, visits, cards and other expressions of concern were greatly appreciated. I shall be forever grateful to all the doctors, nurses, therapists and others who took care of me both on the medical floor and the rehab floor at Bayshore Hospital. Not only did they use their God-given talents but had words of encouragement and concern for me. They were all wonderful, professional people. Thank you again one and all for all you did to make my unexpected hospital stay and recuperation better.

Tiny York

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To Our Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts during my mom's recent hospital stay. She is home and getting stronger all the time.

God bless all of you,

The Alsobrooks

**Sermon Series - How to Change the World**

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|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| May 1  | "Begin With Me"          | James 4: 7 - 10        |
| May 8  | "Take Care of My Own"    | 1 Timothy 5: 7 - 8     |
| May 15 | "Engage With the Church" | 1 Corinthians 12: 4-14 |
| May 22 | "Go Into the World"      | Luke 4: 14 - 21        |

**Young @ Heart (ages 50+)**



Come join our Young @ Heart Group for a Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, May 18th here in the Sanctuary.

They are also scheduled to go to Minute Maid Park for a Houston Astros baseball game on Monday, May 23rd. The bus will leave from Asbury at 5:30 pm that afternoon. Contact Dorothy Fink at 281-487-6088 for more details about Young at Heart.



**Asbury Forum & Ice Cream Social**

**Friday, May 13th @ 6:30 pm**

**Everyone is invited to come join us for ice cream, fellowship, & conversation**

*(ice cream and toppings will be provided)*



**Note from the Library Corner...**

The collection of books in the bookcase in the Community Room is available to everyone at Asbury. The UMW is happy to share these books, which include various topics relating to Christianity, including fiction and The Response magazine. A donation to the library fund is always welcome, including memorials or honorariums. We hope to someday have a "real library."

The Reader's Club meets the 1st Tuesday each month at the home of Dixie McAdams. Members share their books as well as give a short review. If you enjoy reading and fellowship please come join us. Contact Lu Harrison at 713-962-4130.

**Ready to join Asbury?**

**A class for those considering membership.**



Discover more about the mission and vision God has given to Asbury UMC as well as the basics of Christianity and Methodism.

Call the church office or speak to Pastor Mike to sign up.

**The next class is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th at 5:00 pm in Classroom #2 in the Education Hall.**

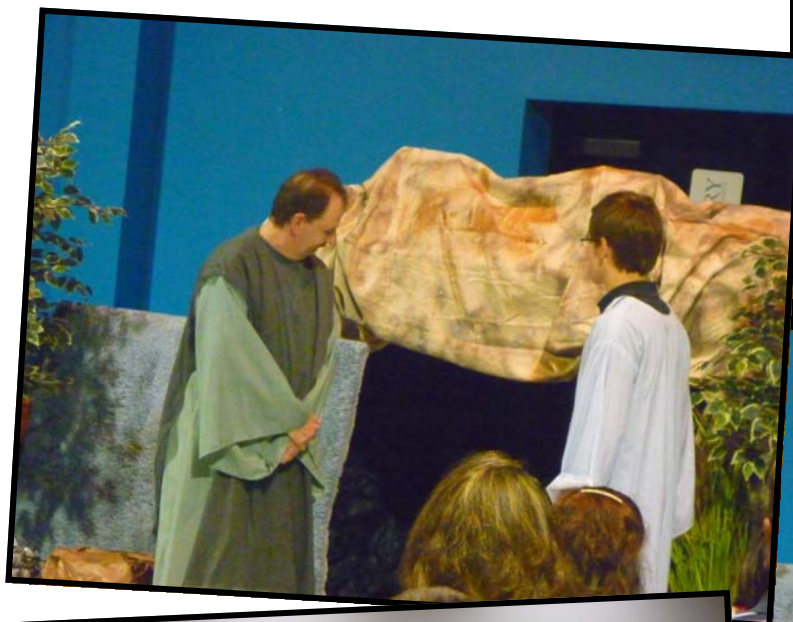


**A few more good men and women are needed in our choir. If you enjoy singing, we invite you to join the Chancel Choir and worship God in song. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.**

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*Small Group time was family time,  
with the Resurrection Story,  
followed by family craft time.*



*Pastor Mike released butterflies during Children's Time...*

*We seek to honor our covenant through our prayers, our presence, our giving, and our serving...*

**PRAYERS . . .**

***In the Hospital:***

Ona Mae Cook (Bayshore ICU)  
Eli Johnson (Memorial Hermann Children's)

***Health & Other Concerns (Members):***

Ross Bissonnet  
Ronny Bolch  
Lonnie Calhoun  
Patty Duke  
Bettie Ellisor  
Juanita Evans  
Willis Evans  
Olga Galvan  
Joe Godail  
Lee Grimes  
Bruce Guinon  
Michael Harrison  
Maxine Mize  
Lorene Singleton  
Connie Temple  
Tiny York

***Health & Other Concerns (Friends):***

Lynn Alsobrook  
Kenneth Becker  
Kenneth Bolch  
Bobbie Boyer  
Peggy Burt  
Susan Choate  
Renee Corley & family  
Troy Crawford  
JoAnn Dee  
Jenni Eckels

Lisa Edmondson  
Maxine Edwards  
Norma Jean Ethredge  
Preston Freeman  
Hortencia Galvan  
Carolyn Gatlin  
Leonilla Gonzales  
Caroline Green  
Sue Grounds  
Brenda Hairgrove  
Wesley Heil  
Lee & Pauline Hendricks  
Ronnie Hernandez  
Earl Hester  
Isaac Hurley  
Gilbert Hutchins  
Aidan Immroth  
Meredith Kelly  
Marc Kichline  
Yolanda Lerma  
Wesley McCollum  
Jake McCoy  
Ariel Martinez  
Jose Martinez  
Jesse Moore  
Megan Morris  
Bill & Suzanne Murdock  
Debbie O'Connor  
Connie Peak  
Joni Phiegura  
Matty Steen  
Dale Taggart  
Lillian Thompson  
Sherri Tranbargar  
Hailey Lynn Watson

Becky Welch  
Miriam Williams  
Martha & Vasullias Zoy  
Our pastor, staff & church

*Prayer requests will be printed for a period of 30 days unless an update is received in the church office.*

Asbury extends sympathy to Bettie Ellisor & family on the death of her son  
**Steve Barber**  
(Member since 1967)

*Please pray for those serving our nation, especially:*  
Todd Archer, Adam Calcarone, Michael Chopcinski, Corey Ellis, John Ethredge, Jeremy Farr, Doug Goecke, Christopher Grantham, Derek Greer, Damon Gregory, Jessica Hamilton, Drew Hargus, Drake Inkster, Jeremy Jernigan, Jason Kelly, Todd Lockhart, Johnny Lozano, Carl Mann, Donald Meyer, Mark Miller, Jesse Patterson IV, SFC Eric Quellhorst, Ronnie Randolph, Blake Sammons, Amy Southard, Jason Tisdale, Travis Waller, Andy Waller, Calvin Wallet, Jason Williams, national & world leaders.

**PRESENCE . . .**

**Sunday, April 3, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 84  
11:00 am Worship Service 154

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 87  
11:00 am Worship Service 144

**Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 107  
11:00 am Worship Service 145

**Good Friday, April 22nd**

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**Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011**

6:30 am Sunrise Service 55  
8:45 am Worship Service 125  
11:00 am Worship Service 266

***Gifts Given in Honor & Memory...***

**To the McFarland Scholarship Fund in Memory of**  
Steve Barber (*Bettie Ellisor's son*) by The United Methodist Women  
*and*

Jack Schmidt by Billie Schmidt

**To the Pastor's Fund in Honor of**  
Michael Harrison by Brian & Dawn Creason

**To the Piano Fund in Honor of**  
Tiny York by The United Methodist Women

**To the UMARMY Fund in Honor of**  
Pat Sommerfield by The United Methodist Women

*For more information about memorial gifts or honorariums, please contact the church office at 281-484-4814.*

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*Panda Mania Vacation Bible School  
June 20 - 24, 2011 - 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm*

*Registration forms are on the table in the Main Hall  
OR  
you may register online at our website: [asbury-umc.com](http://asbury-umc.com)*

### *United Methodist Women*

All ladies mark your calendars for the following dates:

#### **Saturday, May 7th at 10am**

Our guest will be John Stewart from the Wesley Community Center in Houston. We are requesting donations of diapers; baby wipes or canned goods to be brought to the meeting.

#### **Saturday, June 4th at 10am**

Our guest will be a representative from the Methodist Children's Home in Waco.

You do not have to be member of the United Methodist Women to attend the Unit meetings. If you have any questions please contact Lorraine Loper at 281-474-4585.

***Our next edition...Our Asbury newsletter is published monthly. Asbury's next Circuit Rider will be published Friday, May 27th. Please submit articles and/or information in the church office or via email at [asbury@asbury-umc.com](mailto:asbury@asbury-umc.com) by Tuesday, May 24th.***