

Summer's almost here and the living is _____

Each change of season brings the unknown, but maybe no season as much as summer. Life at the church certainly moves differently as evening Bible studies are replaced with Vacation Bible School (VBS) and mission trips; and the days get unusually quiet as the Day School is out for the summer.

There is a different pace to the life of the church and much of the story line has yet to be written. But, that doesn't mean we can't engage in the life of the church even during these summer months. Here are some ways we can be the church this summer:

PRAY

With the work of VBS and the traveling of our youth and children to work camps and summer camps, prayers are vital. We want to do nothing except by God's power and with God's blessing. So pray for the summer activities.

Be PRESENT

Summertime can often bring a dip in the number of people in our Sunday morning worship services. It makes sense with all the traveling and different schedules we face. But, if you can, make the effort to be in church. God deserves our attention in the summer as much as any other time. If you cannot be here, be somewhere. On vacation find a place to worship on Sunday – the internet is a really handy tool for finding the type of worship you enjoy.

GIVE

There are two big realities we face in the summer. One is that the Day School is out and their contribution to our operating funds stops for the summer break. Second is the reality that not only does our attendance go down, but giving does as well. Our commitments remain mostly the same, so when giving is down it gets tough. Please, even if you can't be here because you're traveling, remember to uphold the church with your giving – mail in or drop off your offering if you can't be here.

SERVE

Many of our youth and adults are serving others by being part of UMARMY, Big House, and summer camp. If you want to be part of any of those let us know. Our VBS team is growing, but many more are needed to make that week an amazing God-filled time for our children. It's not hard work, but it is meaningful. Consider being a part of one of these efforts. You can also find numbers of ways to serve in the community during this season.

WITNESS

Remember to be ready to tell others about what God is doing in your life and how your life is changing as you follow Jesus. Summertime at the pool and at picnics and other gatherings make this the perfect time to share with others the good news of about the life-changing grace of Jesus.

Hope you enjoy your summer. Stay safe, keep God close, love others.

Blessings,



*Growing, Leading,
Serving...*

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

Monday, May 30th
Church Office Closed

Sunday, June 5th
*Confirmation
&
Promotion Sunday*

Thurs - Sun, June 16 - 19
*Jr. High BIG HOUSE
Mission Trip
(Houston, Tx)*

Mon - Fri, June 20th - 24th
6:00 pm - 8:45 pm
Vacation Bible School

Sun - Sat, July 17th - 23rd
*Sr. High UMARMY
Mission Trip
(Cleveland, Tx)*

*Our Summer Office hours:
(effective June 6th)*

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 3:45 pm

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

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www.asbury-umc.com
twitter: [asbury_umc](https://twitter.com/asbury_umc)*

*Pastor's blog:
<http://mikeatasbury.wordpress.com>*

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twitter: [mikeybob](https://twitter.com/mikeybob)*

Pastor: Rev. Mike Lindstrom

Baby News!!

Congratulations to Susan Warner on the birth of her 7th grandchild. **Selah Catherine Warner** was born to David & Amy Warner in Sitka, Alaska on Sunday, May 1, 2011. She weighed 7 lb, 3 oz and was welcomed by brothers Jaden, Caleb, and Reagen.

Russ & Sue Morris became grandparents for the second time in less than a year. **Caleb MacDonald Morris** was born to Ryan & Loren Morris in Austin, Tx on Friday, April 29th at 4:36 pm. Caleb weighed 7 lbs, 6oz, and was 21 inches long.

Olivia Brooklyn Davis was born to Bryan & Michelle Davis on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 in San Antonio, Tx. She weighed 8 lb, 2 oz, and was 20 inches long. Bryan is the son of Glenn & Pat Davis. This is # 14 grandchild for Glenn & Pat!



Our Vacation Bible School set decorators are looking for items to decorate the Sanctuary for the week. If you have anything "jungle" in your home that our decorators may borrow, please bring it to the church. Put your name on it with masking tape so it may be returned to you. Contact Cindy Evans or Pat Groves for more information.



Asbury's **Young @ Heart Group** has planned an outing to the Museum District in Houston for Thursday, June 2nd. The bus will leave from the Asbury parking lot at 10:15 am. Young @ Heart is for adults age 50+ years. For more information contact Dorothy Fink at 281-487-6088.

Ways to Serve

Sunday Morning Media Team... We are looking for several adults willing to serve (*once or twice a month*) a part of our Sunday morning Media Team (working in the back corner), either for the 8:45 am service or for the 11:00 am service. For more information contact Pat Sommerfield at 281-450-4804 or phs5374@yahoo.com.



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.

We are looking for volunteers to be at the Welcome Center before and after the small group hour to welcome guests and answer questions (sign up for one month)

As a loving and welcoming congregation, we are **called** to **GROW, LEAD and SERVE**. Your help at the Welcome Center could help our guests find a closer connection to Christ through Asbury (and that's worth doing)! Please contact Sue Freeman at (281) 991-1403.

Pasadena Community Ministry is an organization created to help those in need of food, clothing, and money on a short term basis. We have a box in the Education Hall for donations of food, clothes, and other necessities people might need.

Supplies needed regularly are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, bar soap, boxes of detergent, liquid dishwashing soap, diapers size 3,4,5,& 6, infant clothes, socks & underwear for children.

You may bring items at any time. We have volunteers who will take them to PCM. Thank you for your support!

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon Ziploc bag:

The United Methodist Women are collecting items needed to put together Health Kits, which will be delivered to UMCOR and distributed to those who need them. With the recent flooding in some of our southern states, there will be a need for these kits.

There is a box in the Main Hall for anyone to drop any of the items on the list. OR you may put together a kit yourself and place it in the box.

The list is exact - we cannot add to the items shown, and all the kits must have all the items in them.

Thank you for your support of this Mission.

- 1 hand towel (15"x 25" up to 17"x 27" - **NO** kitchen towels)
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not a pocket comb)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath size bar of soap (3 oz and up)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- 1 toothbrush (single adult size toothbrush **in original packaging**)
- \$1 to purchase toothpaste (cannot store toothpaste due to expiration dates)

Only include these items as described. Items not as described are not allowed and will have to be removed before distribution.

High School Graduates



Fran Cardenas
Deer Park High School



Jonathon Choma
Pasadena Memorial High School



Bryan Eaves
Deer Park High School

Fran Cardenas plans to attend San Jacinto College studying Business & Management, and Cosmetology on the side.

Jonathon Choma is enrolled at San Jacinto College, with plans to enroll in the Firefighter Paramedic Academy in the fall.

Abigail Hagan will attend University of Houston Honors College, where she will study Communications with a concentration in Media Production.

Bryan Eaves is planning to attend either Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Tx, or Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Tx, majoring in Cinematography.

Stephan Little will attend Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Tx, majoring in Theatre & Film.

Andrew Lindstrom will attend Texas A&M University in College Station, Tx, with plans for an Engineering degree in Computer Science.



Abigail Hagan
Deer Park High School

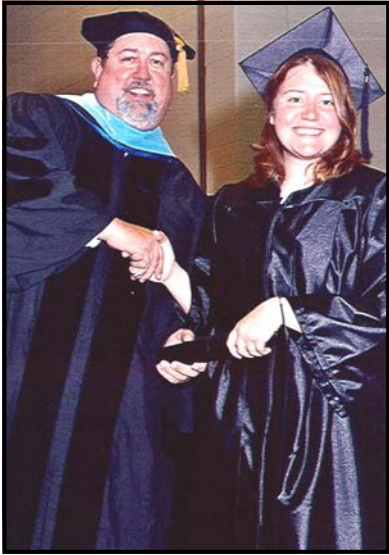


Andrew Lindstrom
Deer Park High School



Stephan Little
Sam Rayburn High School

College Graduates



Nicole Bacon
San Jacinto College



Tiffany Moore
San Jacinto College



Kimberly Palmer
Texas A&M University



Jeffrey Lyn Sweny
University of Houston

Nicole Bacon graduated from San Jacinto College in December 2010 with an Associates of Arts in Theatre Arts. She is currently attending Texas State University in San Marcos, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Education.

Tiffany Moore graduated from San Jacinto College with an Associates degree in Nursing (RN). After her wedding to Ryan Choma in July, she plans to start the BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program at Texas Tech and graduate in May 2012, with plans to get a Sign Language Interpreter Degree starting in Fall of 2012.

Kimberly Palmer graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She plans to enroll in the ATPCP program and get her teaching certification and teach High School Biology.

Jeffrey Lyn Sweny graduated from University of Houston with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and will be working for with Oxy-Chem.

Congratulations to our 2011 recipients of the McFarland Scholarship

Andrew Lindstrom, Stephan Little, and Desiree Grimes, and are pictured with Barbara McFarland.



For more information about the McFarland Scholarship, pick up a brochure available at the Welcome Center in the main hall.

The scholarship fund welcomes contributions and gifts, including memorials and honorariums to remember or honor a loved one.

*Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can*

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

PRAYERS . . .

In the Hospital:

Eli Johnson (Mem Herman Children's)
Juanita Evans (Mem Herman SE)
Jon Harrison (Bayshore)

Health & Other Concerns (Members):

Ross Bissonnet
Ronny Bolch
Lonnie Calhoun
Ona Mae Cook
Patty Duke
Bettie Ellis
Willis Evans
Jenny Fincher
Olga Galvan
Joe Godail
Bruce Guinon
Evanel McGraw
Family of Maxine Mize
Phyllis Myers
Lorene Singleton
Connie Temple
Tiny York

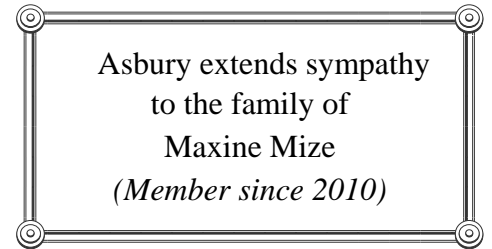
Health & Other Concerns (Friends):

Lynn Alsobrook
Vicki Baker
Judy Barnett
Kenneth Becker
Kenneth Bolch
Bobbie Boyer
Peggy Burt
Susan Choate
Renee Corley & family
Evelyn Cooker
Troy Crawford
Mable Crocker

JoAnn Dee
Jenni Eckels
Lisa Edmondson
Norma Jean Ethredge
Lynn Fortier
Hortencia Galvan
Leonilla Gonzales
Caroline Green
Sue Grounds
Brenda Hairgrove
Wesley Heil
Lee & Pauline Hendricks
Ronnie Hernandez
Earl Hester
Tom Higgins
Mitch, Brandi & Kendra Hoefar
Isaac Hurley
Gilbert Hutchins
Aidan Immroth
Meredith Kelly
Marc Kichline
Theresa Kirsch
Janette Kraatz
Yolanda Lerma
Wesley McCollum
Ariel Martinez
Jose Martinez
Family of Benny Mathewson
Dottie Morgan
Megan Morris
Debbie O'Connor
Dottie Palmer
Connie Peak
Wayne Peppo
Frank Pugel
Bell Singleton
Julie Spretz
Matty Steen

Dale Taggart
Ronnie Taylor
Lillian Thompson
Hailey Lynn Watson
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.



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, Donald Meyer, Mark Miller, Jesse Patterson IV, SFC Eric Quellhorst, Ronnie Randolph, Blake Sammons, Amy Southard, Jason Tisdale, Travis Waller, Andy Waller, Calvin Wallet, national & world leaders.

PRESENCE . . .

Sunday, May 8, 2011

8:45 am Worship Service 107
11:00 am Worship Service 205

Sunday, May 15, 2011

8:45 am Worship Service 92
11:00 am Worship Service 151

Sunday, May 22, 2011

8:45 am Worship Service 91
11:00 am Worship Service 167

Gifts Given in Honor & Memory...

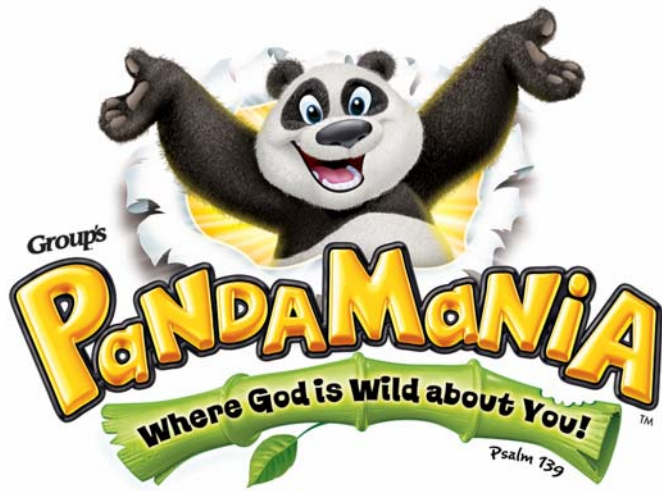
To the McFarland Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Steve Barber (*Bettie Ellisor's son*) by the Love UMW Group
Steve Barber (*Bettie Ellisor's son*) by Anonymous donor
Dorothy Hayes by Anonymous Donor
Duke McIntyre by the Chancel Choir
Thad Tranbarger by Anonymous Donor

To the McFarland Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

All the High School & College Graduates by the United Methodist Women

Our next edition...Our Asbury newsletter is published monthly. Asbury's next Circuit Rider will be published Friday, June 24th. Please submit articles and/or information in the church office or via email at asbury@asbury-umc.com by Tuesday, June 21st.



*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*

United Methodist Women

All ladies mark your calendars for the following dates:

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 Live Wires Sunday evening group is taking a summer break. Thank you to Susan Palmer, Linda Wheat, and Debbie Heckman for the awesome job they do with our Sunday evening program for ages 3 yrs - 5th grade. We appreciate all you do!

Asbury Day School currently has an opening for a teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information contact Day School Director Stephanie Kichline at 281-998-3486.

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