



Perritte Memorial Messenger

United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

September 15, 2015

Perritte Memorial UMC's Partner Group: Tumaini "Hope" Micii Mikuru Working Group, Kenya

Our dedication to missions is vividly exemplified by our recent commitment to the ZOE project. We have stepped out in faith to make a 3-year commitment to provide support and hope to a group of Jesus' beloved children. These precious ones will now learn the skills to care for themselves and their siblings. They will become connected with knowledgeable, loving mentors in their village, and they will be empowered to rise above their poverty to become not just self-sufficient, but mentors themselves to others in need of guidance. Most important, they will be introduced to Christ! Thanks to your faith and generosity, 97 children in Kenya now have a hope and a future. Meet a few of "our" beautiful children!

NEWS BRIEFS



Family Fun Night at the Johnsons

Please join us this Friday night, **September 18**, at Gary & Vonnie Johnson's home for a Family Fun Night from 6-8pm. Enjoy fishing in their pond and bring a snack to share as we visit.

Lucy's Oils Class

You are invited to join in the fun. On Thurs., **Sept. 24**, at 6:30 pm, Kirsten McCormick (Mary Lou Mackey's granddaughter) will teach us different ways to administer essential oils.

SFA Wesley Foundation "Service for Service"

SFA Wesley students are encouraging our help with their "Service for Service." They are collecting canned goods and nonperishables during the month of September to contribute to Harvest House. Please look for the big boxes in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary to make your contribution.

Nominations Meeting

Nominations and Lay Leadership meeting day, Sept. 21 at 6:30pm.

Bridal Shower for Jared Swenson and

Shandley McDougal

On Saturday, **September 26**
at 10:30am,

the whole church is invited to a
couples wedding shower at
Perritte Memorial UMC
to honor

Shandley and Jared.

The happy couple is registered
at
Bed, Bath & Beyond
and Target.

Vibrant Church Initiative Town Hall Meetings

Two Town Hall meetings are scheduled to discuss the prescription we received Sunday from VCI. These meetings will be facilitated by Ray Stoner, Pastor Lani, and a team of our church members. Choose the date and time that works best for you, either

Sunday, **Sept. 20** at 2:30 pm
(following church mtgs)

OR

Sunday, **October 4** at noon
(during Covered Dish.)

Financial Peace University offered at SFA Wesley Foundation

"The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2700 in the first 90 days!"

Learn, laugh, and grow with Tom and Susan Teekell as they help you take control of your money through Dave Ramsey's teaching. This group will meet on Monday nights at 7 pm (**beginning 9/21**) at the Wesley Foundation at SFA (129 E. College.) Meetings should last 1.5 hours. Come try out the first session for FREE! Pay \$100 to attend the remaining 8 sessions and receive the member kit, which includes access to online tools, class workbook, audio CDs & more. For MANY more details and/or to register, go to:

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1003642>



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Pastor's Corner

Well... after much work and preparation and prayer and discussion, we received our report from the Vibrant Church Initiative team from the Texas Conference, Office of Congregational Excellence. I hope that you were here on Sunday to hear it read and grabbed a copy for further study.

Some of it requires unpacking for us. It requires reflection and openness, and to be honest, courage to look deeply at ourselves and our ways of living together as Perritte Memorial. I think it is important to remember that we gave them lots of information about our church going back 20 years. This was not just a snapshot of the way things are today, but an assessment of the progression over these last two decades. Over and over, I heard from the team what a wonderful congregation we are. Of course we know that. But I think I was hoping that they might come back and say, "All is well, keep doing what you're doing, good and faithful servants." But as much as that would have been easier to hear, it wouldn't have been what would bring about vitality and growth to carry Christ to future generations. Our Wesleyan heritage as United Methodists always directs us toward a goal of Christian perfection through the work of God's sanctifying Grace. Each new day, we have the possibility of becoming more Christ-like in our words and actions. It is a good goal for churches as well, seeking to reflect the Lord we love in all that we are and do.

There will be two town hall meetings as you can see in this issue. These will be us talking and discussing what others might have seen or interpreted from our data. And if we need additional meetings before our Church Conference on October 18, we can schedule those as needed.

Peace, Pastor Lani

We Remember in Prayer

Those who need healing

Alice Andrepont (Judy Woodford's sister)

Those who are homebound or in long-term care

Rev. Edwin & Maurine McDaniel Steve Stovall Mary Thrash
Helen Walker Alvena Williams Rebecca Yarbrough Forrest Garrett

Those who are grieving

Izzy Berry and family at the death of her grandmother, Donna Nugent

Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families

Our Gifts

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Received 9/6/2015

ZOE	125.00
Memorials	25.00
Wesley	10.00
HOPE	2.00
General Donations	<u>4,547.30</u>
Total Deposits	\$4,709.30

Received 9/13/2015

ZOE	56.00
General Donations	<u>3,711.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$3,767.00

Our Presence

9/6/2015

Sunday Worship	83
Sunday School	51

9/13/2015

Sunday Worship	105
Sunday School	74

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

- 2 – Geoffrey Richardson
Ethan Bouldin
- 3 - Charles Hatchett
Linda Stovall
Barbara Norris
- 4 - * David & Martha Gutermuth
- 8 – Jimmie Ruth Anderson
Evan Wilson
- 10 - *Matthew & Monica Wade
David Greenly
- 13 - Mark Dalhoff
- 16 - Megan Johnson Shifflet
- 17 - *Steve & Linda Stovall
- 18 - A.M. Smith
Dan Davis
- 20 - Ethan Becker
- 21 - Colin Smith
- 22 - Howard Anderson
- 26 - Sheryl Wittenbach
Rachel Welch
Christopher Bouldin
Mitzi Johnson Coulter
- 28 - Blake Ishmael
- 30 - Vicki White

Calendar

Wednesday, September 16

- 8:00 am Pot Pies
- 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday (host: Missions)
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 7:00 pm Choir
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 107

Thursday, September 17

No Scheduled Events

Friday, September 18

- 6:00 pm Family Fun Night at the Johnson's

Saturday, September 19

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00 am Prayer Partners— Pastor's Office
- 9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm Finance Meeting
- 1:15 pm Trustees Meeting
- 2:00 pm Church Council
- 2:30 pm VCI Town Hall Meeting
- 4:00 pm Youth

Monday, September 21

- 8:00 am Pie Crust
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Nominations and Lay Leadership
- 7:00 pm Financial Peace University at Wesley Found.

Tuesday, September 22

- 8:00 am Quilters

Wednesday, September 23

- 8:00 am Pot Pies
- 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday (host: Chuck Wagon)
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 7:00 pm Scouts
- 7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, September 24

- 6:30 pm Essential Oils Class with Kirsten McCormick

Friday, September 25

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, September 26

- 10:30 am Couples Bridal Shower for Jared Swenson and Shandley McDougal

Sunday, September 27

- 9:00 am Prayer Partners
- 9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Youth

Monday, September 28

- 8:00 am Pie Crust
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 107
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1025

Tuesday, September 29

- 8:00 am Quilters

Sunday's Coming

September 20th:

"The Call (and Challenge) of Wisdom"

- Scripture* Proverbs 1:20-33 and Mark 9:30-37
- Liturgist* Dylan Richardson
- Acolytes* Kaden Jones and Violet Eason
- Counters* Chuck Lewis and Gary Johnson

September 27th:

"With Whom Do You Dwell?"

- Scripture* Proverbs 8:12-20 and Mark 9:38-50
- Liturgist* Brooks Kennemer
- Acolytes* Landon and Braxton Anderson
- Counters* Max McCarley and Karen Swenson

September Ushers: Legacy Class

October Covered Dish: Becomers Class

Pot Pies

We will meet **8 am** every **Wed.** through September to cut up vegetables and make Pot Pies to fill the freezers for bazaar. Join us if you can!

Walks to Emmaus

- Men's Walk October 22-25, 2015
 - Women's Walk Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2015
- (both at Camp Takula in Chester, TX)
Contact Doug or Karen Swenson at 569-9934 to learn about this spiritual growth retreat.

Perritte Youth

Ten of our youth attended a Christian concert in Lufkin last Saturday, and were blessed by both the music and the fellowship. Our regular Sunday evening UMYF meetings will resume this Sunday, Sept. 20, from 4-6 pm in the youth room. There will be Bible study, food and games. Come and bring a friend!

Ms. Judy

Operation Christmas Child

The collection for this month for Operation Christmas Child will be **small toys**. You may put them in the donation box located in Memorial Hall. We will begin giving out boxes to fill on Oct. 4, and collect them on Nov. 22. If you are interested in volunteering at the processing center in Dallas, Mark Dalhoff is reserving time slots on Saturday, Dec. 12. Please contact him to let him know you would like to help.



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United Methodist Church

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*All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel,
equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance of:*

Music Director	Nicole Stewart
Accompanist	Jim Faucett
Nursery Supervisor	Amanda Tillis
Secretary	Susan Teekell
Custodian	Betty White
Pastor	Lani Rousseau

Messenger deadline is 10 am every other Monday. The next newsletter will go out on **Sept. 29**.
To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact
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