

# St. Francisville United Methodist Church

## E-News

October 30, 2009

### Upcoming Events

- ∴ PAX
- ∴ Church Night Together
- ∴ Jr. High Retreat
- ∴ UMM Prayer Breakfast/Meeting
- ∴ Stuff the Bus

The **Advent Conspiracy** article and information on the **Transforming Church Index Online Survey** are on [Page 3](#) of this issue of the SFUMC e-news.

### Calendar at a Glance

#### Friday, October 30

C.H.A.S.E. Day Camp (FH)

#### Sunday, November 1

8:15 am Worship Service (N)

9:15 am Fellowship (FH)

9:45 am Worship Service (N)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Fellowship (FH)

11:15 am Worship Service (N)

11:00 am Sunday School (RH)

#### Tuesday, November 3

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (M)

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (M)

6:30 pm Folk Choir Practice (S)

7:30 pm A.A. (FH)

#### Wednesday, November 4

5:30 pm Church Night Together (FH)

6:00 pm Man in the Mirror (U)

6:00 pm Pastor's Study (CO)

6:00 pm Serving from the Heart (M)

#### Friday, November 6

5:30 pm Depart for Jr. High Retreat (Wesley Center, Woodworth, LA)

#### Saturday, November 7

Jr. High Retreat (Wesley Center, Woodworth, LA)

7:30 am UMM Prayer Breakfast/Meeting (FH)

9:00 am until noon

Stuff the Bus (IGA Parking Lot)

#### Sunday, November 8

3:00 pm Return from Jr. High Retreat

**Open Auditions for "A St. Francisville Christmas Carol"** (adapted by The St. Francisville Transitory Theatre) on Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Presbyterian Church (behind Grandmothers Buttons). Needed: Actors of all ages - no experience necessary, musicians, costumes designer and coordinator, scenic painter and anyone else who wants to help. For more information, call 721-2124 or visit [www.sftheatre.wordpress.com](http://www.sftheatre.wordpress.com).



### Church Night Together

**5:30-6:00 pm (November 4)**

#### Dinner for Everyone

Meal this Wednesday will be prepared and served by **Ron and Beth Broussard**.

The warm meals will be delivered to those in need by **Larry & Nora Miller and Connie Smith**.

**6:00-7:00 pm Children's Live B.I.G.**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

**Nursery available  
Middle School PAX  
Senior High PAX  
Man in the Mirror**

**The Shack Revisited (Last Session)  
The Purpose of Christmas (Begins December 11)**

### West Feliciana Parish Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

- St. Francisville UMC is collecting boxes of cereal and other perishable items for the food pantry. Please bring your donation to the "Bay Window" in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.
- "Stuff the Bus" on November 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the parking lot of the IGA. This is a community-wide effort to support the Food Bank as they prepare for extra holiday needs. A list of goods which you are invited to bring to the church are cans of sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, soup, peas, corn, spaghetti, Veg-All, tomato sauce, sliced carrots, chicken broth, tuna fish, and green beans; boxed granola bars and pop tarts; peanut butter; muffin mix; cereal; macaroni and cheese; and stuffing (stovetop or baking).
- W.F. Clothes Closet Holiday Sale - Saturday, November 7, 8 am until noon. Decorations, clothing, books, household items and lots more. Most items are \$1. All proceeds benefit the West Feliciana Food Pantry.



**PAX Wednesday Nights** - Join us and connect to Christ through fun activities, fellowship, and inspirational discussion.

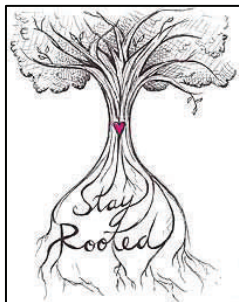
## JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

For 6th – 8th graders

Ever wonder where hope comes from? We think it comes from "roots." Join us as we explore and test the reality of this belief through an examination of Job 14:7.

EVENT FEE: \$ 85.00 Per Person (You pay \$50 – the Church will pay \$35)

November 6th - 8th, 2009 at the Wesley Center near Woodworth. Contact Ms. Tammy if you want to come, 635-3763!



## Assembling and Delivering Thanksgiving Meals

Thursday, November 26

Last year we served over 300 meals, and we are expecting much greater numbers this year. There are several different ways you can serve on this day. If you would like to help assemble the meals please meet at the fellowship hall Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 am. If you would like to help deliver meals please be at the fellowship hall for 9:00 am. Also, we need cranberry sauce donations. All cans can be brought to the altar of the sanctuary. And last, but not least, we need pumpkin bars made. These will be the desserts in our meals. If you can make pumpkin bars, please call the church office at 635-3763 or email [stfrumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:stfrumc@bellsouth.net). Recipes can also be picked up there.



### Operation Shining Star Begins in November

It's time to adopt someone for Christmas. Stars will be put on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall soon. On these stars will be the name of someone who needs our help for Christmas as well as an item they need. Please take a star or two, and help us spread the Christmas cheer. All presents should be brought to the church office by December 13. They should be wrapped with the tag (star) on top.

November 1, 2009

## Holy Communion, All Saints' Sunday & Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Larry Miller**

Conference Treasurer and Statistician

**Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

*"What Are We Teaching Our Children and Grandchildren"*

**Memory Verse:**

*"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."*

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

**8:15 Acolytes**

Michael & Chandler Sullivan

**11:15 Acolytes**

Claire Leming  
Brittany Mott

**8:15 Nursery**

Sam Rachal

**11:15 Nursery**

Ruthie Leming

**9:15 Snacks**

Josh & Sara Cooper

**10:45 Snacks**

Brent & Tudy McCann

**Flowers**

Clara Ruth Saint

**8:15 Liturgist**

Abby Temple

**9:45 Liturgist**

Beryl Gene Daniel

**11:15 Liturgist**

Theresa Stevens

### C.H.A.S.E. Ministries Seeks Assistant Director for the After School Program

- Experience working with children is preferred. The position is available immediately. Employment applications can be obtained at the C.H.A.S.E. office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Ann Andries or Karen Clark at 784-0024.

### 30th Annual Methodist Home Golf Classic

is on Monday, November 9th at Beau Chêne Country Club in Mandeville. For more information, contact Doug Hall 985-860-5247 or the church office at 635-3763.

### The United Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast and Meeting

is Saturday, November 7th in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting will follow.

### The November issue of Catch the Spirit and the November Church Calendar

are attached to this e-news email.

**2010 Sanctuary Flowers** open dates are: July 18, July 25, September 5, September 19, and November 7. Send an e-mail to [stfrumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:stfrumc@bellsouth.net) or call the office at 635-3763 if you wish to sign up.

## Transforming Church Index Online Survey

**We need everyone to go online, beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and take the survey during the month of November! A letter and email with instructions will be sent out next week.**

### What is the Transforming Church Index Online Survey?

- The St. Francisville United Methodist Church Building Study Committee is partnering with TAG Consulting to help the church better plan for a master plan of our campuses.
- The TC Index is 135 questions about every aspect of our church.
- The survey is based upon the “5 Key Indicators”. These indicators are the most critical elements of church health.
- The TC Index was developed in conjunction with Georgetown University and several highly qualified statisticians.

### What does it measure? (“5 Key Indicators”)

1. **Member Contribution:** Are we partners in ministry or are we consumers of the church's products?
2. **Assimilation:** Do our members own the values and mission of the church?
3. **Trust In Leadership:** Is leadership a shared function?
4. **Community Impact:** Does our church have an inward focus or outward focus?
5. **Healthy Growth:** What is our church's capacity to embrace change?

Each family unit will receive in the mail (and via email) a detailed description of how to do the survey online. (Instructions are also listed below.) For those who do not have internet access, there will be computers and assistants available to help with the online survey. If you need assistance, please contact the church office to set up a time to do the online survey. (635-3763)

### **Online Instructions**

Each member of a household (middle school age and older) should respond to the survey individually.

### Taking the Survey

Do not labor over your decision – your first instinct is usually right. The survey will take you about 20-30 minutes to complete. You will need to complete the survey in one sitting. Your responses will be completely confidential. If you are ready to begin, then follow these basic steps:

1. Log on to the website at <http://tcindex.tagsurvey.org>
2. Enter your Church ID as follows: **sfumc1109**  
Please pay careful attention to type this log on exactly as it appears. You won't be allowed to log on if you have misspelled the log on or if you have used the wrong case.
3. Enter your church's Password: **louisiana**  
This password is the same for everyone in your church. Once the survey period has been completed, the password will be changed and you will not be able to log on.
4. Answer each question according to the instructions.  
When you have finished each set of questions, click “Next” at the bottom of the page. You may use the “Previous” and “Next” buttons to navigate pages and

change your answers at any point while you are logged on. When you click “Finish” on the last page, your answers will be saved and you cannot change them.

5. Each member of a family (middle school age and over) should participate individually.

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## The Advent Conspiracy

### **Christmas Can (Still) Change the World**

“The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?” (from the **Advent Conspiracy Website**: [www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org))

We are invited to think about and do Christmas a little differently. Instead of buying all of those gifts for our friends and family, give what we would spend on Christmas to our Advent Conspiracy Missions.

**International Mission – *Cambodian School for Children who live in the city dump.*** Curt Bailey, one of our church members, participated in a mission team that went to this impoverished area. \$60 US dollars would help pay for a child to attend school for the year at a United Methodist School in Cambodia.

**Statewide Mission – *The Louisiana Methodist Children's Home*** has been providing care for children who are in need of family for more than 100 years. They are expanding their care by building another facility in the Lake Charles area. We can help them better serve abused and neglected children through supporting their building project.

**West Feliciana Mission – *Families In Need of Assistance (F.I.N.A.)*** is a program that is sponsored by the West Feliciana Parish School Board to help families in our parish who are in need of financial assistance for the necessities of life. We will help F.I.N.A to better serve those in need in our parish through our Christmas giving.

We will be collecting money for the *Advent Conspiracy* through January 6, 2010 (the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas). To give, mark your payment for “Advent Conspiracy” and place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, mail it to the church (P.O. Box 2908, SF, LA 70775), or drop it by the Church office (Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm; Friday 8:30 am -12 noon).