

St. Francisville United Methodist Church

E-News

November 5, 2009

Upcoming Events

- ∴ Jr. High Retreat
- ∴ UMM Prayer Breakfast/Meeting
- ∴ Stuff the Bus
- ∴ Blood Drive
- ∴ Monday Night Huddle
- ∴ PAX Holiday Food Scavenger Hunt
- ∴ Church Night Together
- ∴ Prayer Hour

Calendar at a Glance

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

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)

11:15 am Sunday School (RH)

3:00 pm Youth return from Jr. High Retreat

Monday, November 9

4:00 pm Christian Community Blood Drive (First Baptist Church)

5:30 pm Finance Committee (M)

6:00 pm Monday Night Huddle (FH/Y)

6:30 pm Program Ministries (FH)

Tuesday, November 10

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 11

5:30 pm Church Night Together (FH)

6:00 pm Adult, Youth, & Children's Studies

6:00 pm The Purpose of Christmas Study led by Rev. Gleason (CO)

Thursday, November 12

10:00 am Prayer Hour (S)

5:00 pm Children's Council (M)

Saturday, November 14

Rethink Evangelism (Alexandria, LA)

The United Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast and Meeting is Saturday, November 7th in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Night Together

5:30-6:00 pm (November 11)

Dinner for Everyone

Meal this Wednesday will be prepared and served by **Amy Spillman & Beth Gleason**.

The warm meals will be delivered to those in need by **Cathy Howard & Marian Gilbert**.

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

**6:00-7:30 pm Nursery available
PAX Holiday Food Scavenger Hunt
Man in the Mirror
The Purpose of Christmas**

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.



Holiday Food Scavenger Hunt - Wednesday, November 11th, the **PAX** youth will be on a scavenger hunt throughout our community collecting items specifically for a Thanksgiving meal...this even includes the meat! If you have items you would like to contribute please contact Tammy Aubushon at the church office, 635-3763, by noon on Wednesday and we will be sure they stop by and pick up your offering. All the food we collect will go to the West Feliciana Food Bank. The youth will be collecting items between 6 and 7pm.

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.

PUMPKIN BARS

- 1 (16-ounce) package pound cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 4 teaspoons, pumpkin pie spice, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (16 ounce) can pumpkin
- 1 (14 ounce) can condensed milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl combine cake mix, 1 egg, butter, and 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice. Mix with mixer on low speed until crumbly. Press into bottom of lightly buttered 15x10-inch jelly roll pan. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually add condensed milk. Add remaining 2 eggs, pumpkin, remaining pumpkin pie spice, and salt. Mix well. Pour on crust. Sprinkle nuts on top. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until set. Chill and cut into squares. Store in refrigerator.



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 8, 2009

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Rev. Steve Stephens
Director of Church Extension and Transformation

Scripture Lesson: Luke 19:1-10
"Turnaround"

Memory Verse:

"For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."
Luke 19:10

8:15 Acolytes

Taylor and Michael Sullivan

8:15 Nursery

Faye Ritchie

9:15 Snacks

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Flowers

Thomas & Lori Temple

8:15 Liturgist

Dot Temple

11:15 Liturgist

Kati Williamson

11:15 Acolytes

Davis Thomas

11:15 Nursery

Sissy Harvey

10:45 Snacks

Wayne & Triche Aucoin

9:45 Liturgist

Bill Catchings

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 October 30th issue of *Louisiana Now!* is attached to this e-news email.

Blood Drive - First Baptist Church/St. Francisville is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, November 9th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Blood Donor Center will be Our Lady of the Lake RMC. Eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating!!

Prayer Hour - Note the time change. The prayer team will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at **10:00 a.m.**, beginning next Thursday, November 12th.

The Huddle on Monday Nights For Men and their Sons
Devotional study of the book from Coach Tony Dungy, *Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life*.

Monday, November 9th - Pittsburgh at Denver

6:00 pm — Meal in the Fellowship Hall!

6:30 pm — Devotional in the Youth Room!

7:30 pm — Kick off!

Transforming Church Index Online Survey

We need everyone to go online and take the survey during the month of November! A letter and email with instructions was mailed earlier this 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.

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)

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 12th 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).