

FIRST NEWS



**San Saba
First United Methodist Church**

June 2010

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Church
204 W. Brown
325-372-3120
[http://www.gbgm-umc.org/
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Robin Percy, Pastor

**We bid you welcome
In the name of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Pray with us,
Sing with us, rejoice
with us**

**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
First Worship 10:00 a.m.**



**Ministers:
Entire Congregation
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas
Pianist
Ashley Stewart
Organist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary:
Debbie Uli
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**



Greetings In Christ!

According to an article issued by

“United Methodist Communications”, which is titled: “7 Ways To Attract New Members”, there are many people who “first come to a church because of a relationship they have with someone who already attends. Knowing and having a relationship with the person must come before an invitation to worship, to being part of a mission or service project, or to participating in another ministry.”
“Connect with people based on what you know or are willing to learn about them, their interests and needs. When reaching out to people who are not part of a church, know them or their situations well enough to share how being a part of a faith community might enhance their lives.”

All members should “become active in welcoming on a more personal level, Bible-based level. Romans 12 is a treasure trove as Paul gives us the steps for building relationships: be genuine; be contagious with enthusiasm; be positive, patient and prayerful; open your heart and home to others; never speak evil or negatively of others; empathize; let God handle justice.”

If you would like to receive online training, as a greeter, or usher, please use the United Methodist website rethinkchurch.org, or 10thousanddoors.org. Remember the last words spoken by Jesus to his disciples before he Ascended, found in Matthew 28: 19 – 20: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”**

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Robin



Prayer

Concerns

Klela Waldie and Family
 Sue, Elizabeth and J.T. Moody and Family
 Family of Midge Love
 Stephanie Mills
 Wahnee Stallings
 Jantzen Bell
 James Reavis
 Betty Wilson
 F.L. and Linda Kalmus
 Dixie Hewitt
 Doris Bryant (Nursing Home)
 Margaret Seiders (Celia Bell's Mom)
 John Bannister
 Avilio Gonzales
 John Hickey
 Doug and Kaye Clancey and Fam.
 Riley Rutledge (premature)
 Sam Jones (Lewis Jones Brother)
 Carl and Jane Carter and Family (loss of Grandson)
 Landon Yarbrough (Justin his brother in handling this situation with Landon)
 Peter Hald
 Daniel Smith
 Connie Raesner Perry
 Michael Pullen and Family
 Jeannette Toole
 Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren)
 Mark Owens (safety)
 Elaine and John Lansford (Nancy and John Bannister's friends)
 James and Pat Reavis
 Nick Stripling (Pat Reavis Grandson)
 Mitchell, Johna, Madison and Matthew Moss (John and Nancy Bannister's nephew)

First Ladies News:

Our ladies met on May 10th beginning with a business meeting led by our president, Nettie Oma Carpenter. Our speaker for the program was the director of the Dove Project who gave us a wonderful talk. She told us about ways to help, and also some of her ideas for the future to help abused women and children who seek shelter. The ladies were all surprised to hear the statistics regarding how many women have been served in this county since the Dove Project began. Following the program, we all enjoyed a light supper prepared by hostesses Millie Burnham and Nelda Weatherby.

Next month, on June 14th, Tracey Thomas will be leading a program on Mission studies. Ann McElroy and Tracey are hostesses for that meeting.

All ladies are invited and welcome to attend.

All Hands on Deck!



- New friends
- ***Amazing Crafts
- ***Wild Games
- ****Lip-Smacking Snacks**
- Swashbuckling Bible Adventures
- ***Incredible Music

Make Plans to attend this Summer's *High Seas Expedition* at the

First United Methodist Church

June 28th-July 2nd

Ages 4 years – 6th Grade

9am-12noon

Call 372-3120 for more information

Check out our website and register online at:

<http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/FUMCSanSaba>



Welcome Pastor
 Debby Lake
**Family Day backyard
 Cookout June 20th
 at 6 pm**

**Feliz
 Cumpleaños Sen-
 ora Zolly**



Zolly Jones celebrated her birthday with a party at Pepperbelly's Restaurant. Everyone reported a great time helping Zolly blow out her candles.
 Happy Birthday, Zolly.

**Covered Dish Luncheon
 Honoring Pastor Robin
 Sunday June 6th
 Immediately
 After Worship Service**

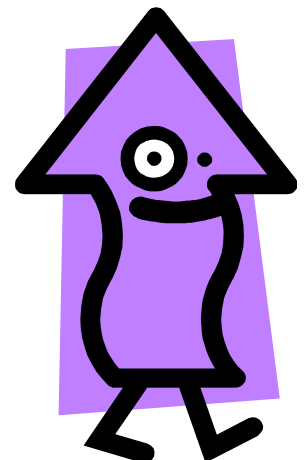
Pastor Robin was presented with a small gift from the children of the church during the Children's Sermon on May 22nd.



**Friday June 11th
 Annual Tri County
 UMM Fish Fry
 at
 Bend United Methodist
 Church
 6 p. m.**

Everybody, Somebody Anybody & Nobody

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.
 Submitted by Nelda Weatherby



Welcome New Members

Bruce and Martha Schandals became official members of our church family on May 22nd. Currently they are splitting their time between Elgin and San Saba Texas. In 15 months they will become full time members of our community.

Wallace Creek is where they like to spend a good bit of their time. Martha works for the IRS and hopes to have more time in the future for quilting and handwork. Bruce is an avid hunter, fisherman, and golfer. Bruce is the owner of Elgin's Ace Hardware Store and Elgin Air Conditioning. Blake, their son, runs Elgin Air Conditioning.

Daughter Lauren lives in Austin and works for Austin Retina Association. Their other daughter Sarah and her step son Ralphie will be living in Texas while her military husband is stationed overseas. Welcome!!!!



UMY Group Trip

The MYF group left on May 6th for their group trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, TX. The girls had a great time partaking of the water park and the Magi Quest. We returned on May 8th. The MYF group has been meeting weekly on Wednesday afternoons since September of 2009. The material is chronological study of the Major Characters and Events of the Old Testament. We



We are going to continue our study thru the summer and this Fall will take up the New Testament. The girls held a hamburger lunch fundraiser on April 3rd to raise funds for the trip. We would like to thank our church family for all of their support in prayer, in our fundraising efforts, and all of our members who have provided weekly snacks & meals. We would also like to extend a special Thank You to Debra Ragsdale for going on our trip as a chaperone and to Linda Parks and Kim Kirk for being our leaders. Pictured are back row, left to right, Elizabeth Bryant, Hollee Ragsdale, Raley Kirk, Kassidy Ellis, Bailie Santefeumia. Front Row: Kimeri Moore, Brooke Nagle.

Our Church Family

Our church family enjoyed honoring Nicole Sears, soon to be San Saba High School graduate. Nicole plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and major in pre-law. Nicole has made the newspaper for her tennis playing. She is valedictorian of her class and was chosen by her teachers as one of the students they enjoyed teaching the most. Please note the pictures at the bottom of the page from the covered dish luncheon. Tyler Hawkins is working for Keith Burns in Rocksprings. Jennifer Reeves, music teacher at Brownwood middle school, is counting the days till school is out just like most of the students. Mike & Tracey Thomas made a trip to San Antonio to watch their granddaughter Avery play in a soccer game. Sue Moody would like to say thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers after the death of her husband Tom. Our sympathy also goes out to the family of Johnny Thornton, father of Christy Thornton and to Klela Waldie on the loss of her husband. Margaret Rice had a great Mother's Day. She and her daughter went to Lubbock and joined up with 2 granddaughters. They had lots of fun doing some shopping and just hanging out together. Daylon Smith celebrated his 5th birthday this month and had a big birthday party. His dad worked extra hard to finish a new pool and deck. Of course that is where the birthday party was held. Elise Grant came to San Saba along with her mother Nicole Millican Grant and had a big birthday party here. It is good to have Pat Belk back in the choir. Pat has a new great granddaughter. Nettie Oma Carpenter's daughter and son-in-law were in town to help her celebrate Mother's Day. Diana Manning is on vacation. Well, it is only a two week vacation from her nursing school. Her August graduation date is getting much closer. Kelly, John, Kolby and Johnna Reavis joined Barbara & David Gilger for breakfast at the Mother's Day breakfast hosted by the United Methodist Men. Congratulations goes to Kevin Shahan for being a newly elected school board member. Elsie Millican spent a little time in the ER. We are happy to report that it was a short stay and that she is back on the go. Debbie Millican's mom spent the week-end in the Scott & White Hospital after a medical reaction to some blood pressure medicine that she had been taking for 8 years. Bettye McLaughlin and a high school friend are headed out soon to the Texas Gulf for a cruise. I bet I know someone who is going to really enjoy herself and have lots of fun. Speaking of traveling, Cherry Kay Lange and her traveling companions are also headed to Europe for a little traveling also. David & Alesha Rogers made it to Farmersville to spend some time with her parents for Mother's Day. Wonder if they made the trip on their new Harley. I am thinking it was too long for a Harley ride this time. Jaycee Everett brought her cousin Allie to Sunday School. The good friends/cousins had a great time spending the night and attending church together. Grace Stewart and her dad missed a Sunday as Grace had a sinus infection. Our wishes go out to Henry Warren for a speedy recovery. A cow decided it would be fun to step on Henry's foot. Have you heard that Celia Bell is soon to be a lady of leisure? Well maybe not. She is retiring from middle school teaching but I bet Celia will be as busy as ever.





High Seas Expedition

Dear FUMC Family,

Imagine...

- ...a child hearing about God's love for the first time.
- ...kids worshipping in powerful ways.
- ...children praying for each other.
- ...adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children.
- ...the kids in our church sharing gifts of love with children who are hurting.
- ...children serving each other.

This summer, let's transform our church into a magnificent ship. Be a part of the vacation Bible school here at the First United Methodist Church from June 28th to July 2nd. It's our goal to reach the children of this community with this program. That's a lot of kids who will grow in their relationship with God!

We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love.

Help kids in our community discover that

- God's Word is true.
- God's Word is comforting.
- God's Word is surprising.
- God's Word is life-changing.

God's Word is for everyone.

As we plan and prepare for High Seas Expedition, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team. And pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to High Seas Expedition! Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event!

Sincerely,
Monica Shahan

