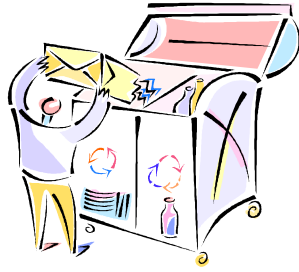


The Campanile



Recycle Paper Contest Through August 31

Don't forget to tell your neighbors about our paper drive now through August 31. Bring all your newspapers, magazines, office paper and mail from home. We have been filling up our 3 bins nicely so keep up the hard work! We are making money on top of money while the contest continues. Although 2nd and 3rd prize award money is available, we want to win **1st prize, \$1,000.**

2nd Annual Independence Day Celebration

On behalf of Larry Walker, our UM Men president, and Pastor Lisa, who last year had a dream that if we build it they will come and who today said God will prevail and we should accept his gift, we want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who made the day a true celebration! You supported it with your prayers (no rain and a good crowd), your presence, showing your support and greeting our guests, your gifts to make it happen, and your services to pull it all together for others to enjoy. Our hat is off to the committee chairs who did a magnificent job in the planning and implementation. We also want to thank Mike Walling for a great fireworks show, Barbara Jennings for her musical direction and to the youth who pitched in and assisted in all aspects of the program. God did prevail...what a wonderful day!



We filled the sanctuary with wonderful patriotic music and lit the sky with our own form of lightening and thunder.

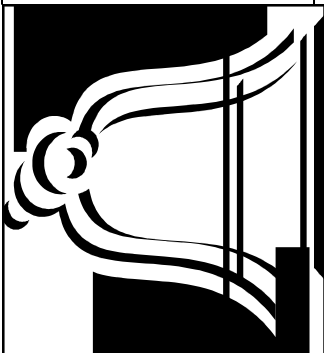
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Sunday Schedule

- 8:45 am Praise & Celebration Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- Nursery Opens at 8.30 am located in the Preschool Bldg.





Words From the Pastor

GAZES AND GLANCES

I am currently participating in a two year clergy institute with the Texas Methodist Foundation emphasizing clergy and church transformation. I meet every other month for two days with eight clergy persons from all over Texas, a facilitator and various church growth professionals. At our last meeting, we had the privilege of spending time with Jim Ozier, who is pastor at Trietsch Memorial UMC in Flower Mound, Texas. He shared with us that many churches lose members because they are so busy with meetings and problems that they neglect spiritual growth. He said that so often we gaze at problems and only glance at promise. We have our gazes and glances mixed up. What we need to do is glance at problems and gaze at promise.

I was overcome with the truth of that statement. We often look most intently at roof leaks, the air conditioning problems, cost of programs, and lack of volunteers. (I think you get the picture.) And we only glance at the potential for reaching out to our community. We gaze at the lack of children and only glance at the young family next door to us. Let us, today, commit to changing that. Let us practice gazing at the potential, the promise of growth, and only glancing at problems. If Jim Ozier is right, and I think he is, this practice will transform our lives and it will transform our church.



Lisa Callaway

An Upcoming Event and A Celebration

Join Us!

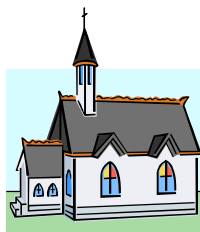
Combined Worship Service

Sunday, July 29

At 10:30 am

Sunday School for all ages

At 9:15 am



COMING SOON!

***St. Philip's is
Celebrating***

50 years in the Ministry!

Weekend of Sept. 29th and 30th

On Saturday there will be an informal meal, skits and fun for the whole family and a time to visit with former members, and clergy.

On Sunday, the Bishop will preach at our Combined Worship Service followed by a catered meal and special activities to commemorate the occasion.

More information to come later.

Gifts, Prayer Requests, and Calendar Events

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Polly Darling
Gladys White
Virginia Frazier



We express our love and sympathy to Marilyn Lacour in the loss of her sister, Barbara.

If you have a prayer request please call Dotty Herfurth 713-771-5021

Your Generous Gifts

Sunday, July 8

Total Offering \$ 7,279.01

Church Pantry Collection Needs by July 29:

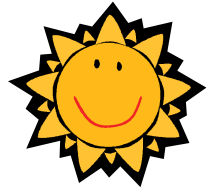
Toothpaste, Shampoo, Bar Soap, and Laundry Detergent



Don't Forget!

Summer is here. Don't forget your church attendance, your tithes and offerings and your prayers while enjoying your time off or your vacation. God's work in the church continues even during the summer months.

Hope you are enjoying summer.



July Calendar

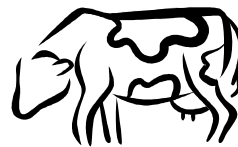
July

- 16 Vacation Bible School begins at 6pm –8:30pm FH
- 21 Sat. Morning Book Club at 9:30 am in Room 103
- 22 Christmas in July for Omega House (FH)
- 23 Education Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103
- 24 UMW Holiday Workshop at 9:30 am in FH
- 29 ONE Combined Worship Service at 10:30 am
- 29 Sunday School at 9:15 am

COMING SOON...

AUGUST 12

"THE HEIFER PROJECT"



Heifer International, a non-profit organization, works to end world hunger and save the earth through the gift of farm animals and training. For nearly 60 years, Heifer has helped well over four million impoverished families in 128 countries move away from poverty and toward self-reliance.

Book Club News!

The Saturday Morning Book Club invites you to meet with them the 3rd Saturday of every month at 9:30 am in Room 103. On July 21 the club will be discussing their book selection "Ninety Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper.

While on the way home from a conference, Don Piper's car was crushed by a semi-truck that crossed into his lane. As his body lay lifeless inside the wreckage, Piper experienced the glories of heaven and was awed by its beauty. Ninety minutes after the accident, while a minister prayed for him, Piper miraculously returned to life on earth with only the memory of inexpressible heavenly bliss. But his faith in God was about to be severely tested as he faced an uncertain and grueling recovery. In 90 minutes in Heaven, you'll experience a new dimension of God's reality. Join us!



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Christmas in July!

Our annual Christmas in **July for Bering Omega House is on Sunday, July 22**. Some of the items needed are: Coffee, Cake/Brownie Mix, White Rice, Dry Pasta, Packaged Cookies, Microwave Popcorn, Bags of Chips, Canned Soft Drinks, Sugar/Artificial Sweetener, Paper Towels, Glass Cleaner, Handi-wipes, Laundry/Dish Detergent, Table Games of all types, Foam Cups/Plates, Multi-Purpose Vitamins and VHS/DVD movies for library.

Please bring articles on Sunday, July 22 and place them **under the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall**.

Kids Come Take a Wild Ride !

All children are invited to visit Avalanche Ranch on **July 16 through 20th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall!** Our Avalanche Ranch program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, experience electrifying Bible adventures, play games, and create Bible crafts. Registration Fee is \$5 per child. Call the church office for more information.

