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Joining hearts and hands to share Christ's love.

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We are called by God,
To encourage and support one another through
Spiritual Growth,
Faith in Action,
Vital Worship,
And
Sharing our Faith with others.

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A Word from Longfellow...

“In everything give thanks.” I Thessalonians 5:18

Dear Members of The First United Methodist Church of El Dorado,

On Monday, May 16, I suffered a cardiac Arrest. That sort of thing is usually final, but wife Shirley was there and she called for help. And Rick Holladay, our neighbor to the West came running to perform the CPR technique his company had asked all of its employees to learn. And Patrick Hill, our neighbor to the South, called 9-1-1. And they came immediately. Thank you to all of them for the rapid response.

The EMS crew took me to the Emergency Room at Susan. B. Allen Memorial Hospital where the doctors and nurses stabilized me for an ambulance ride to Wesley Hospital in Wichita. Dr. Barry Murphy, my cardiologist, was there to meet me and do everything he could. I remained in a drug induced coma for most of the week and woke up on late Friday, wondering where I was. Thank you to all the doctors and nurses who took care of me during that time.

I learned all of the above from Shirley and other witnesses. I have no memory of that Monday or the week which followed, and I'm rather vague about the Sunday which preceded it. Nancy Wagner stopped by on Friday, but I don't remember it. I remember Pastor Mike stopping by on Saturday for a prayer, as he had several times, but I don't remember those times. He also brought a prayer shawl knitted by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. It is beautiful. It was accompanied by a note with forty-three signatures of members of the church. Thank you to all who signed the note, and a special thank you to the people in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The senators and representatives in Washington, D.C., have been arguing for the past few years about the money needed for health care in the United States. Both sides claim our health care system is the best in the world, and they imply that it's the money that makes it the best...they're wrong.

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News & Features on the Kansas West Conference web site.

Go to kswestumc.org to read these articles in full

Checking Your Assumptions About Church Membership and Growth

By Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

Peter Drucker maintains that most organizational problems are not the result of groups doing things poorly but rather because the assumptions on which the organization was built, and on which it still runs, no longer fit reality. Could our congregations be taking for granted some things that were safe assumptions in the past, but no longer fit? In a previous Leading Ideas article, "Do Our Assumptions Still Fit?" I listed common assumptions in church life that may require rethinking. Some additional ones follow:

- New people will attend worship first, some will then join a class, and eventually some will participate in mission. The sequence today may be just the opposite, especially for the young. Serving may be their entry followed by a small group and then worship.....



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03	Al Stoskopf	15	Sunday Waite
03	Jan Ridgway	16	Georgia Parsons
04	Bill Johnston	15	Darci Campbell
05	Baylor Parket	18	Vaughn Langley
05	Bonnie Fullinwider	18	Connie Hamilton
05	Laura Koehn	19	Kim Matthews
07	Carol Moore	19	Bart Hamilton
07	Jan Langley	20	Shirley Cahalen
08	Juanita Hawks	20	Kimberly Kendall
08	Alyson Neely	22	Grant Helferich
08	Misty Banion	23	Stan Marshall
09	Shirley Moreland	23	Doris Seglem
09	Tanner Banion	23	Sharon Stoskopf
10	Denice Morris	24	Beau Parker
10	Janice Lister	24	Baylie Harsh
10	Sarah Johnston	26	Barbara Fitzgerald
11	Steve Waite	28	Karen Hulse
12	Teresa Eastman	28	Joani Purdy
12	Alice Farmer	29	Jarrett Deen
13	Clint Milbourn	30	Don Wedel
14	Russell Slater	30	Brenda Addison
15	Ken Dellett	30	Bailey Morse
15	Shirley Patterson	31	Kay Ott
15	Richard Burton	31	Ceone Wrench
15	A.J. Howell		



01	Jeff & Teresa Eastman	13	B.D. & Joyce Parker
01	Larry & Pat Powell	14	Warren & Margaret Barber
01	Reed & Darci Campbell	17	Mike & Paula Fritschen
02	Greg & Helen Joyce	24	Steve & Beverly Love
04	David & Nancy Wagner	25	Clyde & Virginia Waggy
08	Derek & Kati Kennedy	26	James & Marjorie Tiner
10	Dave & Sharon Stoskopf	26	Steven & Holli Taylor
12	Kena & Maxine Goering	31	Harold & Doris Penner

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11

Volunteer's Lament

As a stay-at-home mother and devoted wife,
I've volunteered my entire adult life.

A Sunday school teacher and Girl Scout leader,
Library worker and story-time reader.

Involved in every organization around,
Kept me running all over town.

Secretary, treasurer and sometimes chair,
Often it seemed I served everywhere.

I scheduled fund-raisers, baked cakes and pies,
Planned school picnics, then prayed for blue skies.

In a desperate pinch, a substitute teacher,
And at every ball game, I cheered from a bleacher.

I carpoled the kids of working mothers,
Served snacks to countless sisters and brothers.



When a teacher said, "Whose mother can?"
Up in the air went my daughter's hand.

In fifteen years of public school,
"My-mom-will-do-it" became the rule.

Now my daughters are away and grown,
With work and schedules of their own.

Yet even today I hear the call,
And volunteer to help one and all

Someday, I'll leave this mortal Earth,
To stand and be counted, for what it's worth.

And when St. Peter looks my way,
I think I know just what he'll say.

"To give out the harps and halos here,
I'll need a willing....VOLUNTEER!"

Mary Drew Adams



Thanks to each of you for the prayers, the beautiful cards, the Prayer Shawl, and the many calls. All were so uplifting to my spirits during my time of recuperation from the Hip Replacement Surgery. I am back to full strength and have so much more energy than I did before the surgery. Praise God.

—Loretta Whitney

I want to thank everyone for their best wishes and kind thoughts as I begin working at the Conference Office. The farewell in my honor was such a nice gesture by the Staff Parish Committee. The "fruits" of the money tree will definitely be put to good use. Everyone keep cool this hot summer and I'll "see you in church"!

Love to all,
—Kathie Monroe



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Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 45 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78. Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month.

The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or outdated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive, and there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Some churches even encourage participants to apply the money they saved to help someone else in need.

How It Works

Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites. Orders are collected by the host sites during the first part of each month. These orders are then turned in to the Angel Food main office in Monroe, Georgia, on a predetermined date. Several days later, in the same month, the host site either picks up the food from Angel Food's 160,000 square foot warehouse to fill the orders on Distribution Day or, because this ministry is growing nationwide, food is delivered to the host site by a pre-arranged delivery mode. In most cases, as long as there is a truck headed in the direction of a community who wants this program and sees its ministry influence, there are no extra transportation costs.

For Menus and more information see the Church office or go to www.angelfoodministries.com

It's the people who care for the patients. It's Dr. Murphy, who did an angiogram the next Tuesday, May 24, and Dr. David Margolis, who installed a combination defibrillator-pace maker on Thursday, May 26. To them a big thank you for their skill.

It's also the nurses and nurses aids who wake a patient up early—too early—in the morning and poke and prod and take blood and give shots and pills and take temperatures and do all they can to make you comfortable. It's the food service people who serve the meals—and they are pretty good at Wesley—nutritionally balanced and tasty. It's the physical therapists who get you out of bed and hold on to the belt so you don't fall down while walking the ten feet or so before you're exhausted. Later, they parade you up and down the halls with a walker to show you how much progress you are making. It's the occupational therapists who check your progress in putting on your slipper socks and insist that you have to get out of bed by yourself before they'll let you go home.



And it's the cleaning lady who comes in each morning to Swiffer up the floor—the one who saw that you were having trouble opening the pop-top V-8 juice can and opened it for you. To all of these people who carry out the mundane jobs every day, even on holidays, thank you.

My hometown newspaper, the Peru Pointer, had a motto on the masthead: "O, what a miracle to man is man." I can't remember who said it, but the past decade I've been doubting its truth. We've had so many people hurting so many other people that I wonder about the world at times. But the past few weeks have renewed my faith in the innate goodness of people. We pray to God for one of those flashy, part-the-water miracles, while all around us we have so many quiet, small, everyday miracles, neighbors who help us when we have problems, professional people who are there to take care of us, and people in the church who simply care. And I am blessed with a wife who endures the fear and pain and uncertainty and stays with me all the way. Thank you, God, for these miracles.

Go in Beauty...and Peace...and Joy...and Love,

Dave Longfellow

Liturgists

August 7

8:30 Teresa Eastman
11:30 Sheryl Anderson

August 14

8:30 Mike Bellesine
11:00 Dan Davis

August 21

8:30 Nancy Wagner
11:00 Glenda Taylor

August 28

8:30 Gene George
11:00 Martha Riedl



Fellowship and
Worship Opportunities

This is for anyone who has ever had the desire to play an instrument in church. The worship committee would like to hold a few summer workshops for individuals to grow their musical talents. Some music back ground is required. Interested individuals should contact Jeff Eastman, worship committee chair, Hope Helderich, choir director or Bobby Edwards, praise team director.



Worship Participants Schedule

First Sunday

Ushers-Rising Son - Dick Zieman
Ushers-Glory & Grace - Youth
Greeters-Rising Son - Chris & Michelle Day, Jim & Shirley Moreland
Greeter-Glory & Grace - Linda Swan, Mark Anderson
Media Shout-Rising Son - Turner Day
Media Shout-Glory & Grace -
Sound/Camera-Rising Son -
Sound/Camera-Glory & Grace - Doug Jensen

Second Sunday

Ushers-Rising Son - Gaines Bell, Dick Zieman
Ushers-Glory & Grace - David Wagner, Warren Barber, Wayne Fowler
Greeters-Rising Son - Doug & Valecia Scribner
Greeters-Glory & Grace - Hope Helderich
Media Shout-Rising Son - Leanna Johnson
Media Shout-Glory & Grace - Susan Harsh
Sound/Camera-Rising Son -
Sound/Camera-Glory & Grace - David Wagner

Third Sunday

Ushers-Rising Son - Dick Zieman, Mike Bellesine
Ushers-Glory & Grace - Steve Johnson and Bob Parker
Greeters-Rising Son - Teresa Eastman
Greeters-Glory & Grace - UMW
Media Shout-Rising Son - Michael Riedl
Media Shout-Glory & Grace - Grant Helderich
Sound/Camera-Rising Son -
Sound/Camera-Glory & Grace - Jason Taylor

Fourth Sunday

Ushers-Rising Son - Ben Dreher, Dick Zieman
Ushers-Glory & Grace - Greg Joyce, Virginia Bennett, Ramona Clanton
Greeters-Rising Son - Sharon Funk, LuAnne Vides
Greeters-Glory & Grace - Patty Grove
Media Shout-Rising Son - Leanna Johnson
Media Shout-Glory & Grace - Linda Swan
Sound/Camera-Rising Son -
Sound/Camera-Glory & Grace - Doug Jensen

News in Brief

Lord's Acre

Lord's Acre is just around the corner on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Community Building. The theme is "It's A Wonderful World" starting at 3:00 p.m. with Food, a Craft Bazaar and a Silent Auction for Baskets. A Meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, and homemade brats will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m., there will be a Live Auction at 6:30p.m., and the Silent Auction for Baskets closes at 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.00 for age 7 and up and \$7.00 for age 6 and under. Please be thinking of what you can contribute as an item to be used to raise money for the church. We will be needing baskets for the silent auction, food, and crafts to sale as well as items for the live auction. If you have questions, please contact Janece English, Lord's Acre Chairperson.

YMCA'S Back To School Drive

The El Dorado YMCA will be holding a Back to School Drive August 1st-12th and will be collecting school supplies. The YMCA are aware that many children start the school year with little to no supplies and feel this is an opportunity for them to give back to the community. Donations can be dropped off at the Church office or in the lobby of the YMCA.

Drama and Praise Team

All 1st through 8th graders are invited to be a part of a new and exciting Drama and Praise Team! Meetings will be Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15. The Drama/Praise Team will be learning fun worship songs and preparing dramatic skits. Snacks and drinks will be available. Sign up on the bulletin boards outside the overflow room.

Lord's Acre

Lord's Acre is in need of maps for use as decorations for Lord's Acre on Saturday, October 22, 2011. Any map, any size, and any year of map is fine. The smaller maps will be laminated. If you want your map back, please put your name on it. Also, Lord's Acre is in need of middle to large size baskets. These baskets are used for items donated for the silent auction. Maps and baskets can be brought to the office for Lord's Acre. If you have questions, please contact Janece English.

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

The 2nd annual golf tournament will be held on Saturday, October 15, at 8:30 a.m. This will be a 4 person scramble. More details coming. See Don Wedel or Steve Johnson for details. All proceeds to the M&M Fund.

Pie Auction and Dinner

Dinner will be held August, 21 following the second service. Please donate pies for the auction and plan on attending. Proceeds will help us meet our mission and ministries apportionment. Rumor has it the free will donation dinner may be a wonderfully decadent barbeque. If you have any question or would like to volunteer to be pic auctioneer. Contact Paula 321-7076 or any Finance Committee member.

Scheduled Meetings

- Evangelism - Monday, August 1, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- UMW - Monday, August 1, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Finance - Tuesday, August 1, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Witness - Wednesday, August 3, 4:30-5:00 p.m.
- UMW - Thursday, August 4, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Education - Monday, August 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Missions - Wednesday, August 10, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
- Trustees Wednesday, August 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Lord's Acre - Sunday, August 14, 10:15-11:15 p.m.
- Evangelism - Monday, August 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Ad Council - Wednesday, August 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Lord's Acre - Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Staff Parish - Wednesday, August 24, 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Regular Schedule

- Sunday**
- 8:00-8:30 Chancel Choir Warm-up
 - 8:30-9:30 Rising Son Worship
 - 9:00-9:30 Fellowship Coffee
 - 9:30-10:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30-11:00 Fellowship Coffee
 - 11:00-12:00 Glory & Grace
 - 3:00-7:30 Scout Meetings

- Monday**
- 10:00-11:00 Bible Study
 - 7:00-8:30 Boy Scouts

- Tuesday**
- 8:00-10:30 TOPS
 - 1:00-3:00 Quilters

- Wednesday**
- 12:00-1:00 Brown Bag Bible Study
 - 5:30-6:30 Middle School Youth
 - 6:30-7:30 High School Youth
 - 6:30-7:15 Drama & Praise Team
 - 7:30-8:30 Praise Team Practice

- Thursday**
- 7:00-8:00 Men's Prayer Group
 - Double D's Restaurant

- Friday**
- 9:00-11:00 Quilters

- Saturday**

Wednesday Night Child Care

We will now be offering Wednesday night child care for anyone involved in activities here at the Church. Right now, we only know of a need from 7:30-8:30. Please let the Church office know if care is needed at an earlier time.

August
Sunday Morning
Coffee Hosts

Seekers



Special dates

- First Day of Classes for Grades PreK-6 & 9
Wednesday, August 17
- First Day of Classes for Grades 7,8,10,11,12
Thursday, August 18
- Pie Auction and Dinner
Sunday, August 21 12:00

- Naomi Circle
August 9, 2011
7:00-7:30
- Lydia Circle
August 11, 2011
7:30-8:00
- Circles
August 11, 2011
1:30-2:00

Calendar

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

AUGUST 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			