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Everyday Disciples

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Creation-Savings Time

The two most important weeks in the life of God and us are the week of creation and Holy Week. They are parallel weeks of creation. It was on the first Sunday of the world that God saw the chaos and said, "Let there be light." It was on the first Sunday of the re-creation of the world that Jesus rode into the spiritual chaos of Jerusalem.

"And there was evening, and there was morning, the first day," the Bible says. In the Old Testament the day begins at sundown. The day begins with darkness, just like the universe began with darkness before God created light. So, every sunrise reenacts the first work of creation. On the first day of Holy Week, Jesus rides into Jerusalem to confront the spiritual darkness. The re-creation of the sunrise has begun.

On the last day of God's work in creation, God made human beings, male and female. He made them in his own image. "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day." On the seventh day, God rested.

Good Friday is the sixth day of Holy Week. The sun was setting as Jesus died on the cross. The religious leaders didn't want him on the cross when the sun went down because that was the beginning of the Sabbath. So they had the Roman soldiers make sure he was dead by piercing his side with a lance. He was dead. The work of recreation was done. Joseph of Arimathea took his body and laid it in his own family tomb. So it was that God rested again from his labors on the seventh day.

When the sun went down on the seventh day, the day we call Saturday, the day the Spanish-speaking call Sabado (from the word Sabbath), God set the clock forward. Just the way we set the clock forward when we go to bed the Saturday night before daylight-saving time, God set the clock forward the night following the Sabbath. Never again would the day begin with the dark, but rather with the light. The Lord's Day had moved from the end of the week to the beginning of the week, from Saturday to Sunday, from Sabado to Domingo, from the day of rest to the day of God. Since then, we have been living on Creation-Savings Time.

Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, the recognition that we now live on Creation-Savings Time, but Easter is the one time in the year where the celebration follows a week's reenactment of the work God did to put us on Creation-Savings Time.

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"As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your "prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 93

PRAYERS

Joys: +The rain we had! +Visits from family and friends. +Callie Jo Allen's mission trip in Africa. +Colton Ward has had his last chemo treatment. +Ryan Wiley has returned from Afghanistan +Silvia Ricks completed her first 5k run. +Ashor Brown was born March 14th. +Bill Little is doing better. +Spring break and the return to school. +Birthdays and anniversaries.

Concerns: +We still need rain. +Steven Hansen is serving in Central America and Derek Wiley is serving in Afghanistan. +The families of Gene Berry, Ronnie Locklin, Otha Peeples, Margaret Robertson, and Henry White. +The people of Haiti. +Tornado recovery in the US.

Healing prayers: Andy Andrews, Nadine Andrews, Linda Boice, Elena Bradford, Aaron Braden, Dottie Brewer, Tommy Bullard, Sean Chavez, Jeanene Christian, Sandy Coe, Billy Craig, Jonnie Dempsey, Denise Dulaney, Mary Faust, Samantha Fitzgerald, Louisa Garcia, Terri Gill, Greg Haggard, Steven Hansen, Billie Lou Harris, Shaylee Henning, Billie Harris, Jane Harrison, Elizabeth Hill, Maxine Hyden, Elmer Jones, Kash Kelso, Burton Lanehart, DeWayne Lindsey, Aurora Lopez, Julie Lynch, Lois Ann McKenzie, Shane McKenzie, Maylee Mahone, Pat Miller, Gloria Odom, Kathy Pearce, Jack Phillips, Jimmy Peeples, Freda Pippin, Jack Perry, Helen Remy, Edith Reynolds, Mary Rodriguez, Cory Smart, Glen Smart, Doug Smith, Emma Smith, Eva Smith, Melody Smith, Sue Sorrels, Colton Ward, Simone Woodall, and Elma Wolfe.

Continued Prayers: +Our church. +Our schools. +Our country and our leaders. +Our military (Ryan Wiley, Derek Wiley, Steven Hansen, Kameron Hansen) and their families. +The unemployed. +The homeless. +Victims of natural disasters. +Countries fighting for freedom. +Unspoken prayers.

Please be in prayer for the Rev. Michael Bell and the congregation of the *Wesley Trinity UMC* (San Angelo).

PRESENCE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

Iraan: 16 McCamey: 33

Average Weekly Faith Formation Attendance

Iraan: 15 McCamey: 4

GIFTS

Spiritual Connections is a youth-mentoring project of the faith-based [Sacred Pathways Inc.](#) in Robeson County, NC, that provides food and other basic needs to low-income people. While its roots are among the Lumbee people, the project is racially diverse, like the county it serves.

Supported by United Methodists through the **Native American Ministries Sunday offering**, Sacred Pathways counsels and nurtures young people, teaching them to work cross-culturally to improve their lives and their communities. That includes seeking answers to widespread poverty and decreasing numbers of school dropouts, teen pregnancies and gangs. Members of the interracial Youth Leadership Cabinet, drawn from area high schools, learn critical thinking skills, team building, self-esteem and personal goal setting. They also learn to respond creatively to concerns such as saving the environment and fighting global hunger and homelessness.

"This program taught me so much that I will take with me wherever I go," says Lauren Oxendine, 19, who made new friends and discovered a passion for community service as a cabinet member. "I want to broaden my horizons, share my culture and all that I've learned, and try to show people there can be a better life for everybody."

Your gifts on [Native American Ministries Sunday](#) fund ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to serve Christ's church by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, young people like Lauren discover a world worth saving, congregations become stronger, seminarians prepare to serve and communities are transformed.



**First
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NURTURE – OUTREACH – WITNESS

**The Ministries of the
United Methodist Churches
in Iraan and McCamey**

NURTURE MINISTRIES

Worship in April

Worship Theme	April	SCRIPTURE LESSON	SERMON
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	1	Philippians 2:5-11	<i>Why Jesus came</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	5	John 13:1-7, 31b-35	<i>“Does that mean what I think it means?”</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8	Mark 16:1-8	<i>Where does it end?</i>
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	15	John 20:19-31	<i>Do you believe?</i>
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	22	Luke 24:36b-48	<i>Peace be with you</i>
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	29	John 10:7-18	<i>Baa Baa Black Sheep</i>

Maundy Thursday service at First UMC – McCamey: April 5th at 7:00 p.m.
McCamey Community Easter Sunrise Service (at First UMC – McCamey): April 8th @ 6:30 a.m. with a breakfast to follow at El Buen Pastor Church (407 W. 7th Street).
Iraan Community Easter Sunrise Service (at the cross on the hill): April 8th at 7:00 a.m., breakfast follows at the First Baptist Church.

FELLOWSHIP

McCamey FUMC on the Town

"No muss – no fuss – no program!"

We were blessed in March as we met for our monthly supper. Theodora Matthew was presented with the door prize, a stuffed toy frog. Pastor Charles shared that FROG stands for "Fully **Rely On God**."

This month's gathering will be on Friday, April 20th at *Crazy John's Pizza* (starting at 6:00 p.m.).

FUMC – Iraan: Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at *Godfather Pizza* or on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at the *Iraan Senior Center* for lunch.

Each Sunday, we gather for fellowship at 9:00 a.m. (except for the fourth Sunday). The next **fourth Sunday breakfast potluck** will be on the 22nd, starting at 8:30 a.m.



Welcome!

The newest member of the McCamey community is **Ashor Liam Brown** who was born on March 14th in Odessa to Niki (Heather) Brown.

The proud grandparents are Phil & Grace Moody.

A Workshop on Spirituality and Healing

[Sierra Vista UMC](#) (San Angelo)

April 28, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch provided – No cost

Confirmation Call Requested

(325) 944-4041

UMC Quiz

1. "**Hymn for Easter Day**," written in 1739 for the inaugural service at the Foundry Meeting House, London's first Wesleyan chapel, by Charles Wesley is better known to us today by what title?
2. Where does the term "Good Friday" come from?
3. The three days, starting at sunset on Maundy Thursday and continuing through to sunset on Easter Sunday, are traditionally known by what term?



The UMW met at the church in March with ten in attendance. Devotional readings were provided by Peggy Garner and Jean Myrick. Cytha Peters spoke about this month's prayer focus, The [Women's Opportunity Fund](#).

The program was provided by Jennifer Aguilar who shared with us the work being done by the [National Missions Institution](#) which is supported by the UMW units around the country. One setting is in our area, the Alpine Community Center, which is doing some exciting work in west Texas. We also learned that the pastor in Alpine, **the Rev. Jane (Golden) Vaughan** is a McCamey High School alumnae.

Following the program, Louise Carll provided the refreshments, a home-made pecan pie. It was delicious!

Next meeting: April 9th at the church in McCamey.

The March UMM meeting took place on Monday, March 5th.

Pastor Charles continued our discussion of Jacob from [Bad Boys of the Bible](#).

The April meeting will be on the 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. We'll be looking at the second half of the story ***Jephthah*** in the Book of the Judges, [chapters eleven and twelve](#).

Please join us!



Sunday school at FUMC – Iraan: Please join us following worship each Sunday for our class. We are currently studying Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Sunday school at FUMC – McCamey: Please join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor (next to the kitchen). We are currently studying the gospel according to John.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Every other month, copies of [The Upper Room](#) devotional booklets are made available in both churches. These come to us in large print and regular print versions.

Sadly, many copies of this wonderful resource are thrown away each month, never leaving the church building with no one to benefit from this ministry.

Please take one copy for yourself and another to share with a friend, relative or neighbor. It just might be the lifeline they have been longing for.

THE UPPER
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YOUR PLACE TO MEET GOD

The lunch for the Iraan High school senior class, hosted by the First UMC-Iraan, is scheduled for May 2nd.



Our final Badgers for Christ this school year is on April 18th.

Please come out and share in this wonderful time of community. Church members are encouraged to sit and eat with the students and staff.

In May, we'll have our annual ice cream social at a date to be announced.

Glen Smart has arranged a donation box at supermarket in McCamey for the community to make contributions to the **Food Pantry** at First Baptist Church.

Please remember to shop local whenever possible and to support this worth-while ministry which is being sponsored by the McCamey Ministerial Alliance.



The communion rail offering at the First UMC in McCamey this month will go in support of the [Native American Ministries Sunday](#).

WITNESS MINISTRIES

Make Disciples
of Jesus Christ
to Transform
the World

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012 • TAMPA, FL



April 24 – May 4

Please visit [this link](#) to learn more about General Conference and how you can be involved in this event.

McCamey Ministerial Alliance News

The McCamey Ministerial Alliance held its March meeting at Benoit's with all five member churches being represented (El Buen Pastor, First Assembly of God Church, First Baptist Church, First UMC, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church).

2012 election results: **The Rev. David Snodgrass**, president; **Jake Avila**, vice-president and **Hugo Gonzales**, treasurer.

McCamey Community Easter Sunrise Service: April 8th @ 6:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. A breakfast will be offered following the service at El Buen Pastor (407 W. 7th St.).

Next meeting: Starting in April, the monthly meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. In April, the meeting will be on the 10th at the First Assembly of God Church (406 E. 7th St.).

Baccalaureate Service: May 20th @ 6:30 p.m. in the McCamey High School auditorium.

UMC Quiz Answers:

1. We know the hymn as "[Christ the Lord Is Risen Today](#)," (UMC Hymnal, #302) composed by the most famous hymn writer of all, Charles Wesley, one year after his conversion.
2. The source of our term for the Friday before Easter, "Good Friday," is not clear. It may be a corruption of the English phrase "God's Friday," according to Dr. Laurence Hull Stookey (a professor of Pastor Charles' at Wesley Theological Seminary) in [Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church](#) (p. 96). For more on Good Friday, please see [this link](#).
3. The [Paschal Triduum](#) often called the *Easter Triduum* or simply the *Triduum*, begins during Holy Week, and consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

CALENDAR

First UMC – Iraan

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Church School @ 10:30 a.m.
Convalescent Center @ 2:00 p.m.

Each Tuesday –

+Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m. @ the
First Baptist Church in Iraan or at 4
p.m. @ the Iraan High School Library.
+Pizza Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m. @
Godfather's Pizza

Each Thursday –

Coffee & donuts @ McCamey
Convalescent Center, 9:45 a.m.

Other Events

Palm Sunday – April 1st

Maundy Thursday Service (at
FUMC-McCamey) – April 5th @
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
– April 6th @ 7:00 p.m., FUMC - Crane

**Community Easter Sunrise
Service (at the cross on the hill)**
– April 8th at 7:00 a.m.

Ad Board – April 11th @ 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Breakfast –
April 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.

First UMC – McCamey

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:30 a.m.
Church School @ 9:45 a.m.
Worship @ 11:00 a.m.
Convalescent Center @ 2:00 p.m.

Each Wednesday – Choir @ 7:00 p.m.

Each Thursday –

Coffee & donuts @ McCamey
Convalescent Center, 9:45 a.m.

Other Events

Palm Sunday – April 1st

UMM – April 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service – April 5th
@ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service –
April 6th @ 7:00 p.m., FUMC - Crane

Community Easter Sunrise Service
– April 8th @ 6:30 a.m. (First UMC)

UMW – April 9th @ 7:00 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance – April 10th,
10:00 a.m. (First Assembly of God)

Trustees – April 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

AD Board – April 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

Badgers for Christ – April 18th @
Noon

UMC Night Out – April 20th,
6:00 p.m. @ Crazy John's

THANK YOU NOTES

Iraan

+Thanks to everyone for lending their culinary talents for the **monthly breakfast potluck!**

+Thanks to **Burton Lanehart and Wanda Carpenter** for leading the Sunday school class when **James Jordan** isn't able to be in Iraan.

+Thanks to **Wanda Carpenter** for serving as Lay Reader.

+Thanks to **Kirke McKenzie** and **James Jordan** for leading the singing!

+Thanks to **Marie Richardson** and **Jo Lanehart** for the special treats for the fellowship time on the Sunday Belinda returned to Texas.

+Thanks to **James Jordan** for arranging for the trees on the north and east sides of the church to be trimmed.

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Thanks to everyone (from both congregations) who contributed flowers and palm branches for our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services.
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McCamey

+Thanks to **Gary Elliott, Cadyn Miles, Bradyn Molina, Ashley Ricks** and **Abby Venegas** for serving as ushers.

+Thanks to **Debbie White** for being our greeter.

+Thanks to **Glen Smart** and **Jean Myrick** for serving as our offering counters.

+Thanks to **Alice Kephart** for providing the meal for the UMM supper in March.

+Thanks to **Gloria Odom** for the communion table decorations.

+Thanks to **Gary Elliott** for fixing the garage door at the parsonage.

+Thanks to **Marilyn Whitaker** for providing the music on March 18th.

+Thanks to **Mike Sherrod** for tuning the pianos at the church.

+Thanks to **our choir** for the dedication and weekly musical offerings.

+Thanks to everyone for supporting the refreshments following the funeral service for Henry White: **Jennifer Aguilar, Ruthie Andrews, Nonita Brown, Louise Carll, Coy & Joan Coe, Jeannie & Ted Creech, Gary & Luann Elliott, Alice & Roy Kephart, Bill & Bobbie Lester, Dollie Lynch, Erlinda Martinez, Grace & Phil Moody, Billie Mitchell, Gail Molder, Jean Myrick, LouDell Myrick, Gloria Odom, Cytha Peters, Sherry Phillips, Pam & Glenn Smart, Sylvia Taylor Lou Ann Watson, Jerry & Marilyn Whitaker, Donna & Donny Wiley, and Jim & Mary Witcher.**

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Church family,

Thank you very, very much for all the prayers, calls, food and just being my friends. –
Debbie White