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From the Pastor

Over the past two months, a good deal of time and effort has been put into cleaning the classrooms and other meetings spaces at both the Iraan and McCamey churches.

Currently, there is one adult class at McCamey and a children's class offered on Sunday. A nursery is offered during worship. At Iraan, there is one adult class on Sunday and several members attend the First Baptist Church's ladies Bible study on Tuesday.

However, when walking around both churches, one can't help but notice the variety of rooms and spaces that are still available and begging to be used.

At the Iraan church, there is a parlor, a nursery, four classrooms, the fellowship hall, and the sanctuary. At the McCamey church, there is "the upper room," five classrooms and an open area (behind the sanctuary), a parlor, a nursery, the fellowship hall, and the sanctuary.

The thing is, if we want to grow in the faith we need to be actively engaged in studying, teaching, and sharing this faith. With wonderful church buildings standing ready we need to make ourselves available to this particular means of grace. The rooms are ready, are you?

Every blessing,

Pastor Charles Alkula

Pastoral Visit Request Form

(*Please complete and place it in the offering plate or contact the pastor)*

__Yes, I would like the pastor to visit me/us. __ No, I do not want/need a visit.

____ The best time to visit would be: Day of the week: _____ Time: _____

__ I'll talk to the pastor to arrange a time.
__ I'd like Belinda to come for a visit too.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Street address: _____

"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

Prayers are requested for Leslie Adams, Nadine Andrew, Donna Bell, Leanna Brewster, Cleatus Brooks, Ron Brown, Bernard Christian, Joanne Darby, Jonnie Dempsey, Angela Flores, Linda Floyd, Linda Harrison, Jordan Jernigan, Patty Jones, Steve Jordan, Burton Mann, Billie McKenzie, Shane McKenzie, Kat Mendoza, Rosa Mendoza, Cole Mitchell, Nick Montoya, Wanda Morrow, Kathy Pearce, Donna Schneider, Doug Smith, and Ricky Wright

Please continue to keep the people of Haiti, the people of Chile, the unemployed (especially those with children), unspoken requests, our service members, our communities and our country in your prayers.

Please pray for those living on Third Street & S. Blanton Street in Iraan and for those living on Johns Street & Second Street in McCamey.

Please lift up the ministries of the Rev. Mark Smith and the congregation of the First UMC in Mertzon (Texas).

PRESENCE (February)

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

Iraan: 23 McCamey: 35
Convalescent Center: 18

Average Weekly Faith Formation Attendance

Iraan: 9 McCamey: 10

GIFTS

The **World Service Fund** connects our church to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination in the work of the general church boards and agencies and other national and international programs.

The World Service Fund is the essential core of United Methodist outreach. It empowers United Methodist evangelistic efforts, stimulate Bible study and spiritual commitment, encourage church growth and discipleship, and help God's children everywhere.

Sharing God's Gifts

First United Methodist Church

NURTURE – OUTREACH – WITNESS

The Ministries of United Methodist Churches in Iraan and McCamey

March 14th

Nurture

Please join us at the McCamey Convalescent Center each Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm for a time of prayer and worship.

Our Worship in March

THEME	March	SCRIPTURE LESSON	SERMON
Third Sunday in Lent	7	Matthew 26:17-30	*The Means of Grace: Communion*
Fourth Sunday in Lent	14	Matthew 3:13-17	*The Means of Grace: Baptism*
Fifth Sunday in Lent	21	Matthew 5:38-48	*The Means of Grace: "Do Good"*
Palm Sunday	28	Matthew 25:31-46	*The Means of Grace: Seek Justice*

The UMW members sent nineteen Health Kits to UMCOR's Sager Brown depot in February!

The United Methodist Women @ First UMC – McCamey

Next meeting: 3/15/10 – 7:00 pm

Health Kit Items

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- $1.00 to purchase toothpaste

(**NOTE:** UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

Thank you for an overwhelming response to Bishop Dorff's request for Health Kits! Gene Hileman, our conference Disaster Response Coordinator, is driving the largest U-haul truck they rent to Sager Brown today [Feb. 12], delivering 10,254 health kits!

If you still have **health kits** or are planning to make them, UMCOR still wants and needs kits.

Here is the shipping information to get them directly to UMCOR's **Sager Brown** distribution center in Baldwin, Louisiana:

UMCOR Sager Brown Depot
P.O Box 850 (131 Sager Brown Road)
Baldwin, LA 70514-0850

We appreciate everyone's hard work and generosity.

Grace & peace,
Marta Rose, Communications, SWTX Conference

United Methodist Church Quick Quiz

1. What is the One Great Hour of Sharing and what does it support?
2. Who is the bishop of the Southwest Texas Conference?
3. When is the next General Conference and where will it be held?

For the answers to this month's quiz, look at the bottom of this page.

The Wired WORD

"Confront the news with scripture and hope"

Do you have questions about the events taking place in the world and how to apply your faith to those events/questions? Then ***The Wired Word*** is for you!

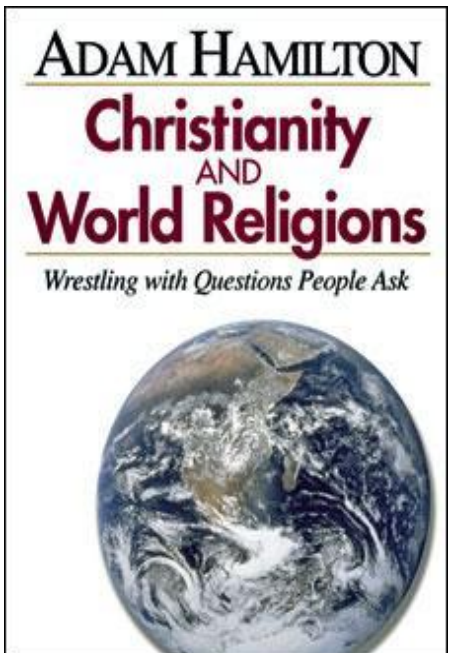
Bring your lessons and discussions to life … and make them more relevant to modern Christian living … with *The Wired Word* — the easy, automatic way to weave current events into your weekly Bible studies.

Each week a story is taken from headlines, the "Big questions" are asked and scripture is applied.

If you are interested in getting a group together – you choose the time and place, then contact Pastor Charles and he'll give you everything you need.

Pastor Charles serves on the editorial team of this online resource.

Lenten Study



Sundays in March

7th: Buddhism

14th: Islam

21st: Hinduism

28th: Judaism

Meet at 5:30 for a brown-bag supper.

UMC Quiz Answers

1. To learn about the One Great Hour of Sharing, visit this link.
2. Bishop Jim Dorff (see his bio).
3. The next General Conference will be held April 24 – May 5, 2012 in Tampa, Florida.

Valentine's Day Potluck @ FUMC - McCamey

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February 28th Fellowship Breakfast @ FUMC – Iraan

Outreach

Friendship Center

The First UMC in McCamey supports the work of the Friendship Center (on the southeast corner of 6th Street & Johns Street in McCamey). In March, the Friendship Center will be open on the 16th & 23rd from 1-3 pm.

Above: Sherry Phillips makes adjustments in the clothing display.

Below: Debbie White is working hard to make our community better!

Badgers for Christ

Wednesday, March 24th

@ 12:15 pm

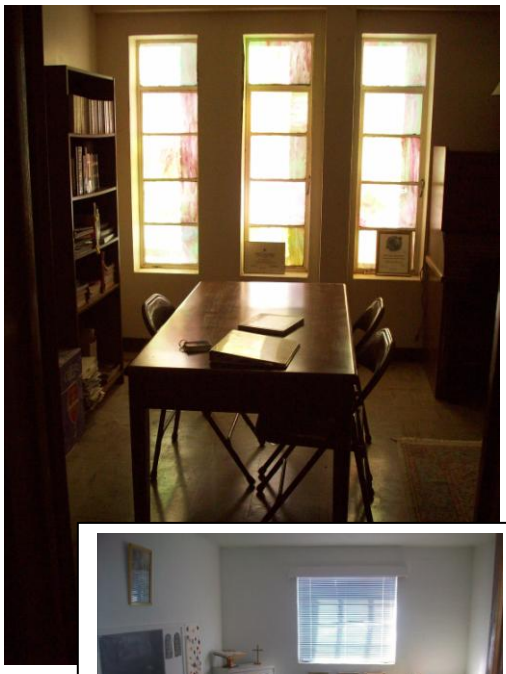
On the menu-

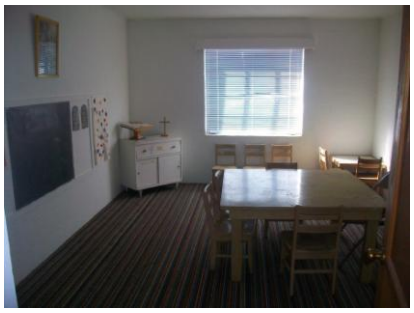
Spaghetti

Witness

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:18-20





If we are serious about sharing our faith, we have to be serious about studying it!

Find your place today at FUMC – Iraan and FUMC - McCamey!

Church Blogs!

For the latest news, pictures and much more, please visit our church blogs today: www.fumc-mccamey.blogspot.com or www.fumc-iraan.blogspot.com

Find us on Facebook

Look for both churches on Facebook groups. Look for **First United Methodist Church (McCamey, Texas)** or **First United Methodist Church (Iraan, Texas)**.

Events in March

First UMC – Iraan

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:00 – 9:30 am

Worship @ 9:30 am

Church School @ 10:30 am

Lenten Study *@ FUMC – McCamey*

5:30 pm (Each Sunday: Mar. 7 – 28)

Other events:

Ladies Bible Study – Each Tuesday at 10:00 am @ First Baptist Church

Ad Council – March 10 @ 6:00 pm

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th

Fellowship Breakfast Potluck

March 28th @ 8:30 am

First UMC – McCamey

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @

Church School @

Worship @ 11:00 am

Lenten Study – 5:30 pm

(Each Sunday: March 7 – 28)

Each Wednesday

Choir @ 7:00 pm

Other events:

United Methodist Women

March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th

Badgers for Christ

March 24 @ 12:15 p.m.

Ad Council –

March 21 @ 4:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

Iraan

****The family of Dorothy "Mamaw" Young** wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to you [First UMC – Iraan] for your kindness and service in helping us celebrate the life of our mother, grandmother and friend on February 3, 2010.

Thanks to **Kirke McKenzie for leading the music each week.

Thanks to **Cathy Allen for taking care of the bulletin each week.

Thanks to **Wanda Carpenter for her ministry as lector each week.

** Thanks to all the good folks who have brought the wonderful treats for the weekly fellowship time.

**Thanks to Diana Sykes for sharing her musical gift during our worship service on the 21st.

**Thanks to everyone for sharing in the first Breakfast Potluck on the 28th!

McCamey

Thanks for the beautiful flowers sent to our mother while in the hospital. Words can never express the gratitude we feel for all the love and support shown to our family in our time of need. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. – ***The family of Patricia Pope [Barry, Victor & family]*

**Thank you to the church [First UMC – McCamey] following Shirley Campbell's funeral. We were honored to be treated to such a wonderful meal in her honor. Thank you for making it special by being a part of it.

– Kathy, Karen, Kelton and Keller.

** Thanks to everyone for the support of the ***Badgers for Christ*** program on February 17th: Billie Mitchell, Debbie White, Mary & Jim Witcher, Belinda Alkula, Pastor Charles, Andy Andrews, Jean Myrick, Bill Lester, and Tandy Adams.

Thanks to **Louise Carll, Jean Myrick, Cytha Peters and the choir for their beautiful musical offerings last month.

Thanks to **Gloria Odom for her beautiful communion table settings.

Thanks to **Debbie White for all she does to keep our church home clean.

Thanks to **Jim Witcher and the trustees for all they did to improve conditions at the parsonage in February.

Thanks to **Coy Coe for the great job he is doing as McCamey's greeter & usher.