



# HOLY HEADLINES

## April - May 2011



**Mission Basket 3 April**  
**Japan/Asian Relief**



**Sunday 3 April**  
**Sunday 1 May**

**Youth Praise Service**

**6 April & 4 May**  
**6 - 6:45 p.m.**



**Palm Sunday 17 April**

**Maundy Thursday 21 April**

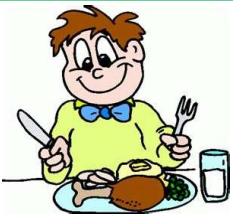
**Good Friday 22 April**

**Easter Sunday 24 April**

**Sanctuary will open at 7 a.m. Good Friday**



**Martha's Night Out**  
**8 April & 12 May**



**Fellowship Dinners**  
**21 April & 19 May**  
**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**



**Cowboy Breakfast**  
**April 30th**  
**7:30-10:30 a.m.**

**MTH Presents:**  
**"Big Bad"**

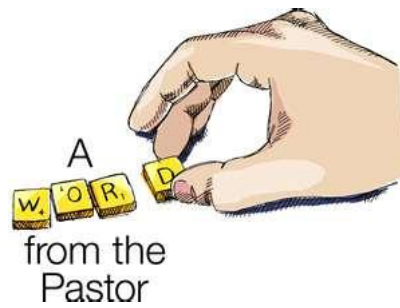
**29-30 April & 1 May**



**8 May**



**Graduating Seniors**  
**and**  
**Sunday School Promotion**  
**29 May**



At the time of my writing this, we are halfway through the church season of Lent. It is a season of spiritual preparation for the death and resurrection of Christ. We prepare by confessing our sins, by offering forgiveness, and seeking reconciliation with those with whom we are estranged. It is a time of re-centering one's life on the great gift of God's love in Jesus Christ – while we were yet sinners. The suffering of Christ was from humanity's rejection of God's gift. By confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation we are asking God to take away the burden of our prideful, failed attempts at control.

Yet, it is a mystery how God could love us so completely. A favorite hymn of mine asks the question, "Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?" Theology can talk about salvation and forgiveness, but it is by prayer, devotion, and pure faith that we truly encounter the mystery. We can't understand the mystery of God's love, but we can present ourselves to God for our hearts to be opened, that we might sit in the mysterious presence of God's love.

It is like a small child might ask her parent, "How do I know that you love me?"

How would you answer the child?

We could say that we are her mother/father. We could say that we feel love for her in our hearts. We could say that we would give anything for her, even our lives. Yet even these words ultimately fall silent before the mystery of love.

Why would we feel or do such things? It's a mystery, but the experience is real.

Lent is a time for us to step into the mystery of God's love – to be reunited with God in a new and deeper way than before. This preparation leads us to the joy of new life in the resurrection. In dying with Christ we unite with God; that we are rising, united with Christ in the new creation. The resurrection, the hope and assurance of eternal presence with God – another great mystery!

May you experience the mystery of God's love in a new way this Lent and Eastertide. For, He is alive! Christ is risen!

Pastor Michael





Confirmation is a rite of the church where one confirms his or her Baptism and takes part in instruction about the Christian life. It is also a time for those who have not been Baptized to do so.

While persons of any age can be confirmed, and repeated more than once, this Confirmation Class is intended for youth in grades 8 and above.

An informational meeting for youth and parents/family will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Classroom. Parental/family involvement is very important throughout Confirmation. We also need sponsors from the congregation.

Classes will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning April 13<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>, culminating with Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Pastor Michael at 393-2425, for more details.



## Easter Plans

Easter plans for the children have been set and we are looking forward to a fun and meaningful Easter morning. During the brunch (9:30-10:00), Jewel Gleeson will lead the children in a presentation of “**Resurrection Eggs**”. Each of the eggs contains a symbolic figure representing a part of the Easter Story. So the children will be telling the Easter story to us by opening an egg and saying what the figure represents. You won’t want to miss it because I am sure they will be adorable!

There will also be an **Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am**. If your child/children would like to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt please bring one dozen filled plastic eggs to one of the Sunday school teachers. Also, if your child/children will be participating please bring an Easter Basket that morning. We will allow children through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to hunt eggs. Everyone is welcome, so if you have visitors or family coming please feel free to enjoy the fun!



**Youth will hold a  
Breakfast Taco Sale  
during Sunday School Hour  
Easter Sunday  
24 April**

## Upcoming Youth Events:

First Wednesday of Every Month - Youth Praise & Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary 6pm-6:45pm

April 21 - Maundy Thursday Service led by the youth

April 24 - Easter Sunday Taco Sale (During Sunday School)

April 29 thru May 1 – Dinner Theater (Youth to handle all food sales)



Youth Group will be attending San Marcos River Camp for their mission trip this summer (July 17-23). There are 24 signed up and ready to work for Christ. We will be repairing homes for low-income and elderly individuals in the San Marcos area. Cost for our mission trip is \$395 per person. If you are interested in helping to sponsor a youth (in full or part) with this cost, please contact Kristie at 210-215-9157.

The Valentine Dance was a success and raised \$244 for the Helping Hands project.

The average attendance on Wednesday evenings is now 35. Our youth are truly awesome.

Thank you for all your support with the youth ministry! Without such a loving congregation we could never have grown so big in size or our faith.

Kristie Crisp, UMYF Leader

## Graduating Seniors and Sunday School promotions



On May 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our graduating seniors. Destiny Luna will be graduating this year and we want to honor her. If you have a graduate to add to our celebration, please contact Elizabeth Biela with the name. This includes college grads as well. We don't want to miss anyone and it is hard to keep up with everyone so please let us know. On this day, we will also promote the children and youth to the next Sunday school class and our incoming third graders will receive a Bible as well.

Save the date, Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 11-15. Our theme is a Holy Land Adventure-Hometown Nazareth. To help with VBS materials, the Mission Baskets for April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>. More on VBS at a later time!



# Bluebonnet Emmaus News

There is lots of activity in our community. Our next Bluebonnet meeting is at Epworth Methodist in San Antonio at 7:00 on April 5, 2011. I hope to see many of you there. A men's walk and a women's walk are coming up in May. If you know of someone you would like to sponsor for one of these walks, go on a walk, or need more information about Emmaus, please talk to Bob Ross, myself, or anyone who has been on a walk. We would be glad to give you information. Walk schedules and applications are available.

Our Bluebonnet community is co-sponsoring a men's walk in October. Some of our members are on that team. Men, that would be a great walk to attend!

We are planning a community family picnic in September, probably in LaVernia. Stay tuned for more information.

Each church in our community has been challenged to put on some kind of fundraiser in order to have money for scholarships. Our community will provide \$100 scholarships for pilgrims who need that assistance. This can drain our funds quickly, since our only income is monthly offerings. Be considering what we could do in Floresville to raise funds for scholarships.

If you are not receiving the monthly Bluebonnet Newsletter, please email Ann Peterson at [caremee@gvec.net](mailto:caremee@gvec.net) an ask to be put on the list.

Spring Blessings!

Bev Moltz, Bluebonnet Lay Director



The Finance committee is excited to report that the 2011 budget has been approved by the council, and our year is off to a great start.

The audit is still underway as we continue to provide paperwork requested, and await further instruction and review. A subcommittee has been formed and is investigating options for electronic giving for our church member's convenience. Currently, giving statements are being put together and should be sent out promptly in April.

We have been blessed with the opportunity to acquire additional land for the church, and have received many generous gifts toward this purchase. We are pleased with the loving support of our congregation in this endeavor, and it is hoped that we will be able to attain the land with contributions alone.

In March FUMC was able to send three representatives to a Finance/Treasurer Training at Oak Meadows UMC. This was an enlightening seminar, and a blessing for our leaders to attend. We were able to learn and discuss leadership, financial procedures and guidelines to best guide our church's financial practices.

As April is upon us, our class of Financial Peace University students will soon be graduating! What a success and blessing this class has been for our church. We have had many committed families learn and grow together on their financial education journeys. I am proud of everyone in this class for their dedication. Way to go FPU students!

What a wonderful start to this year! I look forward to the upcoming months with hopefulness in all the opportunities that lie ahead for our church home.

Peace & Love

Dana Flores, Finance Chair



## Mission Baskets

Each week we lift up ministries to support through our Mission Basket offering. Your faithful giving supports ministries globally and locally.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Japan in their suffering of the recent earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis. You can be the hands and feet of Christ through our shared ministry of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100% of your gifts go directly to helping people. Please give with a generous heart on April 3rd. This is an UMCOR relief effort.

Mission Baskets for April 17, May 15 and June 12 will be for VBS to help defray the cost. This is one of our church's most beneficial ministries for our children.





# Floresville United Methodist Women



**Faith Hope Love in Action**

*UMW meets on the first & third Mondays of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
**All women are invited to attend.***

Ten UMW ladies had a fabulous time at the Wesley Auxiliary Luncheon and Fashion Show. Karen Hannum and Mary Ann Johnston were models this year. Check out the photos later on in the newsletter.

There will be a tour of the San Antonio Food Bank on April 18<sup>th</sup> and Rummage Sale at Wesley on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Karen will present a program on Pentecost on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ladies, remember that May 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Conference UMW Luncheon.

Gavin Biela is participating in the Relay for Life in honor of his mom. UMW is very proud and honored to sponsor him in this event. We applaud his efforts.

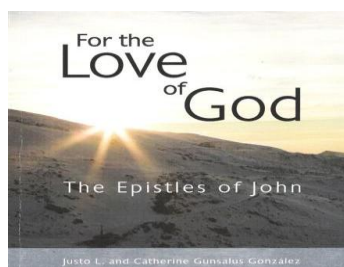
As of our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Anita Ransleben will be replacing Karen Hannum as Vice President. Thank you Karen for the wonderful job you have done for many years. Karen is a wonderful asset to the unit and to the church. We are excited and look forward to working with Anita.

Eileen Williams, President

Schertz UMW is having a program about Magdalena House and abused women. This program is the one that was canceled back in February. The program will be on April 6 @ approx 7pm with dinner first @ 6:30pm. Please come, RSVP before Apr 4.

Schertz UMW will also present the study For the Love of God: he Epistles of John on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast at 8:30. RSVP by April 26<sup>th</sup>.

You can contact Eileen Williams for more information.





UMW Ladies enjoyed the Wesley Fashion Show

Our UMW Fashion Queens

Our Models





The Helping Hands Ministry, to provide personal care items for distribution by Ben Reed the FIRD Social Worker began in the Pathfinders Sunday School Class in April of 2010. Due to the extent of need for these items, the Congregation was asked to support the Ministry beginning in November. In less than one year over 2,000 personal care items have been donated!

While this seems like an astonishing amount of deodorant, toilet paper, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc., the need is so great that there are many times when items are not available when individuals request them.

As you may recall, individuals receiving state assistance via the Lone Star Card Program, cannot purchase non-edible items with their Card. When you look at the purchases you are putting in your shopping cart on a regular basis, you are probably amazed at how many of them you can't eat. Those on the Lone Star Card Program can't put these non-food items into their carts unless they have the money to pay for them in their pocket. Many times, any available cash is used for additional food expenditures and the personal care purchases are neglected.

On the first Sunday of every month, there will be a large basket in the back of the Sanctuary for your items. If you did not bring items with you, monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. If you are writing a check, make it payable to the church and indicate Helping Hands on the memo line. Please drop your donations in the basket and items will be purchased.

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching but the need for (and distribution of) personal care items continues year around regardless of the school calendar. Thank you for your generous, ongoing support of Helping Hands.



Be alert for information about a community Spring music festival scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Fellowship Dinner



Come join us at a **FELLOWSHIP DINNER** the third Thursday of each month. The menu continues for now to be lasagna with salad and garlic bread. Oh, yes there is an ice cream dessert as well as ice tea and coffee. Please come and meet members that attend a different service and enjoy the fellowship and conversation. Time: is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., donation: \$4 for adults or \$10 for the whole family. The next dinner is April 21st. We hope to expand the menu and or add additional Thursdays in the coming months. We have also discussed having a speaker or presentation after the meal. We hope to see you there!!



## Big Bad by Alec Strum

"Big Bad" is the story of the trial of the Big Bad Wolf. It features favorite story book characters in their pursuit of justice against the villainous Wolf. This a family-friendly play for all ages - so please make plans to attend and bring your kids and grandkids! Our performances will be:

Friday, April 29, 2011. This is regular, general-seating performance and tickets will be \$6. The United Methodist Youth will host a concession stand at intermission. Showtime is 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2011 will be our dinner theater performance and tickets are \$15. The United Methodist Youth will cater a delicious fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings, and the curtain opens at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 1, 2011 will be a dessert theater performance and tickets will be \$10. The United Methodist Youth are whipping up luscious desserts for our final performance. Curtain opens at 2 p.m.

We appreciate all of the support for the MTH Players through the years, and look forward to presenting this fun romp through fairy tales. Please use this opportunity to invite others to our church. The youth will be there to meet and greet everyone, and we guarantee that everyone who attends will feel the love of community and church family!

"Big Bad" is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, CO.



## 9th Annual Rosenberg and Rotter Cowboy Breakfast

It's that time of year again to get ready for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosenberg & Rotter Cowboy Breakfast. This year, the breakfast will take place at **Sacred Heart Parish Pavilion/Hall in Floresville on Saturday, April 30, 2011.** Come out and join us from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. and enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. There will also be live and silent auctions and a chance to win a \$350 gift card from Southwest Airlines. The Breakfast benefits the Wilson Area Housing Foundation (WAHF).

WAHF is a private, IRS designated section 501(c)(3) foundation (non-profit). It is dedicated to improving living conditions of school age children in the Wilson County area. We do this by providing repairs to manufactured and conventional homes referred by a school district's social services office or in some cases, word of mouth.

In addition to our home repair projects, food supplements are provided to families with school age children at Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are baskets containing food for several meals. The food supplements include numerous items in quantities geared to the number of family members.

This year, area businesses have become sponsors for this event. Also, in the FELPS March bill, there was a flyer containing more information for our fundraiser.

Tickets are \$7.00 and will be available after all Sunday services. If you would like to become a volunteer at our breakfast, please call David Stinson at 210-452-4557. For more information on how you can help, please call Brenda Pawlik at 210-601-3634.

## Martha's Night Out

Need a break. Join us for **Martha's Night Out** for an evening of good fellowship and food. The dates are April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jewel Gleeson



# Financial Information

## GENERAL FUND

INCOME \$38,824.82

## EXPENSES

Ministry Expenses	\$ 1,798.72
Conn. Giving	2,338.75
TMF Loan Payment	4,020.00
Administrative	1,473.36
Conference Delegate	0.00
Pastoral Support	10,292.34
Payroll	6,771.02
Trustee Expense	3,697.17

Total General Fund Exp \$30,391.36

## BUILDING FUND

Income \$38,824.86

Expenses 30,391.36



**Palm Sunday 17 April**  
**Maundy Thursday 21 April**  
**Good Friday 22 April**  
**Easter Sunday 24 April**

# April



# May

- 01 Barbara Curl  
Emilia Perez
- 02 Verlma Connally  
Katie Berger
- 04 Kathy Compton  
Madison Taber
- 05 Debbie Schroller  
Jacob Middleton
- 06 Carmen Kenisky  
Edward Williams  
Dustin Coper
- 07 Geoffrey Earl  
Justin Gabrysch
- 08 Rachel LeFevre
- 09 Regan Middleton
- 10 Tammy Holcombe  
Jessica Defelice
- 13 Bonnie Arroyo  
Katherine Johns
- 14 Ptrick Gabrysch  
Scott Gleeson
- 16 Amanda Mosmeyer
- 17 Briana Sawers
- 18 Frank Rhew, Jr.  
Joey Wiatrek  
Jed Haby
- 19 Kirstin Crisp
- 20 Richard King  
Rudd Rhew
- 21 Jenny Flores
- 22 Josiah Kufus  
Steven Toepich
- 25 Carlie Taylor
- 26 Joyce Rivas  
Josephine Gleeson
- 27 George Hons
- 28 Randall Holcomb

- 02 Shantelle Artis
- 05 Erik Bruett
- 06 Jeffrey Stapleton
- 07 JoAnn Hale
- 08 Sandra Mosmeyer
- 09 russell Weilbacher
- 11 Richard Stapleton
- 12 Norma Drozd  
Beverly Moltz  
Koby Pruski
- 15 Buddy Dyches
- 16 Sarah Rosenberg
- 19 Audrabel Holcomb  
Bob Ross  
Steve Gates  
Kevin Middleton
- 22 Joyce Stinson  
Machelle Kobert
- 23 Perry Anderson, Sr.  
Karl Krueger
- 26 Sam Flores  
Mary Toepich  
Andrew Smith
- 27 Lana Pruski  
Sarah Beckingham
- 29 Brenda Pullin  
Anita Ransleban  
Eddie Arroyo  
Jennifer Barber
- 30 Fred Maples, Jr.
- 31 Sue Witten  
James Story  
Mike Kiobassa  
Kalyn Fuller

