



"ONCE UPON A TIME"

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

July 11, 2010

8:30 & 11:00 am

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Senior Pastor	Rev. Matt Gaston
Associate Pastor	Rev. Lisa Marshall
Associate Pastor	Rev. Jessica Wright
Associate Pastor	Rev. Deana Ferguson

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WE GATHER

Welcome

Rev. Deana Ferguson

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father

Robert Elmore

Dale Peters, organ

If you have prayers of joy or concern to share with the congregation and the Prayer Ministry Team, please write those on a blue Prayers of the People card located in the pew rack in front of you. These cards will be picked up during the first hymn.

***Call to Worship**

Martha Boyd Watson (8:30); Donna McLaughlin (11:00)

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Many: **He was in the beginning with God.**

One: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

Many: **What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

John 1:1-5

***Hymn 582**

Whom Shall I Send?

*The Prayers of the People will be picked up during the singing of this hymn.
The children are invited to the front for Children's Time.*

WE PROCLAIM

A Time for Our Children

Jimmy Renfro

Hymn 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Offering

Beim Schlafengehn

R. Strauss

Bunny Hodges, soprano

(While going to sleep)

*Now that the day has made me so tired, my dearest longings shall
be accepted kindly by the starry night like a weary child.*

*Hands, cease your activity; head, forget all of your thoughts;
all my senses now will sink into slumber.*

*And my soul, unobserved, will float about on untrammelled wings
in the enchanted circle of the night, living a thousand fold more deeply.*

Please register your attendance on the registration pads. After you have completed your information, pass it down the row, and then back up the row so that everyone can see who is sitting nearby.

***Doxology** the people singing

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.***

Scripture John 1:1-18
Page 91 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

Anthem Sonata II W.A. Mozart
Charlie Kim, John Priddy
Piano Duo

Message "Once Upon a Time" Rev. Jessica Wright

***Affirmation of Faith 880**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed
*universal

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to explore becoming a part of this church family, please come down at the close of the service to express that desire and see one of the pastors who will be happy to guide you in those next steps through our Methodism 101 class.

***Hymn 649** *How Shall They Hear the Word of God*

Mission Team Commissioning (11:00) Rev. Jessica Wright

One: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ.

As these members of our community begin their work among the people of New Orleans, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

All: We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the people of New Orleans and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

***Blessing**

Postlude (8 :30)	<i>Prelude in G minor</i>	J.S.Bach
(11 :00)	<i>Hungarian Dances # 8</i>	J.Brahms

Mission Team to Project NOAH in New Orleans

This year our senior high youth are going on mission trip to Project NOAH (New Orleans Area Hope), a disaster relief and emergency home repair outreach ministry sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Slidell, Louisiana. They have the privilege of coming in at a time when most of the gutting and tearing down is slowly finishing. The next exciting major step is to rebuild and get these families back in their homes.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Verna Parsons by her family.

The acolytes today are Chase Zemanek and Rebekah Cheek (8:30);
Michael Schriver and Samantha Finney (11:00).

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1st Floor of the East Wing during worship.

A television is set up downstairs in Miller Center Dining Room during the 11:00 am worship service for those who feel the need to leave the Sanctuary but still wish to be a part of the service.

New members are always welcome at First United Methodist Church of Denton. For more information, call one of our pastors at 940.382.5478.

One of your pastors is always available for after hours emergencies at 940.566.6500.

A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time. All you need to do is call one of our pastors, 940.382.5478.

Today . . .

Youth Ministry

9:40 am Youth Sunday School on the 3rd Floor in the Youth Loft area
5:00 – 8:00 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) - Helping with Vacation Bible School

This Week . . .

July 14 **Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch, led by our Senior Pastor.
Prayer & Meditation opportunity, 6:30-8:00 pm, Cole Chapel

July 16 **Summer Friday Night Fun**, 6:00-8:00 pm, in our big backyard. Youth Ministries will provide the field day games, and Men's Ministry will fire up the grills to cook the picnic meats you bring. You will be responsible for all of your own picnic supplies – food, drinks, paper goods, and chairs.

Coming . . .

July 18 **Hymn Writing Seminar**, 4:00-6:00 pm, Room 330. See details below.

July 19 **Council on Ministries** meets, 7:00 pm, Room 330.

July 20 **Keep in Touch Luncheon (United Methodist Women)**, 11:45 am, Miller Center. See details below.

July 23-25 **School of Christian Mission Weekend Cooperative Event**

Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

26-29 **School of Christian Mission**, First UMC-Plano

For more information and to register, go to

<http://ntcumc.org/pages/detail/1019>

August 9 **Administrative Board** meets, 7:00 pm, Room 231.

Hymn Writing Seminar

Grace Notes Sunday School Class is sponsoring a hymn writing seminar with Rev. John Thornburg of *The Ministry of Congregational Singing* in Dallas, TX. Mark your calendars for July 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for a time of learning and creating. All are welcome! You don't have to be a musician to participate! A love offering will be accepted. Please contact Lisa Marshall for more details at lmarshall@fumc-denton.com.

Calling all First UMC-Denton Women and Girls

Bring a salad and share in our United Methodist Women potluck luncheon on July 20, 11:45 am. Our program will feature handmade bead necklaces from a Navajo artist and from women of the Zulu tribe in South Africa. Necklaces will be available to buy or you can order. Cynthia Rives from Stephenville UMC will be our guest and will tell us the story of this partnership between her UMW and these various artists.

Our Church in Mission

Mission Corner Collection/July

Contributions of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant will benefit Interfaith Ministries in assembling the Toiletry Kits provided to their clients

Transportation Need

One of our members is in need of transportation. It would be such a blessing if you have a car that you can donate to one of our own who has no car and is looking for a job. Please contact Rev. Lisa Marshall for more details at lmarshall@fumc-denton.com.

Senior High Mission Trip

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We need tools to be able to rebuild these homes. The more tools we are able to bring, the more we can get done and the more fulfilling experience we can have. By bringing as many tools for our work teams as possible, we eliminate the possibility of multiple groups needing the same set of tools and being frustrated by the work moving slowly.

So, as we did last year when we were in ministry at Mountain T.O.P., we are asking you to loan or donate tools. If you loan us a tool, please clearly mark it with your name so that we can return it to you when we get back to Denton. All tools need to be received by Tuesday, July 13.

We need:

2 circular power saws	4 power drills with drill bits and Phillips screw bits
4 3-prong adapter plugs	4 25ft, 50ft, or 100ft electrical extension cords
2 pliers	2 needle nose pliers
2 vice grips	4 screwdrivers (2 Phillips and 2 flat)
2 miter boxes	4 25ft, 50ft, or 100ft ruler tape
2 crowbars	2 squares (square/level combination is ok)
2 chalk lines with chalk	2 levels (square/level combination is ok)
8 paint brushes – latex 2"	4 utility knives (retracting blades)
8 paint brushes – latex 4"	6 putty knives (1", 2", or 3" blades)
14 dust/paint masks	2 staple guns with 8 boxes of staples (1/4" or 1/2")
2 caulking guns	4 paint drop clothes (plastic)
2 tin snips	12 empty coffee cans or other containers for paint
2 hacksaws	4 roller trays with rollers – latex
4 step ladders	

Please contact Rev. Jessica Wright if you have any questions or would like to add to our tool kit!



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