



***“WHAT DO YOU WANT?”***

## **CELEBRATION WORSHIP**

**July 18, 2010**

**8:30 & 11:00 am**

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

***SHINE GOD’S LOVE INTO EVERY LIFE***

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## WE GATHER

*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.*

**Welcome**

John Priddy

**\*Call to Worship**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

One: As we come to worship

**Many: help us to focus on your love for us.**

One: Jesus, Son of David, hear us out.

**Many: Hear we will be heard.**

One: God helps those who call on God.

**Many: Lord, please help us.**

One: When we are blind,

**Many: open our eyes.**

One: Jesus, have mercy on us!

**Many: We will have faith in the Lord.**

One: The Lord has done a lot for us.

**Many: We will give thanks to the Lord.**

One: The Lord is great.

**Many: We will praise him always.**

One: God, you are always with us.

**Many: We can pray with you whenever and wherever.**

One: Let us worship and glorify God!

**Many: Amen!**

**\*Hymn 374**

*Standing on the Promises*

*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**

Dorothy Woods

**Hymn 378**

*Amazing Grace*

**Ministry Witness**

Sally McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Deana Ferguson

**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**

*Psalms 23*

Craig Courtney

Dewey Reikofski, bass-baritone

*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.***

**Vacation Bible School Celebration**

**Scripture**

Luke 18:35-42

Page 82 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

**Musical Response**

**Message**

“What Do You Want?”

Rev. Lisa Marshall

**\*Response to the Word**

One: You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied.

Many: **Let us sit side by side, sharing the same bread drawn from the same source to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak. Then, standing together, let us share the same spirit, the same thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship and unity and peace.** (Prieres d’Ozawamick, Canadian Indian, 20<sup>th</sup> century)

**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**

*My Life is In You, Lord*

***My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord.  
My hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.  
(repeat)***

***I will praise you with all of my life; I will praise you with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength,  
All of my hope is in you!***

**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 and learning

at the Heifer Project Ranch in Arkansas, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

**All: We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry in Arkansas 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**

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### **Mission Team to Heifer Project International**

Our Middle School Mission Team will spend a week learning how to help Heifer (<http://www.heifer.org>) end hunger and poverty while experiencing life on a working farm. Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, they empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. They refer to the animals as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called Passing on the Gift – a cornerstone of their mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace.

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The white rose today is given in loving memory of Cynthia Farlow.

The acolytes today are Kristin Williamson and Jed Simms (8:30);  
Jed Simms and Haley Wilcox (11:00).

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## ***Today . . .***

**Hymn Writing Workshop** with Rev. John Thornburg, a noted hymn-writer, preacher, and teacher. For more information on John and his ministry, please visit [www.congregationsinging.com](http://www.congregationsinging.com), 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Room 330 East Wing. Anyone with an interest in poetry, lyric-writing, or music is welcome to attend. Grace Notes Class will provide light refreshment, and a love offering will be collected for Rev. Thornburg.

## **Youth Ministry**

9:40 am Youth Sunday School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Youth Loft area  
5:30 – 7:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) - Volleyball Court  
Construction.

## ***This Week . . .***

- July 19**      **Council on Ministries** meets, 7:00 pm, Room 330 East Wing
- July 20**      **Keep in Touch Potluck Salad Luncheon** for all women and girls.  
11:45 am, Miller Center. 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.
- July 21**      **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 24**      **Ministry in Action: Transforming Sacks** – Creating sleeping mats  
for the homeless , 9:30 am - 12:00 noon. This project is for all ages.  
Contact Jennifer Balcirak (jagband85@yahoo.com) for more  
information.

## ***Coming . . .***

- July 25**      Pick an apple from the Interfaith Ministries **Apple Tree Project** in the  
Mission Corner and provide back to school supplies and clothing to a  
student of Denton ISD.
- Youth Led Evening Worship Service**, 6:15 pm, all are welcome!
- July 30**      **Friday Night Fun** in our big back yard, 6:00-8:00 pm.
- August 1**      Pick an apple from the Interfaith Ministries **Apple Tree Project** in the  
Mission Corner and provide back to school supplies and clothing to a  
student of Denton ISD.
- August 9**      **Administrative Board** meets, 7:00 pm, Room 231.
- August 15**      **Ministry Fair with Small Group Sign-up**  
**Family Night**, with potluck and cookout in Quakertown Park and  
Swim Party at the Civic Center Pool.
- August 21**      **Children's Health and Safety Fair**, sponsored by the Mission Team  
Provides valuable information, services and screenings for children  
before heading back to school.
- August 22**      **Ministry Fair with Small Group Sign-up**  
**Prayer Walk for the Schools.**
- August 29**      **Fall Kickoff Sunday**

## OUR CHURCH IN MISSION

### Mission Corner Collection/July

Mission Team encourages you to bring your contributions of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant. These donations will benefit Interfaith Ministries in assembling the Toiletry Kits provided to their clients.

### M.A.T.S. (Ministry in Action: Transforming Sacks)

We have a date! Please join us in the Monroe Gym on July 24 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm for our first meeting to create mats for the homeless. These mats are created by crocheting plastic grocery bags together to make 6' x 2' mats that roll up and are easy to transport. This project is for all ages. We still need people who know how to crochet and any smiling face who would like to help and meet new people. For more information please contact Jennifer Balcirak at jagband85@yaoo.com.

## OUR CHURCH IN STUDY

### Disciple Bible Study, Year 1

This year you have two opportunities to take Disciple 1, the foundation study that takes you from Genesis to Revelation in 34 weekly sessions of 2 hours each. Many of us have tried to read through the Bible without the benefit of fellow students, knowledgeable leadership, and sufficient study helps. Here is your chance to overcome all of those impediments.

Tuesday evening, August 31 through May 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday morning, September 1 through May 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The cost for the manual is \$35.00. There are weekly reading assignments from the Bible and the manual. Orientation sessions will be held August 24 and 25 to get your manual and first assignment.

For information, or to enroll in either class: Gloria Thomas, 940.484.8092 or gvthomas930@verizon.net.

## OUR CHURCH IN PRAYER

### Prayer Crisis Line

In times of crisis, many persons sense a need beyond their own capabilities. They seek the love and support of God through their church, family and friends, reaching out in faith for loving support. First UMC-Denton wants to respond. The Crisis Prayer Chain is an important ministry that is a blessing for persons in crisis situations in which time is crucial. Prayers, the awareness of God's loving presence and our caring support, are needed "now". This is the impetus for a phone chain in which immediate contact is made and prayers are offered to God on behalf of others in an emergency situation. Rev. Lisa Marshall begins the prayer chain by calling the leader of the Crisis Prayer Line teams, who in turn calls team leaders, who then call their chain members. Prayer is offered immediately as part of the call and prayer continues as calls are made and throughout the following 24 hours as participants are able to do so.



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