



“MIRACLE-GRO & STUNTED FAITH”

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

July 25, 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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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WE GATHER

Welcome John Priddy

Prelude *Little Prelude 27* Carl Nielsen
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** Evelyn Black (8:30); Doug Chadwick (11:00)

One: Hidden behind the clouds is a warming sun;
Many: Behind the flood of tears is a longing for comfort.
One: Deeper than worry is the persistence of grace;
Many: Buried in the dry earth is a seed waiting to sprout.
One: On each side of a wall is a yearning for reconciliation.
Many: In every silence is a song waiting to be sung.

***Hymn 400** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*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 Pat Peters

***Hymn 404** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Call to Prayer *Seek Ye First*

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Lisa Marshall

One: God of power and majesty: With the rising of the sun you have raised Jesus Christ and delivered him and us from death's destruction.
Many: We praise you on this bright day for all your gifts of new life.
One: Especially we thank you for all victories over sin and evil in our lives, for loyalty and love of friends and family, for the newborn, the newly baptized, and those now in your eternal home, for the renewal of nature,
Many: for the continuing witness of the church of Christ.
One: God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ's rising from the dead,
Many: and you persist in lifting us to new life in him.

- One: We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection.
Especially we pray for nations and peoples in strife . . .
- Many: for the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad . . .**
- One: for those we know in particular circumstances of distress . . .
for the diseased and the dying . . .
- Many: for all who follow the risen Christ . . . ; through the same Jesus Christ
our Lord, who taught us to pray . . .** (Presbyterian Daily Prayer, U.S.A.)

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 *Ride on King Jesus* trad. arr. John Carter
Jean Priddy, soprano

*Ride on King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me.
King Jesus rides on a milk white horse. No man can a-hinder me.
The river of Jordan He did cross. No man can a-hinder me.*

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 Colossians 2:6-15
Page 200 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

Message "Miracle-Gro & Stunted Faith" Rev. Matt Gaston

*Affirmation of Faith

One: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

(A Modern Affirmation, UM Hymnal 885)

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 648** *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

***Blessing**

Postlude *Little Preludes 22, 23* Carl Nielsen

The acolytes today are Tyler Motes and Andrew Ciulla (8:30);
Emily Hill and Alex Poston (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 . . .

Pick an apple from the Interfaith Ministries **Apple Tree Project** in the Mission Corner
and provide back-to-school supplies and clothing for a student of Denton ISD.

Youth Led Evening Worship Service, 6:15 pm, Flinn Hall. All are welcome to join the
youth in this evening worship service! Youth Council secretary, Candace Henslee,
offers a message from Deuteronomy 31:6.

Youth Ministry

9:40 am Youth Sunday School on the 3rd Floor in the Youth Loft area
5:30 – 7:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) - Worship

This Week . . .

July 28 **Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch,
led by our Senior Pastor.

Prayer & Meditation opportunity, 6:30-8:00 pm, Cole Chapel

Coming . . .

- August 1** **Return your donations for the Apple Tree Project** to the Mission Corner, providing the back-to-school supplies and clothing to a student of Denton ISD.
- August 3** **United Methodist Women meet for breakfast** (9:30 am, Miller Center) and to hear, Ruth Robinson, North Texas Conference UMW President. She will present the program as Sojourner Truth, the 19th century slave heroine who coined the famous phrase: “Ain’t I a Woman?”
- August 8** **Small Group Study sign-up**, Miller Center, all morning.
- August 9** **Administrative Board** meets, 7:00 pm, Room 231.
- August 15** **Radical Hospitality: Going to the Next Level**, a special educational event, 9:30 am, in the Sanctuary
Small Group sign-up, all morning in Miller Center.
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** **Small Group sign-up**, all morning in Miller Center.
Prayer Walk for the Schools, sign up in Miller Center.
- August 29** **Fall Kickoff Sunday**
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OUR CHURCH IN MISSION

Mission Corner Collection/August

Mission Team encourages you to bring your contributions of t-shirts, underwear, and socks for elementary and middle school students in Denton ISD to use in emergency situations.

Children’s Health and Safety Fair/August 21

9:00 am – 2:00 pm, East Courtyard. Access to important health and safety information for children before the start of the school year. Local social agencies will be here to offer such things as free immunizations, vision and nutrition screenings, and much more. Last year we helped over 400 families. This year we are looking for people who are fluent in Spanish or can understand enough to help work the fair.

OUR CHURCH IN STUDY

Small Group Sign-Up Aug. 8, 15, 22

The Adult Education and Spiritual Life Committee will have tables set up in Miller Center on Sundays August 8, 15, 22. Come by and sign up to participate in a small group to be held in the Fall. Small groups are a great way to grow in faith and make new friends. Especially consider taking Disciple 1, which will be offered at two times this year. See more detailed information on Disciple 1 on the next page.

Head Start to Biblical Literacy

Have you ever hesitated to enter the discussion in Sunday School class or avoided taking a turn as a teacher in the children's division because you felt you did not know enough about the Bible? Welcome! Many people share that feeling. But there is relief.

Disciple 1 Bible study offers a 34-week overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. In the company of fellow students, under the leadership of an experienced teacher, with the guidance provided by a well-written manual, you can move toward Biblical literacy.

Disciple 1 Bible Study:

Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning August 24

Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 am, beginning August 25

We must have 10 people for a class to make. Cost of the manual is \$35.00, payable at the first session. For information or to enroll in either class contact Gloria Thomas, 940.484.8092 or gvthomas930@verizon.net.

OUR CHURCH IN PRAYER

3rd Annual Prayer Walk for our Schools

Join the prayer walk and help surround every school in Denton with prayer of safety, well-being, and success before school starts on August 23! Join up with your Sunday School class, friends, neighbors or family. Choose a campus to pray for and enjoy fellowship and exercise as you walk around perimeter of the campus and pray together! What a blessing your prayers will be for all of the students, faculties, and staff in our city and beyond!

Watch for sign-up sheets in Miller Center or contact Wilma Reinhardt for more information.

Prayer Walk:

Sunday, August 22, beginning after a nourishing potluck that follows the 11:00 am worship. Prayer Walk directions and suggested prayers will be provided.

OUR CHURCH AT PLAY

Family Night, August 15

Please join us for our annual Family Night on Sunday, August 15. Join the youth for a potluck supper at Quakertown Park from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; you just bring a side dish or dessert to share! Immediately following the potluck, we will head to the Civic Center Pool from 7:00 – 9:00 pm for a private party. Admission to the pool is a donation of a peanut free non-perishable snack item for the Children's Day Out Program. Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to share at the pool!



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