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Each Week @ PRUMC

SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

12:30 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY

6:45 p.m. Prayer in the Chapel

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

8:00 a.m. Bacon, Bull and Blessings (Men's Group)

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September 1, 2011

FALL IS ALMOST HERE! REALLY!!

According to the calendar, fall officially begins on September 23—despite what the thermometer may say! For most us, the beginning of a new school year, the start of new programs at church (and increased worship attendance!) and, of course, football season, tell us that cooler days are coming.

Students of any age and grade know that good attendance is a must in order to receive good grades and to prepare for the lessons that will follow. Athletes understand that many missed practices means they may not play in the big game on Friday night. In the same way, Christians need to come together to hear and to study God's Word so that we may be prepared for the challenges and opportunities that are sure to come our way.

A Celebration of Sunday School will happen at PRUMC on September 11. On September 18 classes will begin for ages 3—11 year olds and another for Jr./Sr. high students. Our Adult Sunday School class will continue to meet in the room next to the Sanctuary. Beginning September 27, I will begin a four-week an evening study based on the book *Why* by Adam Hamilton.

Each Sunday morning offers each of us a chance to hear God's Word in a special way as we gather for worship. That Word may come through hymns, prayers, the reading of Scripture or even through the preached word! Oftentimes God's voice is held in the greeting of friends and the sharing of joys and concerns. I hope you will come and receive the grace that waits for you here as often as you can! See you on Sunday!

Pastor Terry



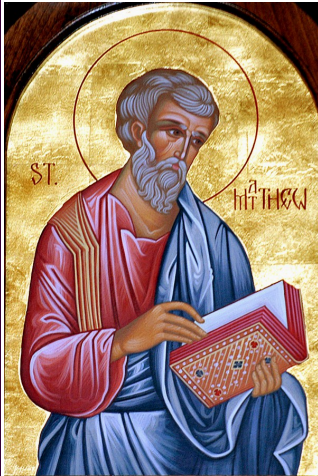
In *Why: Making Sense of God's Will* best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, Hamilton addresses how we can comprehend God's plan for the world and ourselves.

JOIN ME IN THIS INTERESTING STUDY!
Begins on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Bring a friend!

ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 5:00 PM AUCTION BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

Items are needed for the auction! Please contact Peggy Weise at 898-2196 if you have donations.

WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER AND SAVE POSTAGE TOO??
Just send an e-mail to ministerterry@hotmail.com with PRUMC Newsletter as your subject to receive your newsletter by e-mail.



SUNDAY SERMONS

As we turn the calendar to the month of September we note a holiday and a more somber day of remembrance—September 11. We will recognize each as we reflect on God’s Word to us today, guided by the Gospel according to Matthew.

SEPTEMBER 4 (Communion) Labor Day
Matthew 18:15-20 God @ Work

SEPTEMBER 11 Remembrance of 9/11
Matthew 18:21-35 Between Memory and Hope

SEPTEMBER 18
Matthew 20:1-16 The Least, The Lost, The Chosen

SEPTEMBER 25
Matthew 21:23-32 Better Late Than Never

In Our Prayers

The Word of God is the food that makes you strong to pray.

Grace Hall
Darlene Biehle
Shirley Ling
New Tribes Mission
Brian Roger/Kovar
Jerry Brown/Lucas
Tandi Sizemore
Client Murphy
Steve Reid

Glen Anders
Harvey Smith
U.S. Armed Forces
Betty Nutt/Rose
Beverly Scott/Pritchard
Janice Michalk
James Dawson/Hobbs
Jerry Hill
Caregivers

David Pritchard
Charlene McDaniel
Pioneer Mission
Michael Deutsch
Sue Rogers
Glen Goetz, Jr
Carla Meadors
Bob Scarborough
RAIN

Current Prayer Concerns

Flood Victims
Susan Ponder
LaVerne McDaniel
Barbara Rogers/Kovar
Bruce (Big Tracks) Hendricks
Will Neely Family

Karen Rosenevach
Michael Goldman
Graham Dickerson
John Michaels
Alexander Family

Nancy Foster
Ruth Shigley
Berdie Gambrell
Soto Family
Bruce Kennedy



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Olive Olive 9/5
Garrett Pool 9/9
Linda Kennedy 9/10
Judy Jordan 9/12
Virgina Stolte 9/12
Ryan Hall 9/14
Martin Hobbs 9/15
Terry Dougherty 9/16
Nicole Vicknair 9/22
Jordan Heine 9/24
Morgan Meadors 9/25
Scott Hall 9/28
Amanda Hall 9/29
Jana Heine 9/29
Leonard Smith 9/29
Nathan Smith 9/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Kevin and Karen McCoy 9/11

*Three things will last forever
- faith, hope and love - and the
greatest of these is love.*

1 Cor 13:13

A Blueprint for Ministry

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Joe Fort, District Superintendent. The entire article will be printed over the next several months in this newsletter.

Blueprint item no. 2: Engagement with the Word of God

The second window to God's power that you must open in the life of the congregation is a deep and widespread engagement with scripture. The Bible is the living Word of God. God is present and offers wisdom and power for us through the vehicle of the Word. Therefore, every Christian must avail themselves of the opportunity for spiritual strength and blessing that the scriptures provide. At an individual level, persons in your church must be actively encouraged to meditate upon the Word of God each day. It is more important that they open the Bible and reflect upon several verses of scripture daily than they read some devotional tract.

At the corporate level, the Word should be studied in the congregation. Classes and Bible study groups should focus upon a direct encounter with the Word of God more than focusing upon lesson commentaries or reading the latest popular book. Small groups can be formed that have the sole purpose of encouraging participants to study chapter by chapter different books of the Bible. This idea might be integrated into the worship services by the pastor developing sermons around the study of one book of the Bible at a time, or a series of passages. Assigned daily readings could be offered as individual devotional materials. Small groups might convene weekly to talk about how God has spoken to each through the readings, and to pray with one another. In the weekly sermon the pastor can preach from one of the weekly readings. In this way the whole church would be brought together in study and in focus upon God's Word.

NEXT MONTH—Blueprint item no. 3: Meaningful Worship

HELP SPONSOR NEW CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH RENEWAL

Become a "From the Ground Up" Shareholder

New churches are needed in every Texas Annual Conference district. The West District in recent years has received major funding for the St. Luke's UMC and Hispanic ministry initiative in Bryan. The amount for these two undertakings alone has totaled several hundred thousand dollars. In addition, church revitalization efforts in existing congregations take place every year. During 2011 three of our district congregations received major grants in order to launch revitalization programs.

One major source of financial support for these worthy endeavors is the **From the Ground Up** share program. Methodists throughout the Texas Annual Conference agree to sponsor a "share," which amounts to two \$50 gifts each year (\$100 total). You will receive a letter each time it is time to send in one of these gifts. Shares are ongoing commitments – they will continue from year to year, unless you choose to cancel them.

Your gifts will help to train new church pastors, provide salary support in their first few years, and underwrite expenses for worship sites. Additionally, you will be assisting many congregations, including some close to home, with efforts at leadership training and enhancement of their ministry efforts.

The Texas Annual Conference has set a goal of subscribing at least one share for every 25 church members in each local congregation. Thousands are already shareholders, participating in God's work through the **From the Ground Up** program. Won't you join them? Investing in the Kingdom is one of the greatest privileges of every Christian. Please let your church know that you are willing to take out a share in **From the Ground Up**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 10 A.M.—Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME!

Sunday School is Fun! Classes begin on September 18!

Children's Classes will be held each Sunday at 10:15 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Remember how much fun the kids had at Vacation Bible School? We are going to take the best ideas from VBS and use them on Sunday morning. Each Sunday the children will experience a Bible story in a new way—our first story will be Adam and Eve and the story of God's creation. All children ages 3—11 years old are welcome!

Children's Sunday School Teachers

Nettie Dee Harper	Story Time
Jonica Taylor	Music
Theresia Goetz	Science
Rebecca Fisher	Games
Linda Grimm	Crafts
Linda Kennedy	Kitchen



Parents and other adults are invited to stick around to enjoy a cup a coffee and an opportunity to fellowship in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

Want to learn what the movies you love have to do with your faith? Invite a friend to join you and come and see! Class begins at 10:15 a.m.—Don't be late! Teachers will be Brenda Pritchard, Client Murphy and Christine Sower.

CONFIRMATION
ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 AT 2:00
P.M. THERE WILL BE A MEETING
FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STU-
DENTS AND THEIR PARENT(S) IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALLPLEASE
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND

Democracy from the inside out: Let the conversation begin!

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7 p.m. —through the digital magic known as a webcast—author Parker Palmer will kick off a series of conversations about “doing democracy from the inside out.” Palmer will give a thirty-minute talk about some key issues in American democracy and then be joined by conversation partners who see these issues from different vantage points. The webcast will take one hour.

For thirty-five years, Palmer’s writing has been driven by the desire to contribute to meaningful conversations around important topics, conversations that might lead to personal and social transformation. Never has that motivation been stronger than with his new book, [*Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*](#). You are invited to gather, to watch the webcast and then stay on for a while for a discussion. The webcast will include an array of topics and focused questions to help participants explore their own civic values, share their concerns about our current political climate, and imagine human-scale things they can do to help reweave the civic fabric in their own communities.

In *Healing the Heart of Democracy*, Palmer discusses five “habits of the heart” that we need to cultivate in our lives as citizens:

- An understanding that we are all in this together
- An appreciation of the value of “otherness”
- An ability to hold tension in life-giving ways
- A sense of personal voice and agency
- A capacity to create community

Those habits of the heart—and the venues of local life in which they are formed—constitute democracy’s infrastructure which, like our physical infrastructure, is in serious disrepair. We believe that our approach can help restore it. We also believe that the thousands of people who have been through the Center’s programs can help by exercising leadership in some of those “habit-forming” venues of local life: the family, the neighborhood, classrooms, congregations, and workplaces of many sorts. So mark the date on your calendar—Tuesday, October 11, 2011—and let the conversation begin!



There is much in our world today that calls itself “Christian” but has little to do with biblical truth. The Word of Faith movement, also known as the “Health, Wealth, and Prosperity Gospel,” has crept into churches and homes. As a man with Cerebral Palsy, Justin Peters understands the hurt this false doctrine causes. As an evangelist, Justin proclaims the Word of God through expository preaching, and through his seminar, “A Call for Discernment,” he teaches Christians to see through false teachings that are prevalent today. The conference sessions will be located at FBC Thorndale on Oct. 2-4. To find out

Oct 2: 4-5 PM Introductory Session: The Duty of Discernment
5-6 PM: Supper
6-8 PM Session 1: Dangerous Doctrines

Oct 3: 6-8 PM Session 2: Mangled Manifestations

LOCATION:

FBC, THORNDALE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MISSION

The mission of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church is to reach out and welcome all peoples to become disciples for Christ.

VISION

The vision of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church is to be a community of Holy Spirit inspired people providing facilities and ministries to enable us to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

We're on the web!
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DATES TO REMEMBER

SPRC MEETING
September 8, 2011—7 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
September 11, 2011—10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION MEETING
September 11, 2011—2 p.m.

TRUSTEES MEETING
September 11, 2011—4 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2011—7 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEGIN
September 18, 2011—10:15 a.m.

ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION
September 24, 2011—5 p.m.
Auction begins at 7 p.m.

WHY? ADULT STUDY
September 27, October 4, 18, 25
6:30—8:00 p.m.

A CALL FOR DISCERNMENT
CONFERENCE at FBC, THORNDALE
October 2, 3 and 4, 2011
See page 5 for details and time

DEMOCRACY FROM THE INSIDE OUT
Webcast and Discussion
October 11, 2011—7 p.m.

HUB CHARGE CONFERENCE
October 16, 4 p.m.
FUMC, Caldwell

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR USED
PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES. PLEASE
PLACE THEM IN THE BOX NEAR THE
CHURCH FRONT DOOR OR BRING
THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.
THESE CARTRIDGES WILL HELP OFFSET
THE COST OF CHURCH OFFICE SUPPLIES.

**Remember to bring your
canned goods on the first
Sunday of each month to
support the Food Pantry
at Shiloh Baptist Church.**

MARK YOU CALENDAR!

Laity Sunday
October 16, 2011

The pastor will take a seat in the
pew as our lay leaders lead our
worship.

LOVE FUND

*Otherwise known as the
pastor's discretionary fund.
A fund has been established to enable
the pastor to meet emergency needs
of church and community members.
You are invited to contribute on the
first Sunday of each month with an
offering placed on the Communion
rail.*

Parsonage Update

All inside work is done! Pastor Terry
can now use the parsonage as her home
away from home during the week.
Many, many thanks to members of the
parsonage committee who worked on
this very big project!

Work still needs to be done on the out-
side—we'll wait for cooler weather for
that.

An open house will be set for sometime
this fall. If you can't wait to see how it
turned out, just ask the pastor for an
invitation!

Hope you enjoy our monthly news-
letters. If you have announcements,
articles or pictures that you want to
submit for the October 1 issue,
please submit them to Pastor Terry
no later than September 26th.