

## Your Wesley Moment

When John was still a boy at home his father, Samuel, gathered the family for prayer time every day at 6 pm.

Among the prayers, his father always said 'the King's prayer'. Now John's mother, Susanna, did not like the king and refused to say amen.

This caused Samuel considerable distress and anger. He walked out of the house and rode off. They did not hear from him for 12 months! John says he returned after a year but gives no details. Oh, to be a fly on the wall.



The Crossfire Ministries Youth have begun to take orders for their boxes of sweet, delicious chocolate covered strawberries. If you ordered last year, you already know hat an elegant looking and awesome tasting deal this was. Only \$12.00 for a dozen large chocolate covered strawberries. They must be picked up February 13th between 8:30 am and 1 pm.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS: 9:45 AM  
CHILDCARE MINISTRIES: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM MON-THUR  
CROSSFIRE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: 6:30 PM WEDNESDAY  
BISHOP: JAMES DORFF  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Carl Rohlf  
PASTOR: Harry Kahl  
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Associate Pastor: Cyndi Weidner  
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Kathy Balcar  
YOUTH MINISTER: Javier Rios  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Sandra Ingle  
CHILDCARE DIRECTOR: Kim Bachman  
Wesley Nurse: Cheryl Cardenas  
Choir Director: Randy Cobb  
CUSTODIAL: DAVID & DAWN CARR

## LEADERSHIP PRAYER TEAM

There will be a meeting of the Leadership Prayer Team on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Anyone is welcome to join us immediately after the second service for a brown bag lunch and then prayer in the Chapel.



**The Vision Of LVUMC:**  
*To Love God, Self & You*

**The Mission Of LVUMC:**  
*To Serve, Share and Offer Christ*



## La Vernia United Methodist Church

February 2011



## True Love Waits! Presented by Crossfire Youth Ministries

True Love Waits will take place on

Saturday, February 5th and is open to all JH & HS students. Registration is \$20.00 and includes lunch. The day of the seminar the cost will be \$25.00. Please make checks payable to LV UMC. Registration form & money are due back on or before Wed, January 26th. The topic of this event will be teenage dating, sex, and relationships. With all the pressures that



teens face during their adolescent years, this

could be a timely event for them. The purpose of this event is to teach youth the biblical standards for sexual purity based on the book "True Love Waits" by Jimmy Hester. They will be challenged to make a commitment to sexual purity.

The cost of the ring is \$25



## SCRIPTURE & SERMON FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

Date: February 6, 2011 (Holy Communion)  
Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Title: Being Wise in the Spirit  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Preacher: Pastor Jerry

Date: February 13 12, 2011 (Scouts Sunday)  
Sunday: 6th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Title: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Scripture: "Choose God & Choose Life"  
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: February 20, 2011  
Sunday: 7th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Title: "You are God's Temple"  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11; 16-23  
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: February 27, 2011 (Mission Fair)  
Sunday: 8th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Title: "Going Where God Calls Us"  
Scripture: Acts 16:6 - 10  
Preacher: Pastor Harry

## RENEWAL OF VOWS

Once again on February 14th at 6 pm, Valentine's Day, Pastor Harry will conduct the annual Renewal of Vows Ceremony in our charming Chapel. Whether you've been married one month or 75 years, you are welcome to come join this celebration of love and marriage on Valentine's day. A day to celebrate love and marriage.



## PRAYERS WITH SURPRISE ENDINGS

Have you ever prayed for something and it happened but in a way totally different from what you expected? So many times when we pray for what we want, we try to tell God how to do it, or we just expect

it to be done in a certain way because that's the way it's been done before. One of the things I was praying for the end of 2010 was for our church to finish the year with no more deficit. I assume everyone by now knows over the last two years of 2008 and 2009 we accumulated a deficit of \$19,000 plus. In August, 2010 we took an extra offering each of the five Sundays and praise God we reduced the deficit by \$14,000 plus. We were so thrilled on the Finance Committee that we assumed we could cover the rest of the \$6,000 by the end of 2010. The deficit fluctuated up and down and my / our prayer was that by the last offering we would have enough to cover all our expenses, but we didn't. We ended up \$13,800 short, which meant that we had paid \$6,000 more in 2010 than we needed for that year, but the previous deficit of \$19,000 plus put us short by \$13,800. My / our prayers had not been answered; well, at least not as I had expected, through the regular tithes and offerings. Well at least we had not added to the deficit, like we did the last two years. It had been reduced some. So I /we just had to accept this as the final result. NOT SO FAST!

Kim Bachman, Director of the LVUM Child Care Ministry

shared with Kathy Balcar and myself, since we are both on the CCM board, that the Child Care Ministry, since paying off the expenses of the playground had ended 2010 with a substantial balance. Shirley Bray checked it and rechecked and clarified with the bank and sure enough the balance was substantial. Kim said she would like for CCM to make a donation to the deficit. I thought maybe like up to \$2,500 like they had already done since they decided to tithe any excess they had before. She said no, she meant the whole deficit of \$13,800. Of course we were overwhelmed we the generous offer, but as responsible members of the CCM Board we told her to check with the rest of the CCM Board, which she did and they responded overwhelmingly in favor.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

I have to admit I was humbled and had to ask God for forgiveness for giving up because my / our prayers had not been answered in the way we were used to receiving the money. SO the lesson is pray to God without telling or expecting how God will answer the prayer and just let the awesome God of the universe decide how our prayers will be answered and then just praise God for whatever the answer is, whether or not it is exactly what or how we asked for it

SHALOM! Pastor Harry Kahl



## God Bless America

This month I ask that you pray for our nation.

At this writing the "Tragedy In Arizona" is fresh on my mind — it's fresh on our nations mind as the funeral of 9 year old Christina was yesterday, the funeral of Judge John Roll today and 4 more remain to be buried. As this tragedy unfolded, many in the nation begun to point fingers --- who is to blame? With no external entity to blame, the blame sadly went to those in our nation unlike ourselves. I'm encouraged that the blaming game has subsided and I pray the deep divisions in our nation can somehow be bridged.

The month of February, housing Presidents Day, brings to mind other shooting tragedies in our nation. Two of our great presidents were assassinated. But February also houses Valentine's Day, the day we remember LOVE. So this February I invite you to love those in our nation that are unlike us. Even though we might not be able to sit together we can pray together – pray together for God's blessing on our entire nation.

I came upon this prayer, written by Gordon Davidson and Corinne McLaughlin, simply titled "A Prayer For Our Nation." I ask that you pray this prayer in February. Let us pray:

*May we as a nation be guided by the Divine to rediscover the sacred flame of our national heritage, which so many have given their lives to safeguard; Let the wounds of separation and division be healed by opening our hearts to listen to the truth on all sides, allowing us to find a higher truth that includes us all; May we learn to honor and enjoy our diversity and differences as a people, even as we more deeply touch our fundamental unity; May we, as a people, undergo a transformation that will draw forth individuals to lead our nation who embody courage, compassion and a higher vision; May our leaders inspire us, and we so inspire each other with our potential as individuals and as a nation, that a new spirit of forgiveness, caring and honesty be born in our nation; May we, as a united people, move with clear, directed purpose to take our place within the community of nations to help build a better future for all humankind; May we as a nation rededicate ourselves to truly living as one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all; And may God's Will be done for the United States, as we, the people, align with that Will. In Christ name we pray Amen.*

Also read 2 Chronicles 7:14 and may God Bless America.

**God Bless Pastor Jerry**

## Ministries of our Church

### MISSION FAIR PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

- WHAT:** 4th Annual Mission Fair
- WHERE:** At La Vernia UMC at 210 Bluebonnet, Highway 775, La Vernia, TX 78121, 830-779-2621  
In the Family Life Building with table displays; Bring 200 handouts; Electrical outlets available if needed. Please provide your AV, Computer & Projectors & DVD equipment if possible.
- WHEN:** 9:45 – 10:45 AM, Sunday, February 27, 2011 Set-up begins at 7:30 AM; Traditional Worship at 8:30 AM & Contemporary Praise at 11:00 AM. Those who attend worship will be introduced. We can show three different videos of 5 minutes or less of ministries who have such a video in each service.
- WHY:** To share with our congregation the many outreach missions in which we participate and support as United Methodists.
- WHO:** The Ministries listed below with their representatives
- DIAPLAYS:** Church Connections - Bob & Kathy Hess  
Epiphany Juvenile Detention Ministry - Lee Knox  
Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Center - Linda Rutherford  
Habitat for Humanity, SA – Sarah Arredondo Holy Ghost Agape Bags for Homeless - Don Miller  
Imagine No Malaria – Cyndi Weidner  
Jirah House – Elizabeth Vega  
Kairos Prison Ministry - Jack Pool, Jim Urban & Others  
La Vernia Food Pantry - Roz Miller & Others  
Lydia Patterson Institute - Pastor Harry Kahl  
Methodist Children's Home – Brenda Gonzalez  
Methodist Mission Home - Cathy Walker  
Morningside Manor – Alvin Lowenberg  
Mexico Medical Missions in Chiapas, Richard Good, Carl Dulaney & Others  
Operation Christmas Tree - Robin Czarnek  
Shepherd's Gate Community UMC – David Cervantez  
Twice Blest Thrift Ministry - Jenna Spears  
Women at the Well - Margot Oviedo  
Voice of the Martyrs – Loyce Brickley / Ed Taylor



Don't forget each month's newsletter and calendar is available on the website at [www.laverniaumc.org](http://www.laverniaumc.org)



# Bits and Pieces...

## Our February Birthdays

3	Jessie Fuller	6	Matthew Kuntscher	16	Brennin Cardenas	24	Darla Donahoe
3	Pat Whiteconnon	9	Shaye Jessee	18	Lillian Farris	24	Zander Olivarez
4	Brandy Denison	10	Kelli Bass	18	Elaine Stephens	25	Sandra Ingle
4	Brenda Bailey	11	Carl Markham	18	Jordan Whittley	25	Peggy Longstreth
5	Kristin Morrow	11	Bruce McMeans	19	Stephanie Sheffield	27	Jane Braden
		13	Gerald Goodridge	21	Ryan Hill	27	Eric Whittley
		15	Esther Haese	21	Don Hyatt	28	Art Ramon
		15	Jerry Mullen	23	Anfernee Arazoza	29	Shirley Bray

## December Finance Report

General Fund Income YTD: \$399,601  
 General Fund Expense YTD: \$380,450 + 19,147 deficit for 2008 and 2009=

**Difference: +3.15**

Building Debt Reduction Fund Income YTD: \$54,343  
 Building Debt Reduction Fund Expense YTD: \$47,820

**Difference: +6,523**

**Loan balance left on the FLB: \$394,116**

(Note: The difference of the monthly note, for the Family Life Building was paid out of the Building Fund Savings.)

**If you wish for your offering to go into another fund**

## AGING GRACEFULLY

Feb. 2nd: Special Guest

Feb 9th: Figure Skating with WII

Feb 16th: Mexican Train

Feb 23rd: Movie & Breakfast, cost \$20

## Kitchen Operating Instructions

### Stove:

- Fan must be turned on when stove is in use.
- Clean stove tops/grills and ovens that were used
  - Cool stove before cleaning.
  - Verify all knobs on stove are in the "off" position.

### Dishes/Pots/Pans/Utensils:

- Clean, dry and put away in proper place
  - Warmers & good trays put in proper place
  - All utensils, spoons, forks, spatulas in correct drawer
  - All towels & aprons are taken home, washed, and promptly returned
  - Return pot holders to proper drawer.

### Refrigerator and Freezer:

- all food to be covered and labeled with date and who they belong to using masking tape and markers in drawer
- Record any goods needing replaced on "buy list" located on wall by calendar.

### Pantry:

- Return items to designated location, keep perishables in plastic containers, ie. Crackers, chips, etc for pest control

### Coffee Pots:

- Empty & clean thoroughly
- Use white pitcher designated for Bunn coffee pot.

### Garbage:

- Empty all cans used and take to dumpster
- Place clean liners in cans.

Newsletter  
DEADLINE

February 21st

The next workday for LVUMC at the Food Pantry is scheduled for March 12, 2011

**Remember to bring your Abel's Best Offering for the Food Pantry on the Second Sunday of each month.**

## Our Prayer Concerns...

Barbara Adamson	Baby Brylee Bush	Valeda Wagner
Shirley Bray	Jack Pool	Byron Wise
Shirley Cheatwood	Marge Sawberger	Valetta Wise
Kim Hartman	Dallas Wagner	

## Our Family and Friends

Mary Abrago	Sylvia Griffin
Buddy Allen	Abbey Griffin
Bubba Andrews	Gary Hughey
Robert Berkley	Carolyn Judy
Diana Bowers	Doug Kevilus
Michelle Brickley	Bobby Lynn
Diana Bridges	Mitch McDonald
Jeannine Budnik	Bob & Shelley Mutz
A.B. Cantu	Kathy Owsley
Marilyn Covington	Christopher Palmatier
Arlis Drake	Ida Parker
Harold & Ray Dudley	Doris Patrick
Shari Dunn	Marshall Peterson
Tom & Cathy Friese	Kevin Schneider
Guy Genovese	Forrest Scott
Katy Lynn Goolsby	Shelley Smith
Govino's Grampa	Roger Spenrath
Lucas & Alyssa Grabbs	Dorothy Swindle
James Grabbs	David Ware
William Grabbs	Bill Wheeler
	Joyce Widelski

## Our Active Military

T.J. Bandy, Casey Bass, Cody Bass, R.D. Colfield, Justin Eisenhauer, Carlton Kincaid, Matt Kuntscher, Jesse Lowe, Josh Mangum, Travis Onderko, Raymond Ramirez, Zach Roberts, Scott Schaffner, Dustin Schaffner,