

Equipping the Saints 2011
Presents:
A Sacred Saturday

**P/SPRC: Pastor/Staff - Parish
Relations Committee**

WHEN: **JANUARY 29, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: **TRINITY UMC**, 6800 Wurzbach Rd.
(outside Loop 410, between Evers Rd. & Babcock Rd.)

WHO: Chairpersons and Members of P/SPRC. Anyone
interested in the role of the P/SPRC within the Local Church

Equipping the Saints is a leadership development opportunity offered by the San Antonio District through the Council on Ministries. There is no charge to attend and your participation is encouraged. In order to ensure that there are adequate materials for those in attendance, please register with the San Antonio District Program Office by phone, fax, or e-mail. Please contact **Terry McCandless**, District Program Director, at **210-408-4533**. The fax number is **210-408-4521**. You may address e-mails to tmccand@umcswtx.org.

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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
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Jerry Goodridge
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

SCRIPTURE & SERMON FOR January, 2011

Date: January 2 (Holy Communion)
John Wesley Covenant Renewal
Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord
Title: God's Inclusive Love
Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-12
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)
Installation of Church Leaders
Sunday: 1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Title: Sharing God's Love
Scripture: Acts 10:34-43
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: January 16 (Human Relations Sunday)
Sunday: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Title: God's Faithful Love
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: January 23
Sunday: 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Title: Foolishness of the Cross
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: January 30
Sunday: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Title: Youth Sunday
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Preacher: Pastor Harry

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

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



La Vernia United Methodist Church

January 2011



GET IN SHAPE -2011

Video taught

Don't exercise —
ZUMBA!



FREE! Methodist Church—Day Zumba is
Mon. Tue. Thur. 9 am to 10 am. Zumba
Nights is Mon. 7pm and Thur. 7pm. Don't
exercise—Zumba! Grab a friend and let's
Party! 1st classes Jan 3rd!



Burn off those Holiday Calories the fun way! Zumba tones all muscle groups by using
a full range of motion, it is also a great cardio-vascular workout! So

DITCH THE WORKOUT AND JOIN THE PARTY!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!!

Contact person: Cheryl Cardenas RN Wesley Nurse
830-799-2621

Methodist Healthcare
Ministries



Adult Choral Workshop 2011 January 28-29, 2011 Colonial Hills UMC, San Antonio



Breakout Session 1 Keeping Sabbath with Rev. Tina Carter
and Rev. Andy Smith

Finding Good Music AND Good Theology with Rev. Russell Miller

Sight Reading with Kathy Smallwood

Breakout Session 2 Keeping Sabbath with Rev. Tina Carter and Rev. Andy Smith

Finding Good Music AND Good Theology with Rev. Russell Miller

Sight Reading with Rev. Carol Tate

Workshop Fee:

Early Bird Registration (Received no later than Jan 15, 2011) \$35

Online Early Bird Registration (On or before Jan 15, 2011) \$38 (\$3 convenience fee)

Regular Registration (Postmark no later than Jan 21, 2011) \$45

Online Registration (Jan 16 thru Jan 24 @ midnight) \$48 (\$3 convenience fee)

Walk-in Registration \$45

Partial refund (\$20) will be made if Conference is notified in writing on or before January 18,
2011. No refund will be made after January 18th, however, substitutions are accepted.



Equipping the Saints 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2011 is already here. It's hard to for those of us born before 1950, that we are now into the second decade of the 21st century. George Orwell warned us that the "Brave New World" would come in 1984. *2001 Space Odyssey*, the movie, predicted space travel and colonization on the moon and beyond. But few of us could imagine the world our grandchildren actually live in, what with all the instant social media and technology that we need them to help us with. For many years we were aware that teenagers thought they knew more than their grandparents, now they are sure of it, when we have to ask them to program TV remotes and cell phones. And just when we learn to use the cell phone we have, there is a new I-phone available.

A concern I have though, is that those of us who have come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and understand the Church to be the Body of Christ continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ to advance the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, will be diligent in passing on the Gospel to the next generation. That is an important part of Evangelism, sharing the love of God and Offering Christ to all.

The Vision Statement of La Vernia United Methodist Church is to love God, self and YOU. The Mission Statement of La Vernia UMC is to serve, share and offer Christ. Both of these are inclusive of us and others. We have many active and vital ministries at La Vernia UMC which are designed to fulfill these vision and mission statements.

In 2010 we were blest to receive 21 new members. Ten of those came into the church through the Confirmation Class led by Pastor Jerry. Most of those are the children of our adult

members. Some, however, were introduced to our church through CrossFire Ministries. 13 of the 21 were received by Profession of Faith, and 8 of those were baptized. 8 were received by transfer from other churches. It is always a good sign when more are received by Profession of Faith than transfer.

One concern I have for 2011 is that only two young people are in the confirmation class this year. This means we need to attract more visitors to our church. In a publication called Outreach, writer, Warren Bird, says "many churches use their websites, Facebook, mailers, radio ads, banners and other means of inviting potential visitors to a church-sponsored event. ... But in the greater number of cases, it's a personal recommendation that moves someone to the action of deciding to visit a church." I am confident enough that if we can get someone to visit among us, whether at worship, CrossFire, Aging Gracefully, etc., people will be greeted with friendly affection and want to continue coming and will eventually find or rediscover a relationship with Jesus Christ and want to join our fellowship. So I encourage us as often as possible to invite family, friends and anyone we meet to come visit us. And when we notice anyone who does come, please greet them with the love of Jesus Christ. Let's make it our New Year's resolution to do so.

SHALOM! Pastor Harry Kahl

Emanuel – God With Us

For most of December, tiny tots and older tots for that matter have been focused on Christmas, the greatest international celebration on earth. And why not, everyone loves gifts. And isn't that the heart of Christmas? - celebrating the greatest gift known to humankind; celebrating Emmanuel, The Christ, God with us. On a much smaller scale (micro-microscopic in comparison) that is what we do at our Laity Banquet, Celebrate God's work among us – the many gifts God has blessed LVUMC with. This year our Laity Banquet was held mid November, on 12 November at 5PM.

Each year as we celebrate God's work among us, we remember our heritage. This year we were very intentional in remembering our heritage. Our guest speakers, Margie Krahn and Walter Scull III, were chosen specifically to highlight Church Heritage and a merger that occurred 42 years ago. You might not know it but The "United" Methodist Church (UMC) was formed when The Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) and The Methodist Churches merged in 1968. At that time the EUBs had about one million members and the Methodist Church had about ten million members in the U.S. After the merger The UMC became the largest Protestant church in the U.S.

Some EUB members had mixed feelings about merging with the bigger and better-known Methodists. While for many Methodists, the merger meant little more than adding the word United to signs and stationery. Our guest speakers represented that merger. Margie from the EUB and Walter III from the Methodist, recalled for us their memories of our area churches before and during the merger.

The evening consisted of a great meal and awards to celebrate God's Ministries. Many submitted examples of God's work among us and from these four were elected to exemplify LVUMC's ministries at our District Celebration. Those representing us will be Braden Mangum, Jim Urban, Jimmy McFadin and Dale Vickers.

God continues to show His Glory in La Vernia. We should not put that Glory under a bushel. Matthew 5:15 tells us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." As you see the many Christmas lights this year recall the light that shines all year through LVUMC and let your light shine in the coming year. **Vickey & I wish you a Happy New Year.**

God Bless Pastor Jerry



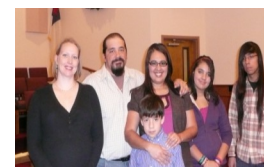
Ministries of our Church



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO LVUMC

Vance and Michele Voelkel joined our church by profession of faith in December. They have three children, Ryan, Reann and Jeremy. Their address is 241 Oak Hollow in LaVernia and their phone is 210-896-5887

Jen Farar joined our church in December by transfer from another congregation. Jen has two children, Jake and is expecting Joshua. Jen's address is 470 Wolf Lane in La Vernia. Her phone is 210-867-7138.



Voelkel Family, Jen Farar far left

We are also welcoming back Glen and Laura Rayburn. Glen and Laura were members in the past and will be reinstated on our member's roll. Their address is Single Oak Road, Seguin TX 78155. Their phone is 830-372-1584. Please welcome them back

Please add the new members to your directory.

LVUMC CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2011 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: Dale Vickers
ASST. CHAIRPERSON: Jane Braden
SECRETARY: Gary Lewis
YOUTH REP: Ryan Hill
LAY LEADER: Chris Thomas
ASSOCIATE LAY LEADER: Doug Hill
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Sandra Ingle
TREASURER: Nina Kupper

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES:
CHAIRPERSON: Don Miller
ASST. CHAIRPERSON: Richard Good
SECRETARY: Estella Hill

TRUSTEES:
13 Kathy Balcar Tim Taggart Nora McMillan
12 Charlie Kee, Roy Good Mary Thomas
11 Walter Scull, Bill Kupper, Betsy Bailes

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:
13 Carl Dulaney Buddy Smith Frances Sprabary
12 David Murray Lowell Hull Debbie Patrick
11 Margie Krahn Tracy Pace Chloe Mazurek
CHAIRMAN: Tracy Pace
ASST. CHAIRPERSON: Lowell Hull

FINANCE COMMITTEE
13 David McMillan Sharon Dulaney Chet Eastin
12 Shannon Scott, Robin Mangum, Jeff Bowers
11 Fraser Jones, Dawn Carr Larry Gundy
CHAIRMAN: Fraser Jones
ASST. CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Bowers

Your Wesley Moment

This new ministry will be sharing with you interesting tidbits and moments from the Life of John Wesley.

He is considered the founder of the Methodist movement which later became the Methodist church. The son of a preacher with the Church of England, he was one of 19 children (number 17, to be exact).

Join John next month in "Your Wesley Moment".

LVUMC Church Officers continued

LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Head Delegate: Mary Pool Fay Gundy, 1st Alternate
Second Delegate: Jack Pool Larry Gundy, 2nd Alternate
Third Delegate: Belia Kahl Dale Vickers, 3rd Alternate

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

13 Jack Pool, Jenna Spear Sandra DeLuna
12 Joyce Fields, Barbara McGrew, George Villegas
11 Vickie Collins Elena McFadin, Lee Mangum

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Myrna Howell Lee Knox Mariel McFadin

Health Committee Chair: Belia Kahl

United Methodist Women: Carol Dukes

Methodist Men: Jimmy McFadin

Sunday School Superintendent: Elena McFadin

Childcare Ministries Board;

13 Julie Lestourgen, Vanessa Mabry, John Ellebracht
12 Elena McFadin, Christi Good, Peggy Longstreth
11 Bonnie Herron, Brandi Hanselka, Kevin Richardson

CCM Chair:

Bonnie Herron
Trustee Rep: Kathy Balcar
Sr. Pastor: Harry Kahl
Director: Kim Bachman

Health Committee: Harry Kahl, Sr. Pastor
Cheryl Cardenas, Wesley Nurse
Belia Kahl, Chair, LVUMC Rep
Chris Willeston
Ann Peterson
Bianca Melvin
Gail Uhlig, Community Rep
Others, Christ UMC Rep

Bits and Pieces...

Our January Birthdays			
8	Ruby Brietzke	19	Scott Cardenas
2	Tommy Adams	19	Carlton Kincaid
2	Kitty Burlingame	20	Preston Kincaid
2	Steve Lewis	20	Ed Fields
2	Ryan Mazurek	20	Steve Lewis
3	Anita Dockery	22	Melvin Krahn
5	R.C. Blackmon	24	Janie Knox
5	Bill Hartman	25	Frances Sprabary
5	Alicia Shaffer	25	Susan Urban
10	Kinslee Barrera	26	Dawn Farrell
11	Jimmy Ingle	26	Lee Mangum
12	Travis Good	29	Byron Bendele
12	Norma Hyatt	30	Javier Rios
14	Marge Sawberger	30	Jenna Spear
16	Logan McLiveeu	30	Lindsey Denison
16	Jason Rodriguez	31	Mariel McFadin
18	Chet Eastin	31	Samantha Shaeffer
18	Don Miller		

November Finance Report

General Fund Income YTD: \$349,888
 General Fund Expense YTD: \$340,519
Difference: +9,369
This is in addition to the deficit of 2008, -8,186
And 2009, -10,961 for a total deficit of -9,778

Building Debt Reduction Fund Income YTD: \$50,353
 Building Debt Reduction Fund Expense YTD: \$43,875
Difference: +6,478
Loan balance left on the FLB: \$394,116.80

(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 other than the General Fund be sure to designate such on your check.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Monday Morning January 24th

The next workday for LVUMC at the Food Pantry is scheduled for January 23, 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	Roland Mitchell	Dallas Wagner
Shirley Bray	Merritt Mock	& Valeda Wagner
Shirley Cheatwood	Baby Brylee	Valetta Wise
Kim Hartman	Jack Pool	

Our Family and Friends

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

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,

CROSSFIRE YOUTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS-ANNOUNCEMENTS-ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are in 3rd to 12th grade come join us on Wednesday's; we meet right after school from 3-8:00 pm. Please invite your friends from school. From 4-6:30 you can play outside, play video games, pool or other games, do your homework, attend a Bible study or just hang out with your friends. We offer snacks and drinks. At 6:30 we gather for praise and worship from the Joyful Noise band. The CrossFire Kids (grades 3-5) leave after the devotional and go to another area for their own lesson, arts & crafts and games. On the last Wednesday of every month we have a dinner at 5:30, parents if you want to help out with cooking or serving dinner, please call Dawn Carr @ 830-947-3277.

Past Events

Thank you to all that helped with the Crossfire Christmas Dinner, we had a great turnout with about 8 new students that came for the food and fun. Parents and Grandparents also joined in with the festivities. After we all had our fill of dinner, dessert and fellowship, we filled ourselves with the Holy Spirit with many worship songs led by our own Joyful Noise Band. Hope all had a Merry Christmas.

Upcoming Events

Senior High Bible Study - Every Sunday 6:30PM - 8:00 PM at Javier & Kathy Rios' home in Country Gardens. Bring your Bible and a Friend. Contact Javier at riosj3@gmail.com if you need directions or have questions.

Movie Night - Wednesday Dec 29th we will show 'Toy Story 3' ..Christmas Break Family Movie Night sponsored by CrossFire Youth Ministries! The entire family is invited out for a free movie. Concessions are very cheap! Bring a friend!

Next Youth Sunday - January 30 2011 At LVUMC, the Youth are greatly encouraged to not only attend service but to LEAD service, come and support their growth in the Word of God.

Things that will be happening in the Year 2011 mark your calendar now.....

1. Some of the youth counselor are going to the National Schools Ministry Conference in San Antonio in January
2. **True Love Waits** Sat. Feb. 5th
3. **Strawberry Fundraiser** Friday, Feb. 11th
4. **Bar-B-Q Fundraiser Sunday, March 27th**
5. **Breakfast taco Fundraiser Easter Sunday, April 24th**
6. **Summer Camp 2011 is July 10-14...** Back by popular demand **Trey Tally** will be our guest speaker
 Deadline to receive the **early bird discount** of \$110.00 per person is on or before Sunday, May 29th
 \$55.00 saves you a spot now, with the balance due on May 29th. After the **early bird deadline** the cost will be \$125.00 per person

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

That is it for now, Have a great year in School; bring Jesus to school with you every day, pray before tests and your lunch, let others see you are a Christian and Remember to bring a friend to CrossFire this Wednesday.

Thank You

Thank You Cards

Thank you everyone for all the wonderful desserts. We especially want to thank Pastor Harry and Pastor Jerry for all their kind words of comfort, that they gave our mom during this difficult time. We are all just blessed to have been raised in such a wonderful church. We know dad is in a much better place.

The Ross Scull Family

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot begin to express the love and appreciation I have for my church family. Your comforting cards, food, phone calls, and especially prayers held me up during the difficult months when my dad was so ill. Thank you to Pastor Harry, Pastor Jerry, Pastor Cyndi, Javier Rios and Gary Lewis for the beautiful service and to Expressions of Love Ministry and everyone who provided food for the luncheon afterwards. I love you all!

Sincerely,

Kathy Balcar and the Roland Mitchell Family