



First  
United  
Methodist  
Church

The Carillon  
February 2012

Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors

Beginning Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> our church will begin a creative, theologically sound stewardship journey called *Extravagant Generosity, The Heart of Giving*. The program is simple in design with the

objective of changing the culture of our church, over time, from fund raising to generosity as a core value of discipleship. The Program is implemented over four-weeks, with four Sundays of special focus. The fourth Sunday is response or commitment Sunday. We currently have a team focused on this program and more information will be passed out through various forums. The *Extravagant Generosity* team looks forward to open minds and giving hearts in support of our stewardship journey!

**“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. . . .”** Ephesians 5:25b-26 NIV

*Extravagant*  
**GENEROSITY**

The Heart of Giving

Besides God’s gift of salvation, what is the most generous gift you have ever received? How did it affect you? How did you respond?

Rev. Suzanne F. Isaacs, Pastor  
Carolyn Gordon, Program Director



**WHEN WE JOIN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WE PLEDGE TO UPHOLD THE CHURCH BY . . .**

We need all your announcements, thank you notes, prayer requests, and miscellaneous items of interest for the March Newsletter before **February 20th**. Be sure to get your articles to the church office or e-mail Gena at [fumc@ykc.com](mailto:fumc@ykc.com).

## OUR PRAYERS:



Martha Cory	Ida Mae Bloom
Ida Mae Bloom	Marie Powell
Mary Lou Hill	Theresa Webb
Lucille Garrett	Ann Holcomb
LaVerne Stienke	Linda Tolar
Norval Clapp	M.G. & Lorene
Madolyn Loehr	Lanier
John Driscoll	Paula Wendel
Pat Herrmann	Brenda Williams
Tana Martin	Rita Kainer
Mickie Ivy	Clayton McKelvy
Harold Mickelson	Jonathan Spellman
Gordon Roddy	Cory Morton
Dorothy Hensley	Velma Hodges

## OUR PRESENCE:

	Sunday School	8am Service	10:15 Service
Jan. 01	0	0	55
Jan. 08	27	19	65
Jan. 15	25	19	100
Jan. 22	31	29	85
Jan. 29	37	12	114

## OUR GIFTS:



As of January 28th

Budget money received for January  
**\$35,357.91**

Budget money spent for January  
**\$21,561.49**

Noisy Offering Update  
**\$124.28**

## OUR SERVICE:

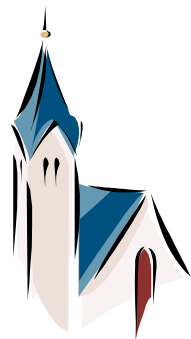
Liturgist: Jackie Condra

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Offertory Steward: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Greeters: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Servers: \_\_\_\_\_



### Open/Close

### Sound Tech

Feb. 05 Aileen Terry

Wes Cook

Feb. 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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Feb. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Garrett Tupa

Feb. 26 \_\_\_\_\_

Frank Wilson

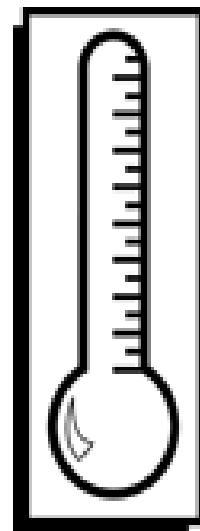
## Capital Campaign Corner

Our Goal  
**\$574,601.42**

We have received \$591,489.80 towards our pledge of **\$574,601.42**.

The current balance on the renovation loan is **\$202,352.22**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please speak with Pastor Suzanne Isaacs.



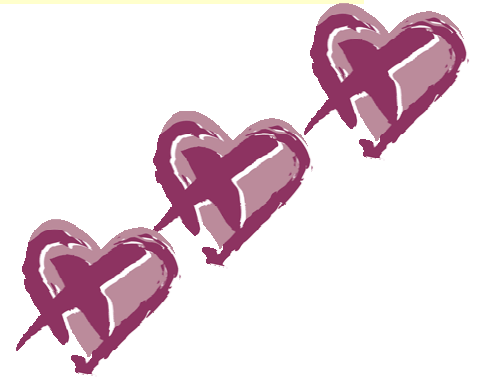
## OUR WITNESS:

Locally: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

# Special Events & Announcements

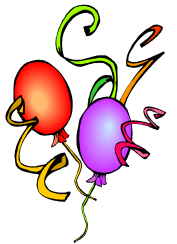
## February Flower Calendar

- 02/05 Mark & Judy Sablatura
- 02/12 Jedd & Gena Labay
- 02/19 John & Linda Collins
- 02/26 Paul & Carolyn Gordon



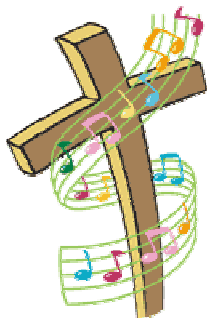
## February Birthdays

- 01 Peggy Glaze
- 01 Rhonda Harfst
- 02 Linda Collins
- 02 Gloria Nordeen
- 03 Allen Hurst
- 03 Lonnie Neel
- 06 Kyle Gillis
- 07 Brett Nordeen
- 08 Carrie Jo Dennis
- 10 Melanie Priesmeyer
- 10 Jack Ryan
- 12 Wayne Condra
- 12 Cassie Glick
- 12 Samuel Gonser
- 14 Sallie Wilkins
- 14 Emily Wilson
- 16 Margie Drewett
- 16 Robert Nilson
- 18 Rocky Hamman
- 22 Jack Loehr
- 24 Jackson Jensen
- 25 Karen Mickelson
- 27 Heather Neel Smith
- 28 Abigail Weinheimer
- 28 Ervin Fucik
- 28 Kenneth Tidwell

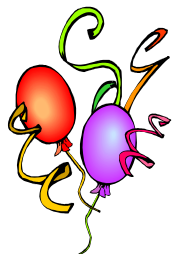


## God Squad February Calendar of Events

- 2/02 - Wednesday 5:00pm
- 2/08 - Wednesday 5:00pm
- 2/15 - Wednesday 5:00pm
- 2/22 - Wednesday 5:00pm



**Wincrest Worship Service**  
**Tuesday, February 7th**  
**10:00 am**  
**Everyone is invited to attend!**



## February Anniversaries

- 05 Rick & Brenda Anderson
- 07 Guy & Kay Stovall
- 09 Raymond & Norma Lee Halling
- 09 Mark & Judy Sablatura
- 14 John & Linda Driscoll
- 17 Jedd & Gena Labay
- 17 Frank & Michelle Wilson
- 19 Dickie & Donna Means
- 20 Rick & Keri Graff

# Ministry Events

## UMYF February Calendar of Events

2/02 - Wednesday 6:15pm

2/08 - Wednesday 6:15pm

2/15 - Wednesday 6:15pm

2/10—2/12 Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
Jr. & Sr. High Mid-Winter Camp

2/22 - Wednesday 6:15pm



THANK YOU  
to the UMYF Dinner  
providers for  
January:

**Pal in Christ (PIC)  
Revealing Party  
Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**\*For more information, please read  
From the Desk of Michelle Wilson  
on the "Areas of Ministry" page.**



### Sr. High Sponsors

Missy Cox & Kim Wood

### Jr. High Sponsors

Rhonda Harfst &  
Susie Slattery

### Meal Coordinator

Jackie Condra

### Fun & Games Specialist

Gloria Nordeen

Dear Parents of Fifth and Sixth Graders,

You and your son or daughter are invited to participate in a special upcoming event called *Created by God*. As you well know, young persons the age of your son or daughter are growing physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially at a rapid pace, or are agonizing over why they *aren't* growing as rapidly as they feel they should be. *Created by God* is a study of human sexuality with a Christian foundation. It will offer both you and your child an opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate the fact that we have each been wonderfully created by God, and are called to responsible living as sexual beings.

Leading the study will be Kim Wood, *Created by God* Facilitator and member of the First United Methodist Church of El Campo.

This event is open to all who are interested in a church-based study of sexuality – friends, neighbors, other family members, or persons from the community at large. Registration forms are available at the church office, and enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Kim Wood at 543-7164.

# From the Desk of Michelle

## Michelle's Message

February always makes me think of love. Our family celebrates both Emily's birthday on Valentine's Day and our anniversary this month. I hope that I, that we, also celebrate Jesus' love for us each and every day and that we help spread that love by our actions and words. Here are some "love" verses from the Bible:

"...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1a

### Dates to remember:

Created by God is a study of human sexuality with a Christian foundation. This class is for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents and will be held Feb. 24-25<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information, please contact Kim Wood at 543-7164.

**PIC Revealing Party:** Find out who has been leaving those cool gifts and praying for you this year! Bring a breakfast item to share and one last gift for your PIC on Sunday, February 26, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**VBS:** June 17-21

### **Summer camps at Mount Wesley:**

Entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade: June 11-14

Entering 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade: June 17-21

Entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade: July 8-11

Entering 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade MAD (Music, Arts, Drama): July 25-28

Entering 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade: Aug 5-9

I hope you feel the love of your family, your friends, and especially your Lord this month (and always!)

Blessings,  
Michelle

## 2012 Committee Members



### Administrative Council

Lay Leader—Paul Gordon  
Church Council Person—Aileen Terry  
Lay Delegates—Nancy Maples & Paul Gordon  
Finance Chair Person—Mark Sablatura  
Endowment Committee—Keri Graff  
Stewardship Committee—Carolyn Gordon  
Staff-Parish Relations—Rick Graff

### Board of Trustees

Chairperson—John Collins  
Jedd Labay  
Kathleen Appling  
Anthony Cortez  
Grace Glaze  
Garrett Tupa

### Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson—Rick Graff  
Rick Wood  
Jackie Condra  
Rhonda Harfst  
Gloria Nordeen  
Kenny Cox  
Sally Wilkins



### Committee on Lay Leadership

Stephanie Cortez  
Rick Graff  
Charlene Peterson  
Mark lilie  
Lisa Weinheimer  
Maxine Allen  
Keri Graff  
Bill Rowland

### Discipleship Ministry Team

Disciple Builders—Debbie Hamman  
Futures—Bill Muns  
Missions—Jeff York  
Passionate Worship—Bill Rowland  
Caring Ministries—Jo Etta Biggerstaff  
UMW—Pat Hurst  
Youth Representatives—  
Kim Wood & Chad Wood  
Staff Representatives:  
Director of Christian Education—Michelle Wilson  
Director of Music Ministry—Nancy Maples  
Pastor—Suzanne Isaacs  
Member—Gloria Nordeen  
Methodist Child Care Board—  
Tana Martin & Caroline York

### Finance Committee

Chairperson—Mark Sablatura  
Paul Gordon  
Aileen Terry  
Alyson Irby  
Rick Graff  
Steve Appling  
Paige Curran  
Melissa Lilie



## CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

# February Emmaus Gathering

Friday, February 17th

First Methodist Ganado

6:30 p.m.

Covered Dish Dinner

[www.cremmaus.org](http://www.cremmaus.org)

Rev. Suzanne Isaacs	Pastor
Paul Gordon	Lay Leader
Aileen Terry	Administrative Board Chair
Alyson Irby	Administrative Secretary
Michelle Wilson	Christian Education Director
Nancy Maples	Music Ministry Director
Sheila Kuenstler	Methodist Child Care Director
Allen Hurst	Maintenance Manager
Missy Cox & Kim Wood	Sr. High Youth Sponsor
Rhonda Harfst & Susie Slattery	Jr. High Youth Sponsor

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Sunday Schedule

Early Morning Worship (Chapel)	8:00 am
Sunday School	9:00 am
Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	9:30 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)	10:15 am

### EYES & EARS MINISTRY

When you hear or know of any of our members or friends who are in need of special support and prayer, please call the church office and let us know about the situation. Thank you!!

**E-mail:** [fumc@ykc.com](mailto:fumc@ykc.com)

**Web Page:** [www.fumc-ec.org](http://www.fumc-ec.org)


The Mission of FUMC – El Campo is to nurture all of God's children  
by obediently praying, loving and teaching God's word.

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EL CAMPO, TX 77437  
979.543.6426  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED





# FEBRUARY


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 5th Sunday after Epiphany * Communion * 11:30am Discipleship Ministry Mtg.	6 9:30am Chapel Time 10:45am Staff Mtg. 6pm Trustees Mtg.	7 10am Wincrest Service	8 5:30pm God Squad 6:15pm UMYF	9 6:15pm Finance Mtg. 7:00pm Admin. Mtg.	10 Jr. & Sr. High UMYF	11 Mid-Winter Weekend
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12 6th Sunday after Epiphany * Noisy Offering * 11:30am Confirmation Mtg.	13 10:45am Staff Mtg.	14	15 5:30pm MCC Mtg. 5:30pm God Squad 6:15pm UMYF	16 	17	18 
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19 7th Sunday after Epiphany	20 9:30am Chapel Time 10:30am Staff Mtg. 6:30pm SPRC Mtg.	21	22 Ash Wednesday 12:00pm Service 7:00pm Service  5:30pm God Squad 6:15pm UMYF	23 	24	25  Created By God
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26 8th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00am PIC Party *Noisy Offering* *God Squad Sings*	27 9:30am Chapel Time	28 	29 5:30pm God Squad 6:15pm UMYF	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Every Sunday Morning at FUMC</b>                      8:00am Chapel Service                      9:00am Sunday School                      9:30am Choir Rehearsal                      10:30am Sanctuary Service</p> </div>		
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