



News From Holland

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Chris' Corner

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors – The People of The United Methodist Church

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2:43-47

This month, you may begin seeing television advertising promoting The United Methodist Church, and inviting folks to come and visit our church.

Each September, United Methodist Churches across the country participate in an “Open House” month, where church members make a concerted effort to invite friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to visit their churches. This is reinforced with national and regional advertising.

We see this “open house” model for us in the early church as they the doors to their homes to allow visitors to come and experience the power and presence of God in their lives. The book of Acts describes that “day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

During the month of September, I encourage us to invite our friends and neighbors to join us at church. Whether it is someone you’ve known all your life, or someone you’ve just met, don’t be shy in asking them if they would join you at church next week. Perhaps they have been waiting for someone to ask.

Pastor Chris



The people of The United Methodist Church*

Sermons and Scriptures

Sept 4	Matt 18:15-20	Work It Out
Sept 11	Matt 18:21-35	Footprints of Forgiveness
Sept 18	Matt 20:1-16	The Law of Gravity
Sept 25		UMW/Lay Sunday

Administrative Council

Holland United Methodist Church Advisory council met on August 21ST to discuss upcoming events and important issues facing our church. Listed are some of the dates of those events: Cowboy Church Fall Dates-September 25, October 23, November 20 and December 18. The church will sponsor a fall bake sale on October 8 so please get your baking hands ready. The meeting was a huge success. Thanks to all who brought refreshments. That was a treat. Again let it be expressed how nice it is to work with such good people. It is truly a blessing to call the members of this church, family.

Mike

Prayer Circle

The Women's Prayer Circle will meet September 21st at 6:00 pm while the WWC meet to work on the quilts. Come and bring your prayers and if you are so talented, quilt awhile. Everyone is welcome.

Camping News

We currently have \$50 in our camping fund. Please make contributions towards our next campout to Kassa Willingham. If you pay what you would normally pay for two nights camping (\$36) we will quickly collect the needed \$275 to reserve Turkey Roost again in the spring.

Judy's News

- **LUNCHEON:** The monthly luncheon will be held on September 28th at 11:30 am at Dynasty in Temple. Everyone is welcome.
- **UMW:** The District Meeting for UMW will be held in Gatesville on Saturday, the 10th. We will be having our local kick-off meeting on Sept. 21st at Ruth Beasley at 2:00 pm. Judy will be bringing the program.
- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** We will be starting back with our fall classes on September 4th right after church. We meet and study for approximately 30-45 min. We encourage everyone to come and hear the word. We will be having coffee and coffee cake the first week to kick it off.
- **COWBOY CHURCH:** The dates have been set for fall/winter. Mark your calendars: September 25th, October 23rd, November 20th, and December 18th. Get the word out!!!!

Local Missions

Our church has been supporting several local mission efforts for quite some time and I think we could all benefit from being reminded about these missions.

1) **Tabs from aluminum cans:** for the Ronald McDonald House in Temple. You can save all tabs not just the tabs from canned drinks and they add up fast in some houses. Please give them to Patsy Parmer.

2) **Non-perishable food items** for Open Arms or CLT on the first Sunday of each month. We can also contribute these items to the food pantry at the Baptist Churches in Holland or Bartlett. Just bring you item and leave them on the front pew of the church. Judy Gotcher usually delivers these items. **In September we will be sending these items to the 1st Baptist Church in Holland so please bring lots of items since the families helped live here in Holland.**

3) **School supplies:** Supports Holland ISD. You can buy the items on a school supply list for a specific grade or buy items that can be used by all grades like pencils, pens or notebook paper. Please give these to Betty Jett.

4) **Campbell's labels:** Labels from all Campbell's products and any of there other companies are submitted through the UMW and are used to fund purchases for other churches or missions. Please give them to Judy Gotcher.

5) **Labels For Education:** The Labels For Education on many packages are used to support the Holland PTO. The PTO uses all money raised to benefit the children at Holland ISD and over the years have purchased many items that the school needed. Trim the labels and give them to Betty Jett for delivery.

If you know of other local missions please let me know and we can get involved in those projects as well.

Attendance and Offering

Date	Attendance	Offering
8/7	40	\$ 717.00
8/14	42	\$496.00
8/21	42	\$223.00

Upcoming Events

September

21st Women's Prayer Circle @ 6:00 pm w/WWC
25th Cowboy Church @ 5:00 pm
28th Luncheon @ Dynasty in Temple @ 11:30 am

October

18th Bake Sale @ 7:30 am
23rd Cowboy Church @ 5:00 pm

November

20th Cowboy Church @ 5:00 pm

December

14th Cowboy Church @ 5:00 pm