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**ST. MATTHEW'S BOOKWORMS**

The Bookworms will meet on February 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. We will finish our discussion of The Help by Kathryn Stockett, which is now in first place on the New York Times list of bestselling fiction. We hope that new members will join us. Come on the 10<sup>th</sup> to help us choose our next book!

**DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .**

..... The St. Matthew's Mentoring team has two husband and wife teams - Henry & Jeanette Lindley and Elvert & Linda Collazos  
 ..... That our goal for service hours for this school year is 500 hours? We now have 218 hours and still going strong  
 ..... That we have 25 active volunteers who serve consistently with children and 14 who are on the Hospitality Team?  
 ..... That we have a new bilingual volunteer to join with Elvert and Linda? His name is Ruben Renden, who was one of Nell Baham's University students last semester  
 ..... that we have added another grade level? We now work with Kindergarten, first, second, and third graders  
 ..... that community leaders are now volunteering at Durham sharing how they became leaders in their field? (Durham is a Magnet Leadership School). Rico Valencia and Vienna Valencia, his sister, visited recently, and shared how they are carrying on the family tradition in the Mexican food business. They are owners of Cyclone Anaya's.  
 ..... that Nell Baham and Carolyn McDavid are looking for assistants to volunteer on their teams?  
 ..... that Pastor Frank is very proud of this program and its success this year?  
 ..... that we want YOU to be a part of our team?  
 Contact Nell or Carolyn to join TODAY!

**MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS**

In loving memory of **Bill Daniels**  
 by Ruth Massey  
 In loving memory of **Beverly Compton**  
 by Nell Baham for Baham Scholarship Fund  
 In loving memory of **Bob Jones**  
 by First United Methodist Sanctuary Choir, Pasadena

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**

Reverend Coats and the staff of St. Matthew's invite you to join them for the weekly:

**PRAYER MEETING**

6:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the parlor and sanctuary.

This is a great way to get recharged in mid-week. For many of us, this is the most important meeting of the week! All members of the community are welcome to attend. Please invite a friend or loved one.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Preschool Children from CDC will be singing in the 9:30 a.m. service on Valentine's Day! There will be many parents and grandparents visiting us that day. Let's be present to greet and welcome them!

**Methodist Men**

Greetings to all. We will be having our next meeting in connection with the pancake breakfast on February 6 at 8:30 a.m. There will be a short business meeting as we enjoy breakfast and then will adjourn to the Sanctuary to begin work on some small projects that we discussed at the last meeting. They are:

- Fix hole in playground wall
- Fix Sanctuary doors
- Lighting issues
- Pew repairs and spacing

We were going to try to take on back lighting the cross, but Sam has a scheduling conflict and will not be able to attend. We will try to put that together for a future date and will provide that info as we have it.

In January, Methodist Men collect dues for the year. Since we did not do so at our January meeting, we are asking everyone to bring dues with you for our February gathering. Dues for Methodist Men are \$12 for the year. These dues go to help us offset any expenses that we may incur along the way during the year. We also donate to several events during the year, including the Golf Tournament, McDavid Scholarship, and others. We hope to see all of you on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and have a great day.

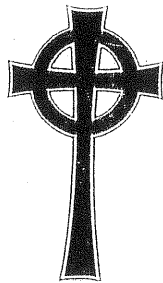
Greg Railsback

**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

After taking a break for the New Year celebration, St. Matthew's UMC will resume hosting its monthly Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 6, 2010 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We invite everyone to join us for a free breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, fruit, juice, coffee, and milk. The dates for the next four free breakfasts are:  
 February 6 - March 6 - May 1 - June 5, 2010

We also invite you to join us for weekly Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., or, if you are an early riser, for weekly Bible Study with Pastor Frank Coats on Thursdays at 7 a.m.

Come and join us for any or all of these events as we continue to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world to the glory of God!



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**Worship This Sunday**

**8:00 & 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m.**

**SCRIPTURES**

February 7, 2010  
**Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)**  
**Psalm 138**  
**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**  
**Luke 5:1-11**

February 14, 2010  
**Exodus 34:29-35**  
**Psalm 99**  
**2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**  
**Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)**

February 21, 2010  
**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**  
**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**  
**Romans 10:8b-13**  
**Luke 4:1-13**

**Pastor's Notes . . .**

**Dear Friends,**

Many of our Lectionary passages lately have been "call" stories - how the Lord called someone into service. We have had the stories of Jeremiah and soon we will hear the story of Isaiah and how Jesus called the apostles. Many of these stories are so dramatic - like with Isaiah with heavenly beings and smoke and visions - and we think our own stories of how God touched us to be so insignificant. But it is not. For some, we have a clear memory, for others a gradual reawakening and for many we are just not sure.

We are coming to the end of Epiphany, the season of the revealing of Christ in our lives. On February 17, we will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. Use this time and these seasons to explore how Christ became real to you or if indeed you have answered that call. Contact me if you need assistance - because the Lord does call each of us.

**Faithfully in Jesus Christ,**

**Pastor Frank**

**Lydia Circle News**

**WHO** is your sweetheart? Get ready to surprise him/her with a delicious sweet treat baked by one of our lovely Lydia ladies. February 14, Valentines Day, the Lydia Circle will sponsor a bake sale with proceeds going to **THE KITCHEN FUND**. Cakes, cookies, and other goodies will be available to make the "sweetest day" even sweeter.

Plan now to stop by the bake sale table and pick up your favorite sweet treat. The next Lydia Circle meeting is February 11, 12:00 noon, sharp, in the Parlor. Jodi Fudge will give the devotional and Dorothy Lofton will present the program. Members are asked to bring their lunches. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. Hope to see everyone present for this meeting.

Have you been reading your Self Denial prayer and depositing your spare change daily?

**February Happenings at the Child Development Center**

February is a busy month at St. Matthew's Child Development Center. The children will be eagerly waiting to see if the groundhog sees his shadow on Groundhog Day. February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the school will be closed for teacher in-service days as the staff attends the annual Early Childhood Methodist Conference.

Valentine parties will take place the next week on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. With Valentine's Day on Sunday this year, the children will delight us with a song at the 9:30 worship service on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Many of our CDC families will be in attendance to hear their special music and worship with us. You won't want to miss it!

Fat Tuesday is February 16<sup>th</sup>, so expect to see some King's Cake in the classrooms as the children celebrate Mardi Gras on that date. "Go Western Days" are on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Cowboys and cowgirls dress in your best rodeo duds.

Remember that the school continues to collect Campbell's labels. Community Coffee and Tyson A+ labels. We appreciate the church's support of these programs. Drop your labels off in the school office.

Janet Galyean