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# Methogram

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## Dan's Divinities

We will begin Confirmation Classes on Wednesday, September 28. Class will be held in Cravens Hall, room 204, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday that school is in session until we finish the curriculum, which like will be for the entire school year since we have 36 hours of training to accomplish. Refreshments will be in McDonough Hall prior to 4:00 p.m. Any youth who is in sixth grade, seventh grade, or above is eligible to attend, especially if they have not attended confirmation classes previously.

Confirmation classes help the youth understand the basics of the Christian faith, and help them to take the next step of their Christian discipleship through preparing them to take their vows of Baptism and/or Confirmation, and join the church. We will teach them about our denomination and acquaint them with church history, government, and doctrine. We will strive to help lead them to make the decision to be lifelong disciples of Jesus.

We will be studying the new *Credo* curriculum put out by Cokesbury and

the United Methodist Publishing House. One new aspect of the program is mentoring. We will be looking for adult mentors for each of the youth who will help guide them through the confirmation process and be another adult in the church to whom they can relate. We believe that this could be a life changing experience both for our youth and the mentors.

To introduce you, your child, and our mentors to the program, we will have a Confirmation Orientation meeting on Sunday evening, October 2, from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Cravens Hall, room 200.

We will try to provide transportation to the church from the school for those youth who need it.

If you would like to register your child, to assist in the class, or to volunteer in any aspect, please contact the church office at 385-5568.

Thanks for your involvement,

*Pastor Dan*

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Worship

On Sunday, September 25, I will be preaching on “The Secrets of Success”, based on Philippians 2:1-18. The following Sunday, I will be preaching out of Philippians 3, but I do not have a title for that sermon yet.



Please **SAVE THE DATE** and  
join us at  
**Celebration Women Ministry's  
Annual Fall FEST & Luncheon**



**Saturday,  
October 1, 2011**

**Speakers:  
Jeannette Clift George  
and  
Rev. Michelle Hall**

**Time:  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)**

**Location:  
The Foundry UMC  
8350 Jones Road  
Houston, TX 77065**

**Ticket: \$25.00 individual  
Table: \$180 for table of 8**

Contact: Jennifer McDaniel,  
Registrar@CelebrationMinistries.org

# Fall F.E.S.T.

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**T**his year's Fall F.E.S.T. will be on October 1st at the Foundry United Methodist Church. We have two very annointed speakers: Jeanette Clift George and Rev. Michelle Hall.

Last year we chose a new format for our Fall Luncheon with a morning session and an afternoon session and this year we have two speakers, Jeanette Clift George and Rev. Michelle Hall.



**Jeannette Clift George** is the founder and Artistic Director of the A.D. Players, the Houston-based Christian Theater Company which offers plays throughout the world. Jeanette's film debut was in *THE HIDING PLACE*, portraying Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch woman who saved the lives of Jews during the Nazi occupation. Jeanette is equally well known as an author, playwright, Bible teacher and national speaker. In her radio program, *Jeanette Clift George from Center Stage*, her unique wit and keen

insights illuminate Biblical principles. She is author of several books and is currently working on two more books.

**O**ur afternoon session will be with **Rev. Michelle Hall**. She is currently serving as chaplain for Wiley College. Prior to coming to Wiley in August of 2008 she served for 4 ½ years as an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. She is passionate about sharing the love of Christ and His empowering, transformative and redemptive love.

Reverend Hall accepted the call to ministry during her tenure as an administrator at the Texas Medical Center and while serving dual roles as chaplain for the Harris County Hospital District and The Methodist Hospital. She is an ordained elder in The Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

She volunteers at Good Shepherd Hospital, Marshall, Texas. Reverend Hall enjoys preaching and speaking throughout Texas. She is certified as a pastoral care specialist. She is married to Hollis Hall and they celebrated twenty-five years on July 26, 2010, and they are the proud parents of "an incredible person and a great son, Garrett Hall" who is a senior at Texas State University.



## Methodism 101 Class to Begin

I would like to invite you to our Methodism 101 class. You may take the class just to learn more about our faith, or take it to aid you in your decision on whether or not to enter the membership of First United Methodist Church. It will be held during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. in Cravens 207 for six to eight Sundays, beginning October 2, 2011.

We will address the following topics that you may find helpful:

- \* What does it mean to be a Christian?
- \* What do United Methodist believe?
- \* Why is the Bible so important to United Methodist?
- \* The background and history of Christianity, and of the Methodist denomination.
- \* What are the membership requirements of our church?
- \* What do we expect of our church members?
- \* What we believe about of worship and the sacraments.
- \* How our church is organized – church government and leadership

If you attend the class, you will not be expected to join the church, but you will be given the opportunity to join if you wish. Also, if you have not been baptized, you will be afforded that opportunity.

Please contact the church office if you would like to attend so that I can prepare the proper amount of materials for the class.

I hope to see you there,

*Pastor Dan*



## Faithweaver Friends Report!

FaithWeaver Friends and Junior Connections are off to a great start this year. We have over 50 children registered and we are picking up over 30 children at the area schools. We have a FANTASTIC group of volunteers, but there is always room for more. If you are interested in helping with this exciting ministry, we would love to have you. There are plenty of places for extra hands and smiling faces and it is not necessary to be there every week. We also need a list of people willing to fill in when we have volunteers absent.

Currently, our biggest need is help with transportation from the schools to the church. It requires about 45 minutes of time, a background check, a driver license, and proof of insurance. If you are interested, please contact me. (Joanna 201-0580)

If you are unavailable to work on Wednesdays and would still like to participate in this ministry, we always need kool-aid (sugar-free), baked goods and snacks (nutritious) for right after school. These donations can be dropped off in the office or call me and I will be glad to pick up. Thank you!

Gifts	Presence
<p><u>September 4, 2011</u> \$11,575.45</p> <p><u>September 11, 2011</u> \$4,000.45</p> <p><u>September 18, 2011</u> \$6,640.08</p> <p><u>Methodist Mission Home</u> \$193.00</p>	<p><u>Worship</u></p> <p>9/04 122 9/11 134 9/18 121</p> <p><u>Sunday School</u></p> <p>9/04 82 9/11 76 9/18 85</p>

## In Loving Memory

### Rebecca Hobbs

Susan and Jackie Binks  
Robert & Yvonne Neyland  
Joyce McClung  
Lee Caldwell  
Larry & Pat Coop

### JoAnn Cain

Joyce McClung

### Cindy Frederick

Joyce McClung

### Ema Lou Hawthorne

Ed & Sonia Cain  
Cecil Cain

### Brenda Turner

Cecil Cain

### Carolyn Donalson

FUMC Victory Class  
Bill Barclay  
Irene Redkey

Martha & Dana Bradshaw  
Mrs. George E. Donalson  
Ron & Judy Erdman

### Jerry Fritz

Martha & Dana Bradshaw

*The following two poems were submitted by a church member in honor of our pastors, and the work they do in our church family.*

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## **A Tribute to Pastor Nancy**

She looks like a typical grandmother with a sense of peace surrounding her face.  
A noticeable aura of “Walking the walk and talking the talk” surrounds her confident pace.  
She hugs our neck, listens to our sorrow  
Tells us God will be with us today and tomorrow.  
Encouragement reins with her through the day  
Never letting us know the problems encountered her way.  
She blesses us when we go in and when we go out.  
When asked to do more she shows no sign of doubt.  
Her charming phrase “Talk to me people”  
Etches our heart and reaches our church steeple.  
Nancy walks among us as a friend and a sister.  
When she asks something of you it is difficult to resist her.  
There is none to replace her and none can compare  
She has down to earth love and her own God given flair.

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## **A Tribute to Pastor Dan**

Pastor Dan wears a coat of many colors.  
He is our pastor, our CEO and our brother.  
Many duties await him throughout the day,  
Yet he greets all in church before going his way.  
He advises when asked by both young and old,  
To the best of his ability he is gentle or bold.  
He shows concern when our attendance is down,  
Our telephone rings when in church we’re not found.  
He performs skits, tells stories, asks for help and gives God praise,  
Being consistent, sympathetic, and never in a rage.  
For the church and the school he accomplishes much,  
By his love and concern he extends a personal touch  
What have we done to deserve Pastor Dan Darby?  
Not knowing God’s mind, we accept our Pastor with joyful glee.

**FREE**

**Synthetic Drugs and Bath Salt Seminar**

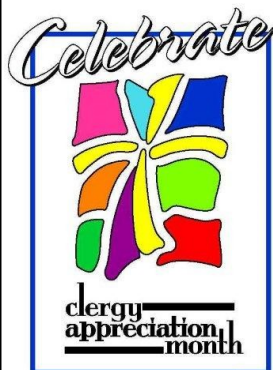
Sunday, September 25, 2011  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FUMC Orange Praise Center  
502 North 6th Street  
Orange, TX 77632  
(409) 886-7466

**Presentation by:**  
**Deputy John Badeaux,**  
**Orange County Sheriff's Office**

**Come learn the latest news about illegal drugs in our community.**

The Synthetic Drugs and Bath Salt Seminar will educate on the dangers of the Synthetic Drugs known as (Herbal Incense), and Bath Salts. The presentation will include visual aids that will allow the class to see the packages of the herbal incense and bath salt, and will also cover the affect of the drugs. This seminar will converse about how easy it is for young and old individuals to purchase the drugs over the internet. Any parent, teacher, community leader, business person or other interested adults are welcome. This seminar is not intended for teens, but parents are encouraged to learn more about the newest dangers for our youth.



Don't forget! October is Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month. We are truly blessed with the Pastors that God has given us at First Methodist in Silsbee. Let's all make sure to take the time to thank them for the work that they do, the joy that they share, and the support they offer.

~Jennifer Suitt

**Upward  
Soccer!**



At final count, we have 104 kids registered for Upward Soccer this season. That means that each Saturday, we have 104 families that visit our campus. If you have not stopped by to check out the fun, please do! Games are at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:00 am each Saturday.

We are still in need of people to write a short devotional that can be handed out to the players and their families during half-times. Also, we need people to pass the devotionals out, and to be a representative of our church family, greeting the families and players and extending a hand of welcome from our church. If you are interested in helping in any manner, please contact Traci Turner at 720-7917. Thank you!

Last year our church gave \$314 to support the work of the Methodist Children's Home through our Communion Offering, and special gifts by Sunday School classes and individuals. Our church has received a letter of thanks, giving us an update of how our dollars are being used to change the lives of people through the work of God in the Church. This letter is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office if you are interested in reading it. Please feel free to stop by at any time!

## McDonough Hall Renovation



The Church Council has voted to renovate McDonough Hall. One of the areas that needs work is the bathrooms in the Day School classrooms. Many of our children's toilets verge on disgusting with discolored flooring, missing or peeling baseboards, and rusted bolts. This photograph was taken in the classroom used by our pre-school children not only for All Faiths Day School, but also for Sunday School.

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