

July

LATHAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

SPECIAL
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After Jesus told the parable of the unjust tenants against them, religious officials send religious patriots to entrap Jesus in his words. They ask him if it is lawful to pay taxes to the government. Jesus asks them to show him a coin bearing Caesar's image and catches them in their own trap. Patriotism honors nation under God.



The Messenger

July 5, 2009

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Hughey Reynolds, Senior Pastor

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Three important events take place during this week. On Sunday night the 2009 Nicaragua Mission Team presented Stories of GRACE from our May 23-31 trip to Chacraseca. On Monday night Sandy and I joined 4 clergy couples at a dinner to welcome the new Reformed Jewish Rabbi, Elizabeth Bahar, and her husband to Huntsville. And Saturday is the 4th of July, Independence Day in the United States. These events could all stand alone. Together they remind me that national pride is a biblical concept when we include those who are not members of our nation in its blessings.

Genesis 12 is the call of Abraham to leave the place where he was and go to the land that the Lord would show him. God promises, *"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* Jews are charged to seek the welfare of the people in whose land they live (Jeremiah 29:7). So, in a spirit of partnership and thanksgiving, we welcome Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar into our community. We share the blessings of the Jewish people, and indeed Elizabeth is a colleague of the Lord Jesus himself.

On several occasions in Nicaragua I either said or heard someone say how fortunate we are to live in the USA. It was not the absence of comforts and conveniences in Nicaragua like air conditioning and inside toilets that led us to say this. The difficulty of getting a basic education, of acquiring enough nutritious food to feed your family today, of having a shelter from rains and storms, clean water to drink or green grass for livestock to graze are only the beginning of a long list of necessities we take for granted but many Nicaraguans lack. These insufficiencies exist under the socialist dictator Daniel Ortega. However, they grew under the Samosan government that was "friendly" toward the US and one is hard pressed to see how they have improved under socialism. We may say, "How fortunate we are to live in a democratic republic!" We are called to go beyond that.

On the 4th of July, we celebrate with great pride the valiant heroism of the colonial revolutionaries who fought for and won the freedoms we enjoy. We celebrate all those who have fought since to preserve freedom for us but also for nations around the world. We are blessed, and yet we are only blessed to be a blessing. Nicaragua and Latvia, where our mission teams go, and Columbia, Bolivia, Panama and Costa Rica, where we support missionaries, will all benefit from the blessings we have because we like Abraham are given what we have to share with the world. - Hughey

Latham Praises ** Worship Happenings

Spirit Link—8:45 AM
Rev. Hughey Reynolds
Church & State: One Nation
Under God?
Mark 12:1-17

Traditional—11:05 AM
Rev. Hughey Reynolds
Church & State: One
Nation Under God?
Mark 12:1-17

Evening Worship—5:00 PM
Rev. Sam Lasseter
"Do We Recognize the
Lord's Power?"
Mark 6:1-6

News & Events



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNITY FESTIVAL

This year's Unity Festival will be on October 24, 2009. We will be looking for volunteers for helping organize and be in charge of the following areas: Kids area, Coca-Cola trailer, security, and clean up and tear down. There will be other areas that will need some helpers.

So if you are interested please contact Neal or Heather Porter @ 256-715-7146 Thank you.



Vision Statement

Latham exists to hear Christ, to proclaim Christ and to become like Christ to the world.

Mission Statement

Through the grace of God, Latham focuses our ministries and our worship to reach the un-reached and to grow and empower disciples of Jesus Christ.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Latham UMC Child Development Center has openings in our full day infant class ages six weeks through one year old. For more information call 883-0769 or go to lathamumc.org.



Living Proof Live SIMULCAST!
August 28-29th
Beth Moore Meets You Where You Live.
Literally
First United Methodist Church
Huntsville, AL
Call 539-5738 for Tickets!
Come Join Us!!!!

Sound System

We need a volunteer to operate the sound system once a month at the 11:05 Worship Service. Call Richard Peters at 881-4859 for details.



Finding Your PLACE in Ministry

Personality Blends
Learning Spiritual Gifts
Abilities Awareness
Connecting Passion with Ministry
Experiences of Life
New Classes
Saturday, August 22, 2009 - 9 am to Noon
(1 Saturday - 3 hrs = 1 class)
Wednesdays, August 19 and 26, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
(2 nights - 3 hrs = 1 class)
Registration by August 10, 2009
Rev. Vicki Tonini
256-468-7362
vickitonini@comcast.net
or call the church office

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Latham UMM breakfast will be Sunday, July 5th at 7:00 a.m. in Farley Hall. Our speaker will be Matt Rogers who will be talking about Camp Sumatanga's financial situation. Come join us for great food, great fellowship, and a great program. Hope to see you there!



Youth Summer Mission Trip

Here is a quick review of what the Youth did on their Summer Mission Trip to Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center in Ravenna, Kentucky. We stayed in 3 of their un-air-conditioned cabins that slept 8 people in 4 bunk beds. They gave us a list of 19 items that they wanted us to work on, which grew as the week went on. We ended up completing 13 of the 23 items on the list. We survived a lot of rain, a tornado warning and wasps attacks. We worked hard, played hard and ate some great food. The best part was that no one complained. When we needed more people to move gravel, they stepped forward and moved the gravel. When 3 of our youth were stung by wasps, Kendrick twice on the same eyelid, they went back to work in 45 minutes and never complained about the pain. I wish more adults could see the youth under these conditions. You get to see them as they come and go and play at church, but you don't see who they really are until you take them on a mission trip. We will schedule a Sunday night in the fall to tell you all about the trip and to show you some of the over 600 pictures we took. Thank you for your prayers and your support during this awesome mission trip.

CALENDAR



YOUTH EVENTS

This Week at Latham

Sunday, July 5th

7:00a – UMM Breakfast
 8:45a - Spirit Link Service
 10:00a - Sunday School
 11:05a - Traditional Service
 4:00p - Children/Green Mtn.
 5:00p - Evening Worship
 5:00p - Youth Bowling

Monday, July 6th

6:30a-5:30p-Mon.-Friday—Latham
 Child Development Center
 8:30a - Bend & Stretch
 9:00a - Mission Mon./Animal Sh.
 1:00p - Staff Meeting
 6:00p - Renew Praise Band
 7:00p - FROGS
 7:00p - Kiwanis—So. Huntsville
 7:30p - Seamless Praise Band

Tuesday, July 7th

10:00a - Bible Study- Tim Hopper
 10:00a - Fledgling Chef
 11:00a - Youth Lunch Club
 7:00p - Covenant Prayer Group
 7:00p - Coast Guard Scouts

Wednesday, July 8th

7:30a - Homeless Medical
 Mission
 6:00p - Youth Wet' N Wild
 7:00p - Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 9th

8:00a - Latvia Mission Trip
 depart
 8:30a - Bend & Stretch
 10:00a - Circle 5 Meeting
 10:00a - In Stitches
 1:30p - Elderberry Board Mtg.
 4:00p - Webelos
 6:30p - Coast Guard Aux.
 7:00p - Tutoring

Friday, July 10th

9:00a - Children/Ave Maria
 Grotto
 11:00a - Live Like You Were
 Dying Small Group

Saturday, July 11th

5:00p - Spirit link Setup

Youth Activities this week

Sunday - The Youth will be going Bowling from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Bring money for bowling and to eat at the bowling alley. Please meet at and be picked up from church.

Tuesday - The Youth will have Lunch Club from 11:00 - 2:00 pm. We will be going to get food from Arby's and then coming back to the Youth Room to watch Mamma Mia.

Wednesday - The Youth will be having a Wet 'N Wild Night from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at church.



LOST & FOUND—There is a lost & found in the church office. If you are missing items (Bibles, eyeglasses) be sure to check to see if we have them.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

Sun 7:30a SpiritLink Rehearsals
 Mon 6:00p Renew Praise Band
 Mon 7:30p Seamless Praise Band
 Wed 7:00p Chancel Choir



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

July 5th - 4:00 p.m. Green Mtn., Bring a brown bag dinner. We will hike & fish.

July 6th - Mission Monday - Animal Shelter

July 7th - Fledgling Chef

July 10th - Ave Maria Grotto

Care Ministry Drivers Requested



The Care Ministry Team is seeking volunteers to transport church members to and from church, doctor appointments, etc. on an as needed requested basis. This is an opportunity to share special moments with others. If you would be interested in serving our members in this way, please call Mary Jane Williams at 881-0184.

WEEKLY GIVING & ATTENDANCE AT LATHAM

Operating Budget 6/28/09

Received this week	\$ 8,622.00
Received year to date	\$389,981.05
Needed year to date	\$401,200.00



Capital Fund Status 6/28/09

Received this week	\$ 4,410.00
Needed each week	\$ 7,022.50
Received month to date	\$ 18,497.00
Needed each month	\$ 28,676.00

Attendance for 6/28/09

Adult Sunday school	153
Leaders	39
Youth Sunday school	18
Children's Sunday school	37
Total Sunday school	247
Visitors	17
Morning Worship	356
Sunday Night	100
Total for Sunday	456

FALL CO-ED SOFTBALL

If you would be interested in playing on a coed softball team in the fall please contact Neal Porter @ 256-715-7146.



RECYCLE AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

The UMW has begun an on-going project to collect extra and used Christian literature to donate to a Christian ministry that ships to churches in need all over the world. Plastic containers will be placed in the Welcome Center and in the hall outside the church office for collections of Bibles, devotional booklets (Upper Rooms, etc.), and reference books. Sunday School and VBS, literature, pictures and kits may be left in the Sunday School Office next to Farley Hall. Hymnals, sheet music and cassette and video tapes will also be accepted. Please help us be good stewards in recycling and in becoming a successful outreach ministry to our fellow Christians around the world. If you have questions, please call Judy Moore, 881-9570. **SEE INSERT**





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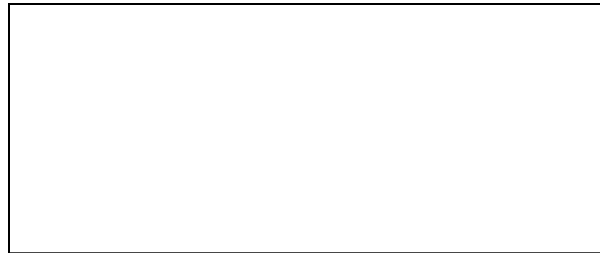
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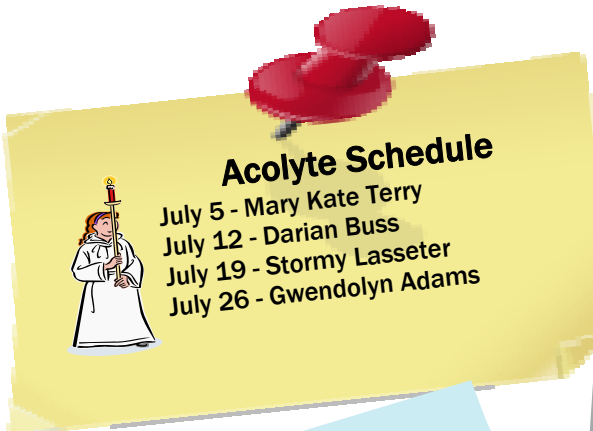
STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Hughey Reynolds
Associate Pastor: Rev. Sam Lasseter
Associate Pastor: Rev. Traci Loveman
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Fred Clemens
Associate Pastor: Rev. Vicki Tonini
Admin. Assist.: Marvene Grooms
Business Manager:
Director of Youth: Steve Elliott
Director of Music: Chris Klaus
Director of Adult & Children: Susan Terry
Director of Child Dev. Ctr.: Jill Hill
Organist: Cherry Hovik
Pianist: Joey Evans

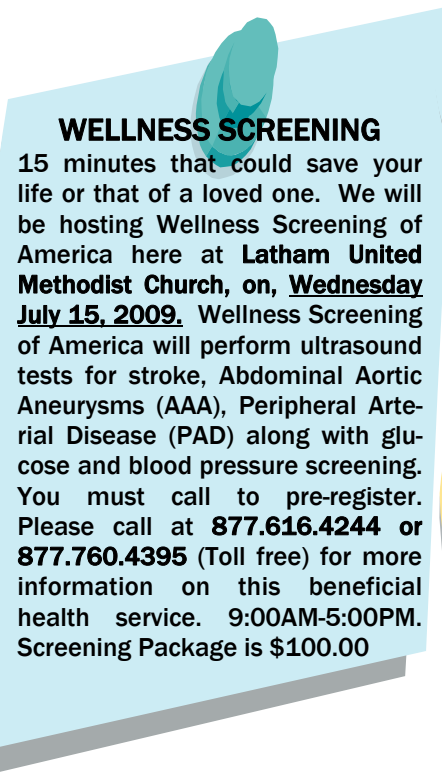


DEAR RECIPIENT: When you have a change of address, a new telephone number or when someone in your family moves or goes off to school, please make the church office aware of this change. Thank you.


CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

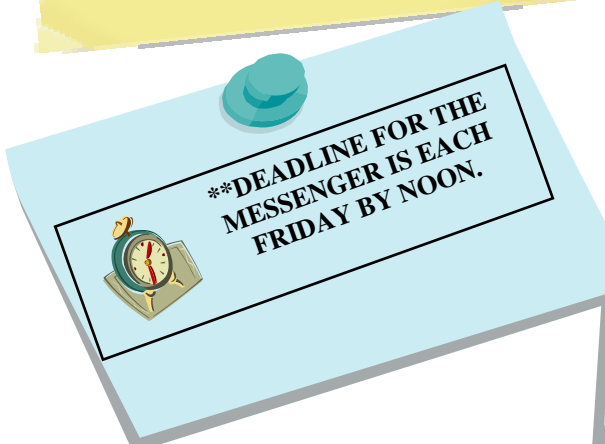
Acolyte Schedule
July 5 - Mary Kate Terry
July 12 - Darian Buss
July 19 - Stormy Lasseter
July 26 - Gwendolyn Adams



WELLNESS SCREENING
15 minutes that could save your life or that of a loved one. We will be hosting Wellness Screening of America here at **Latham United Methodist Church, on, Wednesday July 15, 2009.** Wellness Screening of America will perform ultrasound tests for stroke, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA), Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) along with glucose and blood pressure screening. You must call to pre-register. Please call at **877.616.4244** or **877.760.4395** (Toll free) for more information on this beneficial health service. 9:00AM-5:00PM. Screening Package is \$100.00



UMW Circle 8 Selling LUMC Magnets
Latham Logo Magnets are available for \$5.00 each. All profits go to local missions. Contact Sally Gore at 880-0777 or purchase one in the church office.



****DEADLINE FOR THE MESSENGER IS EACH FRIDAY BY NOON.**



ALTAR FLOWERS
The Flower Calendar for 2009 is up in the Welcome Center. Please sign up for your special dates.