



LATHAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

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Sermon Focus-

A primary focus of the church is fellowship with other believers and reaching out to non-believers. In Acts, it is outlined how the early Christians used fellowship to reach out to everyone. We can learn to do the same thing. Be prepared for a little different kind of service!

The Messenger

June 21, 2009-FATHER'S DAY Volume 27 Number 24

Hughey Reynolds, Senior Pastor

Fellowship

The Purpose of the Church sermon series focuses on Fellowship this week. Who better to preach this sermon than Latham's Director of Children and Small Group Ministries, Susan Terry? Susan is also the staff liaison on the Fellowship Ministry Team at Latham. That's the group behind most church-wide meals promoting fellowship in the church. I've heard it said that while Catholics are distinguished by transubstantiation (bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ), the Baptists by deep water immersion and the Pentecostals by speaking in tongues, casseroles and coffee distinguish United Methodists. We do like to eat and have fellowship around the table. Really what distinguishes us is that we offer everyone a place at the table. We believe Christ died and is risen for all so that all might be included at God's table.

Fellowship is central to the identity of the church. Fellowship is the English translation of the Greek word *koinonia* (κοινωνία) that means communion by intimate participation. The word is used frequently in the New Testament to describe the relationship between members within the early Christian Church as well as the act of breaking bread in the way Christ prescribed during the Passover meal. And so the pastor says at Communion, "When we break this bread it is a means of sharing in the Body of Christ." This is fellowship at its deepest level.

Some argue that they experience closer fellowship over a drink at a bar than they do at church. Either that church is deficient in its fellowship, that person does not trust enough to enter into the fellowship the church offers or that is a really good bar. Sadly the church can become more like a club where people are snubbed unless they bear a resemblance to club members. But the church of Jesus Christ extends fellowship to all.

The Church of Jesus Christ is One, Holy, Apostolic and Universal. One: We seek agreement, but not uniformity. Unity exists not only when we agree but also when we agree to disagree in an environment of unconditional love. Holy: Holiness is seeking to embody and reflect in all we do the fruit of the Spirit. We are still sinners but we actively pursue godliness through repentance, penitence and submission to the teachings of the Church. Apostolic: Our beliefs and practice are grounded in the writings of the Apostles, those who witnessed Jesus' life, death, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15). Universal: We are connected with the historical Church in its Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox branches all over the world by a common faith in Christ. Partnership with other churches for the redemption of humanity through joint mission efforts is a witness to universality. Be and enter the fellowship of the church. — Hughey

Latham Praises ** Worship Happenings

Spirit Link—8:45 AM
Susan Terry
Purpose of the Church
"Fellowship"
Acts 2:42-47

Traditional—11:05 AM
Susan Terry
Purpose of the Church
"Fellowship"
Acts 2:42-47

Evening Worship—5:00 PM
Rev. Fred Clemens
"God Uses the Unusual"
John 9:1-12

News & Events



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, not only in the U.S., but all over the world. What we casually throw in the trash or recycle bin is a treasure to those who often tear books apart to share in their study of God's word. Plastic containers will be placed in the Welcome Center and in the hall outside the secretary's office for collection 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, call Judy Moore, 881-9570.



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.



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.

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

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Latham UMW Child Development Center

pre-registration for Fall 1/2 day preschool began on March 2nd, ages 2-4 years old. For more information call 883-0769 or go to lathamumc.org.



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.



Nicaragua Mission Report and Dinner—

June 28, 2009 from 5:00-7:00 PM in Farley Hall
The 17 member team that traveled to and worked in Chacraseca, Nicaragua May 23-31 will present STORIES OF GRACE IN NICARAGUA beginning at 5:00 p.m. Group members will share stories and pictures of the houses and relationships built through Christ's love, the scholarships delivered and the water project advanced through your financial gifts and prayers. A meal will be served family style at tables where a mission team member join to answer questions and share experiences from the trip. To make a reservation go to the website and click [Nicaragua Mission Program Reservation](#) or sign up Sunday in the Welcome Center.



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



Children's Summer Events

Classes offered are:

Fledgling Chefs
Top Chef: Huntsville
Mission Mondays
How Do I Look?
Cookie Club

Also check out events for preschoolers and families. Register by calling Susan at the church office or on the church website.





This Week at Latham

Sunday, June 21st

Father's Day/Summer Begins

- 8:45a - Spirit Link Service
- 10:00a - Sunday School
- 11:05a - Traditional Service
- 3:30p - Suzuki Recital
- 5:00p - Evening Worship Service
- 5:00p - Youth Program

Monday, June 22nd

- 6:30a-5:30p-Mon.-Friday—Latham Child Development Center
- 8:30a - Bend & Stretch
- 10:00a - Top Chef Huntsville
- 1:00p - Staff Meeting
- 6:00p - Renew Praise Band
- 7:00p - FROGs
- 7:00p - UMW Circle 7 Meeting
- 7:30p - Seamless Praise Band

Tuesday, June 23rd

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

Wednesday, June 24th

- 1:30p - Wesley Singers
- 6:30p - Cub Scouts Meeting
- 6:30p - Boy Scouts
- 7:00p - Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 25th

- 8:30a - Bend & Stretch
- 4:00p - Webelos
- 6:30p - Coast Guard Aux.
- 7:00p - Tutoring

Friday, June 26th

- 11:00a - Live Like You Were Dying Small Group

Saturday, June 27th

- 5:00p - Spirit link Setup



Youth Activities this week

Sunday - The Youth will have Snack Supper and Swim Party from 5 - 7 pm at the Smith's house.

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

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

June 22—Top Chef Huntsville

MUSIC PROGRAMS

- Sun 7:30a SpiritLink Rehearsals
- Mon 6:00p Renew Praise Band
- Mon 7:30p Seamless Praise Band
- Wed 1:30p Wesley Singers
- Wed 7:00p Chancel Choir



Attention Wesley Singers

Wesley Singers will not meet after Sunday June 21st and will be off for the month of July.

Thanks, Chris



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 6/14/09

Received this week	\$ 24,496.68
Received year to date	\$ 381,166.22
Needed year to date	\$ 370,338.46

Capital Fund Status 6/14/09

Received this week	\$ 3,088.00
Needed each week	\$ 7,022.50
Received month to date	\$ 11,310.50
Needed each month	\$ 28,676.00

Attendance for 6/14/09

Adult Sunday school	162
Leaders	42
Youth Sunday school	19
Children's Sunday school	<u>29</u>
Total Sunday school	252
Visitors	8
Morning Worship	317
Sunday Night	<u>29</u>
Total for Sunday	346



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.



Wesley Camp Scholarships

As we all know America is having economic struggles. Latvia is also having economic struggles and it is much worse than it is in America. In conversations with Latvian leaders and teenagers, the teenagers are struggling to afford the \$30.00 it costs to go to Wesley Camp for the week. It costs the camp \$50.00 for each camper who attends for a week. We are looking to collect \$1,000 to help Latvian teenagers go to Wesley Camp for the week and to help the camp budget for the retreat.



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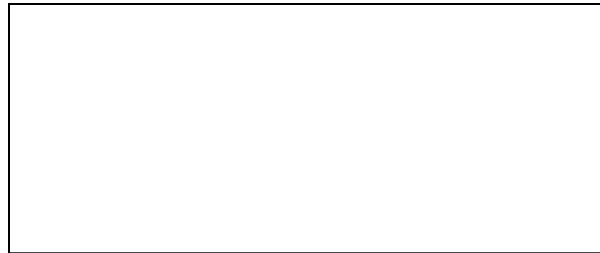
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STAFF

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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



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June 21 - Stormy Lasseter
June 28 - 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.

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.



Attn: College Students & Recent College Grads

There is a College Sunday School Class being offered in Room 322. Bonnie Nesman is teaching. Please come & have a great time of fellowship & study.

ALTAR FLOWERS



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