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PASTOR'S	PERSPECTIVE
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By Rev. Kory Knott, Senior Pastor

Our Core Values



In last month's newsletter, I took the opportunity to offer an explanation of our **Church's Mission Statement** (please see **Pastor's Perspective** from the Oct. edition of the

Beacon). This month I want to share with you some of the core values that beliefs that help **guide us in our effort to "make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**

Our Values:

Glorify and Honor God: We are committed to making sure that God is the One who is praised for what we are doing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Children and Youth: We are committed to reaching the next generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hospitality: We are committed to being a church that seeks to welcome anyone who desires to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Teamwork: We are committed to the use of team-based ministry for the leadership of Christ's church.

Spiritual Gifts: We are committed to the development and use of spiritual gifts.

Small Groups: We are committed to the development of small groups for spiritual growth.

Generosity: We are committed to being generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure.

Imperfection: We are committed to learning from our mistakes as we strive for excellence in all that we do.

Our Beliefs:

- We profess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.
- We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God that calls us to action in the world.
- We believe in the mystery of God and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives.
- We believe God ordains all Christians for ministry through baptism.
- We believe God calls us to worship together to celebrate all that God is.
- We believe that we should continually look to God for guidance.
- We believe that we are accountable to God for all that we do.
- We believe in the power of prayer.

Let us journey together,

Pastor Kory

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Think about this...

Q: In light of these uncertain economic times, why should we continue to give a significant amount of money to the church?

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Welcome



Welcome Stan and Darlene Bohinc who joined AUMC on Oct. 18th. Darlene is in Prayer Shawl Ministry.



Welcome Megan Claborn and Sherman Hammonds who joined AUMC on Oct. 18th.



Welcome Tonya and Russell Newell who joined AUMC on Oct. 18th. They are shown with sons (L-R) Payton, Trevor **and Cody. Tonya and Russell both volunteer in Children's Ministries.**



Welcome Andrew and Alicia Hall who joined AUMC on Oct. 18th. They are shown with baby **Hudson. Andrew's brother and sister-in-law are AUMC's Brian and Stephanie Hall.**

New Members!



Welcome Hunt family who have joined AUMC. Shown (L-R) are Michael, Elly, Darcy, Holly and Kiely. Holly is one of our Kingdom Kids Preschool teachers.



Welcome Bonnie and Allan Bundens who joined AUMC on Sunday, Oct. 18th. Allan was also baptized on this date. Shown with him are (L-R) Rev. Kory Knott and Rev. Joe Stobaugh.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Abigail and Christian Lockwood (shown left) on their marriage on Aug. 15th. Christian is the son of Peter and Marisa Lockwood.



Welcome Bruce Schneider who has joined AUMC.



Congratulations to Aimee and Wesley Lockwood (shown right) on their marriage on Oct. 10th. Wesley is the son of Peter and Marisa Lockwood.



Children's Ministry Auction

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

See Page 18 for Details!

MISSION POSSIBLE 2010

Think about this...

Q: In light of these uncertain economic times, why should we continue to give a significant amount of money to the church?

A: Financial stewardship enables the church to do what God has called us to do, which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

A: Giving enables us to have a stake in what God is doing in and through the church.

A: Supporting the church enables us—the Body of Christ—to introduce people to Jesus Christ in such a way that the lives of children, youth and adults are forever changed.

**Commitment Sunday
December 6th**

Thank You!

Argyle UMC,

Thank you for allowing us to have our car wash at the church.

2009 Argyle High School Eagle Marching Band

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the beautiful shawl I received. It will be wonderful for this cold winter they predict. Thanks very much.

Love,
Elsie Self

Dear Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry:

What a nice surprise, when Pat Wellborn delivered our Prayer Shawl with her visit yesterday. It is a wonderful service and the shawl and your prayers will mean much to Dick and I in the days ahead. Dick has already wrapped his shoulders and enjoyed its warmth. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Natalie & Dick Hill

NURSERY & TODDLER

CARE

By Lauren Anders
Nursery Coordinator



Hello, Parents! I'd like to take a minute to introduce myself as the new Nursery Coordinator. I am so excited to be working with you and your children as you spend time in worship and study. I have attended AUMC with my family since I was a kid, and I feel very blessed to now be here as a staff member. I have an extensive background in childcare, and I look forward to helping the nursery grow with our

church family.

We have been working hard to ensure consistent and loving care for the children and to help them discover that church is a fun place where they can grow in God's love.

Would you prayerfully consider joining us in this exciting endeavor? We are looking for volunteers to play with us on Sunday mornings. Are you a parent who uses the nursery on a regular basis? An empty nester who misses holding little ones? A grandparent whose children and grandchildren aren't nearby? We would love for you to spend time with us rocking babies and playing with toddlers. We are asking volunteers to sign up for either the 10:00 or 11:15 am Sunday worship service. Would you please stop by the nursery or contact me for more information?

In addition, we need a few extra nursery attendants. This is a part-time paid position. If you know of anyone who might be interested, will you please send them my way? Thank you for your support as we continue to grow our ministry for the youngest members of the church. You are very much appreciated!

Blessings,

Lauren Anders

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Congratulations to Justin and Kari Lockwood on the birth of their son, Ian Christopher, who was born on Oct. 7th.

KINGDOM KIDS

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Our mission: To ensure that each child feels the love of God through us each and every day.

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By Kelli Stoops
Kingdom Kids Director

October was such a fun month to learn about fall and color changes. The three and four year old classes had an exciting field trip to the Pumpkin Express and we all want to thank our parents for taking time out of their busy day to drive and help chaperone us. Everyone

had a great time riding the train, bouncing in the bounce houses, and wondering through the hay maze. (I did have a few kids tell me they liked it all, but eating the hot dog was their favorite part.....)

The fall fun festival was a blast with all the candy, games and silly costumes! Thanks to all who brought treats and sweets for us, and for those who volunteered their time helping with the games.

Science was jammed packed as the children studied magnets, skin and germs. The kids know that they need to wash their hands to the tune of "Happy Birthday" (so they scrub long enough!). Mrs. Brenda also let each class clean out a pumpkin while they learned all about them. Although not many of the kids liked the pumpkin seeds, the teachers and church staff had a great snack! Each class then got to take their pumpkins back to class to carve.

November will bring many of our Thanksgiving themes. Your child's teacher should be sending a monthly calendar home with their weekly themes.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, Nov. 5th: Bad Hair Day
- Wednesday, Nov. 18th: Wear Brown Day
- Thursday, Nov. 19th: Thanksgiving Feast (please watch for a sign up with more details)

Kingdom Kids will be closed November 24th-26th for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Have a safe and wonderful holiday. Remember to count your blessings. As we count ours, we will remember you!

Blessings,
Kelli Stoops
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**Inaugural
 Argyle Methodist
 Golf Classic**

The Argyle Methodist Student and Music and Worship Ministries thank Lantana Golf Club for helping to make the Argyle Methodist Golf Classic a success.

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And thank you to the Children's Ministry for the water and fruit and to all the Student and Music and Worship Ministry supporters for their contributions and their time in making this tournament a success.

WINNING TEAMS:

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| 1st Place | Ken Hartman, Todd Hartman, Tim Anderson |
| 2nd Place | Matt Portz, Troy Cryer, Darren Schnabel, |
| 3rd Place | Rod Overlander, Greg Aune, Todd Mead,
Hunter Hardy. |
| Others | Jim Dyer, Steve Fuqua, David Peak, Lance |
| Longest Drive | Michael Gravett |
| Longest Drive | Joyce Marshall |
| Closest to the | Dick Meek |



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Inaugural Argyle Methodist Golf Classic



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HSNT ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BANQUET. AUMC hosts this banquet for Health Services of North Texas. This year's event is Thursday, Nov. 19th. We need volunteers to set up, decorate, food preparation (recipes and trays provided), kitchen support, serving and clean up. Please contact Greg and Terri Bristow.



Each year the Communities Civic League works with area businesses and churches to provide Christmas gifts for children in our community via its Angel Tree program. Last year, children in 45 families were helped with a meal and gifts. While **we don't yet know how many children will qualify for the CCL Angel Tree this year, it's fairly certain that there will be at least as many as last year.**

During the month of November, AUMC's Angel Tree Mission Team will be setting up our Angel Tree. Would you please consider taking an angel or two from the tree and purchasing something for our little local angels? **If this isn't already,** perhaps this could become a Christmas tradition for you and your family!

1. **Although there's one item on each angel, each child receives multiple angels.** No need to purchase extra for your angel, just grab more angels!
2. **Do not wrap your angel's gifts. Every item must be verified before it can be wrapped.**
3. If you find you are unable to purchase a gift for your angel, **don't despair! Just bring your angel back to the church and place it back on the tree as soon as you are able.**
4. Please return your gifts promptly.
5. Please place your angel cutout in the bag with your gift.
6. Each angel receives items of necessity as well as a toy.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammie Nuoci at tammie@argyleumc.org, 940-464-1333 or Lorrie Sandel.

RIDE FOR STRIDES. This annual Argyle Faithworx mission event was Saturday, Oct. 17th. Many AUMC folks rode, volunteered,

sponsored and cooked. We started and finished 36 riders. The two highest money raisers were our juniors— Brooke Bancroft and Hanna Mooney. Debbie Osenbaugh won the holiday carriage ride raffle.

The *AUMC Circuit Riders*—Roger Mathis, Rob Arruda and Don Fryer left Argyle at 4:00 am to be with us and volunteer. Tammie Nuoci and her sister Debbie had the registration duty. Patrick Nuoci, our EMT, gave us a comforting feeling knowing we had medical emergency help on hand if needed. Karen Campbell was on hand for any horse emergency. The Men's Group of AUMC satisfied everyone with a fantastic menu.

Thanks to all our riders and their sponsors and to our corporate sponsors: Staley Steel, James Wood, Air Force Heating and Air Conditioning. We finished the day raising \$7,200 for the kids of SpiritHorse Therapeutic Riding Center. GOD is certainly good all the time.

DISASTER RELIEF TEAM. Our Disaster Relief Team was in Vancleave, MS the week of Oct. 4th. The team rehabbed two homes **that had flood damage from hurricane Katrina. Both our "families"** had lived for over four years with damaged floors. The team replaced exterior doors and rotten soffit, removed damaged vinyl flooring, repaired a rotten sub floor and installed laminate flooring. They also replaced rotten fascia, removed a parquet wood floor, installed laminate flooring and vinyl flooring.

This year's AUMC team of Amy Bell, Janet Bell, Alex Bonner, Matt Friess, Rick Lloyd, Davie Lloyd, Mike Norwood, Stacey Kelly and Russell Kelly were blessed with the hospitality of Vancleave UMC. They nourished our bodies so we would have the strength to spread God's love in our deeds of service for the less fortunate of His flock.

While we were repairing homes, we were also building bonds— bonds between the communities in Mississippi and the bonds between our team members. The team felt blessed on this trip with the opportunity to serve our Lord. Be sure to see pictures of our trip on the following page. We have plans to return to Vancleave, MS on Oct. 3—9th, 2010. Please contact Russell Kelly at russell@argyleumc.org or 940-464-1333 if you are interested.

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YOUTH

MINISTRY

By Nathan Bryant

Minister to Students



What are you some of your deepest hopes for your children? I'm not sure I think about that question enough. My gut reaction is that I'd like to see my son succeed in the world as a man of character who excels in his chosen field. I'd like him to be wise and loving and strong enough to accomplish meaningful things. I'd like him to be influential and use that influence for God's glory.

That all sounds good, but there's a seed of my own selfishness in the middle of it. The harder question is whether I want him to walk the path of Jesus or not, to live according to the uncompromising will of God on a cruel planet.

In 1 Peter 4:1-11, Peter tells us—and our Christian students—to live as if we have suffered as Jesus did and, thus, be done with sin. He tells us to opt out of all of the "party sins" and to expect to be mocked and lonely because of it. He tells us to live to pray, to live to love, to live to serve. Not once does he tell us to live to succeed, to excel, or to be influential in the sense of those words that I imagine from my world-tainted perspective.

Here are a few questions for you to ponder as we all consider the message we are sending to our kids and the model we are setting for them to follow:

• What were you celebrating when your children have seen you the most wild and passionate?

• At home with your family, what are the most common subjects of conversation?

• How much do you encourage gossip by asking your kids for the "scoop" or talking to other parents about things going on outside of your own family?

• When was the last time your kids saw you reading the Bible?

• How comfortable are you in asking your kids how their walk with the Lord is going?

When was the last time you put your foot down as a parent because of a spiritual conviction you hold?

I believe parents have an incredibly difficult job in living IN, but not OF the world. Our sinful human nature says do all you can for your kid to be the best in band, cheer, sports and academics. God

says that all of these areas pale in comparison to their relationship with Him. Saying and doing the right things will probably make you unpopular with your own kids and others from time to time, but how else are we to show them that living as a child of God will mean isolation, unpopularity and a need for endurance?

My prayer for you this month is that your faith and relationship with God will spill over into your parenting and the spiritual walks of your children. May God give you the wisdom to know what is right and the courage to follow through and do it. Until next time, let's remain...

In Him,

Nathan Bryant

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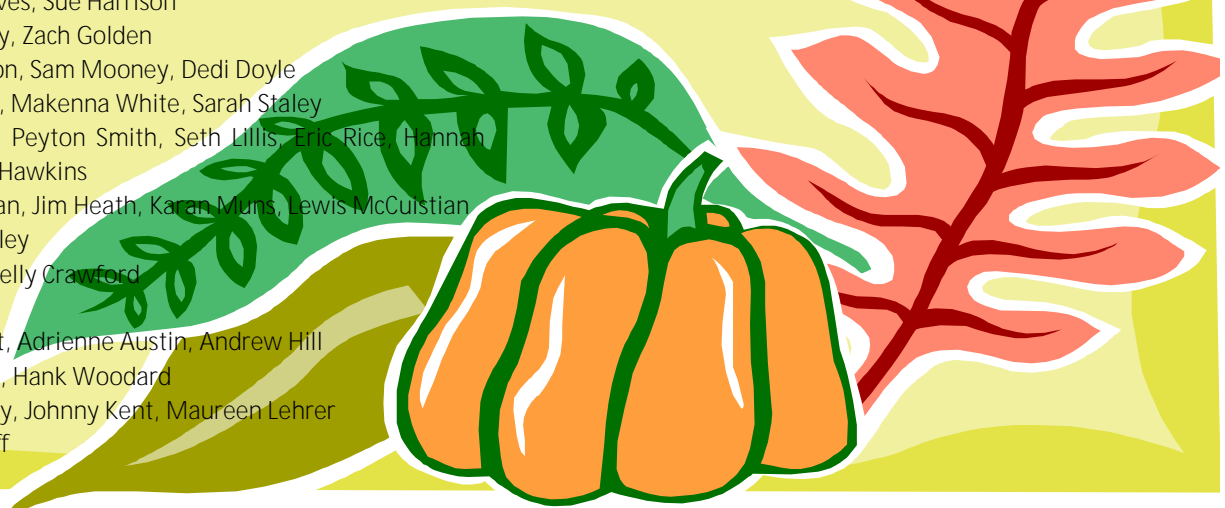




Celebrations - Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Savannah Shockley
- 2 Daniel Presley, Rachel Lockwood, Dan Onstot, Debbie Rice
- 3 Becky Clarke
- 4 Collin Burum, Eric Schinske
- 5 Zach Lewis, Brooklyn Carl, Frank Lyle
- 6 Matthew Kelling, Olivia Knabe, Zeke Bryant
- 7 Kim Mitchell, Steve Golden, Charleigh Lowry, Jeremy Clark
- 8 Todd Mead
- 9 Sydney Ward, Emily Young, Justin Clark, Olivia Pittman, Roger Shady
- 10 Ty Crawford, Micah Key
- 11 Rain Genthner, Twila Kelcourse, Bob Lamb
- 14 Kat Rice, Miles Gilster
- 15 Phil Kellar, Reeves Moseley
- 16 Kennedy Reaves, Sue Harrison
- 18 Jo Alain Farley, Zach Golden
- 19 Ryan Anderson, Sam Mooney, Dedi Doyle
- 20 Julia Robledo, Makenna White, Sarah Staley
- 21 Katy Keenan, Peyton Smith, Seth Lillis, Eric Rice, Hannan Doyle, Jenna Hawkins
- 22 Jeanne Putman, Jim Heath, Karan Muns, Lewis McCuistian
- 23 Jeannine Pooley
- 24 Eric Lamon, Kelly Crawford
- 25 Marge Hill
- 26 Zachary Knott, Adrienne Austin, Andrew Hill
- 28 Alicia Connell, Hank Woodard
- 29 Brittany Hardy, Johnny Kent, Maureen Lehrer
- 30 Harold Ratcliff

- Buddy and Chris Funck 2
- Quinn and Karen Ricker 9
- Todd and Shelby Chiles 11
- Roger and Kristy Johnston 11
- Dan and Terry Onstot 13
- Ron and Dottie Barker 17
- Mike and Alyson Livingston 19
- Greg and Terri Bristow 20
- Jim and Rhonda Tegner 23
- Al and Sue Dourgarian 24
- Jim and Mina Hill 24



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Argyle Volunteer Fire District
Open House and Dedication of Fire Station 513
869 Copper Canyon Road
Saturday, Nov. 14th
Open House 12:00—4:00 pm
Dedication 5:00—6:00 pm

Todd Mead

Pastor of Spiritual Formation



I want to remind you we have an ongoing grief support group that meets the first and third Sunday of each month.

We meet at 4:00 pm in the Pastor's office. The holiday can be difficult for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Please join us if you could use some encouragement during the holiday season.

I am sharing an article that I hope might benefit you if you are dealing with grief or if you are supporting someone who is.

Helping Yourself Heal During the Holiday Season

by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

Holidays are often difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of someone loved. Rather than being times of family togetherness, sharing and thanksgiving, holidays can bring feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness.

Love Does Not End With Death--Since love does not end with death, holidays may result in a renewed sense of personal grief-a feeling of loss unlike that experienced in the routine of daily living. Society encourages you to join in the holiday spirit, but all around you the sounds, sights and smells trigger memories of the one you love who has died.

Talk About Your Grief--During the holiday season, don't be afraid to express your feelings of grief. Ignoring your grief won't make the pain go away and talking about it openly often makes you feel better. Find caring friends and relatives who will listen-without judging you. They will help make you feel understood.

Be tolerant of Your Physical and Psychological Limits--Feelings of loss will probably leave you fatigued. Your low energy level may naturally slow you down. Respect what your body and mind are telling you. And lower your own expectations about being at your peak during the holiday season.

Eliminate Unnecessary Stress--You may already feel stressed, so don't overextend yourself. Avoid isolating yourself, but be sure to recognize the need to have special time for yourself. Realize also that merely "keeping busy" won't distract you from your grief, but may actually increase stress and postpone the need to talk out thoughts and feelings related to your grief.

Be With Supportive, Comforting People--Identify those friends and relatives who understand that the holiday season can increase your sense of loss and who will allow you to talk openly about

your feelings. Find those persons who encourage you to be yourself and accept your feelings-both happy and sad.

Talk About the Person Who Has Died--Include the person's name in your holiday conversation. If you are able to talk candidly, other people are more likely to recognize your need to remember that special person who was an important part of your life.

Do What Is Right for You During the Holidays--Well-meaning friends and family often try to prescribe what is good for you during the holidays. Instead of going along with their plans, focus on what you want to do. Discuss your wishes with a caring, trusted friend.

Plan Ahead for Family Gatherings--Decide which family traditions you want to continue and which new ones you would like to begin. Structure your holiday time. This will help you anticipate activities, rather than just reacting to whatever happens. Getting caught off guard can create feelings of panic, fear and anxiety during the time of the year when your feelings of grief are already heightened. As you make your plans, however, leave room to change them if you feel it is appropriate.

Embrace Your Treasure of Memories--Memories are one of the best legacies that exist after the death of someone loved. And holidays always make you think about times past. Instead of ignoring these memories, share them with your family and friends. Keep in mind that memories are tinged with both happiness and sadness. If your memories bring laughter, smile. If your memories bring sadness, then it's alright to cry. Memories that were made in love-no one can ever take them away from you.

Renew Your Resources for Living--Spend time thinking about the meaning and purpose of your life. The death of someone loved created opportunities for taking inventory of your life-past, present and future. The combination of a holiday and a loss naturally results in looking inward and assessing your individual situation. Make the best use of this time to define the positive things in life that surround you.

Express Your Faith--During the holidays, you may find a renewed sense of faith or discover a new set of beliefs. Associate with people who understand and respect your need to talk about these beliefs. If your faith is important, you may want to attend a holiday service or special religious ceremony. As you approach the holidays, remember: grief is both a necessity and a privilege. It comes as a result of giving and receiving love. Don't let anyone take your grief away. Love yourself. Be patient with yourself. And allow yourself to be surrounded by loving, caring people.

Peace,

Todd

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Adult Sunday School

These classes are held Sundays from 10:00—11:00 am in the portable buildings located on the south side of the building.

Portable Building #1.

Genesis. Led by Todd Mead, 940-464-1333, todd@argyleumc.org.

Portable Building #3.

Families of Faith. For families of mostly elementary-aged school children. Contact David Young or Mike Norwood.

Portable Building #4.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. Although this class welcomes everyone, it is mostly made up of people in their 60's and beyond. Contact Alan Albarran or Jan King.

This class is held Sundays from 11:15 am —12:15 pm in the portable buildings located on the south side of the building.

Portable Building #3.

Parents of Teens. Led by Minister to Students Nathan Bryant and Adult Spiritual Formation Minister Todd Mead. This is a great time for these parents to meet since youth will have Sunday school during this timeframe.

This class is held Sundays from 5:00—6:30 pm in the portable buildings located on the south side of the building.

Portable Building #3.

Footprints. This class, for young couples with or without children, focuses its studies on the books of the Bible, life-application of the scriptures, and marriage and relationship development. They participate in First Friday of the Month socials, a New Year's Party, group attendance at special worship services throughout the year and summer get-togethers. The curriculum for the 2009—2010 year are: *The Open Table, Invitation to Know God, Experiencing God and Eclipsing Empire—Living the Questions.* Childcare provided. Interested? Contact Contact Cyne' Hindman.

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY. Be sure to pick up your new photo directory at the Welcome Center. Thanks to the Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors Sunday school class for their commitment to this project!



STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

by Kim Thomas

"We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:3-4).

Early church leaders could not do it all themselves. They simply could not meet all the physical needs of the people and some were **being neglected.** Therefore, with the Spirit's leading, some were chosen who were *"known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom"* (Acts 6:3).

Times are not all that different today. Our Pastor and staff need lay persons to help care for our congregation and community. This is why we need Stephen Ministers who are *known to be full of faith and the Holy Spirit* (Acts 6:5) to continue the work that Stephen began in the early church.

The Stephen Leaders have been meeting once a week organizing and planning for Stephen Ministry. We have a written purpose for this ministry and would like to share with you the following:

Mission – Seeking and caring for the spiritually hurting.

Vision – To Seek the hurting, to Grow servants and Serve with the compassion of Christ.

Values –

Glorify and Honor God – We are committed to making sure that God is the One who is praised for the work we are doing.

Refuge for the Hurting – Through AUMC's Stephen Ministry we want to provide hurting people compassion, care and **Christ's healing love by serving them through Stephen Ministers.**

Bear One Another's Burdens – God wants us to love, encourage and care for one another and not allow anyone to suffer alone. Through Stephen Ministry we provide one-to-one care and encouragement.

Lay Ministry – We value high-quality, distinctively Christian lay ministry and incorporate this at AUMC by equipping people through Stephen Ministry.

An Informational Meeting was held on Oct. 11th and a good number of individuals showed interest in the ministry. Training is scheduled to begin in January 2010. For more information on Stephen Ministry, please visit with any one of our Stephen Leaders or contact Todd Mead at todd@argyleumc.org or 940-464-1333.

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BEACON Adult Small Groups

EXERCISE AT THE CHURCH. The exercise class meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00—9:00 am at the church. This class is intermediate/advanced, but there are beginner modifications that are simple to do. If you're interested, call Lynda Mathis..

GRIEF SUPPORT. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 4:00—5:00 pm in the pastor's office.

MEN'S LESSONS-N-LUNCH. Wednesdays at 12:00 pm in the church conference room, except for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We will be studying *Life and Times of Elijah*. Contact Larry Chiles at 972-523-7215 or larry@larrychiles.com.



MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY. Fellowship through motorcycle interests and rides. This group's purpose is to meet at the church (weather permitting) the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Join us on our first get-together on Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 6:00 pm.

Meet us here at the church, and then we'll ride to Rudy's in Denton. We'll enjoy each other's company and share thoughts regarding potential charity fund raising ideas as well as manners to serve and contribute to church outreach programs. Contact Greg Bristow.

MEN'S GROUP. We served some GREAT BBQ to a bunch of hungry folks at the SpiritHorse ride last Saturday. It was a great event – beautiful weather. We are still meeting every 3rd Sunday at the Snooty Pig Café in Argyle. We are also still working on an order for AUMC shirts – either short/long sleeve blue denim or tan pull over – has AUMC emblem and your name. Advise size/which one and we will take care of it and deliver it to the church for you. If you are interested in the men's group, give me a call. Chris Rosprim, chris@sbpcommercial.com or 940-243-4000.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. Thursdays from 6:30—7:30 am in the church conference room. We will be starting a new study in November. Contact Dana Bolin.

FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP. This group of mostly empty-nesters is studying *Parables from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. We meet Mondays from 6:30—8:00 pm in portable #3. Each lesson is stand-alone, so please come join us!

contact Pat Wellborn at 940-765-9095 or pat@argyleumc.org if you have any questions.



AUMC CIRCUIT RIDERS. This bicycling ministry includes Rob Arruda, Stuart White, Don Fryer, Charlie Foster, and others. They ride for fun and for particular charities. Don Fryer and Roger Mathis (shown L-R) rode in the 90 mile Lance Armstrong Foundation Livestrong Challenge in Austin. There were 6,200 riders, runners and walkers and 900 volunteers participating in the Challenge. Through the generosity of 38,607 donors, \$4 million was raised toward the fight against cancer. Contact Charlie Foster.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. Meet Thursdays from 9:00—11:00 am. New study is Jill Briscoe's *8 Choices That Will Change A Woman's Life*. Please contact Kim Thomas.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY. A new study will be starting Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Details are now being discussed. If you would like to know more, please contact Jeannine Pooley.



SENIORS GAME TIME. Calvin and Millie Clark are putting together a game time for seniors here at AUMC. If you would like to play cards, dominoes and you enjoy fun and fellowship, contact the Clark's.



Yes, dear. I'll be sure to pick up goodies at the Bake Sale at AUMC on Sunday Dec. 13th and 20th. Yes, dear, I'll be sure they make their way home to you and the elves!

Grace Notes

By Rev. Joe Stobaugh
Associate Pastor, Cantor and Curator of Worship



Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! I also hope you had the chance to worship with us at the **11:15 All Saints' Day service on Nov. 1st!** What an incredible worship event! I am so proud of the choir for all of their hard work, artistry and dedication. There is something sacred that happens when a group of diverse people comes together and practices the sacred art of music. I count it a great privilege to be a part of this experience, every week, at Argyle UMC.

As the Advent and Christmas seasons approach, I would like to invite all of the adults in our community to prayerfully consider singing with the chancel choir for our Dec. 20th lessons and **carols services. We will sing Benjamin Harlan's *The Christmas Light*** at the 8:30 and 11:15 am services. This is the perfect short-term commitment project for your holiday season! The music in *The Christmas Light* is beautiful, familiar, and...in English! Please come and join us as we sing in the season on Wednesday nights from 7:30—9:00 pm in the choir room! There is no audition, so come and join us!

Sisters and brothers, as the beautiful fall season continues to unfold around us and as the earth continues its descent towards death in winter, may we take this wonderful opportunity to reflect upon our lives and on how many ways we have been blessed by God. And then, after our time of reflection has come to an end, let us celebrate God's love for us by loving others!

May you have a blessed November!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Joe Stobaugh
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Children's Ministry Auction
Sunday, Nov. 22nd

See Page 18 for Details!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR NOTES

All Wednesday's in November and December: The Argyle Ringers will rehearse in the conference room and the Chancel Choir will rehearse in the choir room.

- Nov. 15 The Argyle Ringers lead in Sunday morning worship and the Chancel Choir sings at the 8:30 and 11:15 am services.
- Nov. 22 11:15 am. KM2, Veritas Youth Choir, and the Chancel Choir lead service.
- Nov. 23 Chancel choir rehearsal (not Nov. 25th).

SEASONAL BANNERS BEING CREATED. Dona Sherwin, Sarah Schermerhorn, Donna Fox and Jane Kayler have spent an untold number of hours constructing two banners for the sanctuary. The women have been working since August on these beautiful works of art. The banners titled, *The Announcement* and *The Greatest Gift*, will be hung in the sanctuary on Nov. 29th, the first Sunday of Advent and will hang during the Christmas season. The banners currently hanging were also created by this



team. When you see these women please express your appreciation for their amazing gift to our church. If you'd like to make a contribution to help pay for the materials, please mark your check "banners" and put it in the collection plate. Thank you.

By Pat Wellborn

Congregational Care



Slash Ministry

At our former church building on Denton Street, the staff used to **tease Children's Minister Liz Edwards** because her office was known as the *slash* (multi-purpose) room. It had been a finance office/Sunday school **room/library/storage room/Liz's** office.

In reading *The North Texas Conference Reporter*, a publication of the United Methodist Church, I learned about a woman in Jefferson, Texas who truly has a slash/business, slash/life.

After Kathy Patrick lost her job in sales for a publishing company, she decided to combine her two interests—hairdressing and books. Thus, she started a new business—*Beauty and the Book*. Then she added a new book club—*Pulpwood Queens*. She became very successful in these ventures, inviting authors to speak at the book club, and eventually she, too, became an author.

At the least, to me this is a story of a incredibly talented woman **who has used her talents and business savvy to survive in today's world. But there's an even better part to this story. It's the story** of how Kathy has used all these talents to serve God.

She began *Books Alive*, a book festival that benefits her church, First UMC of Jefferson, and she volunteers as their youth director. Yet, this is still not the end of this story. Last year she began helping the homeless by teaching them writing at a Longview UMC outreach center. Encouraging them to write life journals, the intention is to compile the stories in a book that will be published and sold to benefit the mission.

This story is so relevant to me, particularly after attending a staff retreat a few days ago. Todd Mead, our Minister to Adults, invited all of us to share our stories and our dreams that we have for ourselves and for this church.

And, did we share! I've been an "employee" of this church for almost nine years now, and I never cease to be amazed at how God puts such different individuals with so many different back-

grounds/work experiences together to do His work. Talk about slash/people! Who would have thought that all these people would end up here, doing what we do, at this time, together? **We all know that we are here because of God's grace and wisdom.**

That day, we helped each other recognize the gifts the Holy Spirit gave each of us, and we all learned the even greater aspirations we hope to attain in promoting and spreading His Word and His Will within and outside the walls of this church and this community. Yes, we are very privileged to spend our lives doing what we do for Him.

What a privilege we have been given by God to be able to spend our lives giving His love away.
Don Lessin

We are also privileged and thankful that God has placed each one of you here with us at this time to do this work. This is no accident, dear friends. *We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.* Proverbs 16:9

I pray a blessed Thanksgiving for you and your family.

Pat Wellborn

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CHARGE CONFERENCE RESULTS. Our annual charge conference was held Sunday, Oct. 25th. Rev. Kory Knott reported on the ministries of the church and gave a membership update (as of that date, we have 739 members). He also presented a proposed 2010 Leadership Team which was approved by the attending members. Finance, Trustee and SPR reports were given by the current Chairpersons.

Attending members also approved our going forward on launching a capital campaign to add space and reduce debt, thereby giving Trustees permission to investigate and choose a capital campaign management company. Rev. Larry George, our District Superintendent, received approval from attending members to renew commitments from Lay Speakers Don Fryer and Alyson Livingston. **A copy of the Charge Conference Secretary's Minutes is available** from Pat Wellborn, pat@argyleumc.org or 940-765-9095.

NEEDS. We *really* need more ushers/greeters/parking lot attendants before and after the 10:00 am service. Would you please contact Larry Chiles at 972-523-7215 or larry@larrychiles.com? *Thank you!*

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

STEP INTO GOD'S KINGDOM

Our mission: To share and teach the love of Christ to children and their families.

By Liz Edwards

Dir. of Children's Ministries

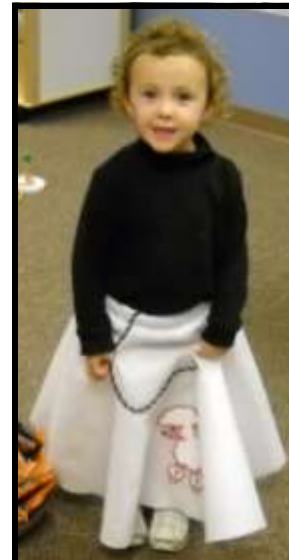
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ZONE 56 FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE 2009						
Date	Event	Lead	Helpers		Snack Supper	
11/4	GOD night	Tressa McCabe			Dana Ratcliff	Kay Graff
11/11	Make Auction Items				April Pulliam	
11/18	WOW night	Kelli Stoops	Kelly Little		Brenda Hagler	Jennifer Fischer
11/25	No Zone 56 – Thanksgiving Break					

Pre-School Carnival



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CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

The Lord is My Shepherd Psalm 23
November 1—22nd Rotation Sunday School

We continue our study of David as we learn about David's famous Psalm 23. David was the author of this psalm and a shepherd himself. For thousands of years, this scripture passage has provided comfort, peace and guidance to people who are sad, lonely or having a difficult time. We are going to memorize the 23rd Psalm so we too can look to scripture when we need it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

	K	1 st & 2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Nov. 1	Movie-108	Games-105	Drama-106	Computer-100
Nov. 8	Games-105	Movie-108	Computer-100	Drama-106
Nov. 15	Drama-106	Computer-100	Movie-108	Games-105
Nov. 22	Computer-100	Drama-106	Games-105	Movie-108

What we will learn:

God takes care of us like shepherd takes care of sheep.

God is with us even when we are scared.

God's love and kindness are always with us.

God guides us to make good choices

Teachers: Older 2's and 3's (3 by Dec.31, 2009), Rm. 103, Kelly Perritt, Kelly Hawkins & Carly Hawk. Pre-K, Rm 104, Cyne Hindman & Jennifer West. Rotation shepherds: Kindergarten, Nicole Hackett & Kristy Johnston; 1st grade, Dona & Bill Perkins; 2nd grade, Jo Ellen Bergstrom; 3rd grade, Kathy Wright & Tammra Allison; 4th grade, Tracey Portz & Chris Funck. Movie: Darren & Stacie Schnabel, David & Jennifer Bullock, Steve & Shannan Christo, Roger & Sue Santone; Computer, Steve & Mary Betzhold, George & Kelly Dunham, Drama, Harold & Dana Ratcliff, Jeff Bergstrom; Game, Steve & Adrienne Austin, Allan & Bonnie Bundens; Zone 56, Portable 6, Tom & Pam Keenan, Julie Sheridan, Mike Livingston.



All kids in grades 1-4 who want to make a difference in the world are invited to be a Mission Possible Agent. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 4th from 6:00—7:30 pm in Portable #3, aka Mis-

sion Headquarters. Bring new or clean bandannas. We will be making Bandanna Buddies for Orphan Outreach to send to orphanages in Russia and Honduras. For more information contact Beth Ward.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Date	11:15 Service CC
Nov. 1	COMMUNION
Nov. 8	Latham & Kristin Jones
Nov. 15	Kip & Jana McAlister
Nov. 22	Jane Ramsey
Nov. 29	Kevin & Shari Skaggs



Children's Ministry Auction Sunday, Nov. 22nd

- 8:00 am Silent Auction Bidding Opens
- 6:00 pm Mexican Dinner
(Catered by Cross Timbers Catering)
Tickets available at the Welcome Center:
\$8 Per Adult, \$4 (ages 4-12), 3 & under are free
- 7:00 pm Live Auction
Nursery & Children's Activities Provided
- 8:00 pm Silent Auction Bidding Closes
(Absentee Bidding Available)

We accept Cash, Check, AMEX, Discover, Visa, MasterCard

Just a few items up for bid this year ...

Autographed TOBY KEITH Guitar, Piano, Depression Glass, Baskets, Handcrafted Items, Autographed Sports Memorabilia, Electronic Toys, Gift Certificates, Jewelry, and much more.

Reverse Trick or Treat

ARGYLE
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FINANCE MATTERS.

2009 Operating Budget

\$908,017.00

Total giving through Oct. 26th towards Operating Budget

\$710,206.17



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays
 8:30—Traditional
 with congregational hymns
 10:00—Contemporary
 with intersect band
 11:15 am—Traditional
 with chancel choir

Student Worship
 Sunday: 6:00 pm—SNL
 (High School)
 Wednesday: 7:00 pm—STUWO

Our Mission

Seeking and Feeding the Spiritually Hungry

Our Vision

SEEK: Introducing People to Jesus
 GROW: Growing Spiritual Redwoods for Jesus
 SERVE: Relieving Suffering as Jesus Did

Ministry Team

SENIOR PASTOR
 Rev. Kory Knott

MUSIC MINISTRY
 Rev. Joe Stobaugh, Assoc. Pastor
 Curator and Cantor
 Anastasia Markina, Pianist
 Alex Ross, Music Associate

YOUTH MINISTRY
 Nathan Bryant
 Karla Rogers, Assistant

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 Liz Edwards, Director
 Kim Hand, Assistant
 Lauren Anders, Nursery Coordinator

CHILDREN'S PRESCHOOL
 Kelli Stoops, Director

FACILITIES MANAGER
 Russell Kelly

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION
 Todd Mead

CONGREGATIONAL CARE
 Pat Wellborn
 Rev. James Kayler

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 Tammie Nuoci, Office
 Valerie Donahue, Finances

MEDIA MINISTRY
 Matthew Kelling, Director
 Adam Bell
 David Laschinger
 Carter Low
 Mike Livingston
 Bill Reaves

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday—Thursday
 9:00 am—5:00 pm



A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to all
 the pumpkins in your family from your
 staff at Argyle UMC!

