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80th Celebration at FUMC Groves



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*Creating a culture of
connection with Christ
in our Community and
beyond*

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Tune in My Heart

Starting a new year has its challenges. There's the weather to contend with – have you noticed that we've had all four seasons in the month of January? Then we've probably given up on our resolutions already. Although, I'm still making progress on the idea of eating more healthy. And of course, in the church world committees begin again and all the numbers go back to zero. Fresh start as they say.

But the best part of starting this year in particular is that we began with celebration. Our 80th Anniversary was such a great way to say thanks to God for our history and to look with expectation into a future. We did have much to bless, didn't we?

80 years of caring for the people of our community. 80 years of teaching about the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 80 years of worshipping together. 80 years of offering hope to a hurting world.

You know the best part of being blessed – is that we get to bless others. This year, we will spend a great deal of time in the Gospel of Matthew. This gospel especially zeroes in on this idea of blessing. It starts out with chapter 5 in all those Beatitudes. But Matthew is quick to let us know that being blessed is not the point. We are blessed to BE a blessing.

As we go through 2014, we are called to discover just 1 way we can bless others on a regular basis. Most of us do nice things from time to time but do we make it our mission to regularly find ways to be a blessing. So that's your challenge for 2014.

Wonder what you'll choose? Will you be the phone princess/prince – calling members who no longer attend just to say you care about them and miss them? Will you be the volunteer at the hospital – smiling to settle the nerves of incoming patients? Will you join the choir to add even more joy to our worship? Will you spend an hour each week listening to a child read to you at one of our local schools?

Hey! I don't have to think all these up – God will nudge you and poke on you until you finally say "Uncle!" and show the world that Groves First cares.


We're blessed to be a blessing!!!

Bev


Nursery Worker Needed




Nursery worker is needed. If you know someone who would like to work in the nursery have them call the church office for details and an application. 962-1076

 **Lay Readers**
 February 2 Patricia Allen
 February 9
 February 16 Cindy Drake
 February 23 Marigay Hodges

February Ushers

 **USHERS**

 **Bereavement Captain**
 February Carol Carpenter

Sunday Worship Schedule
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

Wednesdays
 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Sign up today to be a Lay Reader!
Sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall.



Check it out! <http://grovesfumc.com>

The next time you log on to Facebook search for FUMC Groves and click "like".



Our Members

John & Tricia Allen
 Pat Allen
 Martha Arnold
 Barbara Ballard
 Pat Billeaud
 Jim & Jennie Brewer
 Madeline Brown
 Bower Family
 Karen Clark
 Jan Credeur
 Diane Davis
 Lettie Elliott
 Bryan Entrekin
 Paul Entrekin
 Rollin Gattis
 John Green Jr.
 Mike Green
 Doris Holmes
 Homer & Erin Johnston
 Reece & Betty Jones
 Lauren Knight
 Jack Lundy
 Bret Marks
 David Mingle
 Barb Montague
 Doug Phelps
 Tina Phelps, Makenzie & Hunter
 Patricia Reese
 Nevelyn Rutherford
 Lindsay Snider
 Doye & Nancy Tomplait
 Alyce Williams
 Rhana Wyble
 Kenneth Young
 Brenda Young



Friends and Loved Ones

David Brasher
 Mary Kavanaugh
 Kelley Lowe
 Ronnie & Debbie Saide
 Kenny Stansberry

Our Country & Military

Our President

Our Homebound

Ortha Addison
 Jackie & Lawrence Cousins
 Glynn Daigle
 Margaret Eakins
 Bill Lay
 Ethel Nicholls
 Vera Peterson
 Jeannie Schroeder
 George Thomas
 Caroline Tollefson
 Roy Webb

In the Nursing Home

Raymond Flurry



Family of Raymond Daigle
Family of Francis Seal

We are updating the Prayer List. If you would like to put a name on the prayer list or keep someone on, please fill out the form in your bulletin. Please fill it out completely so we will have a record of your request. After filling it out please drop it in the offertory plate. Emailing the church is also an option fumcgroves@aol.com. Please include the same information that is on the form. Your name, name of the person you would like to add, their address and reason they are needing prayer. If you would like to have a copy mailed to them or just their name on the list.

**WHAT REALLY MATTERS?
 Lent and Easter
 @ Groves First**



This year our scripture texts have many images of where love, grace, forgiveness, righteousness, healing, can REALLY be found. And usually it is not in the “usual” places. Isn’t it as true of us today as it was of the scriptural authors? Don’t we often look for wholeness and happiness in places that offer only temporary “good feelings” and satisfaction? Lent is a wonderfully reflective time to re-assess where we are searching for meaning, for “redemption.” We’ll move through this holy season to find out what really matters after all.

Preaching Series:

March 9:	Looking for Resistance	Matthew 4: 1—11
March 16:	Looking for Help	John 3: 1—17
March 23:	Looking to be Filled	John 4: 5—42
March 30:	Looking for a Shepherd	John 9: 1—41
April 6:	Looking for Freedom	John 11: 1—45
April 13:	Looking for a Reason	Matthew 21: 1—11
April 20:	Finding What Really Matters	Matthew 28: 1—10

Special Services:

March 5:	Ash Wednesday, March 5: worship at 7:00 AM
March 12:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM
March 19:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM
March 26:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM
April 2:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM
April 9:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM

Holy Week

April 14:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM
April 15:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM
April 16:	Vespers in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM
April 17:	Maundy Thursday in the Sanctuary 6:00 PM
April 18:	Good Friday with Special Choir 6:00 PM

FUMC 2014 COMMITTEES

Administrative Council Chair: Barbara Farris
Lay Delegate/Leader: Alyce Williams

Finance Committee

Meets 4th Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

James Carpenter—Chair
Gordon Covington
Colby Richards
Gaylen Humphrey
Cindy Drake
Shirley Vincent

Trustees Committee

Meets 4th Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

Mark Domingue—Chair
Doye Tomplait
Lettie Elliott
Martha Arnold
Robert Tubbs
Sue Greenway

W.O.N. Committee

Meets 4th Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

Madeline Brown—Chair
Alice McEntire
Sharon Neff
Debby Parker
Seth Farris
Angela Carpenter
Tim Carpenter
Erin Tabor

SPR Committee

Meets as needed

Charlie Jehlen—Chair
Pam Mingle
Curtis Humphrey
Jeff Greenway
Carolyn Grass
Elinor Stoffer

Nomination

Meets as needed

Curtis Pinkston
Lettie Elliott
Debby Parker
Nancy Tomplait
Sheri Jehlen
Bobby Ellis

Bargain Brigade

Meets 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Martha Arnold—chair
Carol Carpenter
Mary Beth Stafford
Kristi Whisenant
Sue Greenway
Barbara Entekin

Scholarship

Meets as needed

Linda Fong
Carolyn Grass
Charlie Jehlen
Aaron Tabor
Shirley Dement



This is a note of gratitude to all of you who planned and worked to make our church's 80th Anniversary such a wonderful occasion. The church service was great and inspiring.

The luncheon in the Family Life Center was so well-planned, and the food was delicious. (Our eating did not interfere with our visiting at all!)

A special thanks to Zuetta for all the work and time spent in planning and putting together our church's history book. I scanned through it, and I am now enjoying reading it word for word. It brings to mind so many memories.

May God bless all of you at Groves FUMC. I miss you. In His love, Violet Ross

To FUMC Prayer Ministry,
Thank you so much for praying for me and sending me copies of the prayer sheets. I really appreciate your faithfulness in doing this for me. I am completely well now, thanks to the prayers of many. God bless you all, Terry Ferrell

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the *Giving Tree* this year. FUMC Groves is always so generous each year. We could not do it without you.

Shirley Dement

Thank you for your support of the UMC on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. This is just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes & Shawn Bakker
Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church



Congratulations To the Entrekins

This is our new great grandson -- Zane Matthew Parker who lives in Georgia. Precious little baby!! Parents are Ariel & Aaron Parker Grandparents are John & Jill (Entrekin) Lane Great grandparents are BJ & Paul Entrekin Great-great grandparent's are Jim & Jennie Brewer & Pauline Entrekin Great Uncle is Bryan Entrekin & Great Aunt Julie Brewer.

Paul & Barbara Brewer Entrekin

ATTENDANCE DASHBOARD: Here is our vital statistics for January.



2014 Average Attendance
Worship— 96
Sunday School — 58

W	SS	PF	M
96	58	0	5

KEY:
W — Worship Average
SS — Sunday School average
PF — Professions of Faith
M — Hands on Mission participants



Did You Know.....

When you are writing out your own personal check there are a couple of items to be aware of:

- ◆ The Number figure you print out on the right side of your check, example: \$50.00, **IS NOT** the amount that the bank reads off and deducts from your account.
- ◆ The written out figure on the line below, example: Fifty Dollars and no/100, **IS** the amount the bank reads and will therefore deduct from your account.
- ◆ So if there is a discrepancy between the two it will be the written out figure that the bank will read and deduct.
- ◆ Also it is now the year **2014**, if you accidentally print out 2013 on your check the bank may not take it at all as that will make the check more than 90 days old.

These are a few of things that have “popped-up” lately in the Finance Office and just wanted to keep everyone informed.



TRACKING the Month of January

Giving for January: \$16,847
Expenses for January: \$18,439

We are feeding Chili to 200 students at the Lamar University Wesley Center on **February 25th**. Please put your Church chili in a one gallon freezer bag and place it in the freezer in the fellowship hall. Let the office know if you will be available to provide chili and or cookies and how much. Call 962-1076 or email the church office at Fumcgroves@aol.com



Wesley Student Luncheon

Cookies, rice, Fritos and cheese are also needed

Church Chili Recipe

Makes One Gallon

- 3 pounds hamburger meat
- 4—8 ounce cans of tomato source
- 2—8 ounce cans of water
- 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons of chili powder
- 1 tablespoon of cumin powder
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- Salt to taste

Brown and drain the hamburger then add the flour. Cook for another minute. Add the tomato sauce and water, mix in thoroughly. Stir in the spices thoroughly and bring to a slow boil. Simmer for 20 minutes, taste and adjust the seasoning, allow to cool and either enjoy or store. A single batch fits neatly into a 1-gallon zip bag and freezes well.

Happy Birthday!



- 2-02 Doye Tomplait
- 2-03 Larry Schroeder
- 2-04 Drew Rutherford
- 2-04 Herbert Stafford Jr.
- 2-05 Robert Peck
- 2-06 Brandi Gibson
- 2-07 Jennie Brewer
- 2-07 James Vincent
- 2-08 Lawrence Cousins Jr.
- 2-08 George Thomas
- 2-11 Jason Custer
- 2-11 Betty Jones
- 2-12 Lisa Eakin
- 2-12 Lene' McCoy
- 2-13 Rosemary Brau
- 2-15 Travis Greenway
- 2-18 Joy Custer
- 2-18 Makenzie Mosqueda
- 2-19 Gage Allen
- 2-19 Matthew Wiggins
- 2-20 Brian Phelps
- 2-22 Danese Gralino
- 2-22 Jaysa Miller
- 2-25 Darren McCutcheon

February Birthdays cont.

- 2-27 Carol Carpenter
- 2-27 Barbara Entrekin
- 2-28 Michael Parker



- February 3**
Dale & Barbara Farris
- February 7**
Pat & Marie Allen



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- Garland R. David**
By Ernie & Carol Davis
Maurine Green & Family
- Chris Elliott**
By Barbara Ballard
- Richard Barnes & Melissa Young**
Anonymous
- Jane Covington**
By Gordon Covington
- Faye Buhrow**
By Eloise Simmons
- Raymond Daigle**
By Tim & Carol Carpenter
- Raymond Daigle**
By The Renewal Class
- Francis Seal**
By Jack & Carolyn Bowser



February 23, 2014

Scout Sunday

The Scouts will serve a spaghetti lunch following worship. Everyone is welcome. A love offering will be welcomed.



Sanctuary Blessing!

Do you have a half of an hour once a week to come by and sharpening pencils, replace registration pads, folding blankets and just tidying up the pews for worship?

If so please call the church office at 962-1076. You will be a Blessing to our Sanctuary.



We are perfect, we are in the light of God and Jesus. We are loved by the Holy Spirit not abused. We are a precious jewel and not worthless. We are God's people forever. Amen.

By Hannah Jehlen

80th Anniversary Groves FUMC

A worship celebration for 80yrs. of service to Christ and our community was held January 12th, 2014. 1Corinthians 3: 10-15 was the scripture text for the message delivered by Pastor Beverly Tune. Zuetta Pinkston, church historian, remembered the past, the people and events that started a Methodist presence in Groves. Charlie Jehlen, Jr., 2013 Administration Chair, highlighted events of last year. Barbara Farris, 2014 Administration Chair, looked to the future of Groves FUMC.

A celebratory luncheon followed where each family received a copy of the history book of Groves FUMC written by Zuetta Pinkston. Special guest included Reverend Dr. Richard White, District Superintendent, former Pastor Alan VanHooser and wife Teresa, and Virginia Flemming, widow of former Pastor Archie Flemming.

Article from The Cross Connection by Barbara Farris






More 80th Celebration at FUMC Groves

To see more pictures log on Facebook and like FUMC Groves



February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Offering For Wesley Student Lunch	3	4	5 9:00 a.m. MDO 7:00 Choir	6 9:00 Coupon Cutting 10:00 UMW	7 9:00 a.m. MDO	8 Holy Conversations Faith, Orange UMC
9	10	11 6:00 Bargain Brigade	12 9:00 a.m. MDO 7:00 Choir	13 10:00 UMW Book Study	14 9:00 a.m. MDO  Valentine's Day	15 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
16 	17 Office Closed  Presidents' Day	18	19 9:00 a.m. MDO 7:00 Choir	20	21 9:00 a.m. MDO	22
23 Scout Sunday Spaghetti Lunch 2:00 Trustees 2:00 Finance 2:00 WON 3:30 ADM Council	24	25  Wesley Student Luncheon	26 9:00 a.m. MDO 7:00 Choir	27	28 9:00 a.m. MDO	