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Daylight Savings Time
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Everyday Disciples

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 Methodists in Iraan & McCamey*

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FROM THE PASTOR

November 1st – All Saints Day
November 2nd – Election Day
November 6th – Church Conference
November 11th – Veteran’s Day
November 20th – Community Thanksgiving Services
November 24th – Thanksgiving Day
November 27th – First Sunday of Advent

This is just a few items on the calendar which remind us that we are living in busy communities. Add to that school functions, community events, family activities and you can see for yourself that there is nothing small about small town life!

Before we get too far down the path that is November, I’d like to invite you to take a few minutes to consider what it means to be people who have been blessed by God.

“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song” (Ps. 95:1-2).

“Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Ps. 103:2).

Do you need help being thankful? Give this idea a try today. Take a sheet of paper and at the top of it write “Thank You, God, for...” then down the left margin of the paper, write the letters of the alphabet. Take about 15 minutes prayerfully listing things you are grateful for in the space next to each letter. Remind to consider the various ways God blesses us: spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, materially, and relationally. The goal is to write at least one blessing for each letter. I recommend saving your list in your Bible as a reminder of God’s goodness or for use in your personal devotions. Or for a twist you could do this activity with your children or family and see who can come up with the most to be thankful for.

Every blessing, Pastor Charles

"As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your "prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 93

PRAYERS

Joys: +Baptism in McCamey
+Homecomings +Laughter in church
+Great visits with families and friends
+Homemade goodies for the Iraan
fellowship time +Cooler weather
+Another fantastic fourth-Sunday
potluck brunch at FUMC-Iraan +Deer &
javelinas did not hit the pastor's car last
month +Women's Bible Studies on
Tuesdays in Iraan +Colton's good health
report; bone scan was negative (It had
been 60%.) +Derek Wiley was home on
leave +Birthdays and anniversaries.

Concerns: +Amy Templeton is in a
cast for six weeks. +Prayers for the
peoples of Libya, Liberia, Eastern part
of The Congo +Prayers for people of
Turkey dealing with last month's
earthquake +Prayers for Chelsea
Hawthorne on a death in the family; the
family of Joyce Tims; the family of Terry
McGrew; the family of Theresa Zwak.

Healing prayers: Miley Barrandey,
Tommy Zale King Bullard, Jeanene
Christian, Cleo Darby, Jonnie Dempsey,
Mary Faust, Terry Gill, Greg Haggard,
Billie Harris, Jane Harrison, Maxine
Hyden, Elmer Jones, Kash Kelso, Jean
K., DeWayne Lindsey, Aurora Lopez,
Billie McKenzie, Lois Ann McKenzie,
Shane McKenzie, Maylee Mahone, Terry
M., Kathy Pearce, Jimmy Peoples,
Donald Plants, Helen Remy, Doug
Smith, Eva Smith, Melody Smith, Sue
Sorrels, Diane Sykes, Alfred Lee Teal,
Amy Templeton, Jean Vandigriff, Colton
Ward, Henry White, Tammy Williford
and all who are being treated at the
Odessa Cancer Center. **Continued**

Prayers: Our church - our schools -
Our country and our leaders - our
military and their families - the
unemployed - the homeless - victims of
natural disasters - countries fighting for
freedom.

PRESENCE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

Iraan: 18 McCamey: 38

Convalescent Center: 11

Average Weekly Faith Formation Attendance

Iraan: 10 McCamey: # Not Available

GIFTS

"You ought to serve the world with your
gifts," said Josh Union, **United
Methodist Student Day scholarship**
recipient and student at Southern
Methodist University in Dallas.

Every year hundreds of students like Josh
receive scholarships and loans funded by
United Methodist Student Day. "You can
actually help provide students with the
very materials and encouragement they
need," he said about the importance of
this offering.

When you give to United Methodist
Student Day (Nov. 27th), you support
students who are finding new ways to
serve God in the world. Your
contributions are needed more than ever.

To read additional stories of lives changed
by your gifts to the **United Methodist
Student Day** offering [click here](#).

Prayers (continued):

Please be in prayer for the Rev. Gary
Karschner and the congregation of the
Miles (TX) United Methodist Church.



NURTURE – OUTREACH – WITNESS

**The Ministries of the
United Methodist Churches
in Iraan and McCamey**

NURTURE MINISTRIES

Worship in November

Sundays after Pentecost	November	SCRIPTURE LESSON	SERMON
All Saints Sunday	6		Annual Church Conference
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	13	First Thessalonians 5:1-11	The character of waiting
Christ the King Sunday	20	Ephesians 1:15-23	Shock and awe
First Sunday of Advent	27	Isaiah 64:1-9	Back to the future

Community Thanksgiving Services

Iraan – Sunday, November 20th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Iraan Civic Center.

McCamey – Sunday, November 20th @ 6:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church.



The nurturing ministries of the congregation shall give attention to but not be limited to education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, and stewardship. Attention must be given to the needs of individuals and families of all ages

¶ 252.2a - 2008 Book of Discipline



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Next Meeting:

November 14th
at the First
UMC in
McCamey at
7:00 p.m.

Links you can use:

- + [San Angelo District UMW](#)
- + [SWTX Conference UMW](#)
- + [South Central Jurisdiction UMW](#)
- + [The United Methodist Women](#)

The October UMW meeting took place on the 10th with eleven in attendance. The devotional was offered by Peggy Garner who shared some humorous tidbits from “*Kids in the Kingdom.*”

The October program was offered by Christine Sparks who shared her experiences with domestic violence. October was [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#) and this presentation was a timely reminder of the importance of looking out for one another in our communities.

Cytha Peters provided the refreshments featuring ice cream and Cytha’s home-made pumpkin dump-cake.



McCamey UMC on the Town

"No muss – no fuss – no program!"

Our monthly gathering in October took us to Benoit's where nine UMs were on hand for some good food and great fellowship.

This month's gathering will be on **Friday, November 18th** at Elena's (starting at 6:00 p.m.).



IRAAN FELLOWSHIP

The November breakfast potluck will be on the 27th, starting at 8:30 a.m.



Some of the functions of the United Methodist Men are as follows:

- +To involve men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and His church.
- +To provide resources and support for programs of evangelism focused on the needs of men.
- +To provide resources and programs in the area of stewardship.
- +To provide models and support for Annual Conference and local church United Methodist Men organizations.



October 16th was a special day in the life of the First UMC in McCamey.

We welcomed into the church family **Brinlee Hill** by the sacrament of holy baptism.

Proud parents, Eric and Sara Hill were joined in the celebration by their families.

We are taking a BIG step in the life of the First UMC this month!

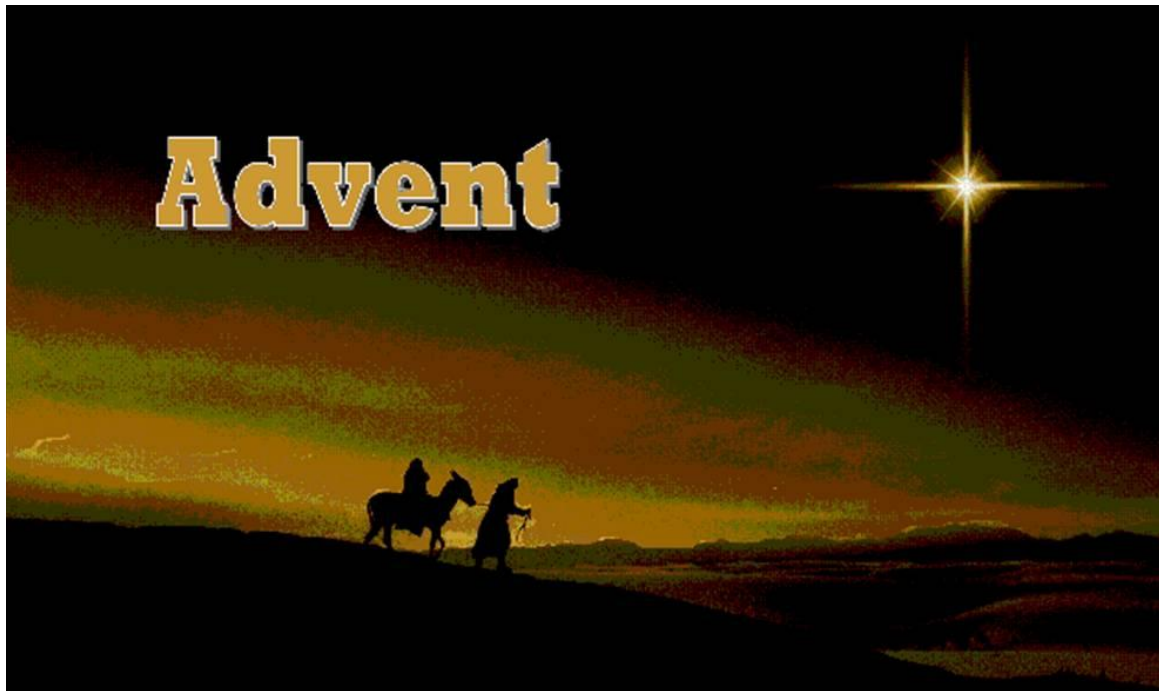
Please join us in prayer for the new children's Sunday school class which will begin on November 6th at 9:45 a.m.

Jennifer Aguilar and Connie Miles will be the class leaders.



UMC Quiz:

1. What was John Wesley's favorite Christian holy day?
2. Why do we observe Christ the King Sunday?
3. Who said: *"Help me, Lord, to remember that religion is not to be confined to the church... nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that every where I am in Thy Presence."*



Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th, and Pastor Charles is inviting you to join him in creating the second annual **Advent** devotional from the McCamey and Iraan that will be shared with the world!

Please send [Pastor Charles](#) an email or place a note in the offering plate that you would like to write for the devotional. Submissions may take the form of an essay, poem, prayer, thought, song, art or reflection (each about the size of the Upper Room devotionals). The devotional entries should speak to the coming of Jesus as the Savior of the world.

We need twenty-eight people to share their faith during the season in which we observe the coming of the Messiah. **As of 21st of October we had only four people down for devotionals.** If you have a special day during this season that you'd like to write for/on, please indicate that and we will try to accommodate you. Pastor Charles will write a reflection for each day of the Twelve Days of Christmas (Dec. 25 – Jan. 5) as a means of carrying the spirit of the season into the New Year.

The devotional will be available in print and also will be posted each day on the church blog and the web site for each church. The deadline for signing up will be November 6th and everything is due to Pastor Charles by November 15th.

OUTREACH

The outreach ministries of the church shall give attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice and advocacy. These ministries include church and society, global ministries, higher education and campus ministry, health and welfare, Christian unity and interreligious concerns, religion and race, and the status and role of women

¶ 252.2b - 2008 Book of Discipline



There was a great turnout in October for Badgers for Christ!

We had 54 students, staff, and church volunteers take part in a lunch of pizza, chips, and home-made chocolate chip cookies.

The November Badgers for Christ will be on the 16th at Noon.



The EXCELL program (a youth ministry supported by the McCamey Ministerial Alliance) will gather this month at the First UMC on the 16th at 7:00 p.m. Jennifer Aguilar is in charge.

WITNESS

The witness ministries of the church shall give attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts of sharing of personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith, and service; communications; Lay Speaking Ministries; and other means that give expressions of witness for Jesus Christ

¶ 252.2c - 2008 Book of Discipline

News from the San Angelo District

- +District Celebration & Workshops (Jan. 21, 2012)
 - +A Lay Ministries training is scheduled for Del Rio with additional offerings to come in Ozona and in San Angelo.
 - +UMM Spring Rally @ Mt. Wesley in Kerrville - Feb. 24-26, 2012
 - +Funds are available for congregations to initiate new ministries.
 - +District confirmation retreat, April 13-15 @ Camp Butman
 - +District Conference, May 19, 2012
- +The district youth scholarship fund is growing! Orders are still being taken for shirts at the district office. A new fund raiser will be canvas tote bags. Cost: \$20 (50% of proceeds go to the scholarship fund). To see the bags, [click here](#). They will have the UMC logo on them and can be personalized in the same way we did the denim shirts.

Call the district office at 325-486-1500 for additional information.

UMC Quiz Answers

1. All Saints Day (November 1st)
2. We observe Christ the King on the last Sunday after Pentecost (this year it is on November 20th), which is also the last Sunday of the Christian year and the Sunday before the new liturgical year begins with Advent. According to our *Book of Worship* (page 419), traditionally Christ the King is set aside as a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation.
3. Susanna Wesley

CALENDAR

First UMC – Iraan

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Church School @ 10:30 a.m.

Each Tuesday –

Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m. @
the First Baptist Church in
Iraan or at 4 p.m. @ Iraan
High School Library

Other Events

TIME CHANGE –

November 6th

Church Conference –

Nov. 6th @ 9:30 a.m.

Ad Board – Nov. 9th @

6:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving service – Nov. 20th @ 6:00

p.m. at the Iraan Civic Center

Potluck Breakfast –

November 27th @ 8:30 a.m.

First UMC – McCamey

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:30 a.m.

Church School @ 9:45 a.m.

Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

Convalescent Center @ 1:00 p.m.

Each Wednesday –

Choir @ 7:00 p.m.

Each Thursday – Coffee &

donuts @ Convalescent Center,

10:00 a.m.

Other Events

TIME CHANGE – November 6th

Church Conference – November 6th @

11:00 a.m.

Potluck lunch – November 6th @ Noon

UMW – Nov. 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance –

Nov. 15th, 12:30 p.m. @ Benoit's

Badgers for Christ – Nov. 16th @ noon

EXCELL – Nov. 16th @ 7:00 p.m.

@ First UMC

UMC Night Out – Nov. 18th, 6:00 p.m. @

Elena's

Ad Board – Nov. 20th @ 4:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving service –

Nov. 20th @ 6:00 p.m. at First Assembly of
God Church

**Remember:
Everything you do is
evangelism.**

THANK YOU NOTES

Iraan

- +Thanks to everyone who submitted reports for this year's church conference.
- +Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve in the church next year and for those who served it this year.
- +Thanks to **Dr. Edwin & Chris Franks** for their efforts in the landscaping of the church.
- +Thanks to **Kirke McKenzie** and **James Jordan** for their music ministry.
- +Thanks to **Wanda Carpenter** for her ministry as worship liturgist.
- +Thanks to everyone for their contributions to the fourth Sunday breakfast potluck.

McCamey

- +Thanks to everyone who submitted reports for this year's church conference.
- +Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve in the church next year and for those who served it this year.
- + Thanks to **Sherry Phillips** for the beautiful fall mums in the planter by the front of the church.
- +Thanks to Jennifer Aguilar and Connie Miles for stepping up and launching the children's Sunday school.
- +Thanks to **Mary Witcher** for the decorations in the fellowship hall.
- +Thanks to **Debbie White** for serving as usher.
- +Thanks to **Gary Elliott** and **Bradyn Molina** for taking up the offering each week.
- +Thanks to **Cytha Peters** for her music ministry during Sunday morning worship and at the Sunday afternoon McCamey Convalescent Center service.
- +Thanks to **Pam Jackson** for her participation of the McCamey Convalescent Center ministries.
- +Thanks to **Donny Wiley** and **Dollie Lynch** for their ministry as liturgists.
- +Thanks to **Gloria Odom** for the lovely decorations in the foyer.
- +Thanks to **Andy Andrews, Pam Jackson, Bill Lester, Billie Mitchell, Jean Myrick, Gloria Odom, Debbie White, Jim Witcher** and **Mary Witcher** for their help with the October Badgers for Christ lunch.
- +Thanks to the congregation for making my attendance at the Two-year Academy possible this year. – **Pastor Charles**