

The Messenger

Stewardship Edition

Whitehouse United Methodist Church
Love - Serve - Share Christ
October 28, 2011

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Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am
One Worship Service 10:00 am
Taco Soup 11:30 am

This has been one of the most memorable Octobers I have ever had in the church. Along with the Whitehouse UMC Pumpkin Patch, we have had an excellent stewardship drive. As you know, the focus has been on our spiritual growth and deepening understanding of stewardship. Stewardship drives are not just about us pledging our money to next year's budget. Stewardship drives are about us growing to be better managers of all God has given us. The theme of this year's campaign has been "Extravagant Generosity." We picked it because it encompassed more than just raising money. God cares about what we do with what He has given us! Let me tell you about what is below! The sheet below is your personal commitment card. We are invited to not only make a commitment of our gifts but also commit to sharing our talents and time for the work of God's Kingdom! Read through this and prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give. Bring this page with you on Sunday. During worship I will invite the congregation forward to remember your baptism and make your commitment.

Extravagant Generosity

The Heart of Giving

A special welcome to our newest members, Michael & Stephanie and Kimberly Cochran. We are so blessed to have you and look forward to growing with you in the Lord. Welcome to Whitehouse UMC!



Don't forget to bring your candy and prizes for the Fall Festival.

Come dressed for the occasion!



Extravagant Generosity

Daily Scripture Readings for October 24-30

Monday, October 24th - Read Psalm 116:12

How does God use your gifts to help Whitehouse UMC?

Tuesday, October 25th - Read Philippians 4:11-13

What personal habits help you to be content with your faith?

Wednesday, October 26th - Read Romans 12:1-2

How does living generously with our gifts help you see the world through God's eyes?

Thursday, October 27th - Read Colossians 3:9-14

What attitudes, behaviors, and values might you need to change in order to live more fruitfully in Christ?

Friday, October 28th - Read Luke 12:15

Do you sometimes feel that your life consists in the abundance of your possessions, or in the sharing of your gifts?

Saturday, October 29th - Read Acts 20:24

Would you describe Whitehouse UMC as generous? Why? Would you describe yourself as being generous?

Sunday, October 30th - Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Are you giving more of your gifts now than in the past? Do you expect to do more in the future?

Philadelphia Blessing

If some of our Church members spend time at East Texas Food Bank volunteering they could donate their time to the Philadelphia Blessing Ministry. They would get credit for their hours worked at \$1.45 an hour, the money they get credit for will be put on Philadelphia Blessings food bill. If you want to help contact Kenny Smith @ 903-597-3663.

Sunday Attendance

October 23, 2011

Sunday School

Early Service 26

Late Service 102

In the Hospital

Eddy Miller, (in TMF hospital, room #5505)

Randy Robinson (in Baylor Hospital, Dallas)



Fall Festival!

Youth & Children's Fund Raiser

Come and visit our pumpkin patch!
We will be selling pumpkins October 15th through
October 31st.

Hours:
Monday - Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Price of pumpkins vary by size; all additional activities are an additional cost to customers. All children 12 years of age and younger will receive a free goody bag with purchase.

Face Painting - prices vary by design
Pumpkin Painting - \$3
(Price includes a small pumpkin and paint.)
Hayride - FREE with purchase of a pumpkin!

Come join us for carnival games, food, face painting and much more.

Wear your Halloween costume and bring something to put candy in!

When: Saturday, October 29th

Where: Whitehouse UMC parking lot! (Indoors if it rains)

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fall festival activities are free, donations for food will be accepted. We will be selling pumpkins in the patch!

REMINDER:

Class will start promptly at 9:00 am Sunday!

COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY.

THE LESSON WILL COME FROM THE BOOK, EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY, AND WILL BE LEAD BY KARN SCHMIDT.

A special welcome to our newest members, Michael, Stephanie, Kim, Kaitlyn and Cassidy Cochran. We are so blessed to have you and look forward to growing with you in the Lord. Welcome to Whitehouse UMC!

Geno Loro has donated an acrylic painting with donations going for Apportionments. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. Winner will be drawn at the luncheon on November 13th, 2011. For tickets and more information go the welcome center before or after the morning service.

Youth News!!!

We start music rehearsal this Sunday at 4 pm for Hanging of the Greens!

We will start practicing lines at 5pm

We will be done by 5:45pm

Hanging of the Greens will be the Sunday following Thanksgiving (Nov. 27th) at 6pm

We need everyone to be involved!

We are still studying the book of James on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. Come join us for fun, fellowship and small groups.

Margaret Theiring

★ IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: ★
★ Saturday, October 29th ★
★ 5:30 Fall Festival ★
★ Sunday, October 30th ★
★ Baptismal Remembrance Service & Commitment Sunday ★
★ 9 am Sunday School Classes ★
★ 10 am One service ★
★ 11:30 pm Luncheon ★
★ Saturday, November 5th ★
★ 8-10 am Community Breakfast ★
★ Sunday, November 6th ★
★ All Saints Day ★
★ Sunday, November 13th ★
★ 12:15 pm Thanksgiving Dinner ★
★ Tuesday - Thursday, November 15th - 17th ★
★ 6:30 pm Revival . ★
★ The Gene Evans Band will ★
★ be here to lead our music. ★

TACO SOUP!!! Join us after our Baptismal Remembrance & Commitment Sunday for Pastor Matt's Famous Taco Soup. If you feel compelled, contact Jenny Schmidt to bring a dessert, otherwise, just come hungry.

Randy and I would like to thank each and every one of you for praying for us during his illness. God is looking after us and the chemo is working and the Leukemia is the type that usually only needs chemo. With God's help we are taking one day at a time. Please continue to pray that Randy will continue to respond to treatment and that he will not get any infections during this time when he is so susceptible. In Christ's love,
Susan Robinson