

Cypress Lake United Methodist Church

2007 Year In Review

Core Values—Pastor Jamie Westlake

1. Serving - I am better connected to God when I freely choose to take up the servant's towel to meet the needs of others.
2. Wisdom - Apart from God and good human counsel, I don't always make very good decisions.
3. Friendship - I need a lot of friends on this journey. Doing life together is good.
4. Encouragement - Courage must be poured into my life, and I must give it away to others.
5. Leadership - I want to be the kind of leader I'd like to follow.
6. Life-Long Learning - Being in the posture of a "student" helps me with my need for humility.
7. Grace - It is by grace through faith that I am (and others are) saved.

Christ is at the Center - These seven core values are like spokes on a wheel, and Jesus is the center. If I don't want my life to be a wobbly wheel, I have to pay attention to each of the spokes and how well each one is connected to the center. I invite you to help me live this out.

New Pastor—Denman Jones

Greetings to the people of Cypress Lake United Methodist Church. I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you as we seek to build God's kingdom.

I have been asked to give you a brief autobiography so you will have some "clue" as to who has been appointed as a new member of your team. So here are a few things to help us get started. Over time, hopefully, we will each get to know each other better.

My interests, hobbies, etc., include: Photography (nature, portrait, and architectural), traveling the back-roads of America, history, Sudoku, and other math logic puzzles.

My priorities are:

- 1) To love God with my whole heart, mind, soul, and strength;
- 2) To love my family with all my being;
- 3) To give the church I serve my best effort!

My greatest loves in ministry are the Sunday morning worship service and Bible studies. My goal is help people know and personally discover and enjoy the amazing wonder of God's love and grace, and to grow in His service.

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Congregational Care

Now that we are well into the year 2007, would you like to receive even more blessings than you did in 2006 and, at the same time, expand your circle of friends?

If you like to visit, and if you have a few hours a month to share with others, the Congregational Care Team is the perfect opportunity for you. You will be pleasantly surprised at what can be learned about the world by listening to others tell you their life experiences. I love it! And so do our volunteers who presently serve as lay visitors. You will be amazed at how important a twenty-to-thirty minute visit is to a shut-in.

To learn more about our program, come to the February 28 meeting. We will gather in the Chapel Parlor at 3:30 pm to review a few basic visitation and report-writing skills.

Do be aware of how God's Holy Spirit is moving in your life. Listen for God's whispers in your heart, and allow yourself to feel God's push and pull on your directions. You will never know where it will lead you, and whom you will meet along the way. Isn't life exciting?

Shalom!
Pastor Patty
February 2007

Trustees—Rob Liddle

High Tech continues at Cypress Lake! We have been blessed with a great tech team who makes those two large retractable video screens located on either side of the sanctuary come to life. This technology has allowed video and pictures to be used in worship services, memorial services, weddings, missions, and musical cantatas. Volunteers are still needed to help operate the system each Sunday.

Video cameras have been added that will allow recordings of any sanctuary event.

Plus—have you seen the new digs for the Tech Team? Recently added are two new booths at the rear of the sanctuary to house the audio/computer equipment and the other houses all the video/video recording equipment.

A third sound booth was added in the Fellowship Hall. You'll find a new projector that will allow video and computer-generated programs to be viewed. New ceiling speakers were installed for enhanced sound. Hanging the speakers allowed us to clear more floor space for additional tables and chairs.

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

For more information about any of the opportunities listed below, contact Carol Herdic, Director of Small Group Ministry, 243-0480, or cherdic@comcast.net.

Joining a Sunday morning small group, also known as adult Sunday School, is a great way to study the Bible, to get to know someone new and to begin to feel connected to the church. I am available to help you find a group that fits your needs or drop in on any of the groups and tell the leader you are there on a test run. Our current Sunday morning choices are:

- † 9:30 *The Gospel of John* - led by Bill Metcalf in Room S-8.
- † 9:30 Study and discussion of the Max Lucado Book, *It's Not About Me* - led by Dave Hamrick in the Fellowship Hall.
- † 10:45 *God is Closer Than You Think* - a video and book-based study on the nearness of God in every moment of the day. Meet in the Fellowship Hall and join a discussion table based on your lifestyle: Singles, Couples, Parents, Empty Nest, Retirees . . .

Weekday Bible Studies:

- † *The Bad Girls of the Bible* - 10:00 Monday morning in Room S-8, led by Assistant Minister Richard Dickey.
- † *What Does It Mean to be a United Methodist* - a study of our faith from the time of John Wesley to today's local churches. 5:00 Chapel Parlor, led by Pastor Jamie Westlake.
- † *The Sermon on the Mount* - 6:45 Chapel Parlor, led by Carol Herdic.

Fellowship Groups:

- † Young Adults (high school graduates—early 30's) meets Monday evenings - contact Jaci Wunsch for details jaciwunsch@hotmail.com.
- † Mom's Together - meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday's @ 6:30 p.m. Mom's meet in the Fellowship Hall classroom, nursery care available for infants and toddlers. Children participate in age-appropriate activities. Email Yvonne Tedd for more information, tedd@aol.com. Come early and eat with other young families at Wonderful Wednesday Dinner (5:45 - 6:20).
- † CLUMC Singles of Faith - contact Donna LaCoste for January's gatherings and events. Dlacoste05@comcast.net.

I would love to hear from you—what sort of group are you interested in. How can the church meet your needs and facilitate your spiritual growth?

Music Notes—Marlon Scott

Hymns of Faith, The Beginnings

Every Sunday when our congregation meets for worship, we are taken to Spiritual heights and inspired by the hymns that we sing. The Spiritual power of music has been proven for countless millennia, even in the Scriptures. Although it isn't possible to list all of the hymns of faith we have grown to love in the confinement of the space allowed within this article, I thought it would create a new awareness and appreciation for a few hymns if we understood their beginnings.

- A. **“Holy, Holy, Holy”** - John Dykes, music/Reginald Heber, lyrics. Music written: 1826

Reginald Heber wrote this uplifting hymn while serving as vicar of Hodnet, Shropshire, England. He was the first to compile a hymnal ordering hymns around the church calendar. Wishing to celebrate a triune God, Heber wrote *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* for Trinity Sunday in 1826. Years later, John Dykes composed the tune *Nicaea* especially for Heber's *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*. Text and tune were first published together in 1861. Through these consistent units of three (the meter), this hymn describes and worships God in three persons. Alfred Lord Tennyson felt that this beloved hymn was the world's greatest. It truly does call us to worship our God, falling down before Him with those who sing in Revelations 4:8, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

- B. **“The Lord is My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”** - Jesse Irvine, Composer/Lyrics: Scottish Psalter, 1850

This beloved hymn first appeared in print in the *Scottish Psalter of 1650*. This Psalter was assembled by the Westminster Assembly, which also gave us the *Westminster Confession*, and *The Book of Common Prayer*. Though it was well loved in Scotland, *“The Lord is My Shepherd”* did not enjoy popularity outside the Church of Scotland for nearly 300 years. Finally, it appeared in the Methodist Hymnal of 1876. The hymn version of Psalm 23 remains faithful to David's psalm. Its popularity in England grew in part because of its use during the 1947 marriage ceremony between Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip.

- C. **“Fairest, Lord Jesus”** - Composer: anonymous/Lyricist: anonymous. Arranged by Richard Willis in 1850/translated by Joseph Seiss, in 1873

There are many accounts as to the origin of the beautiful hymn. The best known legend is that it was sung by the twelfth century German Crusaders as they made their long, weary way to the Holy Land. Another, more credible account is that it was sung by the followers of John Hus, who were driven out of Bohemia in 1620 in the Anti-Reformation purge, who settled in Silesia, now part of Poland. They had to keep their faith a secret, yet had a strong tradition of hymn singing. It is listed as attributed to the German Jesuits who first published it in their Munster Gesangbuch in 1677.

In future articles of the *“Chronicle”* we will examine the history of more hymns.

I do wish to express my congratulations to the congregation of CLUMC for the magnificent hymn singing of late! It has gone through a definite transition from good to both uplifting and inspiring! What a difference the combination of the hymnals and having the lyrics on the screens have made!

Youth and Children News—Julie Kuhns

Calendar Events

Sunday, February 4—Souper Bowl Party in the Youth Center. Party begins at 5:00 and ends at the end of half-time. Please bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, drinks, and paper products provided. Bring a friend!

Love in Action: Sunday, February 11—Love in Action-today. Families are encouraged to meet at CiCi's Pizza on College Parkway after the 11:00 service, and then go to the Edison Junior Parade to support our kids from Bright Beginnings. Please contact Mrs. Mac if you can help the parade organizers. Families must provide cost of food and transportation for their children. Please contact our Family Ministry Assistant, Elizabeth Giles, for more information at 895-1814.

Family Chapel Night—February 14 - 6:45p

Children's Movie Night: Friday, February 16—6:00 - 9:00 Youth Center. Cost is only \$3 per child for pizza, drinks, dessert and crafts. Please bring a friend!

Youth

Sunday, February 18: Movie Night—Bring a Friend!

Sunday, February 25: Youth Scholarship Fundraiser at Carabba's—11:30 and 1:00p seatings. Tickets must have been purchased in advance to attend!

Library News—Joyce Hughes

If anyone has any large print books to donate, it would be wonderful. As befitting a church library, the books should be religious, inspirational, or good clean fiction. Already we have a few and hope to arrange shelving so they will be shelved together.

Thanks to the anonymous donors who brought in books recently. The policy is to keep only two copies of a title. If your donation is a third copy, don't take it personally if it is not added; it is appreciated nonetheless. Shelves and sign out cards are checked to make sure of the number and condition of copies listed in the catalog.

Adult Fellowship

The Adult Fellowship of CLUMC invites all adults to its monthly Friday evening dinner meetings featuring congenial Christian fellowship, wonderful meals to which you contribute a dish, and entertaining programs. Please let us know in advance that you will attend.

Next Dinner Meeting — Friday, February 16, 2007

Social Hour : 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

All men of the congregation are invited to our next General Membership Breakfast Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, in the Fellowship Hall. Take this opportunity to enjoy a great breakfast inspiring devotions, Christian Fellowship, and an interesting program.

To plan for food preparation, please respond to our phone invitation should you receive one, or call the church office, 482-1250. Mark your calendars now for this meeting.

**Saturday, February 24th, at 8:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Team meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month. (February 6 at 9:30 am)

We have three Circle meetings in the second week of each month. Dates and times for February:

The *Dorcas Circle* meets on *Monday* evening at 7:00p, Feb. 12, in the Chapel Parlor. All women interested in attending are invited. Call Sara Nell Gran, 936-1349 for information.

The *Esther Circle* meets at 9:30 am on *Tuesday*, Feb. 13, in the Chapel Parlor. Our speaker will be Carol Francis.

The *Anna/Rebekah Circle* meets at 1:00 pm on *Tuesday*, Feb 13, in the Chapel Parlor.

All Circles would be happy to have visitors or new members at any time. For information or to make a reservation, call Dolores Friel at 466-7314 or Janet Kuhns at 419-3039.

All women are invited to join or attend the United Methodist Women's monthly meetings. We have a general meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am. *The February meeting will be on the 20th.* This meeting is either a coffee or luncheon meeting held in the Chapel Meeting room and Parlor. Usually with a speaker or other program All are welcome.

Please enjoy these few excerpts from the 2007 editions of our newsletter. We hope you find it interesting to see what still happens today and what has changed.

The current year editions and one prior year of the *Chronicle* remain available on our website.