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Kielbasa & Kraut for the Soul

While on duty at SUBASE Pearl Harbor, I had the opportunity to assist in a burial at sea. The burial was conducted from the USS TUNNY SSN-682. The TUNNY is a fast attack submarine, which means it is a relatively small submarine. Once several miles from shore, we climbed up the ladder of the sail. We then climbed down out onto the dive plane. (That is the protruding fin shaped part of the submarine, perpendicular to the sail.) in order to spread the ashes of the deceased over the surface of the Pacific Ocean. Once out on the dive plane, I heard the Captain relaying orders to those inside the boat. The orders were to maintain a certain speed in order to achieve the smoothest possible ride (so we do not go overboard). Maintaining a proper speed and course made it a smoother ride. If the boat stood still it would be rolled by the waves.



APPLICATION: In the church, the rougher and more dangerous times are when we are standing still. If we want a smoother ride, we need to keep moving ahead, maintaining a proper speed and course.

See you at the place of smooth sailing,

Pastor Jeff

It is a gift of God's grace to be serving as Senior Pastor of this vital congregation of faithful disciples. On behalf of Jannette, Amy and Allie I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the very warm welcome we have received. We are looking forward to ministering together in order to accomplish extraordinary things for God's Kingdom.

I am blessed to follow in the footsteps of Skip Blancett. I know he was well loved and that he loved you. My prayers are with him and Gayle in this new phase of their life.

I am excited to be working with an extremely gifted and quality staff. It is evident that they "Don't do anything for selfish purposes but with humility think of others as better than [themselves]. Instead of each person watching out for their own good [they] watch out for what is better for others". (Phil 2:3-4 CEB).

This is a great time to be part of FUMC Killeen.

Worship Attendance: 493

Sunday School: 248

Thursday Devotional : 13



**Please welcome
Janette & Jeff Miller**
because **“We Care”**
is the theme for
Sunday, October 23rd

Church- Wide Pot Luck Luncheon.

Decorations for the tables will consist of canned & non-perishable food items. The bounty will then be given to the Killeen Food Care Center. If you would like to participate, bring your donation to the church no later than Thursday, October 20th. Please bring a dish to share.

Thanks for helping feed God’s children and honor our new pastor & family.

An Administrative Board Meeting will follow the luncheon. This meeting is to approve agenda items before the church conference.



FUMC Killeen will hold a Church Conference

Sunday, October 30 at 12:30pm.

Rev. Rankin Koch will conduct the meeting. The following agenda items will be presented to the Congregation for approval:

- ◆ Acceptance of a \$150,00 personal loan to applied toward payment of the remaining \$316,783 construction cost not covered by the mortgage loan from First National Bank
- ◆ Redistribution of \$55,000 from the Restricted Fund for use in the Auxiliary (Payroll) Fund, the Programs (Mortgage) Fund, and the Operations (General) Fund. This is the result of a two year review of the Restricted Funds to determine the intended use of funds contained in this account.

United Methodist Women - South District

Officer Training Day

“Peace in the Midst of Change”

November 5, 2011

**Wellspring United
Methodist Church
6200 Williams Drive
Georgetown, TX
512-920-5959**



**Registration & refreshments will start at 9:30am /
Training will start at 10:00am**

*******We invite ALL returning and new South District officers to attend.*******

Our goal is to ensure ALL are properly trained to better serve the purpose of the United Methodist Women

There will be a brief general meeting prior to the individual training sessions to review the details of the re-alignment and other matters.

Our Secretary of **Program Resources** will be present for your shopping needs to include but not limited to the 2012 Prayer calendar, many of the books on the 2012 Reading Program book list and the 2011 - 2012 Program book - “Walk with Wholeness”.

**Calling for a Volunteer
at the 11:00 Service?**



We are in need of an acolyte co-ordinator at the 11:00 service.

Are you willing to help our acolytes with training & scheduling? Please call the church office to volunteer—634-6363.

We will have another training for acolytes as soon as we have someone to take over the responsibilities at the 11:00 service.

Children in grades 3-5 are eligible to become acolytes.

Please call the church office to volunteer—634-6363.

Directions to Wellspring UMC - From I-35 South -Exit 261, stay on the Frontage road to Williams Drive and turn right at light / corner. Continue on Williams Drive for appx 5 miles.....Wellspring UMC will be on the right.



is upon us! And what better way to welcome it back than to have our **4th Annual CROCK POT COOK OFF** with a **PUMPKIN SOMETHIN' DESSERT CONTEST** chaser?!!

That's right, there's NO better way, so BRING IT ON, all you foodies!

Here's the skinny (or the fattening, depends on how you cook it!):

Call (634-6363) or email Jodi Marfell (youthdirector@fumc-killeen.org) and sign up to enter a crock pot, a pumpkin something or BOTH!

And then...



CROCK POT CONTEST

1. You cook something SOOOOO amazing in your crock pot that it can't stay sitting on your kitchen countertop... it MUST be shared!
2. Give it a REALLY cool name and let a very highly renowned panel of Judges (meaning anyone who shows up!) slurp and gobble up your hard work (they'll call it "tasting" and "judging" but we know the real deal).
3. Accept (you don't even have to be gracious about it!) your bragging rights with a cheer!



PUMPKIN DESSERT CONTEST

1. Be creative...but, you MUST use pumpkin!
2. Make it yummie with an even yummi-er name! (Try not to eat it all on the way over to the Judges, please!)
3. Submit it for scrutiny by several Judges (aka YOU very hungry church family members with a severe case of punkin' tooth!).
4. Win exclusive bragging rights, smile and continue this braggin' & smilin'...for the next YEAR!!

And...(drum roll, please...) there's a **COSTUME CONTEST**, too! So come decked out in your best Fall frocks for that! Wait...there's more...*hayrides, *face painting and *pumpkin painting will ALL be going on this evening, too!



**Entrance fee to the event : \$5 for adults / \$3 for children, or \$20 max per family!
Tasting and Judging INCLUDED!**

Oh my pumpkin heads! Can you even think of anything more fun than this day? We get to eat (and brag), laugh (and brag), pray (did I mention – and brag?) to show our Heavenly Father how much we adore him by supporting the youth missions and scholarship programs through amazing family events like this one, all the while spreading our fellowship to anyone and everyone!



**Sunday, October 30, 2011, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Pumpkin Patch, 601 East FM 2410, Harker Heights**

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in all categories of all contests!

Costume contest categories are: Pre k and under, kindergarten-5th grade, 7th-12th grade and adults

**Not Included in Entrance Fee.*

Build an Even Stronger FUMC Killeen

“Thoughts & Beliefs of an Outgoing Lay Leader”

Your commitment and determination has helped more people in the community (not just members) to achieve greater Christian stability than one could ever imagine. Our existence speaks of our capabilities and perseverance. Look around (out over the hill and up from below the hill), we have built a beautiful and stronger church for our community.

In looking toward the future, it is important that we keep staff, volunteers, and members in focus. As we serve, we are building a foundation for future generations of people for Killeen, and with our world traveled members, we even reach other states and countries. One can't go forward looking backwards or in the past. So with that said – it is imperative that we don't concentrate looking back in the rear view mirror- but we take our accomplishments, move forward and focus on the future.

Our church leaders are focused on the future. They are innovators, people of change and forward thinkers. The congregation is loyal, loving, supportive, and more for people and each other than anyone can imagine. Our members are energetic, with a can do attitude. The staff and membership understand that in order to sustain – we must continue to grow our membership, expand current programs as well as incorporate viable new programs. We must continue to be wise at reducing expenses while maximizing operational efficiencies, and give in service and gifts in a Christian and unselfish way.

We at FUMC Killeen are very fortunate to have intelligent and unselfish members that support our church. Some give large monetary amounts, some give large amounts of their time and energy to bring success through programs, and some give all they can and more in every way imaginable. Support to our church has come in many ways and each has had a tremendous effect towards our success.

We were fortunate to have had Skip & Gayle and likewise are fortunate to have David, Michelle & Sophie. We will need to rally around Jeff and Jannette, Amy & Allie to make them feel welcome at their new home and help them in becoming a real part of our family.

As this year closes, I feel blessed that so much has been accomplished and see a great future with even greater successes on the horizon. Please sit back for only a short while and rest, get rejuvenated and select meaningful projects and ways to help so as to enhance the finest belief in the world “Christianity”. We are God's People on the Move” at FUMC Killeen and I strongly believe we can do anything as a church family that we set our minds to do. We collectively have the power to affect positive changes in our community and the lives of our congregation. I assure you that our staff, committees, and all volunteers are deeply committed in serving you, the Church and God. As in Rev 3:1-3 *Don't be finished*. These are exciting times and we should look forward to what we can accomplish together.

In prayer,

Eddie Oliver

Get your Peanuts & Pecans

Abigail Circle is selling peanuts and pecans again this year.

Peanuts: Hot & spicy, red-skinned or cocktail are \$10

Pecans: Halves & pieces are \$6

Watch for us on Sunday mornings or call Anna Marie Charlton at 702-0005



THANK YOU!

Thank You!

There is a saying “*it takes a village to raise a child*”. On Saturday it took a committed church family “*village*” working together to “raise a fantastic carnival! You were amazing! You came early to help set-up; you parked cars & cars & cars; you quickly regrouped and on your own ran and got more of whatever was needed to keep your booth and the carnival going; and then stayed after four warm and busy hours to help take down. WOW!

Thank you FUMC “*village*” - Sunday School classes, church organizations, staff and members—for giving of your time Saturday to make our carnival the BEST and for reaching out to our community and demonstrating God’s love and Christian hospitality at its best.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Carrol & Kenny Jean



Pictures by Susan Green

If it takes a village to work together, we must also have a chief. I would like to thank Carrol & Kenny Jean for being our chiefs. They have organized, made phone calls, toted, lifted and helped to make our carnival a success. Yes, it takes a village, but we thank our leadership for showing the way.

Debra Longley

REVOLUTION YOUTH MINISTRIES

What's Next

Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Youth Area

10:00am

Revolution

Sunday Evenings

Youth Area

Hang Out @ 4:30pm

5:00pm-6:30pm

Pumpkin Patch

October

Tuesdays & Thursdays

4:00pm—7:00pm



30 Hour Famine

November 10-11

**Hosted by First United
Methodist Church Killeen**

For Youth in Grades 6-12

Cost: \$25 (includes T-Shirt and Water Bottle)

Contact Jodi to get signed up for the Famine!

The 30 Hour Famine is an international youth movement to fight hunger. It will bring our group closer together and to God, feed hungry children, and change our world forever. Students fast for thirty hours and raise funds to help feed and care for children around the world. By sacrificing and serving others, we learn to think outside ourselves and see the world as Christ sees it.



**First United Methodist
Church of Killeen
Youth Group**



4th Annual Crock Pot Cook Off

Sunday, October 30th

5:00pm—7:00pm

@ The Pumpkin Patch



*Revolution
Karaoke Night
November 6*

Hear Our Prayers

Concerns: Jerry Dugger,, recovering from surgery but now home * Diane Vanderland, in rehab for broken femur* Carolyn Cartmell , hospitalized at S & W * Christopher Lillibridge, recovering from back surgery * Mae Nelson, hospitalized *

Health & Healing

Long Term

Senior Saints

HOME CARE

Bageris Family
Micky Boettger
Ione Bristow
Alison Cartmell
Travis Chandler
Chet Frisch
Barry Dahlquist
Elmer Davis
Pete Gilbert
Tammy Gilbert
Becky Johnson
Erin Johnson
Buford Moyers
Loretta Mask
James McMinn
Erin Roberts
Tommy Schroeder
Virginia Lichtenberger
Pat Scott
Bob Mixon
Davis Wood
Sheora Nell
Mae Nelson
Mary Skaggs
Roosevelt Smith
Phil Swartz
Chad Szczepanski
Betty White

Dolores Whitehead
Loretta Yim
KaAha & Kaycee &
Kylmn Zielke
Tianna Arber
John Anz
Dorothy Billman
Joanne Black
Howard Brinton
Nancy Arnold Carrier
Mary Jo Cole
Josh Copeland
Laura Finley
Kermit Cosper
Gayle Dalton
Melissa Davis
Steven Delgado
Amy Durbin
Tonya Ellzey
John Garcia
Paul Gililand
Doug Gilbert
Shirley Greathouse
Jim Hansen
Jamie Hegg
Becki Hughes
Betty Janney
Wendy Kimbley
Linda Loeweb
Vivian Marschik
Loretta Mask
Dennis McQueen

Boni Mequi
Kelly Pack Powell
Leonard Radde
Jim Underwood
Zach & Amelia Hope
Thomas

Lena Cunningham
Paul & Yvonne Davis
Edith Gilmore
Dorothy Gottcher
Irmgard Hill
Mae Nelson * hospitalized
Gene Rogers

ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOME

Shirley Anderson
Gussie Ashurst
Vivian Hathaway
Carolyn Holt
Dorothy Levy
Ray Lott
Jean Ray
Marialyce Taylor
Elsie Tolliver
Estelle Wells
Hazel Whitley

SERVING OUR COUNTRY—MILITARY (DEPLOYMENT)

Steven Banks
Mark Beirich
Eric Burleson
Kyle Castro
Chad Carroll
Michael Childs
Paul Crayton
Scott Dudley
John Dye
Chad Fox
Kevin Eikenberg
Douglas Gautier
Michael Guarhardo
Brent Homerding
Jimmy Jenkins
Robert Manning
Jason Periat
Andrew Redding
Robert Webster
Bob Sullivan
Chris LaNoue

Darik Stevens
Shannon Street
John & Stacy Sterns
Dave Welch
Christopher Will
Kevin Teinert
Jason Stewart
Emmett Williams
David Welch
John Oravetz
Brent Hayward

Civilian:

Chris Bonheim
Rick Cayton
Wayne Davis
Rodney LeLauti
Kevin Snyder
Mark Honchul

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Oct 19**Wednesday**6:30 amPrayers for the
ChurchNoonWednesday Bible
Study7:00 pm

Chancel Choir

Oct 20**Thursday**11:30 amLunch with Our
Neighbors5:30 pmPumpkin Patch
Unload the trailer

Food Care Center

Food for the October

Canned Corn

Oct 21**Friday**

Pumpkin Patch

Oct 22**Saturday**

Pumpkin Patch

Oct 23**Sunday**7:30 am

Worship

8:45 amContemporary
Worship10:00 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Worship Service

Noon

Pot Luck Luncheon

Admin Board Meeting

2:00 pm

Stephen Ministry

Training

4:30 pm

Disciple I

4:30 pm

Children's Activities

5:00 pm

Youth Revolution

Oct 24**Monday**

Pumpkin Patch

Oct 25**Tuesday**

Pumpkin Patch

6:30 am

Prayers for the church

9:30 am

Mary Ruth Circle

11:00 am

Prayer Shawl Ministry

11:45 am

Daytime

Military Connections

Bible Study

6:00 pm

Teachings of

Jesus Bible Study

6:15pm

Stephen Ministry-

Supervisory

7:00 pm

Praise Team

Rehearsal

Rev. Miller's Sermon Series**Oct. 23—The Power of Grace***God's Gracious Activity*