



Newsletter of The First United Methodist Church of Azle  
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Dr. Dean Posey, Pastor May, 2011

# THE MESSENGER



# Church Picnic

SUNDAY,  
MAY 29th at  
Central Park, Azle



The picnic will follow our combined worship service which will be in the HUB at 9:30 am. Bring your favorite covered dish, a lawn chair, and dress casual! Meat and drinks will be provided.





## FROM THE PASTOR

Several of you requested a copy of something I used in last Sunday's sermon. It is not original with me, but I do not know who the author is. On Sunday, I left off the last line, but it is printed in it's entirety below:

### LENT

#### A Season for FASTING, a Season for FEASTING

*FAST from judging others: FEAST on Christ living in them.*

*FAST from harsh words: FEAST on words that build up others.*

*FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.*

*FAST from anger; FEAST on optimism.*

*FAST from worry; FEAST on God's care.*

*FAST from complaining; FEAST on appreciation.*

*FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.*

*FAST from self-concern; FEAST on compassion for others.*

*FAST from discouragement; FEAST on hope.*

*FAST from facts that depress; FEAST on facts that uplift.*

*FAST from suspicion; FEAST on truth.*

*FAST from thoughts that weaken; FEAST on promises that inspire.*

*FAST from idle gossip; FEAST on silence with a purpose.*

*Listen....There is a lot to be heard in the silence:*

*"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalms 46:11)*

Easter Sunday was an amazing time of worship and fellowship for us. You are a wonderful congregation.

It is a pleasure to be  
your pastor,

To  
Everyone –  
Our Youth  
Choir is  
sponsoring a  
Garage Sale  
– Bake Sale



Fund Raising Event for Youth Music  
Scholarships on Saturday, April 30 from  
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in our church  
parking lot. Please bring your gently used

items or fresh, homemade baked goods to us to sell. Another way to help us is to come buy someone else's no longer needed "treasures" or some delicious cookies or cakes! We hope to see you there!

If you wish to bring donations on Friday evening, please let me know – [mbolding@charter.net](mailto:mbolding@charter.net), or 817-946-2168. We will be setting things out to sell at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday.

**Thank you! Holy Week and Easter Services**

To everyone who came to services during Holy Week and Easter thank you for being there and inviting people to come. To everyone who participated in the music and in the dramas for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, thank you. Many people worked diligently to prepare and present these services. To all who were involved in the music for Easter Sunday, thank you for serving in such a wonderful way and thank you for all the extra time you spent preparing for the worship services on this most joyful and holy day of the year! To all the people who work in the background making sure all things are done well, thank you. You are a blessing.



Margaret

New York Times Best-Selling Author

**MAX LUCADO** MAY 7TH, 2011  
9am-1pm

**FUMC of AZLE**  
will be Hosting  
this Simulcast

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MAX LUCADO, JENNA LUCADO-BISHOP,  
& worship leader TRAVIS COTTRELL

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

**New Prayer Requests:** Gage Chennult; Bea Dorsey; Gibson family; Robert Mayben; Yvonne Myers; Colton Romines; Lisa Sulfrain; Billie Swan

**Continuing Prayer Requests:** Kaitlyn Anderson & family; Woody Anderson; Ruth & Don Autry; Barrett family; Jerry Bennett; Rebecca Blevens; Nancy Bovea; Gary Brister; Dyrk Burdie; Robert Burns; Wynette Case; Jane Chase; Dora Clark; Counts family; Don Crew; Cynthia Denton; Jennifer Detrick; Mark Donahew; Joyce Drebing; Russell Eagleton; Edward Eastwood; Lauren Edwards; Matthew Edwards; Betty Eyre; Rex Fleming; Jerry Flippen; Mack Greer; Brandon Harris; Marge & Larry Haynes; Jerry Helton; Stanley Hilton; Norma Hrdy; Bonnie Jackson; Clint Keeley; Justin Kendall; Bonnie Kutch; Justin Lambert; Charlene Lang; Gregory Lang; Mary Ledig; Haley Mobley; Rueben Mahlmann; Jennifer Maynard; James McMinn; Georgeanna Metts; Leslie Mokry; Evelyn Mohn; Ella Kate Moore; Matt Murphy; McBroom family; George Nail; Joanna Navarro; Ed Nelson; Jim Nitschke; Bill Ortiz; Janie Ortiz; Patty Padgett; Shelly Pfaffer; Jim Prentice; Alvin Prince; Whitney Ragsdale; Jean Rider; Larry Riedel; Betty Robinson; Rodas children; Bessie Rogers; Manuel Sanchez; Saurenmann family; Jerolyn Shaw; Freddie Taylor; Zana Tedford; Aaron Terry; Angie Thorn; David Tyree; Bonnie Wilson; Helen Winters; Lexie Woolsey

## CORNERSTONE CORNER



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our first annual citywide Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. It is very hard to actually count children when they are hunting colored eggs in the park, but our best "guesstimation" is around sixty kiddos plus their accompanying adults. A great time was had by all! Thanks to Nancy Lavender and her crew, Marsha Ingle and her crew, and Juanita Culver and her crew for their wonderful work in making it happen.

Our focus now is on Vacation Bible School. Plans are under way to make this year's program the best ever. We are making a special effort this year to reach not only our children, but also children in our area who have no church home. If you have names, or know of any such children let Nancy or me know and we'll make every effort to reach them. Please pray for this effort! Oh, and by the way, we'd love to have you volunteer. The dates are June 26<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Confirmation Class will be going to visit a Messianic Synagogue this Saturday as part of their Confirmation activities. Confirmands should meet in the parking lot by the van by 9:30 AM. Please let me know if you have and questions.

Have a great week. In His name,

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This Summer the youth will be going to the National Youth Conference, on Purdue University's campus. This trip will take the place of our normal mission trip. This is a once in four year conference held by the United Methodist church for students all over the country. What is the conference about? It is about bringing youth together and teaching about how their lives are more than ordinary. There will be worship, Bible Study, games, food, concerts, mission

opportunities, and more. The youth will have times to hear messages as a large group and then discuss the messages in smaller groups. They will get to meet students from around the country and learn about how God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. For more information and a list of speakers and music artist go to <http://www.youth2011.org>.

If you would like to go or are going on this trip, please contact Clay Williams or come to the meeting on May 15th with \$75.00 for the first part of the deposit. We are asking that everyone pay the full \$450.00, but if you Cannot, please pay at least the \$150.00 deposit.

### Senior Sunday and Youth Sunday



This year Senior Sunday and Youth Sunday will be on May 15th. The youth will lead the 8:30 a.m. service and the 11:00 a.m. service. During Sunday School we will have a brunch to recognize our graduating Senior High students. Parents of graduating Seniors please remember to have the form filled out and pictures sent to Clay Williams by May 5th. If anyone is planning to get gifts for our seniors, we will have baskets for them during the brunch.

Here are a list of our Seniors Graduating this year! **Ryan Clements, Grant Gibbons, Courtney Mullane; J.D. Parker; Ryan Potts, Jose Rodas, Ian Sheridan, Jake Zuilof.**

If any youth would like to help with Senior Sunday we are having practices for music on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Anyone is welcome to help with the band. We also need a good skit for the service.



**THURSDAY, MAY 5**

**CENTRAL PARK**

**AMPHITHEATER**

**12:00 NOON TO 12:30**

**Although we have the most incredible country on the planet, we are still in great need of prayer.**

## May Sermon & Scripture Schedule

May 1, 2011  
*The Gift of God's Silence*

May 8, 2011  
Mother's Day  
*The Most Important Ingredient*  
Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16

May 15, 2011  
Youth Sunday  
Senior Recognition

May 22, 2011  
*A Most Important Decision*  
Scripture: Matthew 7: 24-27

May 29, 2011  
The Parables of Jesus:  
*What It Takes To Be God's Son*  
Scripture: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23  
Note: One service only at 9:30 am

## May Monthly Church Supper Menu



**May 4 - Family Life Center**  
Tomato Basil Soup  
Sandwich Fixin's Bar  
Dessert

**May 11 - Family Life Center**  
Lasagna,  
Green Beans,  
Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread,  
Dessert

**May 18 -**  
Oven Baked Chicken,  
Green Beans,  
Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert

**May 25 -**  
Turkey Spaghetti  
Green Beans, Tossed Salad  
Rolls, Dessert  
**May 25 is the last church supper  
until September.**



**Offerings Received**  
Jan 1 through April 30 \$ 230,468.55

**Budget Needed**  
Jan 1 through April 30 \$ 216,158.64



**BOOK CLUB  
Meets  
Thursday,  
May 7th in the  
church parlor.**



**Bus Drivers  
Needed!**

Call the church office if you would like to be a volunteer bus driver for various church functions. A CDL license is required.

## First United Methodist Church of Azle

Worship 8:30 a.m. = Sunday School 9:45 a.m. = Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Minister:** Every Member

**Music Director:** Margaret Bolding

**Pastor:** Dr. Dean Posey

**Children's Director:** Weven Kimmey

**Youth Director:** Clay Williams

**Evangelism Director:** Nancy Lavender

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