

SEPTEMBER



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First United Methodist Church of Azle

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>Regular Schedule</u> Children's Choir Signup 5:30 pm Finance Com. Meeting 6:30 pm	2 <u>Regular Schedule</u> Book Club 7:00 pm First Wee Care open house 6:30	3 <u>Church Office</u> Closed	4
5 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	6 <u>Church Office</u> Closed  LABOR Day	7 <u>Regular Schedule</u> First Wee Care Resumes	8 <u>Regular Schedule</u> Wednesday night Supper resumes Finance Com. Meeting 6:30 pm	9 <u>Regular Schedule</u> Men's Group Meeting 7:00 pm HUB	10 <u>Church Office</u> Closed	11  SEPTEMBER 11 Remembrance
12 <u>Regular Schedule</u> 3rd Grade Bible Presentation Pre School music resumes	13 <u>Regular Schedule</u> Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Children's Advisory Council 6:30 p.m.	14 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	15 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	16 <u>Regular Schedule</u> Bunco 6:15 pm Call church office for location	17 <u>Church Office</u> Closed	18
19 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	20 <u>Regular Schedule</u> Ad Council 7:00 PM	21 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	22 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	23 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	24 <u>Church Office</u> Closed Red Hats 11:15 am Call church office for location	25 Sting Fling
26 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	27 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	28 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	29 <u>Regular Schedule</u>	30 <u>Regular Schedule</u>		

Regular Schedule

Sunday

8:30 AM Worship, HUB
9:45 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM Pre-School Music
11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
4:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group
4:45 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship

Monday

6:30 AM Emmaus Reunion Group
9:00 AM Pilates, Atrium
5:15 PM Emmaus Reunion Group

Tuesday

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 AM Pilates, Atrium
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday (continued)

4:15 PM Children's Handbells
4:45 PM Children's Choir
5:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Group
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 PM Women's Bible Study
6:15 PM Upper Room Ringers
6:30 PM Youth Worship/Bible Study
6:30 PM Foundation Builders
(Men's Group)

Wednesday (continued)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir
8:30 PM Early Worship Team
Thursday
6:30 AM Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
Saturday
7:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group

On Mon, 7/26/10, chris hena <koisey@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Semey. It is good to be back in my own bed after been away on Home Assignment for more than three months. Obviously, it was great serving all of my supporting churches--in the States that I visited, meeting both old and new friends and enjoying the beauty of the US. Needless to say, I attended two different Annual Conferences--Oklahoma and Colorado, and the Women's Assembly in St. Louis, with about 7000 women from all over the US and parts of the world.

The blessing of Home Assignment or Itineration is staying in the homes of different families--I learned more about the US--economy, politics and foods--smile. Indeed, I am very thankful to all of the families that opened up their homes to me. It was also great staying with the families that I stayed with before.

Can't believe it is almost a month since I returned to Semey. The weather is a bit strange--pretty hot and also pretty cold. Last week when we were in the villages, we had to use the fireplace--yes fireplace in July. Not sure what kind of harvest the people are going to have either. We do need sun for a great harvest since our growing season is very short. Anyway!

Our health workers were happy to see me and have me back. I am very proud of the great job they are doing amongst the people we serve. When we started the project several yrs ago, they didn't want to stand near the patients. They lacked the basic understand of serving and showing respect to and for people that had different social status in the community. The term volunteer didn't mean anything to them. Many always questioned my activities in the community--CIA and etc. However, the Lord told me to remain faithful to what I was doing. Also, many of them cheated on everything we did--will not come to work when I was not around and wrote that they did. Praise the Lord. It took a long time coming, but they are now very committed to everything we do. We are like one big family. Each one had stories about things they did to help their patients when I was away. I sat listening to them with tears in my eyes--could not believe what I heard. God's grace is sufficient for all.

Well, I am back to my routine--villages and Semey. Shortly after returning we had our scheduled seminar. The health situation in all three villages are getting better--as compared to couple yrs ago. People are more aware of their health needs and have taken their health care into their own hands. Mothers are providing better care for their children. More Kazahk women are having babies again as compared to couple yrs ago--when I hardly saw a pregnant woman--new incentives from the govt. By making our community members more aware of the benefits of preventive services within their local communities, we have achieved the following; increased demand for use of the key community based primary health care interventions, increased adoption of targeted healthy behaviors by mothers and others in the community and increased community generated action to solve identified and prioritized health problems. Our focus on control of diarrheal disease, nutrition and micro-nutrients, immunizations, child spacing and maternal and newborn care and primary health care services--are all taking roots in the communities. Our work load is overwhelming, but very rewarding--especially when I see lives that are changed because of what we do--a testament of Jesus and His love for us.

We will not be having our dental outreach this year--our dentist and his wife are recovering from some health issues. However, we are anxiously awaiting our work team from Texas. They are coming to help us build toilets in the villages for our elderly patients--this might help address some of the health issues associated with the kinds of toilets in the villages.

Unfortunately, our scheduled health camp--VBS will not take place. We were going to use the school building for our activities, however all of the schools in the villages have major repairs this summer, and will not be completing the project until the last week in Aug to meet their Sept 1st deadline. Oh well! We will just have to keep our materials for next year.

Since I knew I would be returning to Semey after the planting season--Victor, a local pastor with 15 kids is using my place to grow their potatoes. I am happy hewas able to use my place to grow his potatoes--17 to feed will need lots of potatoes.

Many have asked about my health--thanks for asking. My health is great and I praise the Lord for been alive. I had my routine check up when I was in Atlanta--nothing to worry about.

Again, let me say thanks for everything. I enjoyed spending time with many of you--both old and new friends. I am expecting you to visit me in Semey or Liberia--I am serious. Anytime you hear the Lord's calling, just let me know.

Some of you asked for our advance project number; here it is;

UMCOR Advance Special # 982168
Kazakhstan Health Project--Dr.Chris Hena

Looking forward to hearing from all of you soon.

In Him,
Chris