



Medina Messenger

Newsletter of the Medina United Methodist Church

September 2009

Bill's Bytes...

The first two weeks of August I took my family on a vacation to Angel Fire, NM. (*Thank you, Inmann and Sandra Dabney for loaning us your cabin.*)

It took a whole week for me just to settle down and really rest. I read multiple books on the subject of rest and renewal. A guy by the name of



Wayne Cordeiro challenged me to discover my LIFESONG. Every composer knows the importance of scoring each piece of music with appropriate rests in key spots. Can you imagine what it would be like if there were no "RESTS" in the music you listen to? It might have the appearance of music if you looked at the score on paper, but without the "RESTS," I'm not sure you could really call it music.

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:10 that you are His WORKMANSHIP. The word WORKMANSHIP can be translated, "MASTERPIECE." God is in the process of making your life (His Masterpiece) a LIFESONG. He is the Master Composer and He's designed your Life to be SONG and written into that song are RESTS, which is the idea behind the Sabbath Principle in Scripture.

Exodus 20:8-10 (AMP)

⁸[Earnestly] remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (withdrawn from common

employment and dedicated to God). ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, your daughter, your manservant, your maidservant, your domestic animals, or the sojourner within your gates.

I realize that I'm writing this article while our church is in a FLURRY of activity as we enter the Fall Season, but I really believe this is an issue of FAITH. Do we really trust God enough to take one day off every week and set it aside for Him? The truth is that if you're too busy to take one day off a week... you're TOO BUSY.

I never realized how run down I had gotten until I took some time away. Runners will tell you that if you're running a race or marathon and wait until you're thirsty to take a drink, it's too late your bodies already dehydrated. I think the same thing is true with REST. If we wait until we think we need to rest, it's too late...you're already exhausted.

Matthew 11:28-29 (AMP)

²⁸Come to Me, all you who labor heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] ²⁹Take My yoke upon

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Medina United Methodist Church Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. – Mid-week Study

Church Council meeting time to be announced.



Our Vision

"We invite everyone into the family of GOD, where the LORD is praised and felt, love is shared, and lives are blessed."

you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

I came back from vacation renewed and committed to discover

God's LIFESONG for me. I challenge you to do the same.

Bill Stegemueller

P.S. I have temporarily changed my DAY OFF from Friday to MONDAY'S until the remodeling of the Core is finished.

Church Conference

**Thursday, October 29th
at 7:30 PM**

Church Conference is an annual event in the life of a local United Methodist Congregation. It is a time to look back and celebrate the past and look forward to the future. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Bob Allen will preside over the meeting.

We will hear Bob continue to cast the Vision for the Kerrville District of the United Methodist Church. We will also hear reports from different groups and committees of the church. We will also vote on the Nominating Committee's recommendation for officers and chairperson's for the upcoming year. Lastly we will vote on the Pastor Parish Relation's Committee's recommendation for the Pastor's Salary and Compensation. All are invited to this conference and every member has a vote!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The Purpose of the Church is NOT to keep the Saints busy."

- Rick Warren

AFTERGAME FELLOWSHIP

On **Friday, September 11th**, Medina UMC will be hosting the After game Fellowship following the football game against Junction. We're planning on serving Hotdogs and Cookies and we need people to bring Hotdogs, buns, condiments, cookies, etc, but even more than that... we need adult volunteers to serve as chaperons!

Future dates for Aftergame Fellowships:

• Friday, October 9th is a JOINT Aftergame fellowship with the Baptist in the Parking Lot.

• Friday, October 23rd at the Methodist Church (or possibly the CORE!)

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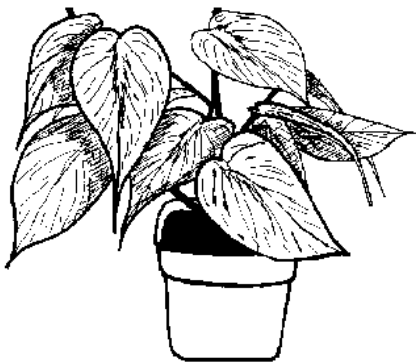


WOW

(Women of the Word)

September 10th
2-4 pm
Fellowship Hall

*Time of Devotion,
Fellowship and Teaching*



"Propragating Plants"
w/Leigh Thomas

*Anyone can come,
children w/parents
are welcome.*

Got Questions?
Call
Sylvia Rogers 589-2921
or
Celeste Lyman 589-7215



It's been a flurry of activity at the Core. Every Friday anywhere from 10-20 people gather to work and plan out details of the Core. If you haven't been by, you will be amazed at how the place looks. We are getting close to opening!

We will be continuing to schedule workdays on Fridays to complete the project. Come by to help or show your support. (Many hands make light work.) You can keep up with the events of the Core by visiting our website: www.thecoremedina.com

OPEN HOUSE *at The Core!*

Friday, September 18, 2009

Visitors are welcome to drop by The Core (building) in downtown Medina all day to see the progress we have made.

We will be serving Coffee and Dessert from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. that afternoon, so please join us and help us celebrate the 'near completion' of this exciting & awe-inspiring adventure!

The Meeting Place

UMW MEETING (United Methodist Women)

The UMW will meet on

Wednesday,

September 16, 2009

at 2:00 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall

Leader: Donna Payne

**Program:
Pledge Service**

*Come and enjoy the Program,
Refreshments and Fellowship!
Men are invited, too!!*

UMW Sewing Group

will meet on

Tuesdays, Sept. 8 & 29

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at Lu Harrison's home. Call Lu at 589-2280
for more information or directions.

*Everyone Invited to come and help get ready for
the UMW Bazaar!!*

Welcoming Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 7th

7:00 p.m.

in the Craddock Cottage –

If you are interested in helping plan
events for our church, please come. We
will be planning the Fall Calendar of
events through end of the year.

Kitchen Cleanup!

Wednesday, Sept. 9th • 9:00 a.m.

We will be cleaning our and
organizing cabinets, drawers and
refrigerators. All help will be
greatly appreciated!

Youth Group

Wednesday, Sept. 9th

5:30 p.m.

The Medina Youth Group will be
starting up Wednesday, September
9th beginning at 5:30 PM.

Church Council Meeting

**Sunday, Sept. 20 –
immediately after church**

Everyone is invited to stay.

We will be going over the calendar of
events for the church as well as having
reports from all committees.

This is our first meeting of the fall –
please plan to attend.

Honor First

Responders Sunday

Sunday, September 27th

Feast & Fellowship luncheon to
follow church service

Attention all committee chairperson - please plan a meeting with your group prior to Sept. 20 - that will be the first after summer and fall planning Church Council Meeting immediately following services and it would be nice to have a report from all committees. Thank you!

GIVING THANKS

*Dear Friends of Medina UMW & UMC,
We sincerely appreciate your lovely card. Thank you for thinking of us!*

*With God's blessings and your prayers – we were able to celebrate our 50th
Anniversary.*

God Bless You.

*Love,
Lynne & David Ethington*

