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Diana Henry, Director of Children's Ministries at Tarrytown United Methodist Church, died on Saturday, May 22, 2004. We miss her deeply and will forever hold her in our hearts.

A note from Jim

Report on the 4th Service

Background: Last September the Church Council discussed the need for and feasibility of our offering a 4th opportunity for worship on Sunday. I had introduced the possibility because I am aware the size of our sanctuary limits our attendance. The "rule of thumb" is that in a volunteer organization the average attendance will not exceed 80% of the room's comfortable capacity. For some time we have been at that average September through May for both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. We talked about times for the 4th service and the style of worship. There was agreement that whatever we do be consistent with the overall style of worship we currently offer. But beyond that, there was no clear consensus.

The Questionnaire: This spring we sent an email questionnaire to 217 persons/families. These were persons who registered their attendance in worship once per quarter to once a month. As it turned out, several attend more regularly than that but simply do not register their attendance more often than that.

We had a 32% response (76 out of 217), which is a high response. The target group (once per month to once per quarter attendance) reported little or no interest in a 4th service. In other words, a 4th service was not likely to increase the level of their participation. (continued on back page of Chimes)



**Jim Mayfield
Senior Pastor**

Literacy Austin Book Drive

The Seekers Sunday School Class is again assisting Literacy Austin in collecting new and gently used books for their book sale this spring. Please bring your unwanted books to the collection box located in the lobby by the education wing elevators.

Thank you!

Preparing for Sunday

May 30, 2004

Pentecost

Scriptures:

Psalm 104:24-34

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

Sermon:

"It Takes Something More"

by Jim Mayfield

Text:

Acts 2, selected verses

TUMC BULLETIN BOARD CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, May 30

- 8:30 a.m. First Worship Service
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion Group, Rm 628
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Oasis, Attic
- 9:30 a.m. Second Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Extended Care, Rm 213
- 9:45 a.m. Musikgarten, Rm 413/414
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time, front porch
- 11:00 a.m. Third Worship Service
- 11:20 a.m. Extended Care, Rm 213
- 11:20 a.m. Musikgarten, Rm 413/414
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time, front porch
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF to Schletterbahn

Monday, May 31

- Memorial Day Office Closed
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Emm Reun. Rm 227
- 12:30 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion group, conference room
- 1:00 p.m. Library Committee, library

Tuesday, June 1

- CDO begins
- 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study, library
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Emm. Reunion, conference room
- 6:30 p.m. VBS safety training, Rm 227
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, 101 A/B, 102 A/B reserved also
- 7:00 p.m. VBS meeting, Rms 226, 227, 228

Wednesday, June 2

- Annual Conference in Corpus Christi
- 6:45 a.m. A Breakfast with Jim, a Bible Conversation, conference room
- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Growth and Support Group, Rm 226
- 6:20 p.m. Bell Choir I, 413/414
- 6:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion and Healing, Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion, Rm 223
- 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir II, 413/414
- 7:30 p.m. Choir practice, Choir room
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion group, Rm 226

Thursday, June 3

- 7:00 a.m. United Methodist Men, FH
- 7:00 a.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion Group, Library
- 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible study, Rm 229
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Reunion, library

Friday, June 4

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion, library

Saturday, June 5

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion, library

Attendance

May 23, 2004

8:30 a.m. 112

9:30 a.m. 350

11:00 a.m. 320

Thanks to Ushers

Charles Nash, Jimmy Gage, John and Peggy Maxwell, Jim Morriss, Stuart Wilhite, Katherine Farmer, Mackenzie Carson.

Acolytes

Aubrey Elenz, John Land

TUMC Memorials

Children's Ministries

In memory of Diana Henry from Terry and Paul Williams

Russia Mission

In memory of Diana Henry from Elizabeth and Chet Henry

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers with George, Travis and Joanna Henry on the death of their wife and mother, Diana, on May 22, 2004.

Remember the Shuttles

Have you ever been running late on Sunday morning and then couldn't find a parking place at the church? Remember that TUMC has a regular shuttle service to and from the numerous parking places along the Westover side of Casis Elementary and all of the non-reserved parking places at the Carillon.

The two shuttles run before the 9:30 service, between the 9:30 and 11:00 services, and after the 11:00 service. The drivers pick you up at your car and can drop you off at any of the doors around the church as they make the trip around the block. They will pick you up at the regular stop at the chapel or along their route around the church when you are ready to go back to your car. But, since there is a lot of activity for the driver to watch out for, be sure the driver sees you so he can stop to pick you up.

It's a good chance to visit, the kids love the bus ride, and we save you steps. And it's a good time to relax a moment and start preparing for worship. I hope to see you on the shuttles.

Graduates in our midst

Congratulations to Elaine Dykstra on receiving her Doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Texas, Austin and to Helen Almanza, who received her Masters of Divinity from the Austin Presbyterian Seminary.



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Annual Conference Next Week

Next week, Wednesday through Saturday, delegates from our congregation will be participating in the Annual Conference sessions in Corpus Christi. This is an opportunity for them to learn about the various ministries of The United Methodist Church beyond the local level. Perhaps one of the more interesting presentations by delegates reporting on the actions and events at General Conference. Each year one of the highlights is the worship. The major items of business this year appear to be the election of conference officers who will serve the next four years and the adoption of the budget.

The lay delegates elected by our congregation are: Bob Schluter and Sue Hoffman (our Lay Leaders), Jim Mills, Adam Jones, Mary Strong, Vicki Aycock, Liby Beck and Trish Perdue. All the clergy are members of the conference also.

McCurdy Madness Basketball Tournament



In Memory of Matt Schirmer

Benefiting the McCurdy Mission Scholarship Fund

June 19th at WAYA

3 Person Teams Compete in 3 Divisions

Open Division, Jr. High & below Division, and Family Division

\$60/team includes t-shirt for each team member

Registration forms available at TUMC office or at table outside sanctuary.

Individual and corporate sponsorships are welcome

Join the fun!

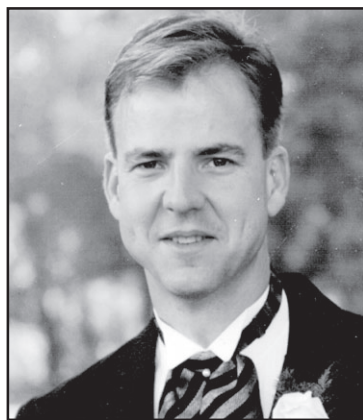
"McCurdy Madness" basketball tournament in memory of Matt Schirmer

by Steve Muckleroy

For a number of years Matt Schirmer worshiped, studied, prayed, and fellowshiped at Tarrytown UMC. He taught and attended adult Sunday school and took a leadership role with the Aldersgate class. He served on several committees and took part in most everything offered for adult education, growth and fellowship. He covered a lot of ground and was deeply committed to his church, his family, and his friends as a true instrument of God's grace.

I think his humble service to people in need was a result of the grace that came to him thru study and involvement. He studied and worshiped and then took the church to the world. That is the way he loved God and his neighbor.

The McCurdy Mission trip was one of the many ways Matt and his family served with his community of faith. He also loved sports and sporting events and in fact stopped off at Wrigley field on his way home from last summer's McCurdy trip. The basketball tournament as a scholarship fund raiser is an appropriate setting in his memory. It combines faith, family, education, fellowship, and fun.



Matt Schirmer

Confirmation Class of 2004



The TUMC confirmation class of 2004 included (in alphabetical order): Caroline Babb, Michelle Blake, Andrew Bowen, Alexander Chester, Claire Crenshaw, Caroline Ellis, William Gravely, Samuel Hertenberger, Jordan Jackson, Jake Johnson, Will Johnson III, Connor Jones, Natalie Newberry, Tyler Richter, Teddy Roberts, Alden Sutton, Meredith Warren, Casey Watson, Ryan Watts, Jenna Wilemon, Daniel Yurco, Julie Zeitz. All were confirmed on May 23, 2004.



Service of Holy Communion, Healing and Prayers

A healing service is offered each Wednesday in the chapel from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Babysitting is provided most Wednesdays. Please call 472-3111 for more information.

Due to clergy participation in Annual Conference meetings, the Wednesday Evening Service of Holy Communion and Healing will not meet on Wednesday, June 2.

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A Note from Jim: Report on the 4th Service cont.

Of the 25 who expressed interest in a 4th service, more than half regularly attend one of the current services. However, in notes and conversations it appears their interest in having a 4th service is the opportunity to worship when they are unable to come Sunday morning and/or the desire to have Holy Communion every Sunday.

In response to the question about type of service preferred: 8 preferred a service similar to the one we do at 8:30, 3 one similar to our 9:30 & 11 service, and 10 similar to 8:30 but with singing Emmaus Walk type songs.

Regarding the type of sermon: 11 would like a repeat of the sermon preached in the morning, 3 would like a short sermon by a lay person (similar to the Lent talks), 1 would prefer no sermon, and 1 suggested a short message by a pastor.

Regarding participation levels: 5 reported they would come 3 or 4 times per month, 10 reported 2 times per month, 7 reported 1 time per month, and 2 said “less often.”

Beyond The Questionnaire: A few individuals and some persons in the mid-week adult classes have expressed a strong desire that we offer a service late Sunday afternoon. It is the strong belief of some that there is a constituency in the congregation who worship fairly often and would like to worship more frequently but are simply unable to come every Sunday morning. These are people who were not part of the target group to which the questionnaire was sent.

So, after some thought and prayer, I am recommending we offer a 4th service opportunity beginning in September. My experience in congregations in the past has been that when we reach this point, the most responsible action is “to give it a try.”

Other Plans Already Made: Coincidentally there were already other plans for

expanding opportunities on Sunday afternoon. Beginning the Sunday after Labor Day, there will be a series of adult and/or family education opportunities (4:00 to 5:30 P.M.) which will be followed by a meal. On-going opportunities similar to what we did some years ago in “Wednesday Nite Live.” The plans being made will be compatible with the Sunday afternoon youth program.

4th Service Plans: We will begin a 4th service the Sunday after Labor Day. It will be a 45 minute communion service similar to the 8:30 A.M. service, with Emmaus and Taize type music accompanied by piano and a song leader. It will begin at 6:15 P.M.. This will allow those would like to come early for the fellowship meal to do so. It will also allow those who have been in the earlier program the opportunity to participate. We will begin in the chapel; however, if and when the attendance is such that the chapel is too small, we will move to the sanctuary.

The sermon will be based on the morning sermon and it will be delivered by a lay speaker. Barry Fulton and Lew Little will recruit persons to be the lay speakers. I will provide those persons with the notes I make in the summer when I plan the year’s sermons and each week I will email my “Wednesday draft” to the lay speaker for the coming Sunday. The intention is for the lay speaker to stay with the theme of the Sunday morning sermon, but to do it his/her way. This way all the services on Sunday will focus on the same theme.

Various clergy will be present to consecrate the elements and lead the communion portion of the service. This summer persons will be recruited to be present on a regular basis the first two or three months to help us get off the ground.

We will evaluate as we go along and make pragmatic changes that will make the service more meaningful to the participants as we move through the year.