

Sharing With God's Children

LVUMC Childcare Ministries is looking for talented adults to volunteer to share their special God given skills and talents with the school age children of our summer care program. We're looking for interesting demonstrations, projects and other entertainment for this unique group of boys and girls. If you would like to share your talent and abilities with our children, please call the CCM office to schedule a time for your visit 779-5117.



La Vernia Historical Association HammerFest Bicycle Ride & Festival Saturday, September 13, 2008

La Vernia City Park

All proceeds stay in La Vernia to benefit the La Vernia Heritage Museum and the La Vernia Veterans Memorial

If you are interested in being a sponsor for this event call Elaine Stephens at 830-947-3194

SCRIPTURE & SERMON FOR AUGUST

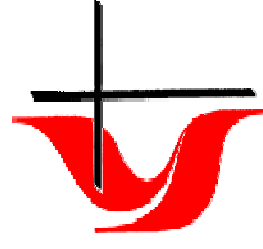
August 3, 2008
Ordinary Time/Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Matthew 14:13-21
Sermon Title: Do you believe in Miracles

August 10, 2008
Ordinary Time/Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon Title: Overcoming Fear

August 17, 2008
Ordinary Time/Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28
Sermon Title: Securing Your Blessing

August 24, 2008
Ordinary Time/Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon Title: The Keys
(Thought Key questions we must answer)

August 31, 2008
Ordinary Time/Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
HYMN: Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Matthew 16:21-28



La Vernia United Methodist Church

August 2008



Bishop Joel N. Martinez Retiring

Bishop Joel N. Martinez is completing 46 years of ordained ministry. He served more than two decades as a pastor and district superintendent in the Rio Grande Conference, two years at community center in El Paso, six years on the staff of the General Board of Global Ministries, and 16 years as a bishop. He led the Nebraska Area from 1992 to 2000 and the San Antonio Area from 2000 to 2008.

From early exposure to the plight of farm workers, Bishop Martinez learned to appreciate the urgent need of poor people to organize to participate more equitably in society. He worked on the initial proposal to the 1976 General Conference on the Ethnic Minority Local Church. He led the College of Judicatory Leaders for the Texas Conference of Churches during his tenure in the San Antonio Area. He was president of the General Board of Global Ministries from 2000 to 2008. In that role he represented The United Methodist Church's mission outreach in many places around the world. Following graduation from college in 1961, Bishop Martinez married Raquel Mora, the daughter of a Mexican Methodist pastor. Besides being a partner in the bishop's ministry, Mrs. Martinez has a distinguished record of service to the church. An accomplished composer and musician, she edited the Spanish language United Methodist Hymnal, Mil Voices para Celebrar, published in 1996. She served eight years as elected director of the General Board of Global Ministries. She has led music, conducted workshops and trained officers for the United Methodist Women across the United Methodist Church.

The couple has three adult children: Patricia, John and Rebecca, married to Doug, Carl and Michael respectively.

The San Antonio Episcopal Area United Methodist Church will be honoring Bishop and Mrs. Martinez on August 9, 2008 at the Alzaraf Shrine Center.



Wesley Nurse Health Ministry Coming to LVUMC

Our church, in partnership with another church, has been selected for a new Wesley Nurse. This program can be a very effective and valued tool for a congregation and community. In a letter from the director, Roy A. Phillips, RN, MSN, he says "Optimal utilization of the resources offered by the Wesley Nurse Program was one of the driving forces in our desire to house the Wesley Nurse in such a dynamic church as yours. With that in mind you can understand when I say that we are eager to start providing services to your congregations and communities. We are excited about working with you and are looking forward to our partnership."

DAY TRIP TO EAGLE PASS & PIEDRAS NEGRAS Thursday, August 7, 2008

On Thursday, August 7, 2008, some of us will travel to Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras, Mexico to explore opportunities for mission outreach for our congregation. Plans are for us to meet at LVUMC at 6 AM on 8-7-08 and drive in the Church van to Eagle Pass where we will visit some areas still recovering from the tornado last year and then have lunch in Piedras Negras after which we will visit the Casa de Misericordia Orphanage and some local church projects. We will be hosted by David and Karen Smith in Piedras Negras and Pastor Harlene Sadler in Eagle Pass. In order to return to the USA, it is preferable to have a passport, but I am told all you need is proof of citizenship, i.e. voter registration or even a Texas driver's license, photo ID. Contact Pastor Harry or leave your name and contact number with Kathy Balcar. We have room for ten.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS: 9:45 AM

CHILDCARE MINISTRIES: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM MON-THUR

CROSSFIRE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: 6:30 PM WEDNESDAY

BISHOP: Joel N. Martinez

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Virgilio Vazquez-Garza

SENIOR PASTOR: Harry Kahl

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Jerry Goodridge

PROGRAM COOR: JACK POOL

ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Kathy Balcar

YOUTH MINISTER: Javier Rios

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Sandra Ingle

CHILDCARE DIRECTOR: Kim Bachman

Choir Director: Randy Cobb

CUSTODIAL: Annette Gracy

The Vision Of LVUMC:
To Love God, Self & You

The Mission Of LVUMC:
To Serve, Share and Offer Christ