



June 2010 FUMC—Winona Newsletter

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**Welcome
Rev. Paul Porter
June 20, 2010**

Pot Luck immediately
following the
worship service

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Nora McFarland
- 2 Larry & Sherry Mason—Ann.
- 3 Rev. Paul Porter
Timothy Langley
Rick Davis
- 6 John & Barbara Preddy — Ann.
- 14 Mary Hukill
Dave Hamm
- 15 Ray & Debbie Presson — Ann.
- 18 Makaylah Downs
- 29 Todd Lowry

The Pastor's Paragraphs — The Beginning

If you and I are praying at the same time for the same thing – Please know that it is OK – God has many channels. God enjoys spiritual harmony of those times when two or more pray themselves into silence so they can listen to God. God likes our prayers of the heart, and also likes our silence. God also told me that we need to pray more!

Oh the things I could tell you I have prayed for in the past – it would make you smile. I prayed for hair – for intelligence – for angel wings – for patience – and most of all for someone to love me.

There is more to this prayer business than God lets on I believe. We think we are in control by asking for this or that in our prayers. And what we get always surprises us – it is a growing – a warming – an eye opening – a curtain raiser – a beginning. It is a way of beginning each day with the One who invented the idea of beginning. I believe to begin everyday in prayer is a wonderful thing.

Prayer is powerful. When we pray, we commune with the one who created us and formed all that is around us. Often we gain wisdom,

guidance, comfort and humility through prayer. So, keeping all of this in mind, is the power of prayer a force in your most intimate relationships? Are you praying together and, more importantly, are your praying for each other?

Below is a prayer that I want to encourage you to pray every day this week. You might pray it together aloud with your partner each day. Even if you pray this prayer on your own, I am sure that you will begin to see a transformation in how you look at your deepest relationship.

Merciful Lord,

Grant that we may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live in harmony. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience and kindness. May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other. Amen.



Your Invited
to an
Old Fashion
Ice Cream Social

When:

Saturday
June 26, 2010
3:00 pm

\$2 per large bowl

Where:

Fellowship Hall

For more info
contact
Barbara Miller



Ray Presson
Cooking for
Hamburger Bingo
Fundraiser on
April 23, 2010

“Church Growth for Methodists” By Rev. Dr. Dan Drucker

The five most important church growth questions are:

1. What is our mission?
2. Who is our customer?
3. What does the customer value?
4. What are our results?
5. What is our plan?

These questions almost sound too simple to take seriously — until we realize that the vast majority of our churches cannot adequately answer them. While we have a denominational mission — “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” — most local congregations cannot clearly state their purpose, their reason for being. Oh, they might have answers, but they are generally unspecific and all over the map. Without a crystal clear sense of identity and purpose, it is almost impossible to create a plan for effectiveness — if you don’t know why you exist, you won’t know what you should be doing!

The term “customers” creates all kinds of problems in the church — it sounds crass and commercial. But Drucker’s definition of a customer is “who must be satisfied for the organization to achieve results.” In our case, God is even our customer, not to mention the people in the pews, the people in our communities, and many people we may never directly meet. When we seek to provide ministries, we are offering services to help people grow in faith and strengthen their relationships with God and neighbor. Our primary customers are those who are serious about living as faithful Christian disciples.

What our customers’ value is more than just what our customers prefer, like, want, or

think they need. At the level of true value, it is what people are seeking to give their lives meaning and purpose. We’re not talking about worship styles, or pretty buildings with hi-tech equipment — we’re talking what we have to offer that can change lives, change hearts, and in some significant way, change the world. However, this is not what we decide for people — it is what we decide with people. When we have a clear mission and purpose, we listen to people’s hearts and deepest yearnings, and we find a way to give them what they need to become who God wants them to be. If we know who we are, and we are striving to give people what they need, it is imperative that we assess and evaluate how well what we produce creates the results we intend. Helping a person be a faithful Christian disciple won’t be simply measured by church membership or attendance, or how much a person plops in the collection plate on a Sunday morning. Qualitative measures must accompany the quantitative in order to truly understand how lives are changed. Unless we know how effective our current and ongoing efforts are, we cannot strategize ways to improve. We don’t know what to keep doing, what to abandon, what to add, or what to change. Critical evaluation of results is essential — and unfortunately, it is what most local churches and annual conferences do poorly or neglect entirely.

Answering the question, “what is our plan?” is important, but it should not consume all of our time. A good plan is not something written on paper and followed to the letter of the law. A good plan is flexible and dynamic, providing principles and boundaries, easy to adjust, and constantly being improved. Clear goals and objectives (Drucker says, “If you have more than five goals, you have none.”) provide the targets toward which we work. If goals and objectives support the mission and enable us to give the customers what they need, then every tactical decision we make should somehow align with them.

Any church organization that intentionally and conscientiously asks and explores these five questions (and the dozens of correlating questions bound to emerge naturally, as well as the suggested supplemental questions from the book) will find great benefit and potent guidance for the future. Simple doesn’t mean easy — there is nothing easy about the five most important questions — but it does mean that any organization from the smallest to the largest can pick up this helpful book and begin immediately to transform its work for the better.

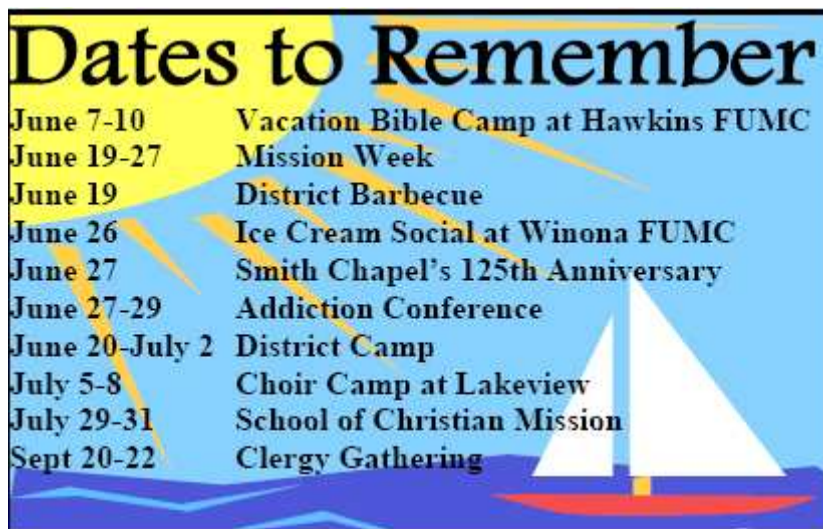
News Briefs — The Conference

Preparing to Receive a New Pastor

In the Lewis Center for Church Leadership's *Leading Ideas* online newsletter Dr. Robert Crossmam says, "Welcoming a new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and for the development of stable, long-term ministries together."

The following suggestions from [50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor](http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html) (http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2010/100428_article2.html) will help your congregation receive a new pastor with a spirit of openness and hospitality.

News Briefs — The Tyler District



For more information on the above events and other NW District news, check out the Northwest District Newsletter on the web:

<http://www.nwdumc.org/wp-content/uploads/june-2010-newsletter-email.pdf>

News Briefs — Winona FUMC

For those receiving this via email, please go to our website to print out the monthly calendar: <http://www.fumcwinona.org> and click on Events Calendar.

A monthly calendar will be printed and included in the newsletters that are mailed or available for pick up at the Church.

Please help us update our birthday and anniversary calendar. It will be located in the back of the Sanctuary for the next few weeks for corrections and additions. Thanks everyone!

The Evidence Of Faithfulness

May Totals:

Giving

General Fund
\$6133.51

Missions
\$63.00

Other
\$585.00

Gideons
International
\$121.00

Worship Attendance

139

June Bible Text And Sermons

June 20, 2010

Jeremiah 32: 38-41

"The Memory
of a
Promise"

June 27, 2010

Matthew 7: 1-5

"The Other Duck"

Meet Rev. Paul and Suzie Porter



Suzie is a Registered Nurse and Quality Care Coordinator for Lake Granbury Hospital. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler in 2002. Her previous career was with Chase National Bank. She is a "box" personality who played with file folders and designed new forms as a child.

Paul began ministry in 1993 in Youth ministry as an elder in the Presbyterian Church USA. Paul has a Master of Divinity degree from Austin Seminary in Austin, Texas and a Methodist Studies Certificate from Perkins Seminary in Dallas. His previous career was as a PGA golf professional. He is a "squiggle" personality who flips between multiple TV channels while watching TV.

Paul and Suzie were married at Chatfield United Methodist Church (near Dallas) on December 22, 2001. They have three daughters: Shannon (27) in Nashville, TN, Miranda (26) and her husband Daniel in Arlington, and Kelli (25) in Austin.

**POT LUCK
SUNDAY
JUNE 20, 2010**

**COME
and
WELCOME
Rev. Paul Porter
&
Suzie Porter
as they begin
their journey
with
our Church
Family**



Spring Community
Flea Market
May 15, 2010

Resources

United Methodist News Service: (http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm)

InfoServ: (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)

UM Reporter Interactive: (www.umportal.org)

UMNS on Facebook: (<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=ifITKWNRGalKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHglWF>)

UMNS on Twitter: (<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHglWF>)

Interpreter Magazine: (<http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=7085>)

EI' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish): (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

10thousanddoors.org: (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

Rethink Church: (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

UM TechShop: (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

UM Global Health Initiative: (http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global_Health.htm)