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# News

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**

*What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?*

Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

Recently in the news there was an article about what constitutes true physical beauty. The article reported that we see beauty in things that have balance. In terms of the human face that means eyes, ears and lips and other distinguishable features have close to equal shape and size; if you split the face in half both sides would be the same, they would be balanced.

While that might be true of physical beauty, there is more to life than what we can see. Balance is important not only in the physical, but in the emotional and spiritual. We are supposed to balance work with play, usefulness with purpose and toil with rest. We are to find balance as well in receiving and giving.

In 2009 Button Memorial attempted to find ways to balance the giving and receiving of the gifts of money, time and talent. We shared our financial resources not only in our tithes, but in the many ways we gave at the Communion rail. We gave to the rebuilding of the community in south Texas at Sabine Pass, we fed and clothed children through Kids Eat Free and Clothe-a-Child, we supported the Little Elm Food Bank with their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and supplied additional food to local families during the Christmas season. We gave out Angel Food benevolence boxes and supported the Cancer Support Group. We helped a young girl locally with medical expenses and most recently we gave substantially to the Maua Hospital Service Fund in Kenya, Africa. We continue to support the Golden Cross at local hospitals.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, recognized that accruing wealth for its own sake was a dangerous practice that sucked the life out of a person's faith. He encouraged Christians to follow three simple steps that would bring balance to the financial life of a disciple: make all you can, save all you can, give all you can. "What is so remarkable about John Wesley's perspective," writes Paul Escamilla, "is that he's not asking for the world. He simply challenges the people of God to...share some of what we earn, not every dime and dollar, just what we can." And I believe that is what we did and what we will continue to do as we move forward in 2010.

In a struggling economy we have found a way to balance what we earn and save with what we give. In doing so we bear witness to our relationship with Jesus Christ who gave all he had for the sake of the other, which incidentally, includes us. May we continue to be the people God has called us to be as we love and serve and share. May we continue to seek the beauty of balance.

Grace & peace,  
Pastor Denise



Dennis Seibold	January 2nd
Gay Moore	January 3rd
Allee Dawdy	January 5th
Julia Yale	January 14th
Tina Cardinal	January 14th
Jeff Stauffer	January 15th
Nancy Burke	January 20th
Angie Hendrickson	January 24th
Brianne Stauffer	January 24th
Midge Bahl	January 28th

### ***UMW Gift Baskets***

Gift Baskets were put together and given out over the Christmas season. They were filled with Christmas Dinner items and other staples. Thanks to all who helped with this ministry!

### ***Special Choir Music***

The Choir, led by Nita Cardinal, performed every Sunday in December with special music. The performances were a blessing to all present.

### ***OPEN HOUSE***

A lovely time of fellowship was enjoyed by friends and church members at the home of Tracy Norum at an Open House honoring the joy of being part of Button UMC and the Little Elm Community hosted by Pastor Denise Peckham and Tracy Norum. Cookies, cake, pie, cobbler, coffee, eggnog, and more were offered to everyone in our church. About 40 people visited together after church for dessert to celebrate the season.

### ***Button Family Christmas Event***

The Button Family Christmas Event was a lot of fun! About 50 adults and children attended the craft time which was put together by Lisa McClellan and Sarah. Adults made Prayer Pillows, while kids decorated cookies, made shiny stars, and other fun activities. Delicious homemade soups complimented a sandwich dinner, where families and friends ate together in the Fellowship Hall. The Christmas Pageant was very well-done by the Youth and Children of Button UMC. The audience laughed at the light comedy, while the true meaning of Christ's birth was reenacted. The children sang with heart, and little angels and shepherds were precious, while the Youth had practiced for several months. Several young children danced a contemporary Christian dance lead by Brian Gardner. Thanks to Nita Cardinal, Pageant Director, and Youth Leader Karen Johnson, as well as Brian and Brandy Gardner, Jason and Katie Stout, and Tracy Norum.

### ***A WHITE CHRISTMAS!***

Little Elm and much of North Texas was covered in a snowy white blanket by the time Christmas Eve services commenced. In fact, the roads became a bit treacherous, with snow still falling and roads icing over. Some members did brave the weather to make it to worship that evening, however. The Children's service included many of our families with children, who sang carols, and children participated interactively. It was a joy to many Texans, who rarely see snow, much less a white Christmas, to celebrate that special day in a beautiful yet chilly way through worship together.

### ***Kids in the Choir***

It was a joy to see several of our pageant participant's ages 4-12 assist the choir in leading music on December 20th during the morning service.

### ***Visiting Pastor and Sermon Series***

Did it ever feel like life was a one big rollercoaster ride and you just wanted off? Escape the lifestyle and attitudes of a weighed-down world. Join us for five weeks as we discover the "life of enough" where peace, joy and contentment are not only dreams, but realities. Guest Preacher and author, Reverend Paul Escamilla, will lead worship on January 10.

### ***FELLOWSHIP LUNCH JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>***

Fellowship Lunch will be on January 10th after the service. This is a POT LUCK. Bring your favorite dish with plenty to share. Spread the news, and be sure not to miss Fellowship Lunch on January 10th!

### ***Transformation Process***

The next Transformation seminar is on January 7th, 10:00-12:00 in the Colony and will be on Hospitality and Invitation. There will be a presentation on Ways to Increase First Time Guests. Jim Ozier, who oversees Transformation for the North TX Conference, says this will be beneficial to those working on hospitality and guest invitation; attendance is not mandatory for anyone but the pastor, but if you are interested please feel free to attend.

The following seminar is Coaching Towards Transformation and it will be on Saturday, April 17, from 9:00-12:00 at

### ***YOUTH PROJECT***

The youth group is collecting old cell phones to donate to the battered women and children's shelter. The phones will call emergency numbers without a service contract and will not be linked back to you in any way. Just erase your memory and drop the phone with the charger into the gift box marked Youth phone collection located in the church lobby.

Thank you, BMUMC Youth Group

### ***Cancer Support Group***

*The Relay for Life Group will be guest speakers at the upcoming meeting!*

Whether you are a Caregiver or a Cancer Survivor in the Little Elm area, you are invited to attend the cancer support group meeting. This meeting will be held at the Button Memorial United Methodist Church, 101 W. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX, 75068. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 300pm.

### ***CRIME WATCH***

The local Crime Watch meets at 7 pm in the Choir room 1/19 and 2/16  
All welcome!

### ***COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP 2010***

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### ***Lil' Angels are Angelic in the Nativity***

The Little Angels of Kids Day Out performed an adorable reenactment of the Nativity. These children ages 18 months to 5 years old memorized short lines and songs, and were simply precious as they worshipped the Lord through their performance. Thanks to Patti Crites, Director of the 2nd Annual KDO Nativity!

# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> <b>930 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>1030 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>1130 WELCOMING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>600 PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>7</b> <b>1000 AM TRANSFORMATION HOSPITALITY SEMINAR</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>930 AM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN</b> <b>300 PM CANCER SUPPORT MEETING</b>
<b>10</b> <b>930 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>1030 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP LUNCH</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>600 PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 UMW BAKE SALE</b> <b>930 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>1030 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>1130 AM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>600 PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>730 AM UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>
<b>24 COINS FOR CHILDREN</b> <b>930 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>1030 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>600 PM BUTTONEERS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>930 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>1030 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b>						

