



# Loxley United Methodist Church

## Church Family News

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## Thanks to God

by MaKenzie Ellison  
6 years old

Thank you God for the sun  
And seas,



Thank you God for flowers  
And trees,



Thank you God for people  
Who care,



Thank you God for food  
To share.  
Amen



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The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Rosington UMC on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

“If only we had the faith of a child.”

Mark 10:13-16

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**Assisting with the Services**

\* Communion Sundays

	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
*November 6	Cesilia Ramirez	Irvin Mosley & Valna Hinote
November 13	Emily Sinclair	Jerry Feazell & Bob Hughes
November 20	Brody Wilson	Judy Baker & Gordon Dyess
*November 27	Hayley Aycock	Don Myrick & Steve Wilson

**CHARGE CONFERENCE AND HOME COMING**

*On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate homecoming and charge conference together. D.S. Rev. Cory Smith will preside at the charge conference and will also be our guest preacher at our Home Coming. Dinner on the grounds and special planning will be important in making this Sunday a day to remember.*

**Financial Report for the Month of October**

Monthly Operating Budget: \$12,353.67

September Income: \$11,644.30

September Expenses: \$-11,470.28

Building Fund:

September Income: \$1,445.00

Fund Raising Dinner: \$155.00

September Expenses: \$-1,600.00

**ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Anyone wanting to submit articles or items for the newsletter is encouraged to do so by sending them to [lumcnews@gmail.com](mailto:lumcnews@gmail.com) or give them to anyone on the Newsletter Team: Bob Hughes, Tom Hammitte, Pastor Jim, Barbara Davis, BD Thrasher or Eric Hall.



## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Fall has fallen and in one way I am excited while this change also saddens me. This is bitter sweet because of the affect it has on our church. Unfortunately throughout the warm months folks are so busy with warm weather activities that they seem to be MIA when Sunday worship comes. Now that it is cooling off I look forward to seeing their smiling faces on a more regular basis. Hmm! I wonder who? But as the cool weather approaches we prepare for the next set of MIA's. If not football then one or more hunting seasons will draw folks away from the church. This behavior reminds me of a story I heard some time ago.

“There was once a lady who worked in a high rise office building in London. Every day for her coffee break she went down to the first floor cafeteria and purchased a Kit Kat candy bar from the vending machine, and a cup of coffee. This day was no different. After finding a small table in the corner and seating herself, she leaned over to search for something in her purse. When she sat up again a gentleman had seated himself across from her at the table. He had a cup of coffee, a doughnut and her Kit Kat bar in his mouth. He didn't apologize or offer any explanation. He simply ate it. She was surprised and irritated, but said nothing. As quickly as possible she drank her coffee. The more she thought about it, however, the angrier she became. Finally she stood to leave and stomped over beside him, grabbing the remnant of his doughnut and stuffing it in her mouth. As best she could she said, “There now. How does that feel?” and marched back to her office, where once again she opened her purse. To her horror, there on top was her Kit Kat candy bar.” Doris Sanford

So often in life we are quick to go after that which we mistake as important only to miss out on that which God may want for our lives. If you are really serious about having a close intimate relationship with God, then spend some time getting to know God, especially on Sunday with a group of Like-minded believers. I hope to see you on Sunday! All of them, preferably.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Jim

From Chicken for the Christian Soul

### **In His Mother's Footsteps**

It was a busy day in our Costa Mesa, California, home. But then, with 10 children and one on the way, every day was a bit hectic. On this particular day, however, I was having trouble doing even routine chores—all because of one little boy.

Len, who was three at the time, was on my heels no matter where I went. Whenever I stopped to do something and turned back around, I would trip over him. Several times, I patiently suggested fun activities to keep him occupied. “Wouldn't you like to play on the swing set?” I asked again.

But he simply smiled an innocent smile and said, “Oh, that's all right, Mommy. I'd rather be in here with you.” Then he continued to bounce happily along behind me.

After stepping on his toes for the fifth time, I began to lose my patience and insisted that he go outside and play with the other children. When I asked him why he was acting this way, he looked up at me with sweet green eyes and said, “Well, Mommy, in Primary my teacher told me to walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see him, so I'm walking in yours.”

I gathered Len in my arms and held him close. Tears of love and humility spilled over from the prayer that grew in my heart—a prayer of thanks for the simple, yet beautiful perspective of a three-year-old boy.

David Dalton as told to JoEllen Johnson

## November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6 PM Boy Scouts	2 6 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir	3 6 PM Girl Scouts	4 3 PM Girl Scouts	5
6 8 AM Charge Conference 10 AM Worship Homecoming Message by Rev. Cory Smith Dinner 11ish	7	8 6 PM Boy Scouts  7 PM Admin Board Meeting	9 6 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir	10 6 PM Girl Scouts	11 3 PM Girl Scouts	12
13 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study  <b>Golf Tournament</b>	14 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Service Unit	15 6 PM Boy Scouts	16 6 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir	17 6 PM Girl Scouts	18 3 PM Girl Scouts	19
20 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study  *	21 6:30 UMW & UMM Meetings	22 6 PM Boy Scouts	23 6 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir	24 	25 3 PM Girl Scouts	26
27 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study	28	29 6 PM Boy Scouts	30 6 PM Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir	* <a href="#"><u>Community Thanksgiving Service at Rosington United Methodist Church On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.</u></a>		

*Those having Birthdays in November are:*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Martha Jo Lyons	13 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Devine Waddle	21 <sup>st</sup>	Jordon Hinote
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beth Henson	15 <sup>th</sup>	Ricky Waltman	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grady Landcaster,
7 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Mosley	16 <sup>th</sup>	April Parrott, Kevin Sinclair		Renee Hinote
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lora Barnhill	17 <sup>th</sup>	Vince Martin	27 <sup>th</sup>	Edwina Mosley
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wade Lyons	18 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Duck	29 <sup>th</sup>	Nikki Devise Jones
				30 <sup>th</sup>	Caleb MacCartee

There are no anniversaries for November.

Please contact Barbara if we have missed your November anniversary, so she can add it to our records.

Thanks

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



and a feast.

The UMW held their annual picnic on Monday, October 18, 2011 and presented a Plaque to Burriss Farm Market for all their help in selling the “100 years of Feeding the Flock Cookbook” put together by the UMW. Each lady made a dish from the cookbook to share with everyone who attended. We had about 30 in attendance. If you missed it, you missed a treat

Our next meeting will be November 21, 2011 at 6:30pm and the Men’s group will be preparing the Ladies Breakfast for Dinner.

The UMW would like to invite all the Ladies of the Church to attend our next meeting. At our November meeting, we will be discussing plans for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on December 10, 2011 and the our Annual Ladies Christmas get together at O’Charley’s in Daphne on December 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to or plan on attending, please contact Pam Knight @ 964-6182 to let her know. Pam has already reserved the back room at O’Charley’s for 20 women, but she can always have more chairs added.

Thanks & Have a Blessed Day  
Pam Knight

UMW President

## UNITED METHODIST MEN



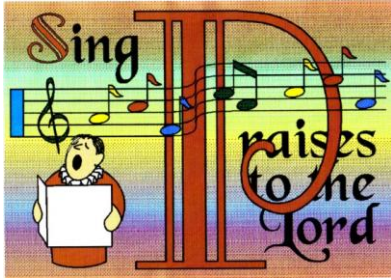
In lieu of our monthly meeting, the men’s group was privileged to join the women in their Annual Picnic Dinner. As usual the ladies put on quite a feast. Fellows if you missed this one you missed a wonderful meal and some good fellowship.

Since the Annual Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry is being held at the end of October, we will have a report in next month’s newsletter.

There is still time so sign up for our Annual Fall Golf Tournament that will be on November 13, 2011. Sundays are an awesome time for recreation, fellowship and simply having fun with this great golf-ministry. This is an event open to ALL who would care to join us. The golf tournaments we put together are always around \$50.00 and this one is no different. The flyers are out and you can even get a registration form at our website; [www.loxleyumc.org](http://www.loxleyumc.org)



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



The choir is looking for folks to help with our Christmas Cantata. We practice at 7pm on Wednesday evenings for the Cantata and then if folks need to leave they can and we continue with our Sunday morning songs.

The music department is also looking for single/groups to sing for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening singing the end of January. Please pray about it and get back with Don

Beth and Dianne are working hard with the children on music and hand bells so that they can perform for the congregation again soon. They are always looking for children to add to this group. Won't you consider bringing your children to sing with her at 6:30pm on Wednesday evening's?

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Dear Church Family,

Thanks be to God for all the blessings He has continued to pour out upon us! We would also like to thank you for your prayers and endless support. We have continued to grow as a group as we have seen the youth numbers range between 10-15 students each Wednesday night, but the most exciting thing is the growth of our young students on a personal level with their relationships with Jesus Christ. We continue to meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights where we discuss various topics of life and the Scripture that is our guide to handling the ups and downs that life throws at us. On certain nights we play games and build a lesson from that or simply have a discussion on a specific section of Scripture. If you have teens or know of someone who would like to be involved in the youth program, we would love to have them join us!

Some of the upcoming youth events are:

Gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child  
 Domino's Pizza Fundraiser (raising money for youth retreats)  
 Meltdown 2012 in Panama City Beach, Fl  
 Drama Team

I Chronicles Ch. 28 vs. 10

Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work! NIV

Your Brother in Christ, Chris Mosley

### Recipe of the Month

#### CELEBRATION SOUP

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| 1 lb ground turkey                | 1 cup chopped onion                       |
| 2 cloves garlic                   | 1 30oz jar chunky garden style            |
| 1 10 ½ oz can chicken broth       | Prego w/mushrooms & peppers               |
| 1 cup celery, sliced              | 1 tsp sugar                               |
| 1 tsp salt                        | ½ tsp ground pepper                       |
| 2 tbsp worchestershire sauce      | 1 10oz can diced tomatoes & green chilies |
| 1 16oz pkg frozen soup vegetables |   |

Any other canned vegetables you want to add – lima beans, green beans, corn, Black eyed peas, etc. undrained.  
 Brown & drain turkey, onion & garlic. Add Prego, broth 2 cups water, celery, sugar, salt, Pepper, and worchestershire sauce. Bring to boil, cover and reduce heat, simmer for 20 minutes. Stir in other ingredients, return to boil. Cover and simmer 15 minutes  
 Yields at least 12 cups

#### BROCCOLI-CHEESE CORNBREAD

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| ½ stick margarine             | 1 10oz. pkg frozen chopped broccoli, slight thawed |
| ¼ tsp salt                    | 1 med onion, chopped                               |
| ¼ tsp pepper                  | 4 eggs, slightly beaten                            |
| 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated | 1 sm box jiffy cornbread mix                       |

Melt margarine in a 9 x 11" pan.  
 Mix together all the other ingredients. Pour over melted margarine.  
 Bake in 400\* oven for 20 minutes.  
 It should be nicely brown on top. Best if served hot, but it's still good served warm.

### Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 191

A	H	S	I	L	E	H	F	S	E	L	N	J	A	L
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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

AARON	JACOB
ABEL	JEREMIAH
ABNER	JOB
ABRAHAM	JONAH
ADAM	JOSEPH
BAALAM	JOSHUA
CAIN	JUDAH
CALEB	LEVI
CYRUS	LOT
DANIEL	MORDECAI
DARIUS	MOSES
DAVID	NATHAN
ELIJAH	NEHEMIAH
ELISHA	NOAH
ENOCH	SAMSON
EZEKIEL	SAMUEL
GIDEON	SAUL
GOLIATH	SHADRACH
ISAAC	SHEM
ISAIAH	SOLOMON
ISHMAEL	SIMEON

Psalm 35

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### Kids Corner

Hey kids, want to have fun. Beth is looking for kids to sing in the Children's Choir. Come and help make the children's choir the best children's choir ever.

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