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The Circuit Writer is a monthly publication of Crestview United Methodist Church, a body of Christians dedicated to sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

**Come join us for a wild
ride through God's
Word as we head out
to...**

Avalanche Ranch!

**Vacation Bible
School 2009**

**July 12-15, 6:00 –
7:45 p.m.**

**Contact Katherine Sweet at cumcyouth@austin.rr.com with
questions.**



The deadline for the Circuit Writer is Sunday June 21. Place articles in newsletter mailbox or email cumc@austin.rr.com

Congregational Notes.....

Deepest sympathies to ...

the family of Ernest Nero
to Willie Mae and Ed Deitrick on the death of
their sister-in-law Mabel Deitrick
to John and Judy Carlson on the death of John's
sister Edith Layton
to Cleo Cearley on the death of her son Larry
Cearley.

Congratulations to...

KC Walters & Michael Pospisil who were mar-
ried on Saturday May 23rd.

New Address...

Vada Harwell
1250 E. N. 10th St. # 210
Abilene, TX 79601

325-673-6285
She would love to hear from you.

Thank you.....

Dear Church Family,

Doug & I are so grateful for all your prayers, cards,
calls, visits & food. You are a wonderful bunch.
Such caring concerns speeds ones recovery.
Thank you and may God bless each of you always.

Nadine Murphy

Dear Crestview UMC,

On behalf of volunteers and care recipients of North
Central Caregivers pleas accept my sincere appreciation
for the generous donation to our mission from the
Easter Offering. This wonderful gift was such a wel-
come surprise.

Very Sincerely,

Alice Fraugott



Crestview Milestones....

June Birthdays...

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| 01 Adrianna Maldonado | 13 Pansy Wells |
| 03 Jack Bible | 14 Laura Fairman |
| 04 Aspen Smith | 16 Travis Stanford |
| 06 Jane Farmer | 18 Robert Gorton |
| 07 Ed Weeren | 19 Roma Carper |
| 07 David Farmer | 22 Arlene Smith |
| 09 Howard Glueck | |
| 11 Ricky Sikes | |
| 13 Sarah Cooke | |



June Anniversaries....

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| 4 Tom & Phyllis Moore |
| 12 Howard & Margaret Glueck |
| 14 Dick & Denise Schwab |
| 17 Mike & Linda Anderson |
| 22 Ernest & Mary Ann Chambers |





Dear Friends,

As many of you know, I was in California again a few weeks ago with my newest grandchild, Finley. She was two months old at the time, but had already changed so much since I first met her right after her birth. She connected with me by looking at me, smiling, and even trying to coo some, although many times the sounds didn't come out quite right! All in all, I can truthfully say that she was entirely delightful.

This made me think about how each of us is with God. Some days we don't connect too well with God; we don't look for him or at him; we don't talk with him; and sometimes when we do try to talk to him, the words just don't seem to come out right. But none of this in any way determines God's love and care for us. God is with us, night and day, right and wrong, paying attention or not paying attention.

Our relationship with God is greatly enhanced by our looking at and for God, though. Life is much more meaningful when we recognize that God is at work in the world and in us. When we wake up to that fact and really pay attention, our eyes will be opened to the many miracles around us each day. We'll be more appreciative of our many blessings; we'll be less critical of ourselves and of those around us; we'll be filled up with the love of God rather than the discontent that the world brings.

For this summer, let's all make a commitment to look for God in whatever situation we find ourselves. If we're outside, look for God in nature; if we're with somebody, look for Christ in them; if we're in an unpleasant situation, look to see what God is calling us to be or do; if we're in trouble, look for God's touch and God's grace.

There is nothing that will help us as much as knowing the presence of God. We will be celebrating Pentecost on May 31st in worship, the day that the gift of the Holy Spirit blew into town, and nothing has been the same since. Let us remember that every day is Pentecost, and the Spirit is with us now, to make us aware of the presence of God in Christ each and every day, and that all things are possible with God.

So, let me take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Pentecost! May the Spirit be with you.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Sue



CUMC DOLLARS AND SENSE
How Are We Doing?

	Budget			
	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Budget to Date*</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Δ</u>
Jan – April, 2009	\$ 98,663	\$ 95,341	103.5	\$ 3,322
May 1 – May 24, 2009 (4 of 5 Sundays)	\$ 22,193	\$ 23,835	93.1	(\$ 1,642)

* Budget to Date is presented assuming 1/12 of the annual amount per month.

OUR RECENT GIVING OUTSIDE THE NORMAL BUDGET:

	<u>Amount</u>
May 3, 2009	\$ 225
Communion Rail Offering	
50% St. Louis Food Pantry	
50% Caritas	

United Methodist Women Dinner



The annual United Methodist Women dinner will be held on Tuesday June 9 at 6:30 pm. This will be a covered dish with meat, bread and drinks provided. All women of the church are invited.

The program will be a handbell solo by Doug Radziewicz. Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and entertainment.



Thursday Fellowship...

All are invited to Thursday Fellowship on June 11 and June 25. Please come and bring a friend. If you like games or like to quilt come around 9 am. Program time begins around 11:30 and lunch is at 12 noon. Come for any or all of the activities and fellowship.

Dan Carper will give the program on June 11. Aspen and Gatlin Smith with their grandmother Arlene Smith will share their musical talents on June 25.

Crestview Book Group

The June meeting for Crestview Book Group will be on Tuesday, June 23. The meeting begins at 10am in the Blue Room of Fellowship Hall.



Jo Sue Allen will provide refreshments. No specific book review will be given at this meeting but everyone will share what they have been reading recently. We have tried this format before and it is an interesting and fun way to hear about good books you might want to read and is also a way to get to know each other better. Hope to see you on June 23.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare is a support system for people who have experienced the death of a loved one. We are beginning another group here at Crestview United Methodist Church, led by Rev. Sue Wells. All people who are grieving a death are invited to become a part of this group, but there is a limit to the number of people who will be able to attend, so sign up as soon as possible. There is a \$12 fee for the workbook that you will use during the sessions.

Here is a sample of what the GriefShare people say about their process:

"It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

"Each week your GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments and on-location video.

"After viewing the video, you and the other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in your lives.

"During the week you will have the opportunity to use your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Your group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study."

Call the church office at 451-1741 now to reserve your place. The sessions will begin on Monday, June 15, at 6:30 pm, and continue each Monday at 6:30 until approximately Sept. 14.

PRESCHOOL CHATTER

There is so much excitement as we get ready to end the 2008-2009 school year and begin the summer session. Our last day for this session is June 3 and we start summer on June 16.

First, thank you to Terilyn Peters who has been our acting Board president. We appreciate her sweet spirit.

Next, thanks to Mike Anderson and Jim Cornett who have worked with us to purchase a shade cover for our playground. We are really looking forward to using our whole playground during the heat of the summer. We hope to have the shade cover by the middle of June.

Everyone is invited to come to our graduation ceremony on June 2 at 6 p.m. We'll have a cookout/potluck on the playground afterwards (about 6:30). We have 12 graduates including 6 children who have been here since they were 2 years old!

Thanks to the Jack Moncure and the Bibles and any one else who helped clean up the water leak on May 20. Your presence and your hard work kept the problem from becoming a major problem.



Terri Sloan

Preschool Director



MISSIONS FOOD

Thanks for your help in the food drive. Your generosity is overwhelming! God has blessed us all, over and over again.

Over 260 pounds of food and \$112.00 was delivered to our neighborhood food pantry at St. Louis Catholic Church. They are now serving over 70 families from our community, up significantly from the March 2009 numbers. 180+ pounds of food and \$112 was donated to CARITAS for the 19-county food drive support they need.

Although the Spring Faith and Community Food Drive officially ended, there is a great need to continue gathering food items for the St. Louis Food Pantry. Their cupboards are about bare and they are sending out an appeal to the neighborhood churches to help. The numbers for assistance keep growing. If you can help, these are the most requested items needed for the families to subsidize their diets and/or have food to eat.

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| Canned tuna | Flour, sugar, salt |
| Corn, green beans | Rice and beans (2-4 lb bags) |
| Boxed macaroni & cheese | Peanut butter |
| Cereal (within expiration date) | |

PLEASE NOTE: Our Bags of Grace Sunday has turned in to the food drive opportunity for now. In August at the August 30 5th Sunday Lunch, we will prepare some kits along with signing of cards for our church family and friends. See you there!

Your Missions Committee ... at work with you.

OUR ENDOWMENT EARNINGS AT WORK ...

It has been a while since the Endowment Committee shared with the congregation, all the great things being done and accomplished by way of use of the earnings from the various named endowments. We as a church are blessed to have these funds that are used in such great ways. The following is for the past year and a half.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1/9/08	Weimer	\$700.00	Pastor cont. educ.
4/23/08	Tallas	\$200.00	flower bed
	Crestview	380.00	bulletin boards
	W. Carlson(maint)	663.90	Trustee –
	Wofford	855.31	blinds in ed .bldg.
	J. Carlson	2,288.00	carpet in ed. bldg.
	Murphy	791.93	insulation in ed bldg.
	Post	6.86	carpet/paint-blue rm.
7/10/08	Crestview	1,539.00	kitchen remodel
	Post	1,854.35	" "
	Nero	2,682.06	" "
	Sundbeck	754.59	" "
	Johnston	350.00	Bags of Grace
10/22/08	Crestview	<u>281.15</u>	Celebration Sun lunch
	Total for 2008	\$13,347.15	
1/21/09	Crestview	\$643.44	laptop computer,
	Israel (music)	1,251.00	projector, & camera
	Israel (worship)	649.00	equipment (\$2543.44)
1/28/09	Weimer	270.00	Pastor cont. educ.
	Cooke	309.97	laptop equip.
2/25/09	W. Carlson(music)	386.00	Choir Music
	W. Carlson(music)	310.00	Handbells
4/2/09	Tallas	300.00	Prayer Garden
	Weeren	871.03	Grounds Beauty\$200,
	Steves	84.68	and Screen
	Cooke	744.29	" "
4/21/09	Weimer	<u>300.00</u>	Pastor cont. educ.
	Total for 2009	\$6,119.41	

MOVIES WITH MEANING!!!

Are you a movie fan? Do you like to talk about what happened in the movie, what it means, what we can learn? Then you're sure to enjoy our movie nights coming up this summer, to be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Here are the dates: July 19, July 26, and August 9 at 6:30 pm

Cost: Donation of \$1 includes all the popcorn you can eat and a drink

Movies: Movies will include some you may not know, but all have been reviewed and approved by Pastor Sue. They are for adult viewing.

Childcare: Will be provided if notified ahead of time, payment requested.



Crestview United Methodist Church

Office Hours (Monday—Friday):

8:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Office Closed for Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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Marcella Gunera & Sarah Jenkins

Nursery Attendants

Terri Sloan, Preschool Director

ATTENTION CRAFTERS



Craft workshops for our annual Bazaar will begin in June 23 then on the second & fourth Tuesdays and continue until November. The time will be from 9:30 am-noon. We will meet in Room 10 in the Education wing.

Everyone is welcome to attend and help with these many projects. Please come and bring a friend to check out all the cute items to be worked on.



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