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8am — 3pm

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SCOUT SUNDAY

February 14, 2016

BBQ Lunch & Dessert Auction

Following the 10 am Worship Service

Located in the Family Life Center and

The Fellowship Hall

Please come out and enjoy some BBQ made by our United Methodist Men's Group. A Dessert Auction will also take place. All proceeds will go to church projects and the Boy Scouts.



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Sunday will be a big day at churches across the country. And no, I don't mean Broncos and Seahawks fans stopping by to say a prayer for their teams.

I'm talking about Scout Sunday, a chance for faith-based chartered organizations to celebrate and recognize Scouting and for Scout units to show their appreciation for the religious institution that supports their unit.

This Sunday (Feb. 2), at churches nationwide, you'll see Scouts and Scouters in uniform greeting the congregation, participating in worship services, earning religious awards and conducting service projects to benefit their place of worship.

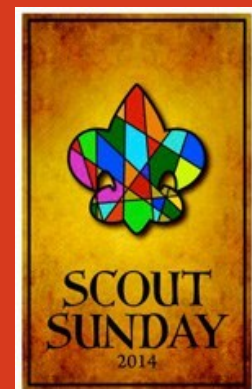
By official BSA designation, Scout Sunday is always the Sunday that falls before Feb. 8, Scouting Anniversary Day. In years when Feb. 8 falls on a Sunday, such as 2015, the BSA's birthday and Scout Sunday are combined into one glorious day.

[Scout Sabbath](#), for Jewish Scout units, is always the Saturday after Scout Sunday. This year, it falls on Feb. 8, 2014, meaning Jewish Scout units get their special day on the BSA's actual birthday.

All of that said, chartered organizations may choose any Sunday to celebrate Scout Sunday or any Saturday to recognize Scout Sabbath. The United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), for example, celebrate Scout Sunday on the second Sunday of February.

At the most recent count, religious organizations make up 65 percent of chartered organizations using the traditional Scouting program. As those units know, chartered organizations provide much more than a place to meet and store gear. Scout Sunday is our chance to say thanks.

Article credit: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/01/29/show-of-faith-ideas-for-how-to-honor-scout-sunday-and-scout-sabbath/>





Pastor's Pen

Greetings from the Parsonage Family,

As you receive this Kandace and I will be completing our 3rd month of ministry in this setting and it has been a very busy and eventful tenure thus far. It would have been eventful had I not also been trying to acquaint myself with all of you by name, committee, small group, likes, dislikes, and many other parameters. I have already made many new friends as well as caused many to doubt my sincerity, thus is the life of ministry. I do hope you have figured out by now that I have a vision for this Church but more importantly I want to hear your vision for this Church as ultimately that is the one that will get the most traction. We all have little time to take a break as with all things, life, and the Church year moves on. We begin Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service on February 10th. May I share some of my observations to date with you?

This Church has in place many wonderful and exciting ministries that involve an extraordinary number of committed individuals, "in Hands on Ministries". To list a few; Kids Hope, a vibrant Youth Ministry, a visitation team, a meals on wheels, participation in CUIC, some "Get off your Donkey" continuing projects, a successful and growing MDO program, Music Ministries, active Trustees, Finance, Council, and SPRC, and I will stop there knowing I have missed a few, I apologize. So what can I bring to this active and healthy congregation? New eyes!

Our signage is in need of updating as many guests find it hard to enter the building and find their way to the different areas of the Church. Our Lighting is very poor at night and we have a lot of activities in the evenings that put folks in a less than safe position. Our Worship opportunities offer nothing to those who are looking for something less traditional. Our Communication church wide is less than adequate for a growing congregation. Also on outdoor signage, let's just say it is almost nonexistent after dark and very poor for a Church of our status in the community. Cleanliness of the facility is an issue that like many of the others already listed is being addressed as quickly as possible.

We have adequate space to handle many more Worshippers, many more activities, and many more small groups so space at this time is not an issue. We must develop more Worship experiences, develop more and better follow up activities to make sure guest understand what we have to offer and how they can become involved in the life of the Church. We must get the word out that this is an exciting congregation moving into God's Preferred Future for us and that we truly have Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors. We must understand that this is not our church but rather God's Church and we have been entrusted not only with the maintaining of what has already been accomplished but more importantly, the growing into what God Desires it and us to be. These are not just the words of another new preacher with ideas and programs that have been successful elsewhere for you see the Church is not adaptable to a cookie cutter approach but rather it is a unique institution made up of unique individuals living daily in a unique location with a common mission, "To go forth and make Disciples in the name of the Jesus." A staggering and undoable task on our own but together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for the good of Our Fathers creation, an honorable and achievable task. Let us Covenant together to grow into the likeness of Christ so that others may come to know His Good Grace.

God's Peace - Pastor Jamie, Kandace, James, Kasondra & John, Frankie, and Johnnie

Music Notes

By: Paula Harrison ♥ Music Director

The Music Ministry took a well-earned break during the last part of December, and is now back to work. All of the choirs and ensembles are working on new music to be used in worship, with the Chancel Choir leading worship weekly and each handbell choir planning to ring in worship once each month.

Thank you for your generous donations to the handbell choirs! We have been able to purchase new handbell pads and pad covers; the items that were most needed.

Celebration Ringers, the adult handbell choir, is looking for two or three new ringers. Music reading skills are helpful, but not required. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm.

With a very heavy heart, it is time to tell you that I plan to retire on May 31. I have spent the last year praying and listening for God's guidance in this matter. The results are that it is now time. I will still give piano and flute lessons at my home in Newport, and I will be involved in a lot of other things, but this will enable me to spend more time with both Doug and our family. My remaining time with you will be a celebration of 45 years spent in music ministry. It has been a wonderful 45 years, full of worship, teaching, and ministry. I will miss it and I will miss all of you, but you are ready to go forward with someone else. One of my favorite hymns says, "This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on." Pastor Jamie brought a wonderful new beginning to us in November; one that we continue to celebrate. We will add to this celebration as we continue to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

See you in the loft!

~Paula ♥

"Lunch Bunch"

The Lunch Bunch is open to everyone. We meet every third Tuesday of the month. The next Lunch Bunch get together is on Tuesday, February 16th at 11:30 am at the Teapot Depot in Highlands. Hope to see everyone there!

Teapot Depot

112 Denny Street

Highlands, TX 77562

281.426.3670

R.I.O.T. Youth

Ephesians 3:17-18

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

Mid-Winter Camp is coming soon!
It is February 19-21. Please get registered today by going to <http://bit.ly/1LP9PVG>. Cost is \$140 and registration ends February 3rd.

Looking for Love?

Not sure what you are looking for?

Join us on February 17th for a fun filled and informative lesson on love.

Volunteers Needed

Our group is growing! How awesome is that? With this growth comes the need for more adults to be in the room with us. You will not be asked to lead a lesson unless you want to. If you can share one Wednesday every two months with us, please sign up. There is a short Safe Sanctuary program you will need to listen to before you begin. We would love to have you join us!!

Want to keep up with us? Join our Facebook group R.I.O.T. Ephesians, text @riotyo to 81010, and make sure to send your current information to Kim@crosbyumc.org.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:00 to 7:30 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 7—Envelope fundraiser begins!!

Feb 10—Ash Wednesday

Feb 19-21 – Mid-Winter Camp \$140, registration ends February 3. Registration forms in the youth room

March 4 – Winter Jam, \$10

Spring Break Activities (*Volunteers needed*)

March 11 – Lock-in 7pm—7am (*Volunteers needed*)

March 14 – To CUIC for Mission Monday

March 15 – Kemah \$TBD – 9am-5pm

March 16 – Game night 5-7:30pm

March 17 – Cedar Bayou games! - 9am-1pm

March 27— Help with Easter Prayer Stations and Egg Hunt @ 9am

April 2 – Engage Conference @ Moody UMC

May 5 – National Day of Prayer

June 6-10 – Choir Clinic; See Paula for prices

June 20-24 – Vacation Bible School (Youth working)

June 27 - July 1 – District Church Camp \$300

July 10-17 – UM ARMY \$275

July 17-24 – Host UM ARMY

July 24 – Youth Sunday

July 27 – 31 – Big House \$140

Financial Update 2016

Annual Budget for 2016: \$357,607.98

Our Monthly Budget is \$29,801.00

Giving as of 1/25/16 is \$24,154.49

\$5,646.51 still needed

*Actual copy of the budget is available by request through the church office.

Attendance

December 20th - 145

December 27th - 99

January 3rd - 127

January 19th - 139

January 17th - 136

January 24th - 146

Methodist Children's
Home Love Offering

Total: \$3,645.06

Kid's Hope

Summer Reading Program

Total: \$847.00

United Methodist Mens (UMM)

Sat. Breakfast, Feb. 20th @ 8 am in the FLC. All men are invited to join! This group meets every third Saturday of the month. This group provides and cooks meals for the church throughout the year.

Scout February 14th: BBQ Lunch and Dessert Auction provided by the UMM following the Worship Service. All proceeds will go to church projects and the Boy Scouts. Men, please see Jerry Harrison to sign up to help cook and/or bring a dessert for auction.

We have 15 spaces
available for desserts.

Jerry Harrison Cell: 832-844-7867

United Methodist Womens (UMW)

Please come and join us on the First Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am in room 110. Our next gathering is on Wed., Feb 3rd. All women are invited to join us for Christian fellowship, service, and activities.

The F3 Ministry (Food, Faith, Fellowship)

started 6/2014

F3 provides meals to members of CUMC in need due to illness, accident or new births in families that may need support for a short period of time. F3 contacts those in need and gets information on when meals are needed, dietary restrictions and time of day they would like meals delivered. The F3 coordinator sends out an e-mail to all F3 Committee Members listing names of those in need and what dates, time and dietary restrictions they have. Those who can prepare a meal or two will respond "to all" on the email stating who they will be preparing meal for and what date(s). F3 is in need of additional Committee Members that can offer their services for preparing meals.;

Contact Janice Walker @ 281/682-4326 if you are interested in becoming an F3 Committee Member

Spiritual Life Team

The Spiritual Life Team was formed to "brainstorm" new ideas for ministries such as F3 (**Food, Faith, & Fellowship**), Adopt- A- Student (**taking on the labor of love of sending encouraging notes to one of our college kids especially during times of higher stress like mid-term or finales, etc.**), 39 & Holding or XYZ (**X-tra Years of Zest**) and many more opportunities to help develop small groups for specific support and fellowship. We meet on a quarterly or bi-yearly basis to discuss ideas and to review what has worked and not worked so well. The same team members have served for about 4 years. It is time for some new "blood" and ideas. If you are interested in serving on this great team, please contact Pastor Jamie @ Jamie@crosbyumc.org.

Serving on the team does not obligate you to chair the team!

Let's get new ideas to include new groups.



BIRTHDAYS

February 01: Chris Jamail, Jacob Blomstrom

February 02: Emily Armstrong

February 03: Collin Greenwade

February 05: Sue Hernandez

February 06: JoAnn McMurrey

February 07: Ben Doscocil, Jr.

February 08: Meredith McWhorter, Cindy Clark

Christopher Wright

February 09: Noe Yzaguirre

Cole Broom, Chase Harris

February 10: Dianne Fleming, Laura Rosenbaum,

Nathan Ladner

February 11: Taylor Keene, Gina Kelley,

Justin Towles

February 12: Kim Black

February 13: Debbie Foster, Wanda Odom

February 14: Sydney Lantz

February 15: Beverley Silverman

Terra McMinn

Preston Case

February 16: Holly Benoit

February 17: Tommy Stetson

February 18: Jimmy Petrick

Zachary Harrison

February 19: Dean Womack

February 20: Lois Roger

February 21: Randy Foster

Mickey Welch

Tera Smith

February 22: Jimmie Slovacek

Daniel Roberts

Tim Harshbarger

Nancy Baumbach

Michael Ellzey

February 24: Anna Brewer

February 26: Trenton Bullington

Joyce Boyles

Don Cox

Wade Barnes

February 27: Jeanne Webb

February 28: Mike Roden

If we missed anyone's birthday or anniversary, we do apologize. Please let the office know so we can make the correction needed for future use. office@crosbyumc.org

ANNIVERSARIES

February 13: Kyle & Carol Greenwade

Chuck & Carol Thompson

February 14: Chris & Karen Claunch

Sammy & Sandy Chitty

February 17: Wade & Kim Barnes

February 18: Greg & Cindy Lou Fawcett

February 21: Corky & Lisa Mahaffey

February 23: Michael & Kim Skrla

February 24: Clay & Courtney Latour





Crosby United Methodist Church—February 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------|---|
| 14th - 1st Sunday of Lent and Scout Sunday 21st - 2nd Sunday of Lent 28th - 3rd Sunday of Lent | 1 Scouts F/H, Room 110 | 2 Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 pm in Room 110 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm Sunshine Rm Scouts F/H, Soda Shop | 3 UMW 11:30 am Room 110 Handbell Practice 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Youth R.I.O.T. 6:00 to 7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Lake Shadows 7:30 am Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service 10 am | 8 Scouts F/H, Room 110 | 9 Admin Council Meeting 7:00 pm Room 110 Scouts F/H, Soda Shop | 10 Handbell Practice 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Youth R.I.O.T. 6:00 to 7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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| 28 Lake Shadows 7:30 am Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service 10 am | 29 Scouts F/H, Room 110 | Altar Flowers 2/7 David & Leann Williams 2/14 Larry & Suzanne Ellzey 2/21 Linda Ritcheson 2/28 Joann Griggs | | Wednesday Night Meals 5:00 to 6:00 pm \$3 per person 2/3 Breakfast Casseroles 2/10 Tacos 2/17 Hamburger 2/24 Chicken & Dumplings | | |



WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Lisa Walker—Director

Weekday School News

We have jumped right back into our busy school year after our Christmas vacation.

Some of the ways we spend our time at Weekday School are:



Small group Learning



Puzzles in Center Time



Individual Hands
on Learning



Individual Seatwork



Recess



P.E.



Crafts



Classroom Circle Time



Chapel

Our students are working really hard
and excelling in many areas.



Counting



Memorizing
Bible Verses



Reading at Home

We recently celebrated our 50th day of school with
1950s inspired activities!



Sock Hop



1950's Games



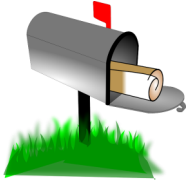
Root Beer Floats

As you can see, there is never a dull moment at Weekday School!

We still have a few openings for 2 and 4 year olds for this year.

We will begin registration for the 2016-2017 school year in March.

For more information, call Lisa Walker at 281-328-5460 or visit the church
web site, www.crosbyumc.org



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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Official Church Business

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Sunday's Schedule

7:30 am Service at Lake
Shadows Pavillion

8:30 am Small Groups

10:00 am Worship

Wednesday's Schedule

Meals: 5:00—6:00 pm

Youth: 6:00 pm

Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Hope to see you there!



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™