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Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers! A special hug for Helen Allen, FUMCHUB's eldest Mother.! Hug a Mother on Sunday, 14 May!

FUMCHUB's Stewards

Christ calls each of us to be a good steward in all that we do. The people below are doing their part to be "Christ's Stewards". The next time you greet one of these stewards, thank them. This week as you pray, ask "Lord, what can I do?"

Church Council on Ministries:

Chairperson: Virginia Terry
Minutes - Michael Santillan and others
Christian Education - Amy Lammers
Coastline School - Michael Santillan
Evangelism - Marge Mitchell
Finance - Marge Mitchell
Lay Leader - Virginia Terry
Lay Member to Annual Conf. - Sarah Melton
Membership Secretary - **steward needed**
Missions - John Leonard
Prayer Ministry - Virginia Terry
Pastor - Steve Isenman
Staff / Parish - Lorian Titcomb
Treasurer - Marion Hitt
Trustees - Greg Smith
United Methodist Women - Pat Niesley
Worship - Rik Buchas

In addition, the Church Council on Ministries under Pastor Steve's guidance, has begun to look at the above organization to see if we can organize our efforts to better further our Mission. A new group, Communications needs to be included in our ministries. This may be a combining of several groups, i.e. Outreach/Missions, worship, and electronic ministry. People willing to become part of the outreach (local and global), communications (online/web/Beacon), and worship (Sunday school/education/worship service), should speak to Virginia Terry.

Do you have any thoughts about these proposed changes? Share your ideas with Virginia Terry or John Leonard or anyone on the Council on

Young People's Ministries

by Amy Lammers

Our Church is so blessed to have such a diverse group of children and youth ranging in the ages of 2 years to teenagers. The attendance during April has been averaging twelve children with 16-20 different children at anyone time. I've selected a couple of the older ones to co-teach, as well as, help with the younger children. We continue to meet in adjoining rooms which aids in the supervision of all the children. We have our lesson, Bible verse related to the lesson, a review of the story, and continue to use Cook's curriculum. It's a great curriculum, and appropriate for toddler through teenage years.

Often, lately, the older kids want to share how the Word has helped them through their struggles with peer pressure, as well as everyday challenges that face today's kids. I am so blessed to have these children in my life, as I continue to learn, and be blessed by them! They all have such a close relationship, and always "step up" when one or two need to be lifted up, with special prayers. We continue to pray this is always a safe haven for our children, and they can share anything. Our teenagers, especially, face so many challenges in their schools, and lives these days. I will continue to lift all of them up to our Lord, with continued prayers, and blessings from above.

We keep special time in our Sunday lessons, for the kids to share anything that they feel we should discuss, look up in the Bible, and appropriate scripture to follow through with during the week's challenges. Our focus is scripture, lesson, appropriate Bible verse readings, and of course, some social time in the end of each Sunday's lessons. The kids love handball and having that fellowship after our lesson.

May God bless and we all continue to keep these children close at heart and in our prayers.

Medicare Part D – Have You Got Yours Yet?

By John Leonard

The first deadline for the Medicare Part D prescription drug program is coming up in a week. May 15 is last day to join a plan offering coverage for 2006. Even if you don't take medications on a regular basis, you still should consider joining a drug plan by the May 15th deadline as a protection against later higher premium costs. Persons who are eligible to join must do so or have to pay a monthly penalty if you choose to join later. This penalty will be added to the monthly premium for each month you have missed the deadline. That noted, you may wish to join the plan with the lowest premium just to avoid the later, possible larger, penalty premiums.

Using the Medicare Prescription Drug coverage web site as a starting place <<http://www.medicare.gov/pdphome.asp>>, you will find there are forty-eight plans in our area from which to choose! If you just want the plan with the largest deductible and the lowest monthly premium to avoid being charged future penalties, your choice would have to be the Humana PDP Standard plan with a \$5.41 monthly premium. Thus, for a little less than \$65 a year, you can forget any premium penalties in the future. As your future needs change, you can switch plans during the annual fall open enrollment period.

If the lowest premium is not your aim, narrowing down the choices from 48 to one, can be a daunting task. If you are spending over \$35 a month for prescription drugs, it will probably be worth your while and doable if you organize a list of your medications and their costs for this past year. Having met the tax deadline of April 15th, you may have this information still on your desk. Next, visit the Medicare Prescription Drug plan website with your medication list and Medicare Card in hand. You'll need to enter your Medicare information, select "compare plans", and enter in your medications. The website will select plans for you that will cover your prescriptions and estimate your annual costs for the prescriptions and premiums.

If you find all this too much, ask your children to help or call John Leonard, 536-8644. John will

Celebrating Birthdays

5/9 Joan Wichner
5/30 Gloria Woodstra

Celebrating Anniversaries

5/24 Greg and Leah Smith (Everyone ask them how many and wish them many more!)

Our Newborn By John Leonard

FUMCHUB has joined the electronic age and, as with any reborn, will need lots of loving care from a great many people. For example, people with digital cameras will be needed to record our ministries. Others with computer skills will be needed to help update our website. All of you can keep your ears open for information to share. Can you help? Yes, you can! Contact John Leonard at johnl@fumchub.org. More information about **Technology and the Church** can be found in the Interpreter Magazine, May-June, <www.interpretermagazine.org>.

FUMCHuB Mission Statement:

We believe God is calling us to introduce Christ to those we encounter and to nourish them and ourselves in faith through His Word.

Thursday, June 8 Open House; BBQ and potluck 6:30 PM; sponsored by Coastline Christian.
The Church families are invited to attend. Look for more information to come.

Family Fellowship Night

This Ministry has been going strong but is going to be changing soon. Read Amy Lammers' article on page three for more information. As it becomes available, information will be posted on the web site and in the Sunday Bulletin. Remember, we can all enjoy games and fellowship with our church family.

Becoming a Ministry for kids of all ages

Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

Invite your neighbors – Come and have fun!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SHOE BOXES GO TOGETHER!

The National Collection Week this year for the Samaritan's Purse shoebox outreach will be in November. As you buy school supplies, get an extra; as you buy shoes for the fall/school, save the shoeboxes for the Christmas Child drive. Both will be put to use in bringing a smile to a child! Watch the bulletin and web site for more information.

And the Lord said ... There are always going to be poor and needy people among you. So I command you: Always be generous, open purse and hands, give to your neighbors in trouble, your poor and hurting neighbors.

[Deuteronomy 15:10-12](#)

Family Fellowship is Changing

by Amy Lammers

It has occurred to me that it is not only families that need time for fellowship but all Church members. All of the single parent families, the grandparents with families, the empty nesters, traditional families, and singles, should have the opportunity to experience activity through the eyes of children. Because of this, I'm thinking that Family Fellowship needs to grow into FUMCHUB Fellowship, a time when children of ALL ages can enjoy each other's company for a few hours. Grandparents and singles may take the opportunity to interact with children and others, thus, helping other Christians with their parenting responsibilities. Others can lend vocal support and enjoy the beautiful bedlam of youthful exuberance. For some, it may be one of those, "I remember when I was about ..." moments. Watch for the announcement in upcoming Sunday bulletins and on the Church Web site <www.fumchub.org>

Seniors, Stay Healthy! By John Leonard

Seniors staying healthy is more than just good nutrition according to recent articles in AARP and Consumer Reports OnHealth. magazines. Staying healthy also involves keeping your mind active. One can do this by changing the way one does things. For example, try brushing your with the other hand. It will take some effort for a few days but you'll be using parts of your brain that can use the workout.

Another way is to start doing puzzles such as crossword, Jumbles, or number puzzles. If you subscribe to the LA Times, for example, you can find a Jumble in the classified section. Here you'll be asked to unscramble the letters to form words and from the words, pick letters to create the surprise answer to a cartoon. Also in the Times, you can find a number puzzle, Suduko, in the Calendar section. This seemingly simple puzzle asks you to arrange the digits 1 through 9 in each row, each column, and each 3x3 square. After all this mental exercise, don't forget to take a twenty minute walk a couple of times a week to keep the physical part of your exercise up with your growing repertoire of mental exercises.

Puzzles aren't just for seniors either. One morning while walking our dog, Sasha, I passed a young lady at the bus stop at 17th and Orange avenue who was hunched over a puzzle book. Sasha stopped and sniffed up to her and when I asked her what she was working on, she said, "A Suduko puzzle. I just love them." I smiled and told her I was a Suduko fan too.

By the Numbers: April Attendance

	CHURCH	Sunday SCHOOL	Children's CHURCH
April 2 nd	50	12	11
April 9 th	76	11	11
April 16 th	98	12	20
April 23 rd	58	14	9
April 30 th	62	11	10

NOTE: April 16th was Easter Sunday

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Coastline CORNER

COASTLINE HAS FALL OPENINGS

Help spread the word. First day of school is September 5th. Olivia reports there will be some openings. Check out **Coastline Christian School** on the web at

<www.coastlinechristianschoolofhb.com>.

Cool Christian Activities for Kids

<www.christiananswers.net/kids>

<www.childrensbible.com>

Remember: if you sit with your child, the activity will be more fun and give you a chance to share a learning experience with your child.

Coastline has purchased several new computers with their See's candy fundraiser income and have donated one to FUMCHUB for use in the Church. It should arrive at the end of May. Stop by and thank them for the donation.

Scriptures say "It is better to give than receive..."

Did you know ...

- If you drop off your used toner cartridges at the Church, we can use them to **get free copier paper from Office Depot for the Church.**
- If you bring your used ink jet cartridges to Church to be recycled, the Church can trade them in for copier paper.
- There is a box in the Narthex for your suggestions. Also don't forget to **drop your loose change in the "round slot" for Missions.**

The May Calendar includes

- 5/1 Monday - Choir 7:30 PM, also the 8th, 15th, and 22nd
- 5/2 Tuesday - Staff Parish Committee 7 PM in rm. 34
- 5/9 Tuesday - Trustees 7:30 PM in rm 34
- 5/10 Wednesday - UMW Executive Board mtg. at 1 PM in rm 34
- 5/16 Tuesday - Finance 7 PM in rm 34
- 5/23 Tuesday - Church Council 7 PM in rm 34
- 5/18 Thursday - Circle Meetings: Naomi at 10 AM and Rachel at 10:30 AM
- 5/20 ...