



# The Chandler Methodist

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Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

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## Special Points of Interest

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+Chancel Choir  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

+Youth Fellowship  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
Sundays 6:30 p.m.

+Children's Choir and P.I.G.G.Y.  
Wednesdays 3:30 p.m.

+Early Morning Study Group  
Every other Thursday 6:30 a.m.

+Sunday School  
Sundays 9:45 a.m.

+Worship and Celebration  
Sundays 10:55 a.m.

*We exist to be a beacon for God, offering spiritual opportunity and service to those in need.*

## From The Pastor's Desk

### Thank You

Over the past couple of days I have been inspired again by the stories of the men and women who have faithfully served our country through military service. I have been reminded again that freedom isn't free; it comes

with a price. Just as Christ gave his life that we might have freedom from sin and death, our soldiers are willing

to give their lives that we might be free from tyranny and oppression. May we never take either of these for granted. Thank you again to you who have served, and may God continue to bless you and your family. I appreciate our UMM for hosting the Veterans Day Breakfast that helped our church say thank you to those who have served.



I am looking forward to this Sunday when we will celebrate United Methodist Men Sunday. Our UMM and UMW are so vital in helping us fulfill our church's mission and outreach. From the D.O.G. ministry to the Backpacks for Kids to helping families at Christmas, our UMM and

UMW help mobilize us to more faithfully serve our community. Earlier this year we had the opportunity to celebrate our Women and their work; this Sunday we

will do the same for our Men. During worship we will have a special presentation, and our Conference UMM President Bill Chissoe will be here to share with us. I am excited about this Sunday, and I hope you will join us for this special service.

**Blessings!**  
**Pastor Allen**

## REMINDER

**There is still time to turn in your 2014 Pledge Card. We will need your pledge for finalizing the 2014 Budget in time for our Annual Charge Conference on November 24th.**

Thank you.



The **Meals on Wheels** program for December has changed and now includes Thursdays and Fridays once again. I have volunteers for the Dec program as follows: Robin Crouch and Shelly Hailey for Mondays, Dec 2, 9, 16, and 30; Robert and Judy Mascho for Tuesdays, Dec 3, 10, 17, and 31; Noble and Judy Nordal for Wednesdays, Dec 4, 11, and 18; Ben and Bonnie Walkingstick for Thursdays, Dec 5, 12, 19 and; Marilyn and Ruth Ann Young for Fridays, Dec 6, and 13. Thank you each one for your service in this effort. If for any reason someone has a conflict contact Charles or Virginia Frazier, 258-1279 or 258-6166.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES—UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Ministries will supply the lunch for our Charge Conference on **November 24th**.

### Advent Family Workshop — Sunday December 1st at 5:00 P.M.

Please join us for an evening full of fellowship, crafts and snacks as we celebrate and enjoy Advent! Families will assemble an Advent Wreath to take home and enjoy, as well as, make a Family Ornament with their family picture to hang on our Family Tree in the Fellowship hall. The kids will also enjoy putting together their own crafts and making cookies. Please bring your favorite snack to share and we hope to see you there as we begin the Celebration of Advent!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Family Ministries Meeting — Tuesday November 19th at 6:30 P.M.

### Family Ministries

### UMM Veterans Day Breakfast



## Mission Outreach News

Have you filled a shoebox for our **Operation Christmas child** yet. You only have until **November 24th**. We will bless those boxes that day and they will be taken to the First Baptist Church to be put with hundreds, if not thousands of others. Your box can be tracked by placing a tracking label provided if you desire. You can also help by giving financially towards the \$7/box handling charge. Be sure to mark on your envelope or check..Operation Christmas child.



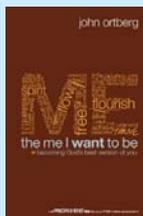
With the typhoon in the Philippines, it makes me think of Rev. Marsha Alexander who has visited our church twice. She is serving as the director of Asbury College on the island of Anda in the Northern Luzon Province of Pangasinan in the Philippines. You can donate by going to the internet and searching **General Board of Global Ministries UMC**. Here you can find and donate directly to her and **100%** of your funds goes to her advance special. There is nothing else taken out....no administrative costs. Please consider giving to her or other missionaries that need our help where they are.

### Peace, Missions Outreach

## CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Last week we flew around like ravens feeding Elijah. This week we were all Elijah as we battled King Ahab and our God created fire in the church kitchen. Then we created a "kids only" table for 2nd Sunday dinner with posted sign "any adult trying to enter will be locked in bumblebee tent in the nursery". Stay tuned for our next adventure!

## The Me I Want To Be Class



We watched the video over "Renewing Your Mind". Ortberg gave us insights including the scripture Romans 12:2, reminding us to be transformed by renewing our minds. He talked about how we should monitor our minds

mind where it needs to be, much as the thermostat constantly monitors and adjusts to reach the temperature for us to survive or live in. If we practice hope-love-joy, then those can become a part of our everyday living. We have the freedom to choose. Some may say, "well, I just can't help myself" and yet, Ortberg says we can, by pausing, listening and feeding our minds good thoughts. What are you feeding your mind? ... Colossians 3:2 tells us to "set your minds on things above, not on earthly things". This next week we move to chapter 6..."try softer".

**Blessings, Richard**

### Food Pantry Pictures:



and setting it too. He said "true change begins in our minds and God can change that". If we think thoughts of love and generosity, that is probably where our bodies will go. Are you a "half full" or "half empty" glass person? Setting our minds, as he put it, is like setting a thermostat in our home. It is a constant battle to reach and keep our

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF 'TAIZE'

(pronounced Tah - Zay)

In 1949, in the Burgundy region of France in the community of Taize', Brother Roger dreamed of a way to heal and unite people after the devastation of World War II. He began by having services in his small home.

Young people throughout Europe were attracted to the simple beauty of the candlelit services of music, meditation and silence.

Since that time the tradition has grown to include thousands of people of all ages, ethnicities and languages throughout the world.

You are invited to prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ child by gathering in the candlelit Sanctuary for a MEDITATION IN THE TRADITION OF TAIZE' every Sunday evening during Advent beginning December 1st at 5:00 p.m.



### Prepare for the Journey

### YOU ARE INVITED

QUO VADIS? is a group in our church that meets bi-weekly on Thursday mornings at 6:30 a. m. in the Fellowship Hall to share and enjoy prayer, a light breakfast, meditation, study and fellowship. Our goal is to gain spiritual insight and understanding into what God requires of us. Where are we going and what does He want us to do with this knowledge?

Thursday, November 14th we will meet and prepare to read and share views on a book entitled How Far to Bethlehem, by Norah Lofts. This will be a new experience for our group since this is a novel, presented as a book of fiction. The book re-tells the story of the Magi and weaves the story in a compelling way that we hope will enrich our experience through The Season of Advent.

### **STRENGTH IN SHARING**

This Sunday, we will watch the DVD for Chapter 4 "The Dream Coat" and then discuss the chapter. This session will be centered around Joseph and his family. Can you think of ways your parents disappointed you or ways their actions hurt you? As we read this chapter, some of us may struggle to think of any. Others are immediately seized with painful memories of physical or emotional abuse. Most of us can remember some disappointments and pain but also have an appreciation for blessing received from our parents. Joseph was undoubtedly was grateful that Jacob had loved him so much, and after years of reflection probably realized that his father's love and behavior patterns had both positively and negatively shaped his life. We've all got pebbles that our family members have tossed our way, Some of them seemed like boulders at the time, but looking back were really not a big deal. I hope you will have time to read this chapter and be ready for our discussion on Sunday. Have a blessed week!

**See you on Sunday! Shannon**



## Joys & Concerns

- **JOY:** Jerry Kashwer's surgery was successful by all accounts, pray for his continued healing
- **JOY:** Sue Helms reports a very successful UMW Tool Tyme at Cookson UMC
- **JOY:** U-10 Girls Soccer Team won, and Molly and Aubrey both made goals
- **Pray for Amanda & Brandon Cross, experiencing difficult pregnancy**
- **Pray for the UMW and their Backpack Ministry—they currently serve over 80 kids between Park Road and East Side, in addition to the food pantry at the High School**
- **Pray for Dave Peden's father hospitalized for blood clot**
- **Pray for Austin Roop—broken collar bone playing football; he will not require surgery for healing**
- **Pray for Lori Vaughan recovering from nose surgery**
- **Pray for Shirley Nichols diagnosed with Alzheimer's; Shirley is about to move to 24-hour care soon**
- **Pray for Joe Telford, diagnosed with cancer, and his family through this difficult time**
- **Remember Vianne Waite in Chandler Nursing Center**
- **Pray for those affected by the recent typhoon in the Pacific**
- **Remember our military families, those abroad and those at home**

### **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

November 10, 2013

Sunday School: \$41.00  
Worship: \$1,516.00  
Love: \$500.00  
Costa Rica: \$3,800.00  
Relay for Life; \$1,900.00

### **DISASTER DIARIES**

November 11, 2013— by *Dennis Fisher* (*Our Daily Bread*; [www.odb.org](http://www.odb.org))

Read: **Lamentations 3:19-33**

**His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.** —*Lamentations 3:22-23*

Yves Congar was just 10 years old when World War I began and the French town where he lived was invaded by the German army. His mother encouraged him to keep a diary, and what resulted was a lucid description of a military occupation, complete with written narrative and colored sketches. His diary recorded a disaster from a child's perspective. What he witnessed had such a profound effect on him that he felt called to bring others the hope of Christ.

Centuries earlier the prophet Jeremiah was an eyewitness to the invasion of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. He wrote down his observations in his "diary"—the book of Lamentations. Despite these distressing times, the prophet found hope in the heart of God. He wrote: "Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (3:22-23).

At various times, we may experience or witness disasters that feel like hostile forces entering our lives. But these times of trouble do not last forever. And, like Jeremiah, our most sustaining hope is to reflect upon the faithfulness and provision of our heavenly Father. The Lord's compassions are new every morning, and His faithfulness is great!

**The best reason for hope is God's faithfulness.**



## UMM News!

The Veteran's Day breakfast went wonderfully. We had between 50 and 60 that we served. Roger Parrott led us as we did our pledge of allegiance and Rev. Allen Carson led us in a prayer. Thanks so much to the many who came and served those whom we owe our gratitude. We have such a wonderful group of men, who wear many hats in service to our church and community.

Our next fellowship is Wednesday, 13th, at 6pm if you are able to come and join us. We will eat and fellowship together. Our last D.O.G. program of the year is November 30th, Saturday. I should be able to help with this and will need two others who can help as well. Have you kept up on your giving? We have done many things this year and need your finances to continue to do more. Danny, our treasurer, keeps a very good accounting of how our finances are going, so please give as you are able. We are so Thankful for his faithfulness to our group. It needs to be mentioned that we will return to going to Lincoln Liquefied Gas for our every other Friday morning fellowship time. We will not eat there, but coffee and juice will be provided for those who attend. This is to be a very informal time of supporting each other through prayer and being a part of each other's lives. This will replace our breakfast time at Marsha's. Hope you can join us when the times comes for this on November 22, Friday.

### Nursery Schedule

November 17:	Tracy Irby
November 24:	Hayley Frazier
December 1:	Stacey Mauch
December 8:	Katharine Carson
December 15:	Robin Crouch

Your brother,  
Richard



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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, November 13

3:30 p.m. Children's Choir  
6:00 p.m. UMM (Kitchen)  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, November 14

6:30 a.m. Early Morning Study Group (F.H.)

### FRIDAY, November 15

### SATURDAY, November 16

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry

### SUNDAY, November 17

9:00 a.m. Agra UMC Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (Conf. Room)  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

### MONDAY, November 18

Newsletter Articles Due by Noon

### TUESDAY, November 19

6:30 p.m. Family Ministries Meeting (Conf. Rm.)  
6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, November 20

3:30 p.m. Children's Choir  
6:00 p.m. Admin Council (Conf. Room)  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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