



In Stream

November 2007

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Silver Creek United Methodist Church is an incredible place! As I prepare for charge conference this week (which means doing a lot of mind-numbing paperwork), I am also thinking back on all this church has been through and accomplished together over the past 107 years of its existence. Since 1900, when this church was established, it has been an integral part of this rural community. There are many of you here that remember the days when worship was held in the white chapel, the roads were unpaved, and people parked their cars where the playground sits today. You also remember the solidarity and sense of community that this church provided. You remember 1967, when this church realized its dream of becoming something more and pulled together to build the current sanctuary. Since that time you have pulled together to build several buildings and move a parsonage in. At the same time, you have celebrated growth and success and have mourned losses and weathered difficult storms. In a word, you have been community, or as the first disciples called it, ekklesia.

Today, most churches with the kind of history that Silver Creek has are struggling to survive. In my brief career, I have helped say good-bye to a church with a similar background not too far away, and I have watched with disappointment other churches fail to fulfill their mission in the world as their membership has declined and their future looks increasingly bleak. In the midst of this, Silver Creek United Methodist Church enjoys what are arguably the most successful days of our history. We have more people in worship than ever before. We are reaching out to the community in more ways than ever before, and we are filling our buildings to capacity nearly every Sunday. We have two worship venues not because of fad or a simple desire for something new, but because we can not fit everybody that attends worship every Sunday in the sanctuary anymore. What an exciting problem to have!

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This church has found success while others have failed because you have made the decision to try your hardest to reach out to and meet the needs of this growing community. Growing population does not always mean growing churches – there are plenty of churches in our area declining even as the neighborhoods around them are being built. This church thrives because it has vision, hope, and a strong belief that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is something that needs to be shared in love with our neighbors. The building expansion that we are about to begin is a reflection of your commitment to Christ’s church as well as the future of Silver Creek. By the time you read this article we will have drawings from the architect and will be actively seeking bids from area contractors. Please help us stay faithful to Christ’s church by remembering this project in your prayers and staying faithful with your commitments as we march into the future together. Silver Creek has a grand vision of continuing the tradition of defining community for our area. Thank you for playing your part!

See You Sunday,

Jason

Prayer List

JOYS

- Cool Weather

CONCERNS

- Margaret Wright
- Eloise Wray
- Tiffany Armstrong Family
- Jeanette Barber
- OB Jordan
- People of California

ON GOING CONCERNS

- Military

	<i>Attendance</i>		
	<u>SS</u>	<u>Synergy</u>	<u>Traditional</u>
September 30	52	59	83
October 7	52	40	93
October 14	37	34	108
October 21	40	36	123
October 28	44	27	106

**Deadline for December Newsletter:
Wed. November 28th**

If you have information that you would like included in the newsletter please email it to mica@silvercreekumc.org or call the church office.

Offerings Received

	<u>Sep. 30</u>	<u>Oct. 7</u>	<u>Oct. 14</u>	<u>Oct. 21</u>	<u>Oct. 28</u>
Budget	\$2,479.40	\$2,489.00	\$2,362.45	\$2,924.90	\$2,469.63
Special	\$ 35.00	\$ 22.80	\$1,221.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 95.00

As of October 22, 2007 Weekly Need: \$3,637.00

YTD Operating Budget Needs: \$117,481.00

YTD Received: \$110,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Receipts to date: \$43,896.68

Spending to date:

Up Coming Events & Church Family News

Your Invited

Please join us for our annual church-wide Thanksgiving dinner. It will be at noon, right after the morning worship service on November 18th. The turkey will be provided by the church, so we ask that you bring your favorite side dishes to complete the dinner. Remember everyone is invited! This has always been a very special time of fellowship for Silver Creek family and visitors.

If you want to exchange Christmas cards with Silver Creek Church friends, please bring cards to foyer no later than Wednesday, December 12th. Cards will be distributed Sunday, December 16th.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

For November

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| 1 | Joshua Thompson |
| 2 | Kristie Coleman |
| 5 | Colton Wright |
| 6 | Isabel Maynard |
| 7 | Linda Schairbaum |
| 16 | Donna McGibboney |
| 17 | Jimmy Tucker |
| 17 | Angie Romer |
| 25 | Madison Tamjidi |
| 28 | Glenda McClendon |
| 28 | Jennifer Thompson |
| 19 | Jimmy & Betty Tucker |
| 21 | Ernest & Lynn Machado |

Food Pantry News

Well, it was a great first year for the Silver Creek Food Pantry. We have serviced approximately 30 families and we helped approximately 300 people last Thanksgiving by providing needy families in our community with a Thanksgiving meal. This year we are striving to exceed that number and help more families than last year. We will be talking more about this in the coming weeks. But be prepared to adopt a needy family to give them a Thanksgiving meal and also to sign up for helping out on November 17 to help package food and hand out to our families. Look for more chances to make a difference in the coming months.

Stephanie Merck, Food Pantry President

Silver Creek Community Services Auxiliary, located at 195 E. Shangri La Drive, Azle, Texas 76020 needs your help with their annual Christmas Angel Tree Project. This project benefits children and senior citizens of the Silver Creek community. The list of needy children is provided by the Faculty of Silver Creek Elementary. The Angel trees are located at Dollar Bill's, A to Z grocery, Silver Creek Elementary and other businesses around Azle. Please help by picking up One of the Angels or for more information, call Donna Buchanan at 817-444-3653.

Youth News

Hey Silver Creek,

I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying this change of weather; I sure am. Well, we had a great camping trip to Mineral Wells a few weeks ago, if you have not heard about the canoe incident, just ask any of the youth, they'll be happy to inform you...hehehe. We will be going to Broadway Baptist for the Agape' Meal every month from here on out, so keep an eye out for the dates! It is a wonderful way to evangelize and to get "evangelized" to. Thanksgiving is coming up, then before you know it, Christmas will be here. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and hope you all keep enough room in your belly for pecan and pumpkin pie! This is such an awesome time of year, lets thank God by giving a little more to our neighbors, each other, the church, and most of all, to God! May God continue to bless Silver Creek throughout the rest of this year, and the years to come.

As always, I look forward to seeing you, especially in worship!
Robert

Children's Corner: November's Lessons

Sunday School

Children's Church

November 4

Moses Leads the People In the Valleys

November 11

The Big Ten At the Oasis

November 18

The House of the Lord Cornucopias of Thanks

November 25

Joshua and the Twelve Sons Happy Fields

November Volunteers

Week of November 4

Nursery Synergy: Dena Hall
Nursery Sunday Morning: Sue Wilson
Pre-School SS: James & Laurie
Children SS: Ed Schairbaum
Youth SS: Ed Schairbaum
Children's Church: Melissa Hamilton
Youth Group 4:00: Ed Schairbaum
Nursery Mid Stream: Kristie Coleman

Week of November 11

Nursery Synergy: Chris Campbell
Nursery Sunday Morning: Leanne Mathis
Pre-School SS: James & Laurie
Children SS: Amanda Selman
Youth SS: Dena Hall
Children's Church: Peggie Muir
Youth Group 4:00: Dena Hall
Nursery Mid Stream: Chris Campbell

Week of November 18

Nursery Synergy: Michelle LeMasters
Nursery Sunday Morning: Brittany Campbell
Pre-School SS: James & Laurie
Children SS: Ed Schairbaum
Youth SS: Leanne Mathis
Children's Church: Leanne Mathis
Youth Group 4:00: Maggie Stednitz
Nursery Mid Stream: Maggie Stednitz

Week of November 25

Nursery Synergy: Kristie Coleman
Nursery Sunday Morning: Elisha McDonald
Pre-School SS: James & Laurie
Children SS: Ed Schairbaum
Youth SS: Ed Schairbaum
Children's Church: Linda Schairbaum
Youth Group 4:00: Maggie Stark
Nursery Mid Stream: Maggie Stark

Mid-Stream Meal—FREE

The Mid-Stream Meal is now FREE. Please join us for a time of family fellowship and Bible Study each Wednesday evening starting at 5:30 pm.

November 2007 *Silver Creek United Methodist Church*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 Choir Practice	2	3 Food Pantry 10 am - 12 pm
4 COMMUNION NO Staff Meeting <u>Charge Conference</u> <u>2pm</u> <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	5 Synergy Rehearsal 7 pm	6 ELECTION DAY <i>SCUMC-- Polling Place</i>	7 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	8	9	10 Food Pantry 10 am - 12 pm Emmaus Forth Day Gathering 6-9pm
11	12 VETERANS DAY Synergy Rehearsal 7 pm	13	14 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	15	16	17 Food Pantry 10 am - 12 pm
18 Thanksgiving Meal 12:00 noon Ladies Circle 5 pm	19 Synergy Rehearsal 7 pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20	21 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm; Choir Practice 7:30 pm OFFICE CLOSED	22 THANKSGIVING Younger Reunion OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 Food Pantry 10 am - 12 pm UMM Breakfast & Workday 8 am
25	26 Synergy Rehearsal 7 pm	27	28 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	29	30	

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Synergy Worship	9:00 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
Traditional Worship	11:00 am
Youth	4:00 pm
Ladies Circle of UMW	5:00 pm (third Sunday)

Monday

Synergy Rehearsal	7:00 pm
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Wednesday

Mid Stream Meal	5:30 pm
Mid Stream Bible Study	6:30 pm
Choir Practice	7:30 pm

Saturday

Food Pantry Open	10 am - 12 noon
UM Men Church workday	8:00 am
(all church members invited fourth Saturday)	

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