

**October  
2009**

# In Stream

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## Pastor's Page

Charge Conference was held last Sunday, October 4. I wanted to share with you the report I submitted this year on the ministry of our church:

Silver Creek UMC, along with the rest of the world has grappled this year with the challenge of fulfilling its mission during difficult economic times. I am very pleased to report, however, that this church refused to be defined by an attitude of scarcity and has risen to the challenge of funding our vision in an inspiring way!

Our year began with a council retreat that focused on raising awareness of our church's vision and implementing that vision through the way we worship and relate to the community. Since that gathering of leaders in January, our vision and purpose statements have been painted prominently on the walls of our new building; new t-shirts have been created and distributed; we have seen record levels of participation in local missions ministries, including Azle Good Neighbor and the construction of Azle's first Habitat for Humanity project; we are sending a team of six on a mission trip to Uganda; we hosted the Hope For Africa Children's Choir; have welcomed 28 new members; and have seen growth in our discipleship ministries as we have added new groups, new faces, and new leaders. We have also jumped head first into the digital age, as we have created a presence on Facebook, begun podcasting, and have begun incorporating video announcements in both worship services. Our music ministry has been greatly enhanced by the addition of Daniel Montgomery, our new traditional worship leader.

As your pastor, I have been greatly inspired and encouraged by this church's response to economic hardship. During the summer months, our leadership made the congregation aware of a budget shortfall that was crippling our ability to do ministry. Silver Creek responded faithfully, and it is now our full expectation that we will meet or exceed our budget needs for the year!

As part of my personal growth as pastoral leader, I have been to training this year through the Path I initiative, where I gained awareness and insight into new church starts, and picked up valuable skills in organization and leadership that benefits all churches who are seeking to reinvent themselves. By the time of the reading of this report, I will have participated in a think tank sponsored by the Texas Methodist Foundation focusing on finding new approaches to stewardship in a changing world economy. In 2010, I plan to attend a conference where I will further develop those ideas and new skills in stewardship.

Silver Creek United Methodist Church is navigating through a big corner in its development as it seeks to recast itself in the midst of a changing community. Collectively, we share a bold vision as we seek to become more missionally engaged, more dynamic, and more spiritually grounded. I am excited for our future!

See You Sunday!

Jason

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

- 1 Sue Constantine
- 19 Glen Bradford
- 22 Ernest Machado
- 24 Lynn Machando

### Anniversaries

- 12 Bill & Jeannie Sharp

*October is Pastor Appreciation Month!  
Don't forget to tell your pastor,  
children's director, worship leaders, and  
youth director how much you  
appreciate them and  
what they mean to you.*

### Memorials Given

- Mary Scott
- Betty Weichert
- Isabel Maynard
- Silver Creek Heritage Society
- Roy and Lana Chance
- John and Nancy Allison
- Bill and Bonnie Henry
- Rita and Greg Hood
- Roy and Beth Martin
- Donna Matson
- Don and Doris Calhoun
- Mary Fischer
- Steve and Sally Cate

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- Nancy Sharp
- James & Martha Belle Tucker
- Margaret Wright
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## Upcoming events



### Pumpkin Patch October 17-31

**Monday - Friday**  
9am - 1pm & 4pm - 8pm

**Saturday**  
10am - 6pm

**Sunday Closed**

**Fall Festival Saturday October 31st**  
6 pm

**Trunk or treat**  
**Petting Zoo**  
**Face Painting**  
**Cake Walk**  
**Chili Cook-off**

**If you can help with any of these activities please contact**  
**Melissa Hamilton**

# Children's Page

Dear Family,

There are so many things I want to thank you for. I don't know where to start. I truly have no words to express what each and every one of you mean to me. You wrapped your loving arms around me when I came and was in a bad place with my mother dying. Your love helped me heal and become whole. Thank you for being such a caring congregation and being able to show Christ's love to others. You are extremely blessed. Thank you also for the food, cards, gifts, calls, and prayers you did for me when I broke one vertebrae after another. I think I am finally over that (fingers crossed!). I have only one more left to break, and I am protecting it as best I can. I will miss each of you very much. Please feel free to call me anytime you want. I am speaking for both Sam and myself. We will be visiting before long because we love you so much.

Love,  
Karen

Hi Silver Creek!

I wanted to start off my first newsletter article as the official director of children's ministries by telling you how excited I am to have this position! It fills my heart with so much joy knowing that I am going to be a part of molding your children's Christian walks. What a blessing I have received by getting this job! I am so looking forward to all the wonderful things we have in store for the futures of the children of Silver Creek. If you were in the 11:00 service on October 4th, you heard me introduce our Giving Bucket to the kids. If not, here are the details of a fabulous mission opportunity for our kiddos! I have purchased a galvanized bucket that is going to be used to collect money for various mission projects. It will be passed around during Sunday School at 9:30 and during the children's sermon at 11:00. This is a great opportunity for you to encourage your kids to "give back" to those in need. From now until December, our mission project will be those less fortunate in Parker County, and we will use the money to purchase Christmas presents. Most likely, we will adopt an angel from a local Angel Tree. We even have a generous person in the congregation willing to match your children's pledges dollar for dollar! Please encourage your kids to bring their contributions so we can make a difference!

Lastly, here's a glimpse at what your kids are learning about in Sunday School this month. I encourage you to talk about the lessons they are learning with your kids at home. What a way to interact with your kids- talking to them about the life of Jesus Christ!

October 11: Mark 1:16-20 Jesus had some friends called disciples.

October 18: Mark 10:13-16 Jesus welcomed the children and blessed them.

October 25: John 4:1-42 Jesus and the woman at the well. *Even though she was different, Jesus loved her.*

Thank you for the opportunity to mold the lives' of your children. They are a blessing!

# Prayer List, Attendance, Giving, Staff Contact info, Council Members

## Prayer List

### **JOYS**

- The Glory of Christ

### **CONCERNS**

- Margaret Wright's Family
- Rev. Clifton Johnson
- James Jay
- Pat Hann
- Bill & Nancy Davis
- Uganda Team
- Larry Ritter, Emily Kelly's dad
- Josh Browne
- Junette Bryant

### **ON GOING CONCERNS**

- Military
- Country's Leaders
- Unemployed
- Frank White
- Karen Samford
- Margaret Gwin
- Tom Wilson
- David Stark

## *Attendance Report*

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total Worship Attendance</u>
September 6	19	120
September 13	21	130
September 20	14	155
September 27	14	149

## *Our Giving*

	<u>Budget/General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Other</u>
September 6	\$4,535.35	\$661.00	\$185.00
September 13	\$2,532.70	\$108.33	\$12,297.79
September 20	\$1,680.15	\$20.00	\$220.00
September 27	\$3,333.50	\$356.00	\$260.00

## **Budget Financial Report**

Weekly Need: \$ 3,395.00  
 YTD Need: \$132,405.00  
 YTD Given: \$129,980.26  
 Budget: <\$2,424.74>

## **How to Contact the Staff:**

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## **Our Council:**

<b>Council Chair</b>	Shane Coleman
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<b>Lay Member to AC</b>	Rubye Langley
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<b>Chair Finance</b>	Kevin Campbell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Peggie Muir
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<b>President UMM</b>	Charles Thompson
<b>Chair Nurture Council</b>	Sam Samford
<b>Chair Outreach Council</b>	Becca Harrison
<b>Chair Witness Council</b>	Chris Campbell
<b>At-Large</b>	Ray Blecher
<b>At-Large</b>	Kathleen Blecher
<b>At-Large</b>	Byron Constantine
<b>At-Large</b>	Leanne Mathis

## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:30am - 1:30pm**  
**Closed on Friday**

# October 2009

## Silver Creek United Methodist Church

<u>Sunday Schedule:</u> Synergy Worship 9:30 am Children's Church 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Food Pantry 10:00 am-12:00pm Traditional Worship 11:00 am Children's Church II 11:15 am Youth Group 4:00 pm		1	2	3		
4 COMMUNION Fin. Mtg. 6:15 pm SPR Mtg. 7pm Charge Conference 7:30pm	5 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm	6	7 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	8 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm Uganda Team Returns	9	10
11	12 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm Youth: Make-Up Artist Day	13 Reatta Estates Neighborhood Mtg. 6-10pm	14 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	15 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm	16	17 Steele Family Reunion  PUMPKIN PATCH 10am - 6pm
18 Ladies Circle 6pm	19 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	20  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	21 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	22 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm Youth: Azle JV game 6pm  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	23  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	24 UMM 8am  PUMPKIN PATCH 10am - 6pm
25	26 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	27  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	28 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	29 Neighborhood Fellowship 6:30pm  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	30  PUMPKIN PATCH 9am - 1pm 4pm - 8pm	31 Fall Festival 6:00pm  PUMPKIN PATCH 10am - 6pm