



Circuit Writer

JUNE 2011

Our Journey Together

The excitement is building!!! People are excited about *The Story*, a version of the *Today's New International Version* of the Bible arranged chronologically in novel format. In just 31 chapters (each approximately 12 pages) the whole of the Old and New Testaments is presented.

What is so exciting is that Zondervan along with Max Lucado and Randy Frazee of the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio have designed a 31 session church-wide immersion in the scriptures using this resource. As I told last month's Church Council and the Touchstones and Stonerollers Sunday school classes the last two Sundays, I want to have our worship services, Sunday school classes (adults, youth, and children), Bible studies, and small groups go through *The Story* from the beginning of September through the first Sunday in May 2012. The only break (5 weeks) will be for Advent and Christmas Day (a Sunday this year).

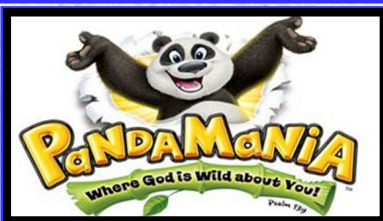
Think about it: there are age appropriate versions of *The Story* for adults, youth, and children (including a storybook format for preschool youngsters). Adults, youth, and children would be studying the same portion of scripture each week making it easier for families to explore and discuss the passages together. Individuals across our congregation would be able to converse about their readings and learn from each other. The whole church would become more biblically literate and gain a better grasp of the "big story" about the God who created, forgave, saved, and renews. Everyone would have the opportunity to prepare for worship by reading the scriptures that will be the focus each week. It provides something extremely beneficial to invite friends and neighbors to participate in.

I would love to speak to your Sunday school class about this undertaking. Invite me to meet with you on June 12, July 3, 10, or 17.

On July 19, I will present a more definitive plan as to how we can do this at University. Between now and then I ask you to do four things: (1) **Pray!** Ask God to show us how he would use this to transform us individually and as a congregation. (2) **Volunteer!** Let me know that you would like to work with me in making this the best and most God-honoring endeavor UUMC has ever seen. (3) **Think!** Consider what would be the most attractive (greatest likelihood of participation) and most fiscally responsible (wisely using our financial resources) way of providing the books: give them away, provide them for a donation, or sell them. (4) **Share!** Tell everyone of your enthusiasm for *The Story* at University UMC and ask if they would like to do this with us.

In Christ,

Charlie



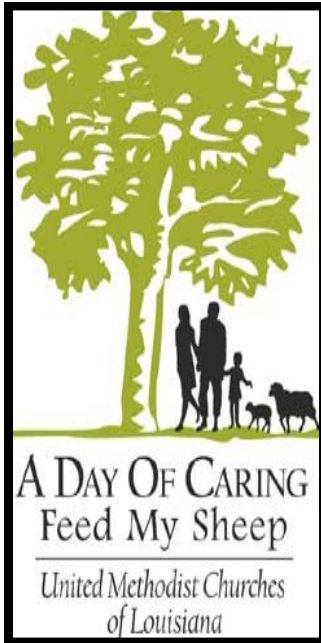
Vacation Bible School

PANDA MANIA! (Where God is Wild about You!)

July 11—15, 2011 9:00am to 12:00pm

Ages: 4yrs to 4th Grade

Day of Caring Thank You



This inadequate note is to try to thank all of you for the great support "Day of Caring," and the residents of local community shelters, received from you. No matter how large or small your contribution, your contribution was greatly appreciated.

I truly wish you could have seen the astonishment, pleasure, and disbelief on the faces of the shelter residents. Those of us present from University Methodist Church were very pleased and grateful as well.

The support of everyone making donations - including all staff, the members of Outreach and Witness Ministry Team, the leadership of Rev. Charlie and Beverly Langford, and especially blessings from our Lord, made this day happen.

God was always near,
Sheila Champagne, Chair

Packing & Delivering Backpacks



Social
Lights

Zeus Café

409 W. Prien Lake Road

11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 20

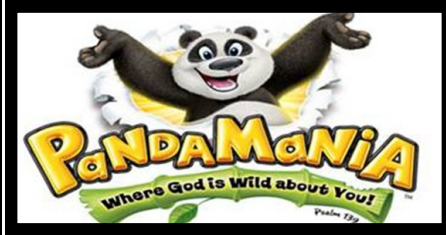
Annual Conference June 5 — 8 at Centenary College

This year's lay delegate to the 41st session of the Louisiana Annual Conference is Robbi Dowden. Her alternate is Louella Kirkum. Charlie and Beverly Langford will also be attending this year's gathering in Shreveport, where delegates will be elected for next year's General Conference and South-Central Jurisdictional Conference.

Children & Youth

Summer Activities Aboard

Bible School



July 11 — 15 9 - 12:00

Sink your teeth into BIG fun! Bible-learning where you see, hear, touch and even taste the bible. Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are Panda Mania activities that help faith flow into real life. We'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life — something called **"God Sighting."**

Call 477-2003 to register.

Tuesday – N – Thursday
(T-N-T)



4 Years through 4th Grade

Spend fun time with friends.

Tuesdays (11:30—1:30)

Bring your lunch and enjoy crafts, games, and other activities on the church campus.

Thursdays (times vary)

Off-site field trips and activities such as Sulphur Water Park, bowling, and Café Au Clay are planned.

Day School Summer Program



June 6 - August 12
Agnes 5 - 12

Lots of fun activities and field trips are planned.
Join in the Fun!

University United Methodist

Youth "M & M" Nights
(Movie & Munchies)

Wednesdays @ 6:30

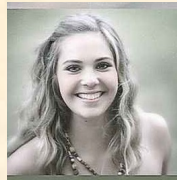
Starting Wednesday, June 15 at Ms. Mary's house. We will watch a movie and have a small group discussion about life, family, friends, and GOD.



**Katherine
Riddle**

Proud grandmother is Reva Cheson and parents are Aline & Jerry Riddle of Houston.

Katherine graduated from the University of Texas (Austin) with a B.S in Environmental Science. Baptised at UUMC, she lived in Houston and was schooled in England and Houston's Performing & Visual Arts.



**Haley
Hoffmann**

Proud grandparents are Evelyn and Louis Hoffman and Arlene and the late Charlie Freeman formerly of Lake Charles. Parents are David & Micki Hoffman.

Haley is an honor graduate of Deer Park High and will attend Houston Baptist University where she will play volleyball.

Our Christian Sympathy

to Families of:

Myrtle Golemon
Vere Guth
Lillian Blanchard
Kathryn Williams

Jambalaya Dinner

(Sponsored by Touchstones for Missions)
Thursday, June 9

Hollier's Cajun Kitchen Jambalaya
Green Beans / Corn / Bread
\$7.00

Father's Day Picnic

Sam Houston Jones State Park

Sunday, June 19 1:00 to 4:00

Hamburgers / Hot Dogs/ Fixin's Provided

Father & Child Look Alike
Fishing Contest, etc.

Bring sides or desserts & drinks

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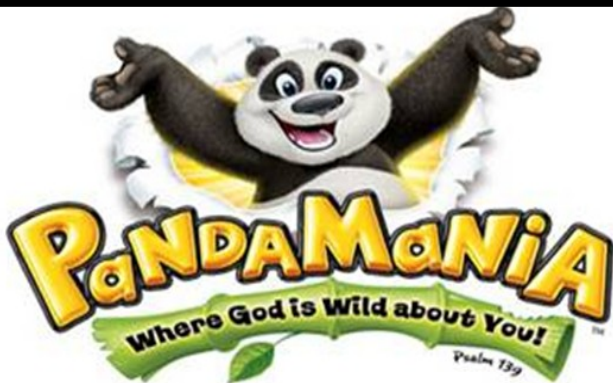
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	Shayne Truxillo

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Vacation Bible School Helpers Needed

Sign Up For a Leadership Role
Panda Mania

(Where God is **Wild** about You!)

For more information, please contact Mary Stager in the church office or e-mail at marys@universitymethodist.com.



Join Treasure Seekers!!!

Children's Department

Sunday Mornings

June — August

9:30 Intro Activities