Couts Countdown

Worship
8:30 a.m. - Classic
11:00 a.m. - Contemporary

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

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Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fridays
8:00 am - Noon

Sr. Pastor - Matt Hall

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Second Edition
Harvest Festival News

Harvest Festival News
Saturday
October 18th

United Methodist Church
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

This fall is an exciting time. Football seasons are in full swing, the school routine is established, and activities come and go in a round of rapid fire. At the church, our school, Couts Christian Academy, just completed its spaghetti dinner. Thank you to everyone who supported the spaghetti dinner this year. Now we are preparing for the Harvest Festival on October the 18th. See the rest of this newsletter for ways you can participate and all of the activities that are planned for that day. We are also preparing for Charge Conference on October 19 at Bethesda UMC at 3:00pm, an annual meeting celebrating the ministry that we have done while looking forward to the next year. Short term we have a trunk or treat planned and we also have a Kids Against Hunger packing event the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We hope to pack 60,000 meals that day! I have noticed that this church never has a shortage of ways to serve to make a difference in the lives of so many people. We are a blessed people who are thankful for what God has done for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

I want you to know that everyone working together does make a difference. I want to challenge everyone to make a difference in the world as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The ways that we make a difference are through our prayers (praying for the ministry of our church and the people that God plans to bring this way), our presence (being in worship, Sunday school and other activities), our gifts (these include our tithes- what we commit to give back to God out of God’s blessings to us and our offerings – what we do beyond our tithes to make a difference in the world), our service (our hands on ministry of helping and making a difference), and our witness (how we live our faith in such a way that God is honored in all that we do and say). I encourage you to continue to come to worship as we walk through the Biblical Story together this year. God has a lot in store for each of us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt

Pastoral Care Calendar for October

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**October 2014**

- **Fall Summit** 4-9, 3:15, Waco
- **Harvest Festival** 9 am - 3 pm
Meal Tickets for Sale
A mouth watering Turkey and Dressing Lunch with all the trimmings is being planned for Harvest Festival. The cost is **$8.00 per person.** Tickets are on sale each Sunday in the Welcome Center. Please see Kathy Smith, ticket sales chairperson or you can get your tickets in the main office during the week.

Angela Arthurs is the chairperson of the Meal Committee and would love it if you would like to volunteer to help cook or serve. Please give her a call. Also a big thank you to Ricky Torbett for selling 360 meal tickets out in the community.

Harvest Festival T-Shirts
Harvest Festival T-Shirts have been ordered and will be here before Sunday, October, 12th. We will have black t-shirts like the ones shown here. We’ll have them for sale for **$12.00 each** as soon as they arrive. Help us advertise Harvest Festival by buying a t-shirt and wearing it out in the community.

How Can I Help?
You may be asking yourself, “What can I do to be a part of Harvest Festival?” First and foremost, make plans to be here on Saturday, October 18th to join in a time of fun and fellowship with the Couts church family.

Another way you can help is to volunteer to serve in one of the areas like the meal, the children’s area, the country store, setup and teardown or one of the auctions.

A big way that you can help that will make Harvest Festival a success is to provide items to sell at the Festival. The categories are:

- **Country Store** - (baked items of all kinds and homemade crafts that you can purchase or make)
- **Silent Auction** - items that are more valuable than the items in the country store but not as valuable as items in the live auction.
- **Live Auction** - items that have a value of 100.00 or more.

Harvest Festival Schedule

**Thursday, October 16th**
5:00 am - Cooking turkeys and making mini pumpkin pies

**Friday, October 17th**
People can bring things for the Country Store, Silent Auction or Live Auction from 7:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
8:00 am - Continue to cook turkeys, cornbread, and bone the turkeys
6:00 p.m. - set up gym for Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 18th**
7:00 am - Begin meal preparation
8:00 am - Items to be sold may be brought in
9:00 am - Harvest Festival open to the public
10:15 am - Begin filling meals to be delivered
11:30 am - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch is served
1:00 pm - Live Auction begins

We have purchased card readers from Vanco, our online giving server, and will be able to take Visa & Mastercard debit and credit cards.
CCA held their third annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 27, and it was a huge success! Our school year is off to a great start. Our teachers are doing a wonderful job of implementing our new curriculum, Purposeful Design, and our students are doing very well with it. October is "Boxtop Month" so please remember to collect those boxtops and turn them in to the CCA or Church office.

We invite anyone searching for a strong Christian education for their child to call us and set up a tour. We have several spots available in Pre-K as well as grades Kindergarten-High School. Please call the CCA office at 817-599-8601 ext. 20 for more information.

Lunch for the Wesley Foundation
Tuesday, October 7th
11:00 a.m.  1:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 7th, we’ll be serving lunch to students at the Wesley Foundation. The menu is going to be a choice of spaghetti or lasagna salad, bread, and dessert. If you can serve or provide food that day, please sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office.

Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 7th
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Items on the agenda include: discussion of the possibility of the church being a part of Healthy Church Initiative, a Finance report, a Trustee report, a CCA report and information/approval for Charge Conference. (Pastor’s Compensation packages, Lay Leadership report, Lay Servants and names for Year of Jubilee)

PRIMETIMERS - TRIP TO HICO, TX
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th
9:00 A.M.

We’ll visit the Billy the Kid Museum and Wiseman House Chocolates. Of course, no trip to Hico would be complete without stopping for lunch at the Koffee Kup Family Restaurant! We’ll meet at the east entrance of the church to leave at 9:00 a.m.

Charge Conference
Sunday, October 19th
3:00 p.m. - Bethesda UMC

There will be a cluster Charge Conference meeting at Bethesda UMC on Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 p.m. The Charge Conference is comprised of all Church Council members plus the retired pastors. The meeting is led by the North District Superintendent, Dr. Ginger Bassford.

Flu Shots Given at Couts
Sunday, October 19th
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Weatherford Regional Hospital representatives will be coming to Couts as a community service to provide flu shots for our members. Please take the opportunity to stay healthy by getting your flu shot.

The Wesley Foundation
October 12th is **Children’s Sabbath!** This means that, although I love to see children involved in worship ALWAYS, we make a special attempt to make sure they are visibly participating in different worship elements on this particular worship Sunday. Please let me know if your kiddos would be interested in ushering, greeting, praying, reading scripture, singing, etc. This is a great opportunity, too, to be creative in worship! If your children feel that there is a way to share in a different way to worship. Please let me know!

**Important Dates:**

**Every Sunday:**
- **Sunday School** 9:45-10:45
- Children’s Church for ages 3-Kindergarten during sermon (begins after children’s sermon)

**Every Wednesday:**
- **KidZone** 3:30-5pm
- Childcare during adult Bible Studies

October 1: Evening kids programming cancelled, but childcare is available in the nursery.

October 15: Evening kids programming will be delivering tickets for Harvest Festival in the community. Volunteers needed!

October 18: Harvest Festival! Free Children’s activities!

October 31: Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! Free Children’s Activities

(See specific times on church calendar)

Sign-ups for Harvest Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, etc. will be in the Welcome Center or at CoutsKidz on Facebook!

Candy drop-off in the Welcome Center!!! **OR** if your class wants to compete for the most candy donated, collect in your classroom, and deliver to my office. We will keep track of amount of candy, and the winning class will win a special Halloween treat on November 2!

At Harvest Festival, we have a lot planned, and all children’s activities are FREE! We will have movies, a Harvest-themed play area, crafts, and we’re really excited about our special visit from some community helpers with their work vehicles and even a helicopter!!! (unless there is an emergency, of course). There will also be FREE hotdogs for the children!
Youth Harvest Fest Help!
On Wednesday, October 15th, during our evening youth time, our youth are going to help hand out Harvest Festival Meal Tickets in our neigh-

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Check us out at CouthsYouth on Facebook and Twitter.

To receive mobile updates by text message, text keyword coutsyouth to 77948.

Sunday Night Fellowship meets every Sunday this month except 10/19.

Wednesday Night Worship meets every Wednesday night in Oct, 6:30-8pm.

Other Helpful Bits of Info:
- MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS. If you have not turned in a 2014 Medical Release Form, please do so. Jon can email you a PDF, or you can pick up a hard copy in the office.

Questions? Comments? Let me know!
Jon Reeves, Director of Youth Ministry jon@coutsumc.org 817.599.8601
KAHPC
Thanksgiving Packing Event
Saturday, November 22nd
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
At Couts gym

Our goal is to pack 60,000 meals.

Cost: $15,000

If you would like to make a donation to help reach our Thanksgiving Packing Event Goal, please designate KAHPC.

Brad Bishop
Billy Burris

Matt Couch
Warren Crouch

Will Dowd
Derek Geyer
Michael Gilliam

Jeff Johnson
Cory Jones
Blake Hubbard

Mike Hebert
Hunter Hiett
Kali Yarnell Lussier

Matthew Mitchell
Josiah Sorrells
Doug Yarnell
Cody Williams

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Clay Craig

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Shawn Hallman
Barbara Vanhooze

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John Park

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Cliff Vick

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Claire Jarrell

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Wanda Torbett

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Allison Taylor

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Kathy Curry

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Brad Vantine

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