

FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH, AMEN!

AMEN to Bruni UMC for putting together 100 flood buckets with the help of members of FUMC, Freer.



Bruni UMC Flood Bucket Crew.

AMEN to FUMC, McAllen , for increasing their volunteers in youth ministry with the help of their new youth director.

AMEN to St. John UMC for sharing their experiences of faith with others, especially the children of the church and community. Many of the volunteers who do children's sermons, teach Sunday School, have Cub Scouts and Little Friends are of grandma and grandpa age.

AMEN to St. John UMC for reaching out to the community through Boy Scouts. Not only is the group open to all, but their activities are so exciting that they get local press coverage, putting the church out there in the community.

AMEN to St. Mark UMC for re-establishing their UMW.



St. Mark sign inviting community to Upwards Basketball

AMEN to FUMC, Donna, for modeling environmental responsibility. They do not use styrofoam cups for coffee, they bring their own place settings for church dinners, and they buy reusable bags to give full of food to the needy.

AMEN to Wesley UMC for providing outrageous hospitality for their charge conference. They offered a well placed, well organized sign-in table with large signage and packets, in addition to snacks and a place to visit before and/or after the meeting.



Wesley UMC Charge Conference Welcome

AMEN to Rivera UMC for starting an after-school tutoring program on Wednesdays for the neighborhood children. Church members, who have not gone to elementary school themselves for 60 years, help elementary children get their homework done, listen to them read, feed them a snack, read them a story, and provide crafts and activities. At the request of a neighborhood mother, they provide a Bible Verse as well.

AMEN to FUMC, Edinburg, St. Mark UMC and many other district churches who had pumpkin patches in their front lawn, making their church visible and welcoming to the community.



FUMC, Edinburg, Pumpkin Patch Picture Spot



St. Mark UMC Pumpkin Patch

AMEN to, FUMC, Brownsville for handing out invitational cards that included the church's website address during their pumpkin patch activities.



FUMC, Brownsville, pumpkin patch card

AMEN to FUMC, Donna, for making their back row of pews handicapped accessible.

AMEN to Riviera UMC whose members come every Friday while their Wesley nurse is present in their clinic. They assist with clinic activities on the busy days or do church yard work on non-busy days. Either way, they provide support for their Wesley Nurse and the community.



Riviera UMC Charge conference 2008

AMEN to Christ UMC for making their community more aware of their church by providing space for bipartisan political meetings and by providing space for parent classes through Texas A & M at Kingsville.

AMEN to FUMC, Donna, who have creative Bible Study. Their pastor is offering “Treasures of the Transformed Life” using Charles Dickens and the Bible.

AMEN to FUMC, Hebronville, for being intentional in their quest to grow. They have a wider sidewalk between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the handicapped and they are using the book, Charting the Course, to develop leadership for intentional discipleship.

AMEN to Zapata UMC for adding “curb appeal” by exchanging gravel in front of their church in favor of a softer look.

AMEN to Freer UMC for sending one youth to UM ARMY.

AMEN to Bruni UMC who, although they are a congregation of 14 members, continue to find ways to involve their community in their church activities. They recently included three high school students working for community outreach points in their flood bucket assembly and they provided information and encouragement for another community youth to attend a CHRYSALIS.



Bruni UMC Flood Bucket Project

AMEN to Christ UMC for planning to be more welcoming. Their parlor, next to the sanctuary, will be reorganized complete with greeters and coffee to help welcome members and visitors prior to worship.

AMEN to FUMC, Laredo, for continuing to work on their perpetual endowment fund for program ministry through TMF. Only the interest will be used from these donated funds.



FUMC, Laredo, Pumpkin Patch

AMEN to Zapata UMC for recording sermons on a CD to share with shut-ins they visit, whether they are church members or not.

AMEN to Wesley UMC for inviting Mighty Mouse to visit during Children's Sabbath. The children enjoyed worship and learning about being strong in the Lord.



Wesley UMC-- Mighty Mouse Visits

AMEN to Trinity UMC who sponsored a Body of Christ Communion Sunday along with the Presbyterian Korean Church and the Spanish Christian Alliance Church that share space at Trinity UMC. The churches choirs joined for an anthem, and youth from all three congregations performed a skit.



Trinity UMC--Body of Christ Communion Sunday

AMEN to FUMC, Laredo, for starting a prayer shawl Ministry/Crochet Club. Their goal is to crochet shawls for shut-ins.



FUMC, Laredo, Prayer Shawl Ministry



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Do you have an **AMEN** to share about the McAllen District? If so, contact Mary Howard by phone or email. (956-421-3630 or yard23@aol.com)

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