



# Inside **THE** Oakleaf

## STUDY BUDDIES Raise Scores !

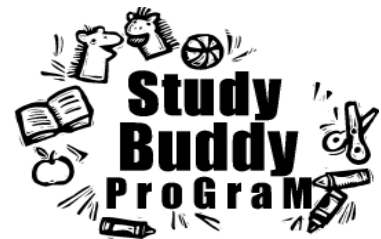
Are YOU looking for a way to SERVE GOD by helping children who are struggling with their reading? God has opened our eyes to a very SPECIAL way that we can help our neighborhood children! We are excited to begin our 4th year of Study Buddy on Tuesday and Thursday, October 18, 20th! We will be walking about 30 children from Glenwood Elementary School to our Church to help with homework and reading! **For the past two years, Glenwood's API scores have gone up and we thank God that we were shown a way to share our God given gifts with these children!** We have members from our Church who help, as well as many student volunteers from the middle school, high school, and college community! There are several ways to help with this

ministry, so please pray for how God might be tugging on your heart to help!

- Pray for all Study Buddy children and families
- Help Get the Program started by copying and filing our forms
- Walk children on Tuesday or Thursday (it's a great way to exercise!)
- Help a Child or Small Group of Children with Homework and Reading on a Tuesday from 4-5 PM (training provided)
- Help to organize Story Time Activities on a Thursday from 3 - 4 PM (training provided)
- Help a Small Group of Children with their Homework on Thursday from 4 - 5 PM. (training provided)
- Provide Snacks to include Goldfish, Cheezits, Granola

Bars, Fruit, etc.

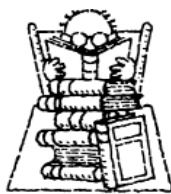
- Donate School and Snack Supplies to Include: Pencils, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Copy Paper, Dry Erase Markers, Sanitary Wipes, Napkins, Small Paper Cups, Grade Level 1, 2, 3, paperback books.



For more information, please contact:

Tuesday Study Buddy Coordinator:  
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Study Buddy Coordinator: Susan  
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## BE A STUDY BUDDY !



**BOOKS**  
Bonbons for the mind

"You may have tangible wealth untold;  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.  
Richer than I, you can never be -  
I had a mother who read to me."  
~Strickland Gillilan (*Thanks, Laurel*)

Here is an opportunity to perhaps be a surrogate mom (or dad) to a child whose own mother per chance doesn't have the English language skills needed to help with their reading and schoolwork. For a very rewarding ministry, consider tutoring as a Study Buddy.

Tutors are needed:

1. Tuesdays: 3:30 - 5 p.m.
2. Thursdays: 3:30 - 5 p.m.
3. Saturday Special Programs, TBA

If you have some spare time, please consider attending an

upcoming orientation and training session. Those sessions are:

- Sunday, Oct. 2 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room
- Tuesday, Oct. 11 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Rooms
- Sunday, Oct. 16 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room

All volunteers will need to submit an application. Background checks are necessary for adults. Teens: we require two referrals and completed emergency forms. This is a great way to get service hours!

## TROOP SCOOP by Susan Peterson

This summer, Boy Scout Troop 716 had 31 boys and 6 adult leaders attend Camp Chawanakee in the Sierra Mountains. Lots of fun was had, and many merit badges were earned including swimming, fishing, first aid, small boat sailing, and leather working, just to name a few.

In August, the troop had their High Adventure trip (a trip for those ages 14 and older), a 6-day, 60-mile backpacking trip from Lone Pine to the top of Mt. Whit-

ney. Five Scouts and five adults braved this trip; two of the members used this trip as a means to raise funds for a friend who broke her back in an accident.

Scads of awards and rank advancements were given at the Court of Honor/Potluck on September 12. The September outing is camping and fishing at Sequoia Crest with spelunking in Crystal Cave. On September 17, a Court of Honor was held here at UMC to celebrate the earned rank of Eagle

by Joey Sanchez. He is the 108th Eagle Scout from our troop!

In October, the Scouts will host Webelos (4th and 5th grade Cub Scouts) at a campout in Malibu Creek State Park. As always, fall is popcorn-selling time, a way for the Scouts to help pay for their trips throughout the year.

We thank UMCTO for their continued sponsorship and support of our troop! ■

## TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees has been hard at work, as you've probably noticed. Who are all the Trustees, you ask? There are seven capable UMCTO members who have committed to serving a three-year term as Trustee. Already on the board from the previous year: Fayde Macune, Tom Shideler, Loren Dacanay. New to the board this year are: Mark Southwood, Noreen Knutson, Bruce Arvisu, and Don DeMint. Betwixt the seven, we have some powerful, experienced leaders who will be keeping our church property safe, attractive, inviting, and most importantly, functional so we all can go about our business of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board of Trustees, the members elected Noreen Knutson as chairwoman, then they tackled the safety issue of uneven sidewalks on campus. After getting bids from several contractors, these tripping hazards were either ground down and smoothed, or portions of sidewalk were entirely replaced. Safety first is their motto.

Another project the board has completed is the addition of a "memory garden" located next to the Bride's Room/Choir building. If you've wondered why the ground under the tree there has been dug up, take a look again. This area, planted with flowering bushes, was chosen as a place of remembrance to honor loved ones who have passed on. The St. Francis statue, pictured below being installed, was given by John Schock and friends, to celebrate the life of John's wife, JoAnn. The garden will be expanded if and when others wish to plant a rose bush or other plant in memory of their beloved.

For your information, the board meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

*Welcome, St. Francis, to your new home!!*



*A couple of Richards playing in the dirt!*

