

# MOPS



# News



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## Momsense

Momsense is what you get when you mix Mom intuition with common sense mothering. It is also the theme for our year! "This year we will be delving into *finesse...finesse* is all about honing practical mothering skills and intentionally carrying out our daily responsibilities with ways that encourage growth in us and our families."<sup>1</sup>

This year we will also be using different games as a fun way to explore topics. Be sure to come to each month's visit for a fellowship, snacks, discussion, crafts, games and much more. We can't wait to see you there!

<sup>1</sup> Taken from "MomSense Curriculum Leader's Guide" 2011

## Guess Who?

Every issue of our newsletter will include a guessing game for you to get to know the Steering Team for the year! Below are some interesting facts about one of the members.

### Clues:

- Her husband cooks better than she does.
- She once grew 13 inches in one school year!
- She loves to go dancing.
- She dreams of traveling to Europe.
- Her favorite earrings are vintage blue teardrops.
- Her favorite summer perfume is SJP NYC (Sarah Jessica Parker)

**Be sure to come to our August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to find out who it is!**

## Calendar of Events

### August

**5th-** Playdate: Bowling in Port Arthur, 10:30am

**9th-** Mom's Night Out: Pottery Painting in  
Beaumont, 6pm

**25th-** MOPS at FUMC 9:30am

### September

**5th-** Mom's Night Out: T-Shirt Making,  
6:30pm

**15th-** MOPS at FUMC, 9:30am

**22nd-** Playdate: Lake Charles Children's  
Museum, 10:30am

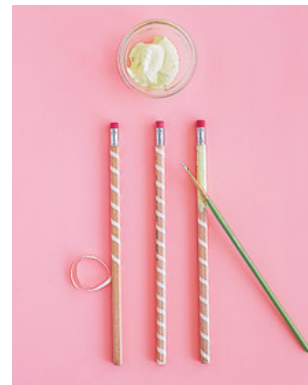


## Craft Corner: Decorative Pencils



### Supplies:

- 1/16- to 1/8-inch-wide skinny masking tape
- acrylic paints
- plain pencils



### Instructions:

Begin by wrapping tape around pencil; try a candy-cane design, or wrap in individual circles for parallel lines. Paint over whole pencil generously with acrylic paint. When paint is dry, remove tape. Kids can make different styles by varying tape size, wrapping tape in different ways, and painting alternating colors between bands.

*Taken From: [www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com) (accessed 7/14/2011)*

## Devotional: Housework- A Blessing?

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*-Romans 12:2 (NIV)*

Housecleaning doesn't top my list of favorite activities. For one thing, I find it sometimes frustrating that the same work has to be done over and over. For another, I just don't get that excited about cleaning bathrooms.

One particular day when there was a lot of housework to be done, I found myself resenting all the tasks. I don't remember whether or not I was grumbling out loud, but I was certainly grumbling in my spirit.

It was then that God spoke to my resentful spirit. You can choose how to look at this. You can see this housework as cause for resentment, or as a blessing.

A blessing? I thought. How?

As I continued to meditate on the idea, God began to open my eyes to exactly what that meant. Once I really grasped what God was trying to say to me, my whole perspective on housework changed. I still don't look forward to doing dishes or mopping floors, but I now know how to choose to be thankful for the privilege of doing these tasks instead of resentful at the burden they place upon me.



## Prayers and Praises

### Prayers

- Scott and Lisa Grimm- moving and expecting a new baby
- Tristan Hinshaw. She is an LCM student with a rare tumor that is feeding off her chin/jaw bone in her face.
- Angela Abshire- Thyroid nodules

### Praises

- Another year of MOPS at FUMC Orange!
- Motherhood



*If you would like to share a prayer concern or praise in the newsletter, please email Miranda at [mirandadolive@gmail.com](mailto:mirandadolive@gmail.com) or call her at 409-779-3128.*

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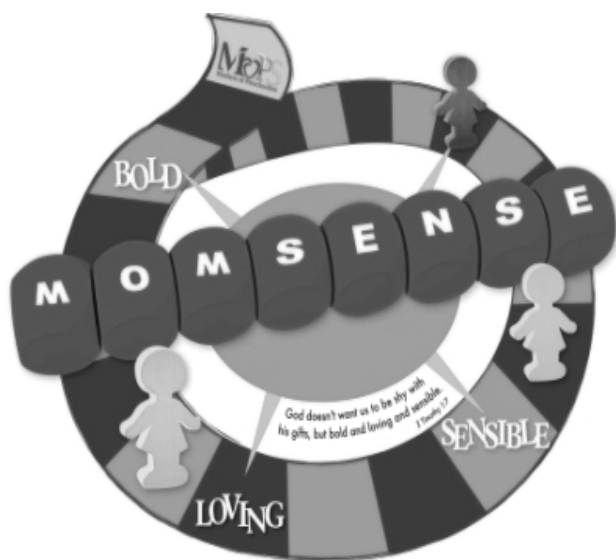
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## Never Mother Alone!



MOPS, or Mother's of Preschoolers at First United Methodist Church, Orange is an international non-profit group that focuses on providing support, resources, tools, and the Word of God to mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten, and our church generously charters our local group. Members come from all denominations, ages, and walks of life, but share one desire-to be great moms.

*MOPS meetings are held on the 4th Thursday in August and the 3rd Thursdays September through May from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm in the FUMC Praise Center, but as mentioned before, we meet continually throughout the month through various activities in our community.*