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Looking to the Future

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2007

MARCH 9-14--YOUTH SKI TRIP to Breckenridge, Colorado

APRIL 22--CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The confirmation Class will be honored with a special breakfast at and special music during the church services performed by Praise, Celebration Ringers and accompanied by piano and drums.

APRIL 27 & 29--MUSICAL DINNER THEATER--6:30 pm

The Youth Choir and Children's Choirs will present Back to the Fifties. Travel back in time to a dinner filled the shoo bop sounds of the 1950's. Enjoy hamburgers and milkshakes, great sounds and lots of fun!



April 29--GOLF TOURNAMENT at Mansfield National at 2:15

MAY 20--SENIOR SUNDAY when graduating seniors will be honored.

JUNE 8-15--YOUTH CHOIR TOUR destination is Chicago, Illinois where they will perform and tour for 4 days. In addition, they will perform and visit Springfield, Missouri, Peoria, Illinois, and Birmingham, Iowa.



JUNE 16--YOUTH CHOIR HOMECOMING CONCERT--7:00 pm

Welcome our Youth Choir home from their tour to Chicago and back. The music our youth provides for the churches in which they perform is a mission of music and touches the hearts of all who hear them. You will not want to miss this special event!



JUNE 18-23--VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Hundreds of children join in the fun and fellowship of a week of Bible School

JUNE 18, 19, 20 and JULY 26, 27, 28--NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY pictures taken.

OUR EASTER JOURNEY



APRIL 1--PALM SUNDAY--11:00 am service

John Rutter's ethereal and glorious Mass of the Children. This work, performed by the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir and Children's choirs and accompanied by a chamber orchestra, is an exquisite marriage of the colorful timbre of children, youth and adult voices.

APRIL 5--MAUNDY THURSDAY--7:00 pm service

A service of meditation, the washing of hands and the Last Supper. As you meditate in the sanctuary, one of our pastors will invite you into a smaller room for the washing of hands and the serving of the Last Supper as each aspect of this holy evening is explained and experienced.

APRIL 6--GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE--7:00 pm service

The Service of Darkness, with music provided by Musica Sacra, takes you through the last hours of Christ's Passion. The chancel area is stripped and shrouded in black as the Christ candle is extinguished. By experiencing Good Friday you can more fully appreciate the incredible joy of Easter Sunday.

APRIL 8--EASTER SUNDAY

Four inspirational services starting with the Sunrise Service at 6:00 am and continuing with services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am. The last three services will feature special music by the Chancel and Youth Choirs,



Celebration Ringers and a Brass Ensemble and each will end with Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.





The Methodist Men are cooking burgers and hot dogs for the entire church

Sunday, March 11 at noon

This is their way of saying "Thanks" for supporting them and their activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join the over 50s Singles Group Beginning March 4 9.30 a.m. coffee

Paul Benson guest speaker

Alexander Youth Center Room 3 Upstairs With questions call Lou Craig at 972-298-7481

Charla Edwards and Elaine Schneider on Mission to Jamaica

On March 25 our 2 ladies will once again be going to Jamaica for 8 days with Won by One and will need suitcases. Please check your attic or garage for unwanted suitcases and call Elaine at 972.298-4149.



The Southwest Dallas County Aggie Moms Club presents the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets in concert Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary Tickets are \$12 Contact President Connie Tucker for tickets or they may be purchased in the church office.

Lenton Study

by Mike Nichols

"On the Road Again"

by James Moore

This series explores the significance of Jesus' experiences on the road, and takes a closer look at some of the people he met along the way.

February 28-March 28 Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. Snack Bar

Confirmation Calendar

February 26 - SS class will be 9:00-10:00. Will then leave for FUMC Richardson to visit during their 11:00 service. Lunch will follow and then return to FUMCR for Confirmation Celebration.

April 22 - Confirmation Service Breakfast in Aldersgate hosted by current 5th grade class at 9:45. Confirmation Service and Reaffirmation of Baptism and/or baptism at the Memorial Fountain. 11:00 presentation to the congregation.



David Gregory taught and entertained the Homebuilders SS Class on Sunday, February 18.

February smiles

Thanks to all the children who participated in Children's Sabbath Sunday. You did a great job!

The Alleluia Singers and Ringers were great this past Sunday.

Congratulations to Kathleen Sobczak and the Southwest High School Showgirls Drill Team for winning sweepstakes in their high school division.



Janet Dempsey and 5 senior high youth attended Midwinter Retreat at Bridgeport.

February 23-25 - Youth Annual Conference Retreat at Bridgeport where youth from churches in our conference come together to discuss legislation that affects youth, youth ministry, and other ministries of the United Methodist Church. This is also a time for our youth to be a representative of FUMC for the conference.

March 2-3 - 30 Hour Famine - We gather with other churches in our district to fast for 30 hours. During our fast, we are staying at Kessler Park UMC in Dallas and have worship, play laser tag, play group games, and do mission projects.

Come join us Sunday Nights at 6:00 in Aldersgate. We are continuing our study on *God's Extreme Makeover* and will be talking about peace, patience, and self control in the upcoming weeks.

Ski Trip is approaching fast! If you have not signed up and are interested, please talk to Janet.

March 9-14 - Breckenridge, CO

Mark Your Calendars:

- No Youth- March 11
- Easter Sunrise Service- April 8
- Confirmation Sunday- April 22
- Musical Review- April 27 & April 29



Our Lending Closet is once again in need of wheel chairs and walkers that are in good working condition.

If you have one you no longer need, please contact Jim Carver at 972.296-1238

The latest additions to our church family



Welcome our newest members from top Wanda Burfiend transferring her membership from the Baptist church in Durant, Oklahoma and is a resident at Champions Cove. Middle is Terry Settle moving from Diamondhead Mississippi and also a resident at Champions Cove. Bottom are Bill and Marilyn Turnbull who have relocated from Sugarland, Texas and live in Grand Prairie. Their infant granddaughter accompanied them on this day.

Also joining our church is Roberta Sappington who has been a member of our Chancel Choir for some time. Look for Roberta's picture in the next edition of our paper.

Introducing More Leadership Teams



Our Missions Committee is chaired by Charla Edwards, left, with committee members Elaine Schneider, John Davis and Fred Winters. Not pictured are George Crews, Sharon Smith, Van Smith, Joe Blakley and Betty Dunn. They meet on the 1st Sunday of the month.



The Library Committee is comprised of back Mary Carpenter, chairperson Joyce Gregory, Sheri Hollingsworth, Anne McCommas, front Carol Bigelow, and Linda Golden. Their main goal of the year is promoting out library.

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

First Methodist School will begin enrolling current students and siblings for our weekday programs on Monday, February 19, 2007. Open enrollment will begin on Monday, March 5.

Enrollment information, fees, and necessary forms can be found at www.fumcd.com. Just follow the link to Preschool then enrollment.

If you need more information, please call the school at 972-298-5890.

Children's Sabbath Sunday



A Letter from our District Superintendent

Dear Mike and the congregation of First UMC

Apportionments are an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual trust that exists between United Methodist local churches and the United Methodist connectional system. Because I deeply believe in this vital link between the local church and the general church, I want to personally thank you and your congregation for achieving the 100% goal in apportionments for the year 2006.

The commitment of being a 100% church comes from the dedicated leadership of both the pastor and the laity. I believe such dedication to be faithful to your commitment to the general church extends significantly beyond this one act and into virtually every aspect of life in the local church.

The Holy Scripture records these words: "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2 NIV). I would like to affirm that you and your congregation have been most faithful in this significant area of stewardship and have truly proven your trustworthiness.

Blessings!
Milton Guttierrez



Stan Scott picks up many of our senior adults on Sunday mornings in our church van. This is a great ministry for our church. Occasionally when the van is needed for other church related activities, the Methodist Men step up and do this service which will be the case this Sunday, February 25.

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Jon Kinslow
Jimmy Dunham
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Lou Fain
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Owenda Douglass
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**Coincidence is when God
chooses to remain anonymous.**

Remember

**Call the church office and make us aware if you or
someone you know in the church is in the hospital
or plans surgery. 972.298-6121**

memorials and honorariums

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If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, just indicate on your check the name of the individual and the fund to which the money is to be donated. A note will be sent to the family indicating a donation was made and the name of the donor.

Flowers may also be ordered for Sunday morning in memory or honor of a loved one or an event. These dates may be reserved by calling the church office and speaking with Barbara Cline or Carol Weller. The price of each arrangement is \$35.00. You may take the flowers home following the 11:00 a.m. service on the Sunday you selected. Church office is 972.298-6121.

Class Notes

CUP & SAUCER

Our Valentine party was well attended. The scrumptious food was prepared by Doris & Company. Those unable to attend missed a treat. Jeri and Bob Kendvall were our visitors Sunday. Please keep coming we need you. Our lesson from John 14:1-14, "A Guide for Life" was taught by Dick Rittenberry. Our prayer was led by Jay Airhart. Marcie Hughson was back in class last Sunday. We were pleased to have Vice President, Worthie Usher, preside over the class Sunday while President Dan was out recovering from surgery. We are glad to know he is doing well. We were happy to see Charlie Rawle back after getting sick in church last Sunday. Please continue to pray for Charlie Rawle Bob Cummings, Dan Poole, Bettye Rice, Mamie

Dollar, Joe Dover, Sarah Lovdahl and David & Carol Kelly.

NEW HORIZONS

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Bob Hastings on "A Guide for Life." Gretta Reich played the piano to start the class. LaVon Littrell said our prayer.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Larry and Willa Yost, Corky McGee's family, Charles Cason, Chuck Weems, Danny Craig, Sandra Coyle, Marie, Lillie Ashcraft, Joanna Nelson, Mary Ann Davis, Nancy DeShazo, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Wylie Craig, Martha Williamson, Cami Leigh Crews, Russell Gosko, Rev. Bill Stephenson, Jean Lewis, James Jordan, Billy, Jennifer, Mary Ann Lee, Ruby Edgar, Mavis Mathis, Sandra Rodrick, Charlene Marty-

nowski, Lou Fain, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, and Karen Kelly.

On February 25th, our lesson will be "Secure Connections" and will be taught by David Gregory. The scripture is John 15:1-17, so read your Bible this week and we will see you Sunday.

PROGRESSORS

The Progressors Class continues the study of Isaiah. On February 4, Alice Dickerson led the lessons on, "A Willing Volunteer" and "A Comforting Word." The class enjoyed hearing others share their experiences of feeling God calling them to lead in various ways. We all were reminded that there are times we need to stop and listen. That afternoon was the Super Bowl Party at the Hershberger's-- Chili and Stew with all the

trimmings.

February 11th was the lesson on "The Suffering Savior" given by Alice. February 18th finishes the study of Isaiah with a lesson on "A Better Day".

February 10th was the "Feast With the King" dinner for the Seekers and Pathfinders classes at the Hollingsworth's home. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Elvis heard that chicken fried steak, black eyed peas and okra were being served and decided to make an appearance. He even belted out a few tunes for us.

UNITED CLASS

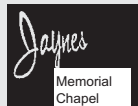
Sam Martin taught our class on the 11th and we say "thanks" for a thoughtful and thought provoking delivery. Terry and Wanda were back after missing several Sundays

and with Roberta added their names to our church roll.

A big crowd attended the class party on the 14th and Tony sang and led a Valentine selection of songs for the occasion. Thanks to Louise and her committee and to Tony.

Mike brought our lesson pm the 18th with several members back after long absences. He involved the class in meaningful discussions about the "Trinity" and today's scripture. Thanks and well done!

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