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**Habitat for Humanity
Home Dedication**



After three months and over 3,000 volunteer hours from First United Methodist, other local churches and Regions Bank, the latest Habitat for Humanity house was dedicated on January 16. A large crowd of builders, family, neighbors and civic leaders, including Mayor Pro Tem Pete Huff, were there to thank God and celebrate as the Saucedo family was handed the keys to their new home. Rev. Doug Fox opened the dedication with prayer, words of thanks and well wishes to the family from staff and volunteers. Rev. Janet Cavalier thanked the many volunteers from First United Methodist Church including Bill Calk, project coordinator, Dale Mullis, volunteer organizer, and the more than 70 volunteers that helped at the site or provided food and other assistance for the build.

At the conclusion of the dedication, the Saucedo family was presented with a Bible which had been signed by many of the leaders and volunteers who had helped them build their new home. Habitat for Humanity staff also presented the family with a tool box. Collin County Commissioner, Joe Jaynes, presented the Saucedo family with a framed declaration declaring January 16 as "Saucedo Day." The service concluded with a blessing and further well wishes for the Saucedo family. Special thanks to Larry Little, Ace Fence Company, who will be providing a fence for this home.

For those interested in helping with the next build, please contact Bill Calk, 214-228-5121 or thecalks@netzero.com.



More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

On Super Bowl weekend, the youth of First United Methodist Church will join in the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Youth will be stationed at the doors to the church on Sunday, February 7 to collect donations of canned food and money to benefit the Community Food Pantry of McKinney.

February 7, 2010



JOIN OUR USHER TEAMS

Ushers are an important part of our welcoming and worship ministries here at FUMC-McKinney. If you can share the heart of Christ with a warm welcome, a friendly smile and gentle guidance on Sunday mornings, please sign up at the table in the hallway (near the foyer) through Sunday, February 7. Contact Rev. Janet Cavalier at jcavalier@sharingtheheart.org or 972-562-8556, ext. 51 with questions.



Reflections

by Dr. Thomas O. Brumett

The last two Sundays have been days of offering and prayer for the people of Haiti. United Methodist Churches around the world have been asked to respond to the tragedy in Haiti.

The missional offering on Sunday the 17th given by our church for relief in Haiti was right at \$30,000! You added another \$7600 to that in last Sunday's service. Thanks be to God for your faithful response.

If you have not been able to respond to this offering, you can do so at any time. Make checks out to First United Methodist Church and write "Haiti" in the memo line. You can also respond by giving on our website www.sharingtheheart.org.

We also heard from our own Ellen Palmer at 11:00 in the sanctuary. She told us that the work at Grace Children's Hospital in Port au Prince is continuing despite the damage to its buildings. And you donated over \$1500 to this ministry!

Our church will help ensure the continued mission of Grace Children's Hospital and its supporting foundation, International Child Care. If you want to give to Grace Children's Hospital now, make your check to First United Methodist Church and write "Grace Hospital" in the memo line.

Thank you and God bless you for your response. We will know more ways to help in the future. More information is on our website.

On another issue, some of you have asked about copies of Sunday sermons. You can listen to or watch sermons on our website.

Peace,



Quilters

Anyone interested in making an "Adoration" Quilt for Advent, contact Winkle Wales at 972-837-1281

Youth News



What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.—2007 Upper Room Ministries



The next women's walk is February 18-21 and men's walk is March 18-21. If you have been thinking of attending a walk, additional information can be found at www.sharingtheheart.org/walk-to-emmaus. Applications are on-line and in the church lobby.

Rummage for Relay

hosted by FUMC Legacy Lives Team



On April 10, in support of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the FUMC Legacy Lives Team will host a church-wide rummage sale. Donations are open to the entire church so hang on to that pile of stuff that you have been meaning to get rid of and help us raise money for our mission to fight cancer. **Donated items can be dropped off in Dyer Hall, April 5-9.**

This is a great opportunity for the entire church to get involved in Relay for Life this year. We are looking for many helpers for this event so if you are interested please contact Chris Anderson 972-741-1434 or Cala Pence 972-529-1332.

To good health and a cure – cheers!



We are collecting UMCOR Health Kits to provide basic necessities for the people of Haiti who lost or been forced to leave their homes.

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- ♥ 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- ♥ 1 washcloth
- ♥ 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- ♥ 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- ♥ 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- ♥ 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- ♥ 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- ♥ \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (**NOTE:** UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be put in health kits before shipping to ensure that it does not expire before it is sent.)



Calling all Gardeners!

Do you love working in the dirt? Are you eager to prepare your garden for spring? If so, consider sharing your passion and talent with the children at Caldwell Elementary. Thanks to Carol Edwards, Elizabeth Smidt of Great Gardens, Chambersville Tree Farm and local Master Gardeners, the school will soon have an

Environmental Learning Center and Garden. David Moore, lead science teacher, has designed a six-week curriculum for an after-school gardening program. Beginning in February, the club will be held on Tuesdays for K-2nd and Thursdays for 3rd-5th graders. If you want a short term opportunity to participate in the great work being done at Caldwell Elementary by this church, please contact Patti Churner - pathedy@gmail.com or 469 450 6608.



CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES

Teaching People God's Financial Principles

Are you looking for a Bible study that will help you grow in financial wisdom? If so, the Crown Bible Study is for you! Registration for the spring session of this 10-week study is now open. Stop by the information table in the hallway outside Dyer Hall to look at class materials, have your questions answered and register in person. Or register online at www.sharingtheheart.org. Registration ends in early February so sign up today! A Student Orientation meeting will be held February 14. Weekly meetings begin February 21 and end May 23. More information is available on the Crown Web site: www.crown.org (click on "Life Groups"), or email our Crown committee members Tepe and Jon Hamilton, Mark and Marci Hanes, Kay Carlson or Amy Willingham at crown@sharingtheheart.org.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 31

- 8:45 am Celebration Singers, E205
- 8:45 am Joyful Noise, The Landing
- 9:00 am Cherub Choir, Children's Common Area
- 9:45 am CrossRoads, Conference Room
- 4:30 pm Youth Praise Band, Youth Area
- 4:30 pm Youth Ringers, Bell Room
- 4:45 pm Music Makers (4th-6th), Choir Room
- 5:30 pm Christian Believers, C210
- 5:30 pm Disciple I, B200
- 5:30 pm Praise Ringers, Bell Room
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Dyer Hall, Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Carillon Ringers, Bell Room
- 7:15 pm Flutes of the Spirit, Sanctuary

Monday, February 1

- 10:00 am UMW Executive Board, Parlor
- 10:30 am Daisy Troop 956, E225
- 4:00 pm Webelo Den Hawks, E205
- 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Brownie Troop 8634, E225
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troup 332, E215
- 7:15 pm Boy Scout Troop 303, Youth Area

Tuesday, February 2

- 9:30 am Disciple I, C200
- 9:30 am Young Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 10:00 am Beatitudes Women's Study, B200
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Mighty Scorpions God and Country, E260
- 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, C200, C210
- 7:00 pm Disciple II, E205
- 7:00 pm Jesus in the Gospels, B200
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 303, E225
- 7:00 pm Webelos Mighty Scorpions, E260

Wednesday, February 3

- 9:00 am Al-Anon, C200
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:30 am Beth Moore Bible Study, E215-225, E205
- 5:30 pm Bible Blasters, E215-225
- 6:00 pm Daisy Troop 3281, E215
- 6:00 pm Women's Chorus, Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Chapel
- 6:30 pm Jr. High Bible Study, Youth Area
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, E205
- 7:00 pm Disciple IV, C205
- 8:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study, Youth Area

Thursday, February 4

- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Troop 303 Den 9, E105
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice, Dyer Hall
- 7:00 pm Prostrate Cancer Support Grp, Conf Room

Friday, January 29

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 8:00 am Unemployed Support Group, Parlor



The Community Food Pantry of McKinney asks that during the month of February we collect **3 qt or 8 qt boxes of powdered milk**. Please bring your donations to the church.



Bible Blasters, third graders, will meet on Wednesday, February 3 in the children's for pizza, Bible lesson, and a mission project. Be sure to bring your Bible and feel free to bring a friend. Please RSVP to Ms. Cheridy so that we can have enough pizza.

M & M kids (fourth and fifth graders) will meet on Sunday, February 7 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the third and fourth grade Sunday School classroom. We will play games, eat, have a Bible lesson and work on a mission project.

Bible Blasters and **M & M kids** are collecting items for UMCOR health kits, please read about the kits on Page 3 and bring at least one of the items to your event in February.

Journeys with Jesus, our kindergarten through second grade Sunday School program, is studying the Good Samaritan this month. We have a neighbor that needs help. A second grade classroom at Caldwell had extensive water damage from a broken pipe. The students supplies were ruined. We are collecting the following items to help them restock their classroom: new or gently used library books, notebooks, pencil pouches, folders, art paper and binders. Please drop donations off in the children's wing.

Have a great week!

Ms. Cheridy

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