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Of The **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MCKINNEY**

## UMW Silent Auction and Bake Sale

Saturday, March 13,  
10:00 am-2:00 pm

Special "Take Now" shopping  
on Friday, 7:00-8:30 pm

The Silent Auction and Bake Sale benefits missions supported by the United Methodist Women of FUMC-McKinney. There are treasures to be found and delicious cakes, pies, cookies and more waiting to tempt you. You will be helping hundreds of those who depend on these non-profit agencies with your purchases.

UMW needs **your help** with donations to the auction; however please remember that this is **NOT** a garage sale. All items must be in new or "like new" condition. For donations valued at \$50 or over, UMW will provide you with a tax deduction receipt. Be creative with your donations. They may be handmade or purchased and remember that your donations will help many children and adults who are in need in our community. *We are the hands and feet of Christ, and the needs are great.* All items need to be delivered to the church on Friday, March 12, between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. If that will not work for you, please contact me and we will make an arrangement for delivery. The church has no storage available.

Please let Mary Nelle Cummins know what you plan to donate to the bake sale and/or auction. You may contact her at 972-562-1707 or [lasik3353@att.net](mailto:lasik3353@att.net).

**Note:** Items purchased on Friday evening will be sold for the "sell now" price and will not be part of the silent auction.

## Annual Lenten Luncheons

Join us each Tuesday during Lent at 12:00 pm in the Parlor for a free lunch, music and a brief meditation. We begin Tuesday, February 23, with Dr. Tommy Brumett speaking on the discipline of Fasting.

Childcare is available with reservation by contacting Robin Woodall at [rwoodall@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:rwoodall@sharingtheheart.org) or 972-562-8556, ext. 35.



## Winter Wonderland...



Thanks to Chris Cersley for this great picture of the church during last week's snow storm.

## Bereavement Hospitality Team

We are currently organizing a Bereavement Hospitality Team to provide comfort and support to family members when the loss of a loved one occurs. This is a ministry every church family can be involved in. The main focus of this ministry will be to:

1. Provide support for the small groups and Sunday school classes when they're called upon to help with a bereavement meal.
2. Provide bereavement meals for family members who aren't connected with a Sunday school class or other small group.

As this ministry evolves we will be assembling teams, but for now we need people we can call on for whatever is needed at the time, whether it's bringing a dessert or side dish, setting tables, serving food, clean-up or serving as a hostess for a larger meal.

If you would like to participate, sign up at the Information Desk, online at [www.sharingtheheart.org/serve](http://www.sharingtheheart.org/serve) or contact Carolyn Sullins at 972-562-8886 or [cmsullins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmsullins@sbcglobal.net).

## 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.

*Save the Date*  
For the time of your life!

**Guatemala Mission Trip  
June 18-27**

**More info soon!**

# Youth News



## Mission Trip Stock Sale

The stock sale will be held February 14 - 28. Youth will be selling stock on Sunday mornings and information and envelopes will be provided to adult Sunday school classes. Please make checks payable to FUMC with "spring break mission trip" in the memo line. Thank you in advance for your prayers and your support!

## Annual Guys' Polar Bear Campout and Girls' Lock-In Friday, February 19 – Saturday, February 20

### Guys –

Meet at Erwin Park, Pecan Grove Pavilion (first pavilion in the park) at 8:00 p.m.

Bring a steak to grill, snacks to share, tent if you have one, sleeping bag, pillow and WARM clothes

Pick up is at 8:00 a.m. at the pavilion.

### Girls –

Meet in the youth area at 8:00 pm.

Bring a snack to share, sleeping bag, pillow, and fun stuff to do.

Pick up is between 7:30 and 8:00 am at the church.

## Sharing and Caring

### The FUMC Family extends love and sympathy to:

- ♥ Mary Dotson and family upon the loss of her mother, Maurine Thurman
- ♥ Rosemary Calk and family upon the loss of her brother, Bill Wright
- ♥ Kerry Doke and family upon the loss of her grandmother, Katarina Guy

## Welcome New Members



**Neil and Lisa Williams  
Cameron and Callie**  
Joined February 14, 2010

First United Methodist Church is hosting a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on March 5, 2010 in our Parlor. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register or request more information by calling 1-888-653-6441.

### Unemployed Support Ministry

This group is about hope, support, and sharing the struggle in a Christ-filled atmosphere. This group is not for the purpose of providing job-hunting tips. We meet on Friday mornings at 8:00 am in the Parlor. Visit [www.sharingtheheart.org/support](http://www.sharingtheheart.org/support) for more info, or contact Don Spak at 972-529-0257.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 21

- 8:00 am ADLT Workshop, Parlor
- 8:30 am People Called Methodist, Conf. Room
- 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
- 4:30 pm Career Outreach Workshop, Parlor
- 4:45 pm Music Makers (4th-6th), Choir Room
- 5:30 pm Usher Training, Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Christian Believers, C210
- 5:30 pm Disciple I, B200
- 5:30 pm Crown Financial, C205
- 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 22

- 10:30 am Daisy Troop 956, E225
- 4:00 pm Webelo Den Hawks, E205
- 7:15 pm Boy Scout Troop 303, Youth Area

### Tuesday, February 23

- 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 Footprints Workshop, Conference Room
- 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon, Parlor
- 6:00 pm Mighty Scorpions God and Country, E260
- 6:00 pm Brownie Troop 9323, E105
- 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study, Parlor
- 6:30 pm Daisy Troop 952, E215
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, C200, C210
- 7:00 pm Disciple II, E205
- 7:00 pm Jesus in the Gospels, B200
- 7:00 pm Webelos Mighty Scorpions, E260

### Wednesday, February 24

- 9:00 am Al-Anon, C200
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:30 am Beth Moore Bible Study, E215-225, E205
- 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
- 6:30 pm Brownie Troop 1162, E225
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, E205
- 8:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study, Youth Area

### Thursday, February 25

- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Troop 303 Den 9, E105
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice, Dyer Hall

### Friday, February 26

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 8:00 am Unemployed Support Group, Parlor
- 6:00 pm Gateway, Offsite



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** will meet on Wednesday, March 3 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Plan to join us for pizza, fun and a Bible lesson.

**M & M kids** will meet on Sunday, March 7 at the church to carpool to Thunderbird Roller Rink. We will meet at the church at 1:30 pm and return by 4:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per child. All students will need to have a medical release form filled out and turned into Cheridy Dodd. We also need parent volunteers.

**Mark your calendar** for the annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday, March 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

As always, if you would like to be a part of sharing the heart of Christ with the children of FUMC, please join us in Children's Ministries. Please contact Cheridy Dodd for volunteer opportunities.

Cheridy Dodd, Director of Children's Ministries  
972-562-8556, ext. 50; [cdodd@sharingtheheart.org](mailto:cdodd@sharingtheheart.org)

### Burks Elementary Raises Money for Haiti

The Ambassadors of Burks Elementary School, a group of student leaders who work with Guidance Counselor and church member Debra Hurbough, took it upon themselves to encourage the school to raise money to assist children in Haiti through UMCOR. They challenged each class to fill a plastic jar the fastest. Children from this Title I school gave hard earned pennies for a total of \$353.61. Rev. Doug Fox was on hand at a Rachel's Challenge Rally on Friday, February 5 to receive the money and thank the children. The advantage of giving through UMCOR is that 100% of the money given goes directly to the place in need. Thanks Burks!

### Lemonade for Haiti!

Trevor and Carter Smith, elementary-aged sons of member Paige Smith, wanted to help the children of Haiti. They put their heads together and with the help of their mom, raised \$28.10 selling lemonade in their neighborhood. That's \$28.10 that will go directly to Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti! Thank you Trevor and Carter for giving your time and creativity to help God's people!

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