

Amy Powell joins our staff as Director of Children's Music

Amy is excited and honored to be part of the staff at First United Methodist Church of McKinney. Upon completion of high school, she followed her passion for music and received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Therapy and a Master of Arts degree from West Texas A&M University. Following her interest in elementary music education, Amy has committed the past nine years to teaching children and has recently moved from Amarillo to the DFW area to be closer to her family. In North Texas, she has worked for Richardson ISD at White Rock Elementary and currently works for McKinney ISD as the Music teacher at Walker Elementary.



Amy Powell

Please come join one of our children's choirs this Sunday and find out what all the excitement is all about:

Cherub Choir-4 and 5 year olds
Sundays 9:15-9:45 am, Noah's Ark Room

Joyful Noise-K/1st grade
Sundays 9:00-9:50 am, The Landing

Celebration Singers-2nd/3rd grades
Sundays 9:00-9:50 am, E205

Music Makers-4th-6th grades
Sunday 4:30-5:15 pm, Choir Room

If you would like to visit with Amy about volunteer opportunities to work with the amazing children in our church, please feel free to contact her at apowell@sharingtheheart.org.

Nametags—Showing Hospitality in the New Year

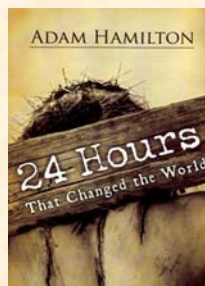
Wearing your church nametag to worship, meetings, and studies is a great way to get to know each other. Keep your nametag in your car or purse to have it handy every time you are here. If you need to replace your member nametag, adults may request one at the information desk or email Julie at jrobinson@sharingtheheart.org. We look forward to seeing you and your nametag!



TACKLE HUNGER FEBRUARY 5

On Sunday, February 5, the youth will be collecting canned goods to support the Community Food Pantry of McKinney. Food will be collected at the church entrances before and after each worship service.

New Bible Study for Women



On February 21, an eight-week Bible study for women will begin, led by Rev. Janet Cavalier. The study is Adam Hamilton's series, *24 Hours that Changed the World*, which will guide you through the last day of Jesus' earthly life as we prepare to celebrate Easter this year.

This study includes video segments, shot on location in the Holy Land, as it examines the Gospel stories of Holy Week. The group will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to noon in Room C210. Register online at www.sharingtheheart.org or contact Janet at jcavalier@sharingtheheart.org or 972-562-8556 to find out more.

Shadow Sunday

The confirmands had a great time on Shadow Sunday, January 15, learning what it means to be the church as they spent time with their prayer partners serving as greeters, ushers, worship leaders, Sunday school teachers, children's choir helpers, and coffee bar workers.



YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 5
5:00 pm until
the game is over
Bring a snack to share!



Peace, Love & Pancakes

FUMC's ANNUAL Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21
beginning at 6:00 pm in Dyer Hall

All proceeds from the all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life!

Volunteers are needed to mix, mingle, cook or serve!
Contact Wynn or Don Moore at 972-442-4454 or wynndon@verizon.net.

Career Support Workshop

FUMC's Career Support Ministry will offer the first workshop for 2012 on Monday, February 6, from 6:30–8:30 pm in the Parlor. Loraine Grubbs will lead the group on how to network in the 21st century. Loraine is a career consultant who has over 15 years experience in assisting people in job search. Please come, or invite anyone you know in job search, to come. This workshop will not only be helpful for those who are stuck in finding opportunities, but also for those needing an extra boost, a fresh start or just a reminder of the basics for an effective job search.

For reservations or questions, contact Loraine at loraine.grubbs@yahoo.com or Rev. Janet Cavalier at icavalier@sharingtheheart.org.

Child care is available with advance notice by contacting Jane Mills at jmills@sharingtheheart.org.

Sharing and Caring

We had 81 blood donors in the year 2011. Because of your willingness to donate, we gave many people a second chance. On January 8, 2012, we had 26 donors—a new record! The next blood drive is April 15, 2012.

Thank you donors for helping save lives.

Herbert Muller

Blood Drive Coordinator

Monthly Giving Statements

In an effort to be faithful stewards of all God has given us, we will no longer be sending out MONTHLY paper giving statements. If you would like to receive a monthly giving statement by email, please call the church office and provide us with your preferred email. For those who do not have an email address, we will send a quarterly statement by mail and everyone will receive a paper statement at the end of the year.

Caldwell Elementary School Scissors Circle

We will meet at the Caldwell library on Monday, January 30, from 9:00 am until noon. Please contact Pat Smith at pessmith46@gmail.com or 214-548-4346 if you are able to help cut out items for teachers. It helps to bring your own scissors as the ones at school are sometimes hard to find.

Footprints Workshop

Everyone has a story to tell. Our Footprints workshop will help you remember those old stories and put them on paper. A new six-week Footprints Workshop is beginning on Tuesday, February 7 at 9:30 am in Room E225. Please contact Sue Wagstaff at 972-548-2071 or sue_wag@sbcglobal.net for more information.



The Community Food Pantry requests that we collect as many **18 oz. boxes of oatmeal and boxes of individual packets of oatmeal** as possible throughout the month of February. Please note the size they are requesting. Overly large sizes present problems, not only with storage, but insect and rodent control, as well as health code violations if they have to repackage into smaller quantities for distribution. Please place your donations in the bin in the foyer.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 am Joyful Noise (K-1st), E115-125
- 9:00 am Celebration Singers (2nd-3rd gr.), E205
- 9:15 am Cherubs (4-5 yrs), Children's Common Area
- 10:05 am Join the Journey, C210
- 3:00 pm Youth Choir, Choir Room
- 4:00 pm Disciple I, C200, C205, C210
- 4:00 pm Disciple II, Parlor
- 4:00 pm Youth Ringers (7th-12th gr.), Bell Room
- 4:30 pm Youth Praise Band, Youth Area
- 4:30 pm Music Makers (4th-6th gr.), Choir Room
- 5:15 pm Praise Ringers (4th-6th gr.), Bell Room
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Dyer Hall, Youth Area
- 5:30 pm Disciple III, B200
- 6:15 pm Carillon Ringers (adults), Bell Room

Monday, January 30

- 11:00 am Yoga Class, C200

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00 am Yoga Class, C200
- 9:30 am Disciple I, Parlor
- 6:00 pm Beth Moore, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, C200
- 7:00 pm Disciple IV, C215

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:00 am Al-Anon, C200
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study, E215-225
- 9:30 am Beth Moore, Parlor, E205
- 11:00 am Yoga Class, C200
- 6:00 pm GriefShare, C205
- 6:00 pm Women's Chorus Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Chapel
- 6:30 pm Disciple II, C210
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, C200
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, February 2

- 9:00 am Yoga Class, C200
- 9:30 am Footprints II, E225
- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 10:00 am UMW Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice, Dyer Hall

Friday, February 3

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:00 am Career Support Group, Conference Room
- 11:00 am Yoga Class, C200

Help us go Green!

One way to help the church save money is to receive *The Echo* via email rather than by regular mail. We will save on paper, printing and postage costs, and you will receive the newsletter quicker. If you would like to begin receiving *The Echo* electronically, please email Rosemary Calk at rcalk@sharingtheheart.org with your preferred email address.



Children's Ministry



Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

M & M kids (fourth and fifth graders) wear your favorite team jersey and help us team up with our youth to tackle hunger for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Bring canned food and/or cash donations to our meeting. We will play games, so wear appropriate shoes. Also, girls bring a sweet snack and boys bring a salty snack to share!

Bible Blasters (third graders) will meet on Sunday, February 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Don't forget your Bible and \$2.00 for pizza. Please RSVP to Ms. Cheridy so that we will have enough pizza!

Looking for a way to get connect at FUMC?

We would love for you to join us in Children's Ministries. We currently need volunteers to lead stations for the month of February. Stations could include, games, cooking, art, storytelling, etc. For more information, contact Cheridy Dodd!

Bridgeport Summer Camp

All current third through fifth graders are invited to join us at summer camp. To register your child, please visit www.bridgeportcamp.com. We are attending Camp C-2.

HOPE School

Our weekday preschool, Hope School, offers programs for children ages two through five on varying days throughout the week. Registration for members for the 2012-2013 school year has begun. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the HOPE School Director, Jane Mills, at 972-562-8556, ext. 38 or jmills@sharingtheheart.org.

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