

Career Support Workshop

FUMC's Career Support Ministry's first workshop for 2012 is 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.

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

Show Some Love

Confirmation Class Mission Project

As their February mission project, the confirmands will be collecting items for MISD students and the Samaritan Inn. The boys and girls will be competing to win a pizza party for their group.

Boys will be collecting:

- ▶ 3" three-ring binders (new or gently used)
- ▶ 13 gallon trash bags

Girls will be collecting:

- ▶ shampoo
- ▶ conditioner
- ▶ deodorant
- ▶ toothpaste

HINT: There are twice as many girls in the class, so the boys may need some extra help! Donations may be taken to the youth area or any confirmation student will be happy to deliver them upstairs for you. The contest will run from February 1-29. Thanks in advance for helping us show some love to our schools and community!



Building a Strong Marriage

Sunday Evenings
February 26-March 25
6:30-8:00 pm

A Marriage Workshop for those considering marriage and those wanting to strengthen their marriage. For those who are engaged, this curriculum will meet the state requirements for waiving the state marriage license fee. For engaged and married couples, this five-week workshop will be interactive, fun, eye-opening, and engaging. Led by Rev. Doug Fox and Jill Robertson, IPC Intern, supervised by Summer Land, LPC Supervisor. Contact the church office at 972-562-8556 for more information.



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.

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.



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.

Melissa New Church Start Update

The new church start in Melissa is solidly on track. The most recent preview service was held at McKillop Elementary School in Melissa on January 22. One of the best things happening is that, in addition to folks enjoying the worship service and telling their friends about it, parents are telling us that their children come out of our Children's Ministry time saying, "Can we go to this church every week?" This really is happening, and beginning in September they can.

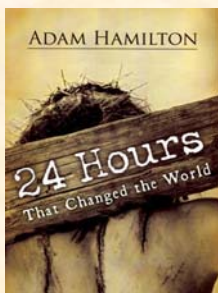
New people are coming each time, hearing about the Good News, and experiencing God's love in Jesus Christ through the hospitality of our Launch Team Members. Small Groups will be forming soon and we are going to put together a six-month plan at our next team meeting. This plan will carry us through our pre-launch season and get us ready for a September 16 launch date.

Please keep us in your prayers and come out to a preview service when you can to see what's going on. If you want to keep up, please visit the website at www.MelissaUMC.com, or if you are on Facebook, you can find us at www.facebook.com/MelissaUMC. Thank you so much for your prayers and love and all of your support.

Grace and peace,

Alan Hitt

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.



YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

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

the
func girl's ministry
Pajama Party
february 10-11, 2012 8pm - 8am

LOCK-IN * BONFIRE * MIDNIGHT DINNER AT IHOP

FUMC GUY'S MINISTRY
POLAR BEAR
CAMPOUT
february 10-11, 2012 8PM-8AM ERWINPARK

TO BRING: WARM CLOTHES SLEEPING BAG TENT* STEAK
*if you have one

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.

Sharing and Caring

The FUMC Family extends love and sympathy to:

- ♥ Don Renshaw and family upon the loss of his stepmother, Dorothy Renshaw

Welcome New Members

The following families joined the church on January 29:



John and Julie Copeland



Tim and Jennifer Hegwood
Kailyn and Riley McFarlane



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, February 5

- 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
- 3:00 pm M&M Kids, E215-225
- 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, February 6

- 11:00 am Yoga Class, C200
- 6:30 pm Career Workshop, Parlor

Tuesday, February 7

- 9:00 am Yoga Class, C200
- 9:30 am Disciple I, Parlor
- 9:30 am Footprints Workshop, E225
- 10:00 am Shawl Ministry, Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Beth Moore, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, C200
- 7:00 pm Disciple IV, C215

Wednesday, February 8

- 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 9

- 9:00 am Yoga Class, C200
- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 6:00 pm Gateway, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice, Dyer Hall

Friday, February 10

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

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.



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!

Scout Sunday is February 12

All scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform to church as we celebrate scouting!

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 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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