

Neil Moseley joins UPUMC staff as youth minister

University Park UMC welcomes Neil Moseley as our minister to youth and families.

"The hiring of Neil Moseley is the first step in a comprehensive plan for elevating and sustaining our youth program as a top priority ministry," said Senior Pastor Leighton Bearden. "Neil brings us experience in a major youth ministry, a seminary degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, as well as extensive experience in short-term mission work."

Additionally, the Staff Parish Relations



with mentoring from me as well," said Leighton. "Youth and their parents will find that clear communication and advanced planning of schedules will be a priority for this program.

Committee is conducting a search for a second full-time member of the youth ministry team.

"These two will work under the supervision of the Rev. Rebecca Frank

Parents and youth will have input in the design and support of the programs put in place."

Neil grew up in Wesley United Methodist Church in McKinney, where his youth leaders instilled a deep love for missions. He received a B.A. in philosophy from Texas A&M University.

He returned to Dallas and began his church ministry with the youth of Highland Park UMC while attending Perkins School of Theology. He earned a Masters of Theological Studies in 2005

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City Council approves our permit

The University Park City Council has approved UPUMC's permit for the parking lot and landscaping phase of our building project.

The first action taken will be utility work, so expect to see workers on site to pave the way for what's to come.

"Praise and thanks to God for his direction as his church continues to move forward," Mike McKinley, building chairman, said in sharing the news. "Thanks again to our great team of professionals who continue to guide and represent us so well. Let's get started!"

VBS donates money and food to help the hungry

The focus of VBS missions was *hunger and those who are hungry*. The children were called to give, ultimately collecting about \$1,014 for the Soupmobile and 700 cans of food for North Dallas Shared Ministries.

The money was collected in pennies as part of Soupmobile's challenge to raise 1 million pennies for the homeless. The Soupmobile is a local nonprofit that serves the homeless in downtown Dallas, and provides 600 meals daily.

"So, that is 100,000 pennies that kids brought with them to give to those who don't have enough to eat," said Kristin Kelley, VBS mission leader. She was touched by her talks with the kids, and how they wanted to give more and do more to help. Parents weren't the only ones donating.

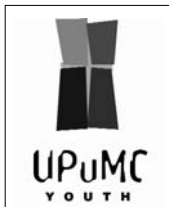
"You could tell it was the kids going to their piggy banks because they were called to give," Kristin said. And members of the 345 class asked to deliver the collected cans personally to NDSM.



Members of Club 345 helped deliver food to North Dallas Shared Ministries. About 700 cans were collected for this donation during Vacation Bible School. See more about VBS on page 5A.

Kristin shared one of her favorite moments from VBS. One little boy came to her and told her he had brought food, and something else. He pulled out of his bag four toy cars, and said to her,

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UPUMC graduating seniors

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VBS thank you

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IN WORSHIP JUNE 28, 2009

Traditional, 8:45 and 11 a.m.
"Can Human Nature Be Changed?"
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

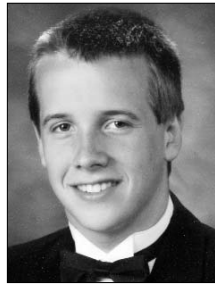
The Bridge, 11 a.m.
"Embodied Love: Grace for the Prodigal," Luke 15:11-24
the Rev. Andy Stoker

IN WORSHIP JULY 5, 2009

Traditional, 8:45 and 11 a.m.
"God's Retirement Plan for Lawyers"
Micah 6:1-8
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

The Bridge, 11 a.m.
"The Invitation of Jesus"
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Jeff McCormick, preaching

Congratulations to our graduating seniors



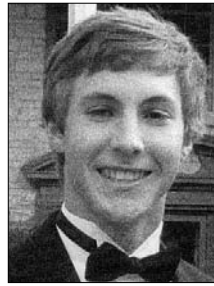
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then Univ. of Colorado



Catherine Carlile
Rhodes College
Memphis, TN



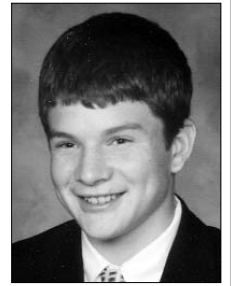
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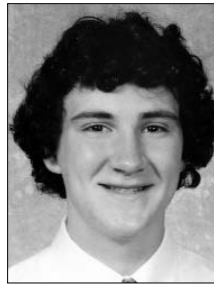
Matt Lang
University of
Oklahoma



Emily McClure
University of
Virginia



Blair Moore
Vanderbilt



Dean Wooldridge
Johnson and Wales
Providence, RI

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Catherine Brock
Sarah Frazee
Jeffrey Gooch
Sam LeCates
Katherine Mitchell
Truett Ogden
Elliot Parnell

Amanda Petty
Heather Petty
Traci Petty
Laura Towsey
Brian Sone
Jay Wingo

Familiar faces take on new roles within Children's Ministry

Jessica Nelson, Carolyn Washburn and Jenny Tabor are taking on new roles within Children and Families Ministry.

Jessica has been named older elementary coordinator, and recently launched a summer-time series designed to better equip youngsters for entering into the confirmation program. Jessica has been a member of UPUMC since 2007, where she most recently served as confirmation director. She is a candidate for ordination and a student in the Perkins School of Theology at SMU.



Carolyn, communications manager for UPUMC, will also take on the role of childcare coordinator previously held by Carita Youngblood. Carolyn has been with UPUMC since 1996, working at various times with children, youth and communications. Her first day as childcare coordinator will be June 28.

Jenny, a member since 1999, is now the assistant to the Rev. Rachel Baughman, minister to children and families. She and her husband, Dave, were married at



UPUMC in 2000. They have two children, Kate, 5, and William, 2.

Jenny is an SMU graduate who taught fifth grade in Highland Park before staying home with her kids. She loves traveling and spending time with her family.

"I have been a huge fan of Rachel's since she came to the church," Jenny said. "She has such a great vision of the future of the children's program and I am excited to help her bring the vision to life."



Youth minister

Continued from page 1 and began focusing his work in missions and education.

"My favorite mission experiences have been in Mexico and Haiti. I've participated and led about 20 trips in Mexico, and it's always such a moving and humbling experience," Neil said. "In Haiti, I was able to see firsthand the long-term effects of Christian service, traveling with a doctor who had founded a Haitian clinic over 30 years before."

Neil describes himself as "really excited and very blessed" to become part of the UPUMC

community.

"The welcome has been incredible," he said. "Thank you so much for making me feel right at home."

He shared his plans for a youth ministry that "will focus on preparing ourselves within the UPUMC walls to go out into the world, exhibiting our faith in all that we do."

He said Sunday School will be dedicated to in-depth Biblical discussion where young people will learn how to read, study, interpret, and integrate Scripture. Further understanding of "our faith and our lives" will be devel-

oped in small group Bible studies during the week.

"And we will take our energy outside of the church walls and answer Jesus' call to be amongst the poor," Neil continued. "In local ministries and in regular mission trips, we will learn and demonstrate the healing, communal, transformative nature of the Gospel."

"In all of these things we will need the strength and support of our church community," he said. "I look forward to meeting, working, serving, and growing with all of you."

Thanks to all who made Vacation Bible School a success

More than 190 children had an exciting week during UPUMC's VBS, Camp E.D.G.E., where they were able to "Experience and Discover God Everywhere."

The kids trekked through the Bible, memorized Scripture and learned a daily E.D.G.E. Pledge. To reinforce their Bible lessons and the camping theme, they made art projects, played recreational activities, ate yummy snacks around the campfire and sang songs to praise God. The campers also participated in a daily Mission Moment which focused on hunger relief.

Like all great camping experiences, Camp E.D.G.E. felt the forces of nature with flooding rains and no electricity at the end of the week. Our little campers, more than 60 adult volunteers and 30 youth volunteers trekked through these challenges with flashlights, s'mores, smiles and thanks to God for an awesome VBS.

We are thankful for all the donations, support and prayers from the congregation and all areas of the church staff and to all our amazing volunteers who made Camp E.D.G.E. a great week.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make Camp E.D.G.E. a huge success!

Our cute camping-themed crafts

Heidi Lindh – Team Leader, Liz Wiley – Assistant Leader, Cheryl Haggart, Lynn Erickson, Mintie Betts, Haley Teegarden, Valeria Conshafter, April Kennedy.

Our Extreme Bible Trek Team who led us through our Bible Stories and Scripture each day

Shannon Jenkins – Team Leader, Kate Crozier – Assistant Leader, Mary Catherine Hosch, Jordan Bustin, Brian Sargent, Jon White, and our Trek Guide – Jeff McCormick.

Our Recreation Team who burned off all of our extra energy

Kristine Burke – Team Leader, Diana Maloy, Greg Porray, Ann Meyer, Julie Sanders.

Our Yummy Snacks Team who fed us s'mores and all

Dana Manley – Team Leader, Dana McGowan, Ann Lovasz, Christine Anderson, B.J. Dorsey, Candy Hearne.

Our Music Team who led us in our fun songs of praise

Jennifer Armayor – Team Leader, Stephanie Jones – Toddler Leader, Michelle Eganatis, Gabe Coleman.

Our fabulous photographer

Dana McGowan

The women who kept the volunteers full of energy with snacks and drinks – The Hospitality Team

Allison Griffin and Wendy Perry

Our high energy mission leader who taught us to help others by supporting hunger relief

Kristin Kelley

Our Friday picnic celebration

Carita Youngblood – Team Leader, Kathy Champion, Emily and Derek Champion, Whitney Whitehead, Mary Tabor.

Our Morning Registration Team who greeted you with smiling faces

Mary Tabor, Carol Utkov, Sybil Edwards, Kelli Sander, Sharon Christen, Johanna Limbensen, Brook Thompson, Candy Hearne, Chrys Franklin, Sharon Protzman.

Our Youth Coordinators

Jeff McCormick, Carol Wright, Dawn Smith

Our amazing Camp E.D.G.E. Decorations Team who turned our church into this amazing camp

Mikee Smythe – Team Leader, Whitney Weigand – Team Leader, Kate Sircely, Whitney Whitehead, Lanier Norman, Linnea Scott, Mike Smythe, David Weigand, Greg Pascuzzi, Greg Porray, Russell Keith, Cameron Keith.

Our Camp E.D.G.E. Newsletter

Beth Kahlich

Our loving Camp Counselors

Betsy Hickman, Violet Clapp, Karissa Luckett, Blayne Jackson, Anne Miller, Pam Kvale, Ashley Holbrook, Rebecca Montgomery, Carrie Lochausen, Jill Willis, Diane Swartzendruber, Dana Donahoe, Bridgitte Griffin, Cari Kerns, Lauri Kennedy, Katrina Gray, Meredith Zevallos, Rebecca Schmerbeck, Risa Woodward, Kim Kinzer, Julie Harding-Wiley, Amy Barton, Sarah McNeil, Jessica Hume, Jill Burress, Sandy Kennedy, Kim Brannon, Kelly Gruber, Dana Holder, Natalie Dodge, Meridan Zerner.

Thanks to our Youth Volunteers who got up early and added fun and energy to all of our areas

Taylor Sone, Caitlin Smith, Madeline Hendricks, Elizabeth Kraft, Megan Smith, Meredith Broadway, Lee Wiley, Brittany Smith, Carson Wright, Jack Podvin, Emily Champion, Kelsey Shipman, John Jenkins, Alissa Cheatham, Alice Kerr, Camille Driver, Gillian Broadway, Catherine Keith, Hanna Summers, Kate Summers, Grace Beeby, Katherine Nash, Joe Beeby, Mary Hosch, Jordan Bustin, Jon White, Jeremy Cain, Caroline Podvin, Mintie Betts, Charlotte Wright, Wil Kahlich, Julia Hosch, Christina Avals.

Thanks to those who entertained us each morning

Sparx the Fox – Lee Wiley
Camp Counselor – Mary Hosch



Thanks to all the VBS parents and members of the UPUMC congregation who donated food and supplies to Camp E.D.G.E.

A special thanks to UPUMC staff and child-care for your help and support.

UPUMC NEWS AND NOTES

Opening of new Adult Resource Room

Come by sometime during the Sunday School hour Sunday, June 28, to see the new Adult Resource Room, Room 256. With recent office changes we were able to create a more visible Adult Resource Room in which Sunday School classes, Wesley Covenant Groups and others can find study resources. Linda Taylor will host this event. While there, please take a moment to thank Linda for her time as adult coordinator for the church. She is the one who cares for the Adult Resource Center as well as representing adult ministries on the Administrative Council.

Women's mission trip set for October

There will be a women's mission trip on October 1-5 to work hurricane relief with the UMCOR station in Dulac, LA. No special skills required. A \$75 deposit is due by July 1 and the total cost is \$225. Space is limited to the first 15 to sign up. A second trip will be planned after this one is full. Contact Rebecca Frank at rfrank@upumc.org for more information.

Supplies sought for C.C. Young

C.C. Young welcomes donations for its residents. Items needed include: tissue paper for filling bags being made up for new residents, pen and paper pads, socks for men or women, combs, lip balms such as Chapstick, emery boards, bath gels or soaps, shower caps, hand creams and mouthwash. All of the personal care items should be in small sizes, please. You may leave your items under the table in the Welcome Center and leave Kathy Krueger's name on the list in the basket of items to be picked up. Also, be sure to put Kathy Krueger's name on your container. Or, you can call Kathy at 214.686.0080 when you have items to donate.

Get involved with Young Adults @ UPUMC

On July 1 we will be serving dinner to the youth at Christ's Foundry. Volunteers are needed to plan and deliver the food. On August 14-16, young adults are traveling to Mt. Sequoyah Retreat Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The trip is designed as a mission trip and spiritual retreat. Cost for the trip is

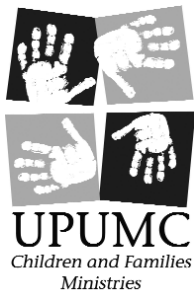
\$85. Applications are available in the Welcome Center, on our website, or by e-mailing Blair Thompson at bthompson@upumc.org.

School supplies needed for Care4Kids

Wesley-Rankin Community Center needs donations of school supplies for its Care4Kids program, which allows parents to receive school supplies in August in return for hours of volunteer service. Supplies can be dropped off at UPUMC. Financial donations will be accepted, also. For more information, contact Phillippa Nierling at 214.369.4631 or rnierling@aol.com.

Please donate supplies by Aug. 3. Supplies needed are: clear backpacks; eight or 16-count colored markers; spiral notebooks; folders with pockets; construction paper; pencils; three-ring binders; 12-count colored pencils; first-grade tablets; pencil sharpeners; pouches and boxes; sharp or blunt scissors; 16-count crayons; 12-inch rulers; glue sticks and bottled glue; large erasers; notebook paper and index cards.

Children reach out to homebound members



The Kindergarten Sunday School class wrote, decorated and mailed letters to homebound members for a class activity.

The activity was tied to Paul's encouraging and teaching letters to the Romans. Teachers Katrina Gray and Meredith Zevallos talked about how we have the Bible today to learn

about God, and long ago, Paul was led by God to write the letter to teach the Romans and encourage them. The Bible verse for the lesson, "The Holy Spirit will teach you," was an adaptation of John 14:26.

The children shared the following in their letters: God bless you. We are thinking of you. Jesus loves you. The Holy Spirit will guide you.

"The kids enjoyed using one of their newly acquired skills, writing, to make someone else feel good," Katrina said. "They did a great job of decorating their letters, too."

Katrina explained the lesson in a note so the members would know who was writing to them. "I expect that it brightened the members' day when they got that mail from us," she said.

The Rev. Rachel Baughman, minister to children and families, described the activity as a "great opportunity" to have children in ministry.

"Oftentimes we are shortsighted and think of Children's Ministry as just the ministry that we offer for children but it is so much more," Rachel said. "It is ministry that they offer us. Our children are ministers, too."

PRAYERS

(Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. To extend, call 214.368.1435, ext. 104.)

Hospital

Freda McQueen; Stan Roth

Births

- Walker Michael Wegman, son of Colby and Courtney Wegman, on May 19.
- Joshua Aidan Dyer, son of Ben and Sarah Dyer, on June 10. Noah is his big brother.

Deaths

- Betsy Walker, sister of Walt Henderson, on June 9. Services were held June 12.
- Thelma Reynolds on June 13. Services were held June 19.
- Bernard Fulton, a charter member, on June 14. Services were held June 20.
- Edward Self, husband of Melissa Self, on June 17. Services were June 22.

Prayer Requests

Allen and Vee Maxwell; Troy Alexander; Lisa Haines; Dorothy Keith; Mary Cox; Bob Shaw; Wanda Knight and Ann Weaver, sisters of Blue Harris and aunts of Paige Flink; Jarvis, nephew of Constance Harp; Doug Yancey Hale, son of Jo Hale; Ella and Tony Luna, friends of Ann Petty; Eva Guest, niece of Linda Durbin; Marsha Tanner, friend of Linda Durbin; Sherri Scheutz, daughter of Joan Slaughter; Linda Rudy, aunt of Lydia Rudy; Edna Chambers, mother of Mark Chambers; Laura Gibbs, niece of Gay Iglehart; Julie Frye, sister of Pam Dean; Homer Jones, father of Mary Jacobs; William Pospick, father of Bob Pospick; Carson Leslie, friend of Caroline Irvin; Kathy Devine, sister of Bill Martens; Sheila Flanagan, wife of Ricky Flanagan; Mickey George; Judy Likkell, mother of Erin Byxbee; Tom Anderson, friend of Emma and Brian Dooley

VBS mission

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"These people who need food probably need toys, too, so I brought some they can have."

"He was so serious as he dropped these cars into the offering baskets," Kristin said. "It's amazing how freely children give of their toys!"

That, ultimately, is the message: We all

give when we're asked to and our spirit responds.

"Kids are the purest form of this," Kristin said. "They don't hold back their love or gifts, and this is true of VBS."

"Over \$1,000 raised and 700 cans of food later, we have made a difference in the Dallas community from the hands and hearts of children."