

## FULL HOUSE



UMW volunteers led tours through three neighborhood homes during the annual Home and Table Tour. Shown here is an entryway from the home dubbed the Medieval Manse. See more photos on page 7.

## UMW welcomes everyone to meeting, luncheon on May 24

Leslie Bledsoe, wife of Bishop Earl Bledsoe, is the speaker at the United Methodist Women's general meeting on Monday, May 24, in Fellowship Hall.



has taught her how to see others through His eyes. She and Bishop Bledsoe have six adult children. The youngest is a freshman at the University of Texas at

Arlington. Leslie is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University, licensed in social work.

She has worked with the homeless, helped those receiving welfare find jobs and given support to families in crisis. She also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Leslie lost her sight in 2002. She gives God all the glory, because God

Arlington.

Leslie's passion is to encourage people to go beyond their perceived limitations, and the title of her talk at UPUMC is *Blessed in a Mess*.

The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m., with a luncheon following the presentation. If you plan to attend, please contact Kelli Sander at 469.644.2556 or at [kelli@sander.com](mailto:kelli@sander.com).

## GROWING IN FAITH

# May brings change as UPUMC renovation begins

Renovation begins this month on the education wing, so be prepared for our usual routines and spaces to undergo adjustments as we embark on this journey together. Take a look at some important dates and relocations coming soon.

### Children and Families Ministry

Remember that May 16 will be the last

Sunday in our current education wing. Please watch for signs and the hard hat crew on May 23 to direct you to the new classrooms.

Infants, toddlers and 2-year-olds will be relocated to rooms 101, 105 and 106. Ages 4 through fifth grade will be upstairs in rooms 233, 229 and 231.

The children's library has closed for the sum-

mer. Children's minister Rachel Baughman has temporarily moved to room 205.

### Youth and Families Ministries

After May 16, youth will gather in rooms 208/210. Also, youth ministers Neil Moseley and Hillary Barnard will move offices to room 208.

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Young adults plan trip to Arkansas

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Music and more at Methodist Fest

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### IN WORSHIP MAY 16, 2010

Traditional, 8:45 and 11 a.m.  
"Finding the Footprints of Jesus"  
Acts 1:1-11  
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

The Bridge, 11 a.m.  
Micah 6:8  
the Rev. Rebecca Frank

### IN WORSHIP MAY 23, 2010

Traditional, 8:45 and 11 a.m.  
"Spirit-Powered Church"  
Acts 2:1-18  
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

The Bridge, 11 a.m.  
Micah 6:8  
the Rev. Rebecca Frank

## Speaker series opens May 23 with Randy Marshall



Adult Sunday School classes will meet jointly in Fellowship Hall throughout the summer, receiving inspiration and insight from a variety of guest speakers.

Randy Marshall will be the first speaker, with a lesson titled *The Power of Purpose*, on Sunday, May 23. Randy has worked in communications for more than 35 years as a speaker, a professor and a corporate consultant. He founded and leads Speaker's College, a Dallas-based communications training company formed to improve the communication and leadership skills of executives.

Randy, the author of *Surprised by Serenity*, earned his B.A. and M.A. in communications from the University of Arkansas and his doctorate in communications from the California Graduate School of Theology.

Randy continues to enjoy baseball after playing both in college and professionally for the Kansas City Royals. He also enjoys travel and family time with Kathy, his wife of 36 years, and their three children, Whitney, John and Mindy. They have two grandchildren.

This summer series will be a great opportunity to learn from others from many walks of life! We hope you will attend, and invite others to join you. Learn more about the speakers at [www.upumc.org/summerseries](http://www.upumc.org/summerseries), or contact the Rev. Dick Wilson at [dwilson@upumc.org](mailto:dwilson@upumc.org).

## Young adults bound for Mt. Sequoyah



Come to the mountain! Young adults will spend the weekend at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Ark., June 18-20.

This is a trip focused on mission, on opening our hands wide and giving what we can. The trip is also focused on spirit — on welcoming God into our lives by experiencing God in nature, in quiet, in community, in taking time to rest and to listen.

It's easy to reserve your spot and pay online at [www.upumc.org/sequoyah](http://www.upumc.org/sequoyah). Prayerfully consider taking part, and contact Blair Thompson, [bthompson@upumc.org](mailto:bthompson@upumc.org), with questions.

## May brings change

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**Adult Spiritual Formation**

Adult Sunday School classes will meet together in Fellowship Hall, starting May 23. See upcoming speakers and read their bios in the Welcome Center or at [www.upumc.org/summerseries](http://www.upumc.org/summerseries). The Rev. Dick Wilson, who oversees Adult Spiritual Formation, will be in room 108.

### Weekday School

WDS offices must be packed and relocated by May 22. (That's the day after the last day of school!) There is much to do, so if anyone can spare an hour or two to help, please contact Kathy Champion and let her know when you are available. Reach Kathy at [kchampion@upumc.org](mailto:kchampion@upumc.org).

Although the school will be closed for renovation during the summer, staffers will still be working to prepare for the fall. The WDS office will be temporarily relocated to the church end of the building. If you need to reach the office during the summer, call 214.361.4626 or 817.600.3821 (cell phone of WDS director Pam Dean).

## Amigos 'month' give us an opportunity to share God's love

By Ed Clark

Reflecting back on the Amigos Days project, it began under cloudy skies, April 16. It was under clear skies we wrapped it up on May 9, the first full-day of sunlight during the entire run!

This was sort of the *Gilligan's Island* of outreach efforts. We became fixtures of the neighborhood, perfectly capable of showing lost drivers the correct route.

A major highlight was being gifted by Leslie Blum and husband Matt, who provided lunch hospitality. While Leslie didn't bring the piano we had hoped for, she did pack her guitar and led us a lunchtime concert with favorites like *I'll Fly Away* and *Amazing Grace*. I was hoping for an encore, *Freebird*, but time did not permit.

Here's quote from Thomas Edison: "Opportunity is missed by most people as it's dressed in overalls and looks like work."

For those participating in this year's Amigos Days (or month) — from those providing hospitality and prayers to the confirmation class, from the diehards participating from three congregations (yes, we had a member from Christ UMC in Plano) to the new faces that lit up our effort with fresh energy, we were truly blessed to have this opportunity to share the love of God within us with each other and with the homeowner, Pauline Williams.

Pauline left us with a card, which quotes Philippians 1:11: "May you always be doing those good, kind things which show that you are a child of God, for this will bring much praise and glory to the Lord."



The final product: Stormy weather didn't keep Amigos Days volunteers from completing their improvements to the home of Pauline Williams.

Volunteers gave the home a fresh coat of paint, installed a handrail for the porch, and planted flowers.

# Enjoy music and more at Methodist Fest on May 15

This Saturday, May 15, come out to experience Methodist Fest: five bands, two stages, food, games and lots of fellowship with the covenant churches of Christ's Foundry UM Mission.

The festival will take place from 5-8:30 p.m. on the field west of Cochran Chapel UMC on the corner of Northwest Highway and Midway Road. All are invited and good times

will be had by all. Our very own Bridge Band will kick off the event at 5.

In an effort to strengthen our covenant with one another, Christ's Foundry continues to seek opportunities to bring together fellow United Methodists from diverse backgrounds for fun and fellowship.

At the festival, we will enjoy music performed by bands from different churches.

Entry is free and booths support the ministries of Christ's Foundry and its covenant churches.

Various youth groups, scout groups and others will have booths with food, drinks and games. A children's mini soccer tournament will be taking place as well.

Come stop by and be blessed!

## Hungry are fed through Breadbasket

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 23:35*

Our May mission is a food drive that will help stock the pantry at Methodism's Breadbasket.

Items can be dropped off at the donation station in the Children's Welcome Center.

The pantry is in need of canned vegetables, fruits and meats; breakfast foods such as hot or cold cereals, pancake mix and breakfast bars; and staples including dried beans, peanut butter, rice, crackers and two-pound bags of sugar, flour or corn meal.

Methodism's Breadbasket also needs donations of detergent, bar soap, toilet tissue, toothpaste and toothbrushes and items for babies such as formula and disposable diapers.

Your donations help "share the bread of life."

Contact the Rev. Rebecca Frank at [rfrank@upumc.org](mailto:rfrank@upumc.org) to learn more or to help support Methodism's Breadbasket.



## UMW opens doors for annual fundraiser

By Sandy Ladewig

At the House & Table Tour, we were blessed with the most splendid weather, magnificent homes, and lots of people to see it all! Everyone agrees that it just might be the best one yet. Each home was so unique to the others that it made for the most fun-filled and interesting day yet.

Our gracious homeowners were Dawn and Hollis Jones in the Nantucket home, Mersina and Phin Stubbs across the street with the Mediterranean style, and Kathryn and Stephen Arata in the Medieval Manse where Ye Merry Olde Players delighted us with their music and where our food committee was serving delicious fare.

The hard-working 2010 House & Table Committee included:

UMW President  
Chairman  
Co-Chair  
Food

Home Hostesses  
Treasurer  
Bulk Mailing  
Publicity

UMW Ticket Sales  
Outside Ticket Sales  
Historian and Photographer

Room Descriptions  
Musicians' Lunches  
Musicians

Table Decorations  
and Staging

Kelli Sander  
Sandy Ladewig  
Zazelle Wingo  
Jan Karns and Chrys Franklin  
Becky Pearson and Diane Brooks  
Gerry Zimmerman  
Lu Turner  
Diane Williamson  
Betty Ann Slaughter  
Laurie Latson  
Carol Ann Ravert and  
Marilyn Hamilton  
Lynn Erickson  
Mitzi Cleaver  
Brownie Shytles  
Ye Merry Olde Players

Mikee Smythe  
Barbara McAfee

Heartfelt appreciation goes to each of the volunteers who served as docents, helped bake and serve refreshments, and sold tickets. Total receipts from the tour came to \$6,300, which will go toward missions supported by the UMW.



Participants took in the cozy rooms of the Nantucket Charm house (above left) and also the clean lines of the Magnificent Mediterranean.

## UPUMC NEWS AND NOTES

**Coming soon for young adults**

Young adults are invited to "Cookout and Kickball" at the church from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. Come and bring friends as we kick off our summer programming with this fun fellowship event!

**College student cookout**

College students will meet for a cookout at the Cooper's house at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 24. Blair Thompson and Hillary Barnard will lead the group in talking about formation of small groups, mission in the community, and planning a trip together. Come for fellowship and for an important conversation about how we might work together this summer to grow in love for God and neighbor. Please RSVP to Blair at bthompson@upumc.org.

**Meetings for Chrismon volunteers**

Help stitch decorations for the UPUMC Christmas tree. Volunteers will meet from 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays in May, continuing through at least August. Starting in June, they'll also

meet from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays. Meet in room 233. Contact Mary Tabor, marymtabor@gmail.com, to learn more.

**Stretch yourself with summer sessions**

An additional Christian Yoga session has been added to the summer schedule. The class will meet from 5:15-6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays June 2-July 28 (no class June 30). Cost is \$56. Register at [www.upumc.org/cooper](http://www.upumc.org/cooper).

**Roll up those sleeves on June 6**

Be part of something great by giving blood during the quarterly drive from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 6. Carter BloodCare will take donations in the church parking lot. Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Andrew Hamilton at 214.991.6453.

**Road trip with Travel Ministry**

Next stop, Granbury, Texas! Our visit to Granbury on Friday, July 2, will include the annual Independence Day show at the Granbury Opera House. We'll share lunch

together and browse the unique shops along the town square. Cost is \$72. Contact Wynn Moore at [wmoore@upumc.org](mailto:wmoore@upumc.org) to get involved.

**On the Road Family Camp registration**

Book your entire family, including grandparents, for the July 16-18 road trip to Prothro Lodge for a week-end camp. Cost is \$200 per family or \$50 per individual, which covers two

nights in hotel-style accommodations, activities and all meals. Make your reservation at [www.upumc.org/familycamp](http://www.upumc.org/familycamp). Contact Jenny Tabor at [jennytabor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennytabor@sbcglobal.net).

**Register for Guatemala mission trip**

Be part of God's amazing work in the western highlands of Guatemala by joining a construction team Aug. 7-14. Register and pay online at [www.upumc.org/guatemala](http://www.upumc.org/guatemala). A \$100 deposit will hold your place. Contact Rebecca Frank at [rfrank@upumc.org](mailto:rfrank@upumc.org).

**Celebration wraps up Camp Big Church**

Camp Big Church wraps up its lessons with a special celebration this Sunday, May 16.

Over the course of several Sundays, children entering kindergarten this fall learned about the meaning and practices of what takes place in "big church."

Starting at 9:45 Sunday morning, they will gather for games, crafts and a picnic lunch. The celebration will conclude with a communion service with families at 1:30 p.m.

E-mail the Rev. Rachel Baughman at [rbaughman@upumc.org](mailto:rbaughman@upumc.org) to learn more.

Youngsters are shown wearing stoles they made during the 2009 Camp Big Church.

**PRAYERS**

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

**Birth** - Samuel David Holbrook born May 4. Son of Ashley and Jimmy Holbrook, brother of Hank and William, grandson of David and Sandy Kennedy and nephew of Wade Kennedy

**In the hospital** - Louise Mittenthal • Willis Cowlshaw

**Prayers** - Adam Klugiewicz, son of Greg Klugiewicz • Allen Maxwell • Barbara Wiskow • Betty Sue, aunt of Karissa Lockett • Charlie Hahn, husband of Joyce Tucci Hahn • Cindy Lindley, friend of Rita Smullin • Clara Lindh • Colton Schmidt, son of Susan Schmidt • Jack Waid • Jo Yancey Hale • Katy Robertson Smith, sister-in-law of Ashley McMillan • Kim Anbouba • Kim Brannon • Lee Cook, friend of Janie LaRoche • Mary Jan Bancroft, sister of Debbie Scripps • Onni Koskinen • Rose Mary Carr • Sandy O'Brien, cousin of Carolyn Washburn

**Long-term Prayers** - Betty Lang, stepmother of Joe Lang • Bill Barker • Bob Shaw • Dan Yoder • Fred Conshafter, father of Todd Conshafter • Freda McQueen • Gary Isaacs • Jack Titus • James Grant, brother of Laurie Lang • Jarvis Goree, nephew of Constance Harp • Rev. Jim Olney, cousin of Marcia and Dick Wilson • Jim Storey • Jimmy Williams, father of Leslie Blum • Joann Nelson, sister of Iris Lewis • Josh Glover, friend of Leslie Blum • Layden Stroud, friend of Lu and Tommy Turner • Mary Alice Williams and Pat Haywood, sisters of Virginia Wiley • Wanda Knight and Ann Weaver, sisters of Blue Harris and aunts of Paige Flink • people of Haiti and Chile and those who are serving there • Mexico/Texas border communities

**Deaths** - • Harold Waldo, grandfather of Greg Porray and great-grandfather of Ellie and Caroline, on March 19 • Tonya Bradford, sister-in-law of Dana Manley, on April 29

**Support summer learning at VMLC**

Volunteers are needed for summer programs, running June 7-July 1, offered through Vickery Meadow Learning Center at its North and West Dallas campuses.

**Adult classroom teacher**

(Minimum age to volunteer: 18)

Teach English as a second language to adults. Sign up to teach one four-day week, Monday through Thursday, from 9-11 a.m. Teacher training and materials are provided. All classes are co-taught and no second language or teaching experience is required.

**Activity club teacher**

(Minimum age to volunteer: 18)

Activity Club meets Monday through Thursday from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Assist adult ESL students with fun activities.

**Pre-school assistant**

(Minimum age to volunteer: 15)

Read stories, sing songs and assist with arts and crafts projects for pre-school children. Sign up to teach one four-day week, Monday through Thursday, from 9-11 a.m.

Vickery Meadow Learning Center is dedicated to improving English literacy levels among non-English speaking adults and their young children by providing programs in communication and life skills.

For more information, contact Carly Laywell by e-mail at [volunteer@vmlc.org](mailto:volunteer@vmlc.org) or call 214.265.5057, ext. 10.