

Youth choir presents 'Final Act' on tour



Following an opening night performance at UPUMC on June 13, the 29-voice Aldersgate Chorale is presenting the youth musical, *Final Act*, during a 13-day tour.

During the June 15-27 tour, the youth choir will travel to New York and Washington, D.C., with performances in Little Rock, Huntington West Va., the Baltimore area (Ellicott City and Severna Park), Greensboro, Birmingham and Shreveport. The tour concludes with a homecoming performance at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27, in the Sanctuary at UPUMC.

The striking one-act musical, written by Jody W. Lindh and Joe Cox, draws its inspiration from the liturgy of the mass. The four sweeping movements portray the arrest of Jesus and Peter's denial as a part of the "Kyrie" ("Lord, have mercy ...") section; the celebration of shepherds and angels form the "Gloria" ("Glory to God in the highest") section; an enactment of the vision of Isaiah in the temple forms the "Sanctus" ("Holy, Holy, Holy") section; and finally, the trial of Jesus by Pilate and the crucifixion bring us the "Agnus Dei" ("O Lamb of God").

The one-hour presentation is a fully theatrical interpretation of the various texts stemming from the mass and biblical passages, complete with synchronized visuals, exciting choreogra-

phy and engaging music.

On tour this year are: Paige Baker, Grace Beeby, Joe Beeby, Turner Bilodeau, Dalton Brantley, Elise Broadway, Gillian Broadway, Meredith Broadway, Jordan Bustin, Jeremy Cain, Elliott Clayton, Tommy Hart, Maddi Hendrick, Julia Hosch, Mary Hosch, John Jenkins, Cameron Keith, Catherine Keith, Alice Kerr, Allie Leiser, Will Pospick, Sabrina Reenan, Anna Starr, Sara Starr, Lee Wiley, Chuck Wilson, Dean Wooldridge, Carson Wright and Charlotte Wright. Chaperones on tour are Jody and JoNell Lindh, Keith and Alice Karnes, Dan Brantley and Neil Moseley.

Follow the progress of the tour through a blog available at www.upumcyouth.org.

Mission Matters:

Give thanks to God as ministry builds



By Rebecca Frank

Did you know....?

Christ's Foundry United Methodist Church is ready to build!

Pastor Owen Ross says, "I just got news from the North Texas Conference that Christ's Foundry can move ahead and build the WHOLE church includ-

ing the sanctuary and the bell tower! God is good all the time, but some times seem better than others. Thank you all for your well wishes, prayers, gifts and blessings!"

UPUMC has been a partner in the Christ's Foundry mission since its inception over eight years ago, when Rev. Ross began a worship service in his living room. Today, over 150 persons attend worship, over 200 participate in small groups, and thousands are

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Returning, changed, from Africa

By Hillary Barnard

Traveling changes you. I left for my trip to Hohoe, Ghana, worried about traveling alone, what I would eat, if I would get sick, if my dogs would be lonely while I was gone, what I was going to do and give to help the people I would meet. On the plane on the way back, all I could think about was what I had just been given: perspective.

I flew into Accra, Ghana's capital, and I was greeted by Angela (10) and Irene (6), two girls I sponsor at the Hohoe Christian Orphans' Home. Nicholas, our driver and the

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP, 8:45 and 11 a.m.
Services led by the Rev. Leighton Bearden

June 20: "Grace and Forgiveness,"
Matthew 18:21-25

June 27: "Losing as Winning,"
Luke 9:57-62

THE BRIDGE WORSHIP, 11 a.m.
Sermon series: "Philippians: Real Faith for Real People," the Rev. Rebecca Frank

Philippians 3: "Pressing On For the Prize"

Philippians 4: "Strength and Focus!"

Next up in summer speakers series

We hope you have been challenged and inspired by what you have experienced so far through our summer speakers series! The series, open to all and sponsored by the Cooper School of Discipleship, continues at 9:45 Sunday mornings through August. Below, our guests for June:

June 20: *Holy and Wholistic Ministry - Challenges and Opportunities*

Rev. Owen Ross of Christ's Foundry UMC



If you only think of a missionary as someone who goes to faraway places, you'd be wrong. The Rev. Owen Ross is an urban missionary and his mission is just a few blocks from us at Christ's Foundry UMC, which began in an apartment complex near Bachman Lake. Owen is the founding pastor of this ministry to primarily Hispanic persons. Our pastor, Leighton Bearden, says, "If you were to ask to see a picture of total dedication and self-sacrificing love for others, I would show you a picture of Owen Ross."

June 27: *Do We Still Need Ordained Ministers?* Dr. William B. Lawrence, Dean, Perkins School of Theology



Bill Lawrence is a scholar, an administrator, a pastor and a person that can talk Duke basketball or professional baseball with the best of them. He earned a B.A. from Duke University, his M. Div. from Union Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. from Drew University. In the United Methodist denomination, Dean Lawrence is the equivalent of a Supreme Court Justice as a member of the Judicial Council.

Online options for staying current with pledges

By Joe Brannon

The Finance Committee recently sent letters to each member of the congregation reminding everyone of the need for church members to stay current with their pledged giving – especially as we enter into the coming summer vacation months.

As a follow-up to this recent communication, I would like to highlight the opportunity to make donations to the church by using your credit or debit card. Currently, approximately 40 percent of all contributions to UPUMC are made this way.

Credit card contributions – like cash donations – are received by UPUMC in full with zero processing fees. Our church is fortunate that we pay no transaction or processing fees even on credit card donations. I know of no business or organization that can make that claim.

I would, however, like to emphasize that the church would **never** encourage anyone to take on debt in order to support the church.

However, if electronic credit or debit transactions are more convenient for you, I invite you to go to www.upumc.org/giving (to make recurring donations) or www.upumc.org/give (for a one-time donation). You can make a recurring donation on a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual basis.

On the right, we answer some common questions about online giving. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the church's business office. Thank you for your faithfulness and for your prayerful giving.

UPUMC member Joe Brannon is chairman of the Finance Committee.

Questions & Answers:

Why is this good for the church?

By making a regular and recurring contribution, you are helping the church most effectively plan its ministries and missions during the year. You are also helping the church maintain a consistent cash flow during times of lower attendance, as we usually see during the summer months.

How can I benefit from this?

Making a regular and recurring contribution builds the spiritual discipline of returning the first fruits to the Lord. This is also an excellent vehicle for first-time givers to begin their contributions.

How do I change the amount or frequency of my giving?

Return to the Web pages listed in article to the left. Any changes you make there will be made on an ongoing basis.

Is my credit or debit card information protected?

Yes. Payment pages automatically go into secure mode so that all payment information is collected and transmitted securely.

YOUNG ADULT COOKOUT



Shown are Brian Sargent, Rich White, Blair Thompson, Marynell Jones and Carrie Campbell. They were among those gathered May 23 during a cookout and kickball for young adults at UPUMC. To learn more about activities for young adults this summer, contact Blair at bthompson@upumc.org or go to www.upumc.org/youngadults.

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being touched and served by the ministry of Christ's Foundry.

We'll continue to be ministry and mission partners with Christ's Foundry, helping to provide Bibles, furnishings, and ministry support and resources. You'll hear more about this soon. But for now, let's all shout *Hallelujah!* And give thanks to God!

Opportunities to love the world with God

Right-around-the-corner opportunity: North Dallas Shared Ministries

Our friends at North Dallas Shared Ministry need to restock the warehouse with toiletries, and we're going to do our best to fill those shelves. They need toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and shampoo. As you shop for yourself or your family this week, please adopt another family and bring their toiletries to the donation station in the Children's Welcome area!

Tuesday, June 29, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: We'll meet at the church to take UP's June donations of toiletries to NDSM, help stock

the shelves, learn about their amazing ministry, and get to know some of our neighbors there. Hey, we could even have lunch together on the way back! All ages are welcome. *Please let me know by 6 p.m. Friday June 25!*

Early July opportunity: Breakfast at Austin Street Center

July 10 (prepare) and July 11 (serve). If you've never served at Austin Street Center, please consider this! You can help prepare the meal on Saturday, and/or serve the breakfast bright and early on Sunday morning (well, it's not that bright at 4:30 a.m., but it's early!)

To participate, please contact Janie Henderson at jhhwth@sbcglobal.net by June 15, and she'll see that you get details and assignments. We'll arrange a visit to ASC sometime in late June for this group of participants so that we can learn more about the ministry of Austin Street before we arrive on July 11.

Rebecca Frank is the senior associate pastor at University Park UMC. Reach her at rfrank@upumc.org.

UPUMC Foundation announces scholarship awards

The trustees of the University Park United Methodist Church Foundation are pleased to announce recipients of scholarships for the 2010 school year. Awards from three foundation programs were presented to the following UPUMC graduates from the class of 2010:

Dalton Brantley (Franklin College, Switzerland)

Alice Vaughan Scholarship
Jordan Bustin (University of Texas at Austin)

Witt/Herzinger Scholarships
Will Pospick (Baylor University)

Witt/Herzinger Scholarships
John H. Jenkins (University of Arkansas)

Witt/Herzinger Scholarship
Allie Leiser (Franklin College, Switzerland)

Witt/Herzinger Scholarship
Julia Hosch (Yale University)

Witt/Herzinger Scholarship

The UPUMC Foundation is a Texas nonprofit corporation. It was established in 1983 as a means to provide for the future of the University Park UMC's charitable, educational and

spiritual undertakings, as well as for the care of its facilities. The foundation receives permanent gifts from individuals and organizations — only the earnings are distributed. The donor, therefore, has the assurance that the gift will be a lasting contribution to the church.

Income from the foundation may be designated by the donor toward any of the programs or needs within our congregation. Gifts can be made at any time. Wills, life insurance policies, certain real estate, living memorials and cash contributions continue to be the strength of the foundation.

The foundation is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, so contributions are deductible for federal tax purposes (subject to limitations applicable to public charities).

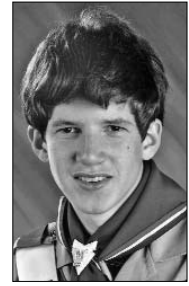
For more information on how to give to the foundation during one's lifetime or how to make a charitable bequest, contact George O'Reilly, director of administration and development, at 214.368.1435, ext 148.



Dalton Brantley



Jordan Bustin



Will Pospick



John Jenkins



Allie Leiser



Julia Hosch

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orphanage's founder, stopped on the four-hour drive to Hohoe for us to have breakfast of Banku, a dough-like ball of mashed corn sitting in a bowl of unbearably spicy goat stew. With fur. Hello, Africa.

As soon as we arrived at the orphanage, our van was practically ambushed by the 40 other children who live there. I made my way out slowly into the crowd of tiny, beautiful faces and realized almost immediately that I was not a guest. I was family. More specifically, I was "Seesta Heelary!" (That's Ghanaian for Sister Hillary.)

I spent the majority of my days in the classroom at the school. I would arrive around 7a.m. to play before school, have breakfast (read: give my watery porridge away) and spend time with the other 40-plus kids who go to school there. We would swing, play soccer and they would fix my hair in some ridiculous mix of braids and pony-tails.

I was the primary teacher for the KG2 class, which is the level 2 preschool class. In Ghana, grade levels are determined by performance, not age, so the class was students from ages 3-8. We learned letters, numbers, read stories, drew pictures, and spent a lot of time playing and giggling. I even taught them a game "Drip Drip Drop," a variation of Duck, Duck, Goose that we play in junior high here that involves pouring water on the kids'

heads. I successfully ended school early that day on account of chaos.

After school we played, sang songs, danced, blew bubbles with our gum, and talked about America. They are fascinated by everything about my life. They wanted to know about my church, my house, my favorite foods, and most often my hair care routine. Needless to say, they were very intrigued by my blonde locks.

After a couple days of getting into the groove of things, I started to feel comfortable. Women carrying things on their heads became normal, the two-hour wait for meals at restaurants actually was nice, and I even got used to the endless shouting of "Yovo! Yovo!" (meaning "white lady" in the tribal language). Maybe not used to it, but no

longer irritated by it.

The thing that never became normal, however, was the poverty. My trip began with the shock of seeing miniature-sized children living at the orphanage. I couldn't get used to how tiny they were, how little they had compared to the kids here. It literally made me sick to think of all the things they didn't have compared to my childhood. But then, my perspective changed.

I left Ghana overwhelmed. I still am. I can't believe how much I have been given. I can't stomach how much food I waste, how big my apartment is, how much I take my education for granted. But, the biggest thing that's hard to face is what I didn't have before, and that is perspective.

On Sunday at church, I listened as each of the children stood to proclaim something good in their life. I watched as these children, wearing the one "nice" outfit they own, thanked God for health, life, school. Some were so passionate they were in tears. These kids, lacking families, toys, so many things that we consider essentials, were overflowing with gratitude. And I, with all my privileges, could only think, "Man, I'm the one who's missing out."

Hillary Barnard is associate minister to youth and families. Learn more about sponsoring a child or supporting other missions carried out through Orphans' Heroes online at www.orphansheroes.org.



Office hours for summer

Church offices will be closed at noon on Fridays throughout the summer.

Attention youth

We will not do Mission Monday on June 21 during the choir tour. We will join with the children's ministry to make sandwiches on June 27 (see below for details) and be prepared to play bingo with the residents of Dickinson Place on June 28.

Sign up to make sandwiches

Join us in preparing sandwiches for Austin Street Shelter from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, in the Caldwell Room. These sack lunches will provide a meal for the homeless in Dallas for the next day. All ages are welcome. Register online at www.upumc.org/children.

Classes offered through NTC

North Texas Conference of United Methodist Women Schools of Christian Mission classes will be offered July 26-29 at First United Methodist Church in Plano. These studies also will be available during the Weekend Cooperative Mission Event July 23-26 at Austin College in Sherman. Early registration fees (\$40 for one or three classes) and forms are due by June 30. To learn more, contact Sharon Christen at slchristen1@juno.com or 214.369.9323. Find information online at www.ntcumc.org.

PRAYERS

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

In the hospital - Joyce Hill

Prayers - Andrew Harris, husband of Pam Harris • Claudia Vick, friend of Kathy Kruegar • Lovell Baker • Maxine Bearden • Patrick Gary • Rosalind Fenner, mother of Ginny Gay • Terri Conway, niece of Keith Karnes • Willis Cowlshaw • UPUMC youth choir tour participants

Long-term Prayers - Allen Maxwell • Betty Lang, stepmother of Joe Lang • Bill Barker • Bob Shaw • Carrie Gray, sister-in-law of Dan Gray • Charlie Hahn, husband of Joyce Tucci Hahn • Charlotte Webb • Cindy Lindley, friend of Rita Smullin • Fred Conshafter, father of Todd Conshafter • 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 • Jimmy Williams, father of Leslie Blum • Joann Nelson, sister of Iris Lewis • Josh Glover, friend of Leslie Blum • Kim Anbouba • 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

Death - Eugene Brooker of Columbia, South Carolina, father of Chip Brooker and grandfather of Hutch and Mac, on May 25.

Notice - memorial services for Lorena Holliman Gretzinger are scheduled for June 27 at 4 p.m. in Parchman Chapel at C. C. Young.

Help needed to prepare worship bags

UPUMC is looking for volunteers to assist in preparing the children's worship bags for use during Sunday worship. It only takes about an hour a week. Contact Candy Hearne at 214.228.5201 or cchearne@gmail.com.

Update on construction

Asbestos abatement has been completed in the first floor of the education wing, and the crew is moving on to electrical work. The wing is now a "hard hat area," open only to construction workers. On the second floor of the education wing, asbestos abatement is underway and access is restricted in that area also.

Elevator closed for repair

The elevator is shut down for repair following an inspection. It likely will be unavailable through June, at least. We're sorry for the inconvenience, and are working to make the necessary adjustments as quickly as possible.

Summer schedule for UP Word

The UP Word will publish every three weeks throughout the summer. If you have photos or church news for the paper, please submit it according to this schedule: deadline of June 25 for July 2 issue; deadline of July 16 for July 23 issue; and deadline of Aug. 6 for Aug. 13 issue. E-mail materials to Carolyn Washburn at cwashburn@upumc.org. Our biweekly publishing schedule will resume with the Sept. 3 issue.

WELCOME REPORT**New members**

Voilet Clapp joined May 2. She is a teacher at the UPUMC Weekday School.



Rich White joined on May 23 by transfer from Jasper First UMC. He is very active in the young adult ministry and is a UT alumni.



Susan Schmidt, pictured with her son Colton, joined on May 23 by transfer from Fellowship Church in Grapevine.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Chad and Kate Crozier on the baptism of their daughter, Kennedy Lynn Crozier, on May 9, 2010.



Congratulations to Andrew and Amy Barker on the baptism of their son, Andrew (Drew) Nelson Barker, on May 16, 2010. Also pictured is older son Tweed.



Congratulations to Sam and Christina Broyles on the baptism of their son, Samuel Dawson Broyles, on May 30, 2010.



Congratulations to Greg and Amanda Blankenship on the baptism of their sons, Gavin James Blankenship and Gage Jennings Blankenship, on May 30, 2010.