

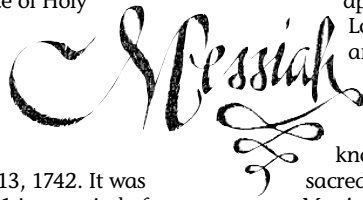
## Experience Parts II and III of Handel's 'Messiah' on Palm Sunday

Parts II and III of Handel's *Messiah* — the sections dealing with the passion and resurrection of Christ — will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 5, in the Sanctuary.

Part I of *Messiah* was performed at UPUMC last December, and this concert will both complete the performance of this wonderful work and act as an excellent beginning

of our observance of Holy Week at UPUMC.

The sacred oratorio *Messiah* was first performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742. It was composed in 1741 in a period of only 24 days. Since that first performance in Dublin, and its



appearance in London a year later, and in America some 28 years later, this work has become the world's best-known masterpiece of sacred music.

*Messiah* will be presented by the Chancel Choir, soloists, and a professional orchestra. Singing

solos for this performance will be Tricia Carroll, Tiffany Roberts, Laura Chester and Amanda Walker, sopranos; Ryland Angel, counter-tenor; Ryan Lungwitz and Derek Chester, tenors; and Scott Scripps and Kenneth Carroll, basses.

Admission is free, and you are encouraged to invite others to attend with you.

### CELEBRATE EASTER



The Children's Easter Celebration on Easter Sunday will include a butterfly release and egg hunt. Turn to 4A for a complete list of Holy Week and Easter events.

### Reflections: Be willing to step off the curb

*The Rev. Larry Ravert shares this perspective on Palm Sunday.*

Most of us love parades even though we can't always be there in person. I even enjoy watching them on television. There is something about a parade that releases the child within each of us and encourages us to participate, even though we don't fully understand why it is happening. I imagine many of the ordinary people on that first Palm Sunday did not understand what the parade was all about, for they were there only out of curiosity.

But some fully under-

stood, for they were those who for generations had been waiting for a Messiah. No wonder they shouted "Hosanna" and waved palms branches in the air. But soon their enthusiasm and joy gave way to disappointment, for they expected to see a king coming into Jerusalem on a white horse with a large band of soldiers; and Jesus came in on a donkey, with just a small group of friends. They wanted a monarch who ruled from a throne, not a Messiah who reigned from



a cross.

That parade happened 2,000 years ago, but each Palm Sunday we remember it and must decide whether we are just going to be a part of the curious crowd or will we be willing to step off the curb and follow Jesus to the cross on Friday. For it is only when we realize the suffering and pain of the crucifixion, that we can understand the wonder and joy of the empty tomb and celebrate Easter Sunday, allowing it to change us.

There was a 38-year-old woman named Chris who went to a Christian retreat some time ago, and while

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Volunteers needed to work on home

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Get your tickets now for the UMW annual House and Table Tour

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#### IN WORSHIP APRIL 5, 2009

Traditional, 8:45 and 11 a.m.  
"The Three Processions of Holy Week"  
Mark 11:1-11  
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

The Bridge, 11 a.m.  
"The Best of the Worst of Us, and the Worst of the Best of Us"  
Mark 1:1-11 and 15:1-39  
the Rev. Rebecca Frank

#### IN WORSHIP APRIL 12, 2009

Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.  
"And... Now What?," Mark 16:1-8  
the Rev. Rebecca Frank

Traditional, 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m.  
"A Bounty Hunter Tells the Easter Story"  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and John 20:1-18  
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

The Bridge, 11 a.m.  
"Easter Verbs," Mark 16:1-12  
the Rev. Rebecca Frank

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITIES AND WORSHIP

### April 5, Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 and 11 a.m., Traditional worship services, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Leighton Bearden, preaching  
"The Three Processions of Holy Week," Mark 11:1-11  
There will be no communion at this service. Music by the  
Aldersgate Chorale at 8:45 and by the Chancel Choir and  
Combined Children's Choirs at 11.

9:45 a.m., Palm Sunday Parade, Front Lawn

Children age 3 through fifth grade are invited to participate in a  
reenactment, led by the youth department, of Jesus' triumphant  
entry into Jerusalem. Teachers will take the children back to their  
Sunday school classrooms by 10:45 a.m. for parents to pick them  
up.

11 a.m. The Bridge worship service, Fellowship Hall  
The Rev. Rebecca Frank, preaching  
"The Best of the Worst of Us, and the Worst of the Best of Us"  
Mark 11:1-11 and Mark 15:1-39

7:30 p.m., Handel's *Messiah* (Parts II and III), Sanctuary  
The world's best-known masterpiece of sacred music will be  
presented by the Chancel Choir, soloists, and a professional  
orchestra.

### April 9, Maundy Thursday

7 p.m., Holy Communion service, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Leighton Bearden, preaching  
Ceremony of Stripping of the Altar and music by the Chancel  
Choir.

### April 10, Good Friday

7 p.m., Good Friday Service, Sanctuary  
A dramatic service with scripture, music, contemporary readings  
and visuals of masterpieces of Christian art.

### April 12, Easter Sunday

7 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service, Front Lawn (Caruth Blvd.)  
The Rev. Rebecca Frank, preaching  
"And... Now What?" Mark 16:1-8  
Celebrate the risen Christ as the sun dawns on a new day.  
Acoustical music by The Bridge Band.

8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m., Traditional Easter worship, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Leighton Bearden, preaching  
"A Bounty Hunter Tells the Easter Story"  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and John 20:1-18  
Music will be by the Aldersgate Chorale at 8:30 and the Chancel  
Choir at 9:45 and 11. All services will include brass and organ.

9:45 a.m., Children's Easter Celebration, Fellowship Hall  
Families with children in fifth grade and under are invited to  
meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. for a special family-focused  
program led by the Rev. Rachel Baughman. Following the  
program parents and their children will adjourn to the front lawn  
for a butterfly release and egg hunt. The lawn will be divided into  
grade areas and children will collect eggs of each "color of Easter."

9:45 a.m., Youth Easter Brunch, Youth Center  
All sixth- through 12th-graders are invited to join us for this  
time of food, fun and fellowship. Contact Kathy Champion at  
kchampion@upumc.org to sign up to bring a dish.

11 a.m., The Bridge Easter worship service, Fellowship Hall  
The Rev. Rebecca Frank, preaching  
"Easter Verbs," Mark 16:1-12

## Youth Sunday: Growing in faith



Emily McClure,  
a senior at  
Highland Park  
High School,  
and senior Dean  
Wooldridge  
shared  
messages with  
the congrega-  
tion during  
Youth Sunday.

Below, Emily shares some thoughts  
about her experience.

### How did you feel about delivering a message during the service? Were you nervous?

I was very honored and excited to  
give the message, but I was so  
nervous. I'm not much of a public  
speaker and I get extremely  
nervous (speech was not a fun  
class for me). In the end it was  
good, but I yes, I was very nervous.

### Tell us about your message.

My scripture was 1 Corinthians  
8:9-13 and it was about not eating  
meat because of the effect it could  
have on someone else. It was  
emphasizing the idea that one  
man's freedom might be seen by  
someone else and interpreted  
differently.

I just talked about not being a  
stumbling block to others because  
how you are perceived in that  
sense is important for others. It's  
the idea that we are here to  
worship God and to shine His  
light, and to think of God and  
others before we think of  
ourselves. It's the idea that we  
need to think about the effect that  
our actions have on those around  
us. One thing that I suppose I  
emphasized a lot more than I  
realized was the idea that  
someone is always watching you,  
and it's true.

### What did you take away from this experience?

I was honored to be given such an  
opportunity. Leighton [Bearden]  
and Rebecca [Frank] and everyone  
told Dean and me that it would go  
by quickly, that we would feel like  
it was over in a minute, and it was  
true. It was a great experience,  
though very nerve-racking.

### Any other thoughts you would like to share about your leadership role within Youth Sunday?

Good luck to the juniors!

## Volunteers needed to spruce up local home

Since 1998, Dallas-area Methodist  
churches have partnered with  
People Helping People and the  
Dallas Housing Authority for  
Amigos Days. This year, UPUMC  
members will reach out and share  
God's love in repairing and  
dressing up the home of Jo Ann  
Yancy. Duties will include scraping  
paint around all windows,

resealing window panes, and  
scraping west and south sides to  
prepare for painting. Please save  
the dates April 24-25 and May 1-2.  
Rain dates, just in case, are May 8-  
9. Volunteer hours will be from 9  
a.m. to about 4 p.m. (or a bit later,  
if needed). Sign up in the Welcome  
Center or use the online form at  
www.upumc.org.

## Reflections

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there she was changed by the  
presence of Jesus Christ entering  
her life. She felt the power of Jesus,  
and her life began to change. She  
wrote about it in an article titled,  
"Alice Doesn't Live Here  
Anymore." She wrote: "Alice  
doesn't live here anymore. She  
left, and someone else has moved  
in. Alice kept the shades down; the  
door locked, and was always  
crabby to her neighbors. She must  
have been a lonely and unhappy  
person! But this new tenant -  
WOW!"

My friends, this is what it means  
to be in Christ. It means to be a  
new tenant, a brand-spanking-  
new tenant living under the power  
of the Risen Lord. Step off the curb  
with me, then, on this Palm  
Sunday, and symbolically walk  
with me to Good Friday. Then  
appropriately celebrate with me  
on this Easter Sunday, singing  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."  
Alleluia!

Larry Ravert is the associate pastor  
of Congregational Care Ministries  
with University Park UMC.

## UMW House and Table Tour coming soon



The United Methodist Women's annual House and Table Tour will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 29. Tickets are \$10 in advance, available from a UMW circle or from the Welcome Center desk.

You can also purchase by mail before April 20 by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to House and Table Tour, c/o Lu Turner, 6255 W. Northwest Highway #105, Dallas, TX 75225. Be sure to make the check payable to UPUMC UMW. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

As always, the tour will include three nearby homes that exude gracious living.



### Timeless Treasure 6247 Desco Drive

A home of serene and sophisticated elegance. It features soft colors and clean lines accented with both antiques and garage sale finds, and the owner's innate ability to pull it all together seamlessly. You are in for quite a treat.

### Charming Chateau 3012 Hanover

There is a lot of old world charm and elegance in this home with its rich colors and beautiful antiques. One of its many charming rooms was written up in *Texas Home and Living*. In the lovely backyard you may relax, enjoy some refreshments and listen to Ye Merrie Olde Players who are back to entertain us this year.

### Mediterranean Warmth 2908 Purdue

Mediterranean Warmth really describes this inviting and comfortable home at 2908 Purdue. Throughout are treasured pieces, many handed down from the homeowner's mother, and many with family stories, and some of the artwork is done by family friends. All of these combine to make a very cozy family home that you won't want to miss.



## Sign-up has begun for 2009 Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12 from 9 a.m. - noon daily with an "extended day" program available from 12 p.m.-5:30 p.m. "Camp E.D.G.E." (Experience and Discover God Everywhere) is this year's fun, camping-themed curriculum.

Registration forms are available in the Children's Welcome Center or on our site at [www.upumc.org/VBS](http://www.upumc.org/VBS). "Campers" ages 4 years (by Sept. 1, 2009) through completion of 5th grade are invited to join us for this VBS. Registration deadline is May 24. Volunteers for a variety of areas are still needed to help make Camp E.D.G.E. a success, so please grab a Volunteer Form when you register your child or contact Julie Pascuzzi at [jbpascuzzi@tx.rr.com](mailto:jbpascuzzi@tx.rr.com) or 972-781-0592 or Jenny Tabor at [jennytabor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennytabor@sbcglobal.net) or 214-341-1684 to volunteer or for more information.

## Dinner, concert to benefit North Dallas Shared Ministries

Enjoy an evening of music and laughter in support of North Dallas Shared Ministries by attending its 7th annual fundraiser, featuring a lasagna dinner and concert, on Thursday, May 7, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church.

The concert features an eclectic repertoire of acoustic blues, country, folk,

bluegrass and pop performed by The Fabulous CatDaddies, and an appearance by Dr. Dennis Swanberg (also known as "The Swan") who combines comedy with a soul-building message.

Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the concert is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for both, or \$20 for the concert only.

Those who can't attend may still make a donation on behalf of UPUMC, said church member Bob Munroe. Checks may be given to Bob (reach him at 214.987.0759 or [munroe.bob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:munroe.bob@sbcglobal.net)) or mailed by May 1 to: NDSM May 7 Concert/Dinner, 2875 Merrell Road, Dallas, Texas 75229-4702.

## It's not too late to return your commitment cards

March 29 was Commitment Sunday, the day designated for estimating our financial gifts to the church for the rest of the year. Filling out a commitment card allows

each member to make a spiritual covenant with God and it helps the pastors and elected leaders make informed budgetary decisions about the ministries of the church.

If you haven't turned in a commitment card, you may still do so by dropping it off at the church business office or submitting the information online at our website, [www.upumc.org](http://www.upumc.org).

## EASTER BUNNY PAYS A VISIT

Martana Hanson and Laird Hanson, who attends the Weekday School, enjoyed an Easter-themed luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from the event went to the Dallas Bethlehem Center Auxillary.



## UPUMC NEWS AND NOTES

**Closing reminder**

All church offices will be closed the Monday following Easter, April 13.

**Weekday School Monthly Mission**

During April, the UPUMC Weekday School will collect canned food for the North Texas Food Bank. Bring your cans to the collection area outside the school office any time during April.

**Caladium sale deadline April 3**

Please help support UMW missions while ordering beautiful caladiums for your yard. Many varieties are available and order forms are located in the Welcome Center. Call Lynn Erickson at 214.824.6648 with any questions.

**Wednesday UPLift Dinners**

There will be no UPLift programs or dinner on April 8. All activities and dinner will resume on April 15.

**Sale of Easter lilies ends soon**

On Easter Sunday, April 12, the Altar Guild will sponsor the festive decoration of the church sanctuary with Easter lilies. The plants will be available to the donor following the 11 a.m. worship service. The cost of each lily is \$14 and the final day to order is Monday, April 6. You can find an order form in your Sunday bulletin or in the Welcome Center.

**Welcoming visitors on Easter Sunday**

Easter Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to offer a warm, inviting welcome to the many newcomers likely to be visiting our church. Here are a few ways to put our best foot forward:

- Parking: Because of limited space, it can make a big difference if members who are comfortable doing so park farther away from church entrances, and take advantage of opportunities to carpool.
- Reaching out: Say "hello" and make the acquaintance of someone new. You can't go

wrong with a smile and a bit of conversation. And if someone looks out of place or unsure, go ahead and ask them if you can help.

- Exiting services: For better flow, please leave the sanctuary via the transepts.

Easter is such a joyous celebration in the life of the church. Let's do what we can to share the love and joy of the day with all who enter into our midst.

**On the road again**

Larry and Carol Ann Ravert have finalized the next group of travel ministry trips.

Upcoming trips include:

- Thursday, April 16 – travel to Fort Worth via train and visit the mint
- Wednesday, May 13 – spend a day at the Dallas Arboretum
- Wednesday-Friday, June 24-26 – "Texas" musical at Palo Duro Canyon and more
- Tuesday, Aug. 18 – mystery trip with special guide
- Monday-Friday, Nov. 2-5 – Christmas in Branson
- Saturday, Dec. 5 – day trip for a Norwegian Christmas in Clifton

You can find complete information in the Welcome Center.

**Mark your calendar for concert**

The spring event presented by our Spiritual Arts Series will be a concert by Leslie Blum on Sunday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends for what will truly be a delightful evening of entertainment.

**Donations sought for WDS Carnival**

The Weekday School Carnival and Auction will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. Organizers are seeking donations of auction items, which could be goods, services, or sharing of talents (be creative in thinking of how you or others may be able to contribute). Underwriting the cost of carnival entertainment or simply making a cash donation is also appreciated.

The 2009 Auction Donor Contracts are avail-

able in the school office. Also, you may contact chair Dixie Franklin, 214.732.7331, or her auction co-chair Rebecca Simmons, 214.929.7044, with questions or ideas. Or, e-mail them at upumcwds@upumc.org.

**UMW spring benefit for C.C. Young**

This year's benefit will be on Wednesday, April 29. It will be hosted by the UMW of Ridgewood Park UMC, 6445 E. Lovers Lane. Refreshments will be at 10 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:30. Rose-Mary Rumbley, Ph.D., will review "Promised Land: Thirteen Books That Changed America." A contribution of \$15 is requested.

**Sign up for UPUMC Life e-newsletter**

Have an e-mail address? Want to stay on top of church happenings? Subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter, UPUMC Life. Contact Carolyn Washburn at cwashburn@upumc.org to be added to the distribution list.

**Ads and family updates wanted**

UPUMC has contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a guide book and directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered to your homes annually. This book will provide an overview of the mission, programs and people of the church.

Since the guide is being provided at no cost to the church, local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like to get on the list to be contacted about advertising in our directory, please call Carolyn Washburn at 469.916.9611.

To ensure we have your most up-to-date information for the guide book, please contact Wynn Moore at 214.368.1435, ext. 104 with any changes to your membership record.

**Families needed to host students**

Welcome a high school exchange student into your household for five or ten months. As a Center for Cultural Interchange host family, you can join us in building bridges of friendship. Visit the CCI website, cci-exchange.com, or call Chris Long at 972.754.1036 or e-mail Chris14888@aol.com.

**PRAYERS**

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

**Deaths**

- Evelyn Herzinger on March 19. Services were March 21.
- Mary Frances "Stell" Chappell, wife of Wally Chappell, on March 28. Memorial will be April 4 at 2:30 p.m. at FUMC Dallas.
- Velma Ruth Reed, mother of Tricia Carroll, on March 30. Visitation and service will be April 3 beginning at 2 p.m. at Restland's Wildwood Chapel.
- Jerry Shoemaker, father of Jeremy Shoemaker and grandfather of Griffin and Bekah Shoemaker, on

March 31. Memorial will be April 3 at 10 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Tyler, Texas.

**Prayer Requests**

Wil Kahlich; Valerie Massey; Sofia Conshafter; Julia Frazee; Ruth Bain; Richard Hearne; Flo Carter; Johnny Irish; 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; Bill Byxbee, father of John Byxbee; Eva Guest, niece of Linda

Durbin; Cindy Hill, mother of Tiffany Luedtke; Terry Goolsby, friend of Dolan and Marilyn McKnight; Marsha Tanner, friend of Linda Durbin; Celia Patterson, mother of Cherry Fowler; Doris Baughman, grandmother-in-law of Rachel Baughman; Harold and Rita Gray, Parents of Dan Gray; Olga Navarro, friend of Sharon Christen; Lynette Gillis; Bob Lewis, father of Barb Rotondi; Lana Rock, sister of Jody Lindh; Brooke Malouf; Blake Malouf; Cecelia Fold, aunt of Greg Klugiewicz's wife

**WELCOME REPORT****MARCH ATTENDANCE REPORT**

	Attendance Visitors	
March 1	490	24
March 8	423	29
March 15	401	35
March 22	464	23
March 29	468	26
Totals:	2246	137

Of the total visitors in March, 11 were first-time visitors.