

## Mission Matters

# Let your light shine



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate

multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.... The chain reaction of evil — hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars — must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.” — Martin Luther King Jr. (Source: *Strength To Love*, 1963)

Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” — Matthew 5:16

Here are some ways for us to shine:

### Right away:

#### Time-sensitive opportunities

- **Read with a child:** Read with a Project Transformation child the week of June 15-18 at Oak Cliff UMC. We will go from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday. Transportation provided from UPUMC, if needed. Contact Kim Brannon to volunteer. Reach Kim at 214.696.9437 or ksbrannon@sbcglobal.net.

- **Please pray** for our youth and adult missions to Guatemala. Our youth team will serve June 25-July 2, and our adult team

will serve July 3-12. Our teams will be in San Juan La Laguna and San Pablo La Laguna, two villages in the western highlands of Guatemala. We primarily work in these villages and the surrounding rural areas. To learn more about the ministry in Guatemala, see [www.odinguatemala.org](http://www.odinguatemala.org).

- **Get your tickets for the Agape Not Home Alone Dinner and Auction!** Tickets are available at the Welcome Desk for this dinner and silent auction from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 31, at UPUMC. This event benefits the after-school program of Agape Memorial UMC. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 7-10). Contact [tjtrillo@verizon.net](mailto:tjtrillo@verizon.net) to learn more.

### Save the date!

**Women’s Mission to Dulac, LA!** October 1-5: We’ll fly to New Orleans, and then drive about an hour south to work hurricane relief with the UMCOR station in Dulac. No special skills required. Think girl trip/slumber party/making a difference all in one weekend! A \$75 deposit is due by July 1 (\$225 total). [Space is limited to 15 from UP; first come first served.]

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## YOUTH KICK OFF THE SUMMER



Young people came together for the Youth Summer Kickoff at UPUMC. Parents, youth and volunteers enjoyed barbecue and games as they learned more about summer programs.

## Construction to start in late June

Construction for an 80-car parking lot at UPUMC is expected to start around the third week of June. This timeframe is a result of the permit process being slower than expected and some delays in working with the various utility companies with regard to relocating existing lines.

The parking lot marks the first ground broken for the Generation to Generation building project, in which we are renovating and adding on to the church as our gift to future generations.

The first phase will consist of the parking lot at Colgate and Pickwick; landscaping of the parking lot and along Colgate property; installation of new signage for Preston at Colgate, Preston at Caruth,

and the Pickwick entrance to parking; and the addition of accessible ramps at sanctuary and tower entrances. Our goal is for the bulk of this phase to be completed by the fall, before the Weekday School is back in session.

Mike McKinley, a UPUMC member who serves as chairman of the Building Committee, said that all those involved with the Generation to Generation building project “are working very hard to assure that we stay on track and address all issues in the most judicious, prayerful and timely manner possible.”

“It is a true blessing to be a part of this wonderful UPUMC team as we move from Generation to Generation,” said Mike.



What can you donate? Check the list of school supplies

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Welcome report plus News and Notes

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### IN WORSHIP JUNE 14, 2009

Traditional, 8:45 and 11 a.m.  
“Calling ‘em as we see ‘em”  
1 Peter 3:15b-22, 4:6  
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

The Bridge, 11 a.m.  
“Rethink Church,” Mark 4:26-34  
the Rev. Rachel Baughman

### IN WORSHIP JUNE 21, 2009

Traditional, 8:45 and 11 a.m.  
“What sign are you?”  
Acts 2:38-47  
the Rev. Leighton Bearden

The Bridge, 11 a.m.  
the Rev. Paul Escamilla, guest preacher

**Summer activities for youth**

We've got lots of opportunities for young people this summer. Sunday Night Live, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center, features games and activities for junior and senior high students. Starting June 15, join us from noon to 3 p.m. for Mission Mondays. We will serve kids at Project Transformation for five weeks, then move on to another mission. We'll also meet from 7-8 p.m. at the Sonic in Preston Center for Thursday Bible Studies. To learn more, contact either the Rev. Rebecca Frank, Jeff McCormick or Blair Thompson at 214.368.1435.

**Changing lives with PT**

UPUMC supports the work of Project Transformation, a nonprofit organization that provides summer day camps for children at urban United Methodist Churches. We will host a lunch for PT interns at noon on Friday, July 24, in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Kim Brannon at 214.696.9437 or ksbrannon@sbc-global.net if you would like to help with this meal. You can also help by contributing books, sports equipment, art supplies or snack foods throughout the summer. Pick up a wish list in the Welcome Center or view the wish list posted at [www.projecttransformation.org](http://www.projecttransformation.org).

**School supplies needed for Care4Kids**

Wesley-Rankin Community Center needs donations of school supplies for its Care4Kids pro-

gram, which allows parents to receive school supplies in August in return for hours of volunteer service.

Supplies can be dropped off at UPUMC starting June 15. Financial donations will be accepted, also. For more information, contact Phillippa Nierling at 214.369.4631 or [nierling@aol.com](mailto:nierling@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.

**Wait list available for stadium tour**

Add your name to the wait list to join the UPUMC Travel Ministry on a guided tour of the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on Saturday, Sept. 12. We'll travel by charter bus to tour the stadium and enjoy a buffet lunch at Palomino's Ranch Buffet, leaving UPUMC at 9 a.m. and returning by 2 p.m. The cost is \$48 (or \$45 for those ages 65 and up). Contact Larry Ravert, [lravert@aol.com](mailto:lravert@aol.com), or Wynn Moore, [wmoore@upumc.org](mailto:wmoore@upumc.org), for information or to register for this trip (payment is required to register). For this trip and other upcoming trips, see the information packet in the Welcome Center.

**WELCOME REPORT****New Members**

**Diane and Bill Blandford joined May 3 by transfer from First UMC of LaGrange. They are in the New Life class and Diane is already in a covenant group.**



**Suzanne Lee joined May 10. She attend here throughout her high school years and just graduated from Stephen F. Austin.**



**Tracy and Mark Schortman joined May 31 by transfer from a Methodist church in Atlanta. They are members of the New Life class and Tracy is in a covenant group.**



**We also welcome Polly Juengst, who joined May 31 (photo unavailable). She transferred from a Methodist church in Cincinnati and she lives at the Edgemere.**

**Welcome back to Gayle Schwab, who renewed her membership after being away in San Angelo. She is a member of the Wedding Ring class.**

**Baptism**

**We rejoice with James and Dana Donahoe on the baptism of their son, Ryan Andrew Donahoe, on May 24. Also pictured is daughter Ellie.**

**MAY ATTENDANCE REPORT**

	Attendance	Visitors
May 3	433	11
May 10	490	29
May 17	515	5
May 24	358	21
May 31	<u>430</u>	<u>24</u>
Totals:	1868	90

Of the total visitors in May, 52 were first-time visitors.

**CELEBRATION**

**During the May 11 UMW circle meeting, friends helped Edith Porter celebrate her birthday. Edith will be 98 years young on June 22.**

**Volunteers raise money for Dallas Bethlehem Center**

A big thank you goes out to all the UPUMC volunteers who helped Dallas Bethlehem Center with its garage sale in May.

About 24 UPUMC members cleaned out closets at DBC, hauled everything into the gym, sorted, priced, organized, displayed, and sold items that brought in more than \$1,000.

Not only did these individuals help Bethlehem Center, but they made it possible for unsold merchandise to be donated to Wesley-Rankin Community Center, Crossroads Community Services, Warren UMC, Family Gateway and the Salvation Army. Literally hundreds of people will benefit from the time given by these generous volunteers.

**PRAYERS**

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

**Births**

- Clara Leaette Gruner born May 31. She is the daughter of Sam and Brandi Gruner.
- Millie Rose Williamson, born June 4, to Bo and Megan Williamson. Her big sister is Emma and her grandparents are Diane and Jerry Williamson.

**Deaths**

- Dr. C. Max Cole, husband of Marilyn Cole, on June 1. Services will be held June 12.
- Joe Kuban, brother-in-law of Leighton Bearden, on June 4. Services were June 8.
- Marjorie Creed Taylor DeFord, mother of Jane DeFord and grandmother of Ritt Myers, on June 9. Services will be held June 11.

**Prayer Requests**

Freda McQueen; Don Sanders; Mary Cox; Richard Hearne; Mark and Jill Chambers; 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; Julie Frye, sister of Pam Dean; Homer Jones, father of Mary Jacobs; William Pospick, father of Bob Pospick