

# SCHOOL OF ESSENTIAL WISDOM

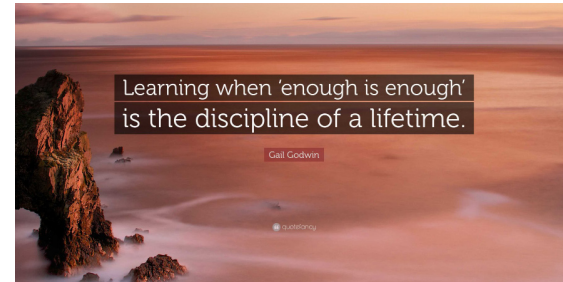
## SUMMER SERIES

### A Study on ENOUGH: Rockefeller, Ghandi, Us with Charles Hosch

June 27 UPUMC Youth Center  
July 11 UPUMC Parlor  
August 1 UPUMC Youth Center

11 AM - Lecture Registration: \$20 per household for all 3 lectures  
12 PM - CATERED LUNCH (optional) \$17 per person, per lunch

For questions, please email Janet Hodge (jhodge@upumc.org) or Mary Jo McCurley (mccurley.maryjo2@gmail.com)



## FALL TERM

### September

LOVE -- ALL:  
YOUR SERVE!

- 5 Communities Foundation of Texas: Calvert Collins-Bratton
- 12 UPUMC Missions Board: Wanda Hooten, Janet Bustin, Gina Gregory, Emmy Zumwalt, Kim Brannon, Phil Bush
- 19 UPUMC United Women in Faith
- 26 Project Transformation: Eric Lindh

### October

IT'S ALL GREEK  
TO ME!

- 3 Rev. Colin Craft: Introduction to Biblical Greek
  - 10 Rev. Colin Craft: Biblical Greek, Part 2
  - 17\* Rev. Dr. Larry George: What It Means to Be Clergy, and How You Get There
  - 24 Rev. Colin Craft: Biblical Greek, Part 3
- 17\* On October 17th, we will be celebrating Clergy Appreciation Day by hosting a catered luncheon following the lecture to honor our UPUMC clergy.

### November

JEWELS OF  
DALLAS,  
ENCORE!

- 7 Texas Hall of State - Fair Park
- 14 The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
- 21 Perot Museum of Nature and Science

### Any writers in the house?

Do **YOU** have a devotional/movie or book review/poem/essay hiding in a bottom desk drawer? Send your masterpiece for publication in *Words to the Wise* to [mmathis@upumc.org](mailto:mmathis@upumc.org), and let us share **your** wisdom in a future issue!



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# WORDS TO THE WISE



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## THE GIFT

### An Easter Story

In the endless realm  
of time  
When now is not  
it seems  
There is that touch  
of heaven  
That lives within our  
dreams.

What is that thought  
of heaven  
That steals into our  
dreams?  
It's grace to live  
forever  
Despite our works and  
schemes.

What happened in this  
dying world  
That changed the sense  
of time;  
When God raised up His fists  
in love  
And said: "this world  
is mine!"?

### by Martin Cude

The power of God's protective  
fire  
Became a child of  
man  
Dependent on His mother's  
breasts  
Yet still the great  
"I Am." \*

He changed the path of man's  
dark way  
And died to break  
restraints.  
He gladly gave His life  
for us  
And freed His shackled  
Saints.

There's been no greater gift  
to man  
Than was that gift back  
then.  
That gift is waiting here  
today.  
He knocks, just let  
Him in.

\*John 8:58



# GO! DO! LOVE

UPUMC MISSIONS MOVEMENT



When the Stinchcombs joined the Spring Break Mission Trip to Operación Abrigo in 2023, Noah spent some of his time playing soccer with the kids who lived near the construction sites. One thing that made a very big impression on him was how many of his fellow players had worn out shoes, or even no shoes at all. He saw a big problem! The soccer "field" was full of broken glass and debris that could easily injure a child whose soles were worn out or already had holes. On the way back to Dallas, Noah told his parents that if they went back to Juarez in 2024, they would need to bring a lot of shoes with them.



UPUMC's youth who were on the Operación Abrigo team worked as hard as they played. Above you can see several of them mixing cement and preparing it for use in the building. Noah said that the family whose house his team built was made up of a grandmother, four grandchildren, plus two orphans she had taken in.

What amazing mission opportunities UPUMC is providing for our children and youth!

So this year, with his folks' help, Noah launched his own shoe drive. He reached out via email to families they knew, from school and elsewhere, asking for new or "gently used" athletic shoes. He and his family collected just over 400 pairs. When they got to Juarez, UPUMC members and other adults sorted them by size to facilitate selection by the families onsite.

The thing that surprised Noah most each year was how little the children in Juarez had, and yet how happy they were just to be playing soccer and enjoying each other's company.



## Wesley-Rankin Community Center Recognizes Volunteer Bob Munroe



UPUMC was well represented at the 2024 Hattie's luncheon, both to celebrate Bob and to help raise funds for Wesley Rankin's important work. Over \$118,000 was raised on March 7th.



"Mr. Bob" helps me with my math and reading," said one 3rd grader.



Bob Munroe began volunteering in Dallas schools over 15 years ago. These days, he averages 2 hours a day, 3 days a week at Wesley-Rankin Community Center. At the end of the school day, neighborhood children are picked up in WRCC buses and brought to the Center for help with homework assignments and additional reading practice. "Mr. Bob" worked with K-2 students for several years, and now works primarily with 3rd and 4th graders. So he has actually known some of his current students since their first years in school.

"Mr. Bob" takes the time to talk with the children; he knows exactly how to help ELLs (English Language Learners) activate their prior knowledge and build background in English before they encounter new words in their texts. This is a critical step in reading comprehension that ELLs can miss out on in classroom settings.

Reading strategies are also important tools for solving math word problems, of course, Bob points out. He has also come up with some clever ways to motivate kids to learn basic math skills, e.g., the multiplication tables, from memory.

If you feel called to serve as a tutor like Bob, you can reach out to Becky Stegmann, WRCC's Volunteer and Advancement Coordinator at (214) 742 - 6674.

### MISSIONS SUPER SUMMER SUPPLY DRIVE

### THROUGHOUT JUNE

The UPUMC Mission Movement is organizing a collection of craft materials and **SNACKS** for **Wesley-Rankin**. They need **INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED SNACKS** like **Cheez-Its, GO-GO squeeze fruit, pretzels, veggie straws, goldfish, popcorn.**

**Christ Foundry** needs school supplies for their back-to-school bash. A few of the items they asked for are: **wide-ruled spiral notebooks, pocket folders, Crayolas (24 pk.), pink erasers, kid scissors (blunt tip), zipper binder (3-ring) pencil pouches, wooden #2 pencils, ELMER'S purple disappearing washable glue, clear backpacks (heavy duty clear bookbag)..**

**Project Transformation** needs **new/gently used games, sports equipment, old magazines** for summer camps.



You can drop off any donations at the colorful collection stations around the UPUMC campus.