



THE TOWER



DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR RETIREMENT LIVING OPTIONS?

Stay home? Move to a retirement community? If so, which one? If not, what services will be the best help at home? It's daunting when you've never done it before. Staff and church members who professionally deal with retirement communities, *Continued on page 3.*

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SANCTUARY
8:30, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

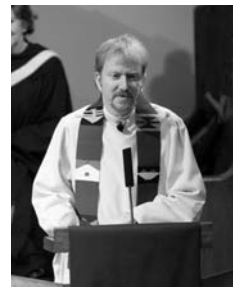
MARCH 9:
JASON GARRETT
"DEVOUR THE STRAWBERRY"

MARCH 16:
REV. MARK CRAIG
"A SECOND LOOK"

COX CHAPEL
REV. JEFF HALL

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

REV. JEFF HALL
PREACHING



Holy Week

Palm Sunday
March 16
Regular Services;
Children's Sunday School
will include a Palm Sunday
Processional in the Garden

Maundy Thursday
March 20
Cox Chapel, 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
March 21
Sanctuary
Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 22
Cox Chapel, 10:45 p.m.

Easter Worship

March 23, 2008

Traditional
Sanctuary
8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.

Communion
Cox Chapel
8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

Contemporary
Wesley Hall
8:30, 9:30, 10:30

Children's Worship
ages 4 years through 5th Grade;
Room 329
9:00, 10:30

KidCare for ages 0-3, from 8:00 a.m. until noon,
with reservation, 214.523.2201.

Sunrise Service 6:45 a.m.
in front of Perkins Chapel, SMU

CORNERSTONE GOSPEL HOUR
TOE-TAPPING, FAMILIAR HYMNS
WESLEY HALL, 8:30 A.M.

CORNERSTONE
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
WESLEY HALL, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

REV. PAUL RASMUSSEN
PREACHING



KERYGMA: A TEACHING SERVICE
GREAT HALL, 11:00 A.M.

MARCH 9: PANEL COMPRISED OF
DR. TED CAMPBELL, REV. BARBARA
MARCUM AND REV. WALT MARCUM
ON "LIFE AFTER DEATH IN THE BIBLE"

MARCH 16: REV. WALT MARCUM
"PALM SUNDAY & HOLY:
NEW HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES"



SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER

As a special addition to worship this Lenten season, we are privileged to have Jason Garrett preaching all three Sanctuary services on March 9. Jason and his wife, Brill, are longtime members of HPUMC. Rev. Mark Craig calls Jason "a gifted and inspirational Christian speaker." Jason is assistant head coach/offensive coordinator of the Dallas Cowboys.

SUNDAY PERSONAL PRAYER TIME
COX PARLOR
12:05 P.M. INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

THURSDAY SERVICES
COX CHAPEL
7:00 P.M. TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

Offered the first Thursday of each month.

COMMENTS
FROM
CORNERSTONE

BY
REV. PAUL
RASMUSSEN



There is a legend about two strangers who attended the same church for several Sundays. Nobody spoke to either one of them. One of them said, "I will give this church one more chance. If no one speaks to me next Sunday, I'll never go there again." The other one said, "I don't like the no-speak attitude of this church. If no one speaks to me next Sunday, I'll speak to someone."

The next Sunday, an usher happened to seat both of the men next to one another. Like the past Sundays, no one from the church greeted them. The first man rose from his seat to stalk out forever. The second man turned, offered his hand and said, "Good morning, it's good to see you here." Both of the men continued to come back.

As a pastor, I am so proud of all the things that this church has to offer. But did you know that the most important part of evangelism – long before visitors sing the first worship song or hear the first words of a sermon – is the attitude of the people in the seats and hallways of the church. What you say to the person next to you, and your decision to be friendly to them as they walk in our building, is often the single most important factor in their decision to return. I hope you will never underestimate your role in bringing people to Jesus Christ as you sit in worship every week. See you on Sunday.

The mission of the Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Ministry is to proactively address family violence at Highland Park United Methodist Church and in our community.

This ministry serves as a resource for directing those in need to receive help.

If someone you love is hurting you and you need help, please call the HPUMC VIP Ministry Information/ Resource Line at 214.523.2123.

All calls are confidential.



DON'T FORGET!

**AUTHORS LIVE! PRESENTS
REV. PAUL L. ESCAMILLA**

Longing for Enough in a Culture of More

Thursday, March 13 at noon in room 120.

Lunch is \$8. Call Richard at 214.523.2249 to make reservations by March 11.



**BECOME ONE OF
THE WONDERFUL
FACES WELCOMING
MEMBERS AND
VISITORS TO
HPUMC!**

We need volunteer drivers for our 8-passenger trams which circulate the church lots assisting those with special needs to and from their cars.

Volunteer drivers are needed for two hour shifts on Sunday mornings. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Connect & Serve at 214.523.2246 or luederl@hpumc.org.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM
THE ACADEMY**



HPUMC is proud to offer a variety of courses to enhance the lives of its members. From Christian studies to secular classes, The Academy of Christian Studies and Life Enrichment holds courses year-round. Happening now at The Academy:

- **Lenten Lesson: Judas: Disciple, Traitor & Friend of Jesus** - Meets Wednesday, March 12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in room 386. Free. Led by Rev. Walt Marcum.
- **Right Here, Right Now: The Middle School Years** - Focused on developmental issues of middle school kids. Meets Tuesdays, March 25-April 29 (except April 22) from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. in room 231. Fee: \$80. Led by Kathleen Fischer.
- **Considering Heaven?** Meets Thursdays, March 27-April 10 in room 391. Fee: \$15 (includes *My Descent Into Death*). Led By Rev. Barbara Marcum.
- **Conversational French** - This class is designed for adults who have had two years of high school or one to two semesters of college French. Meets Tuesdays, March 25-May 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 388. Fee: \$65 (new students requiring book) or \$40 (returning students). Led by Rosalind de Rolon.
- **Fun With Color** - Come learn how to avoid decorating mistakes and how to get color right. Meets Wednesday, March 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 385. Fee: \$10. Led by Robin Lea.
- **Conversational Spanish** - Thursdays, March 27-May 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 384. Fee: \$45 (new students) or \$30 (returning students). Led by Maria Teresa Marquez Ocampo.
- **The Marriage Check-up: for couples married 2 to 7 years** - Thursday, March 27 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in room 120. Fee: \$30 per couple. Led by Dr. Terry Parsons.

Call 214.523.2231 or 214.523.2296 to register for class and for more information about the classes. Send applicable fees through the mail to the address above or go to www.hpumc.org (classes) to register and pay by credit card.

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home health and case management will discuss the options during the Tuesday, March 18 Older Adults Forum. If enough people are interested, we can form a group to exchange information, tour facilities together and support each other in finding the answer that is right for us. Join us at noon in room 120 for lunch and the seminar. Lunch is \$8. Make reservations through Richard at 214.523.2249 by noon Friday, March 14.

A New Class for First Time Parents of Children 2 & Younger



**Sundays,
11:00 a.m.
Room 362**

For more information contact Susan Robb at 214.523.2210 or robbs@hpumc.org

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

Easter Week: Prepare your hearts for Easter Sunday! Thursday, March 20: Maundy Thursday service in Cox Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Steve Matthew will be preaching. Join us for a free lunch in Great Hall. Please call and let us know if you would like lunch (214.523.2249). There is also a 7:00 p.m. service in the Sanctuary.

Scripture Tuesdays Bible Study with Lunch: (2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays) 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in room 120: Lord, Are You Telling This Parable for Us? Our Scripture Tuesdays continue in room 120 with "Parables for the Second Half of Life" beginning March 25 at 11:00 a.m., a total of five sessions. Get ready to be surprised! Your perspective, and your understanding of the parables you studied a decade or two ago, may be very different now. Lunch afterward at the cost of \$8. Lunch reservations through Richard at 214.523.2249 by the day before the study.

Special Events: Trip to Austin on April 11-12: Join us for a wonderful trip to Austin to see the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and Spirit Theater. We'll lunch in Salado, tour the Museum, eat dinner and spend the night in Austin. The next day we will tour the George H. Bush Library and eat in College Station. Cost is \$160 plus your meals. Make reservations with Richard at 214.523.2249 by March 25.

**Need to know more?
Visit www.hpumc.org.**

In Sympathy for the Families of:

Names of HPUMC members are listed in bold.

Terry Pendleton 2/16/2008. Survived by wife Pam Pendleton; mother Lynn Pendleton; son and wife **Greg & Janelle Pendleton**; daughter and husband Kim & Chris Bonner.

Robert F. Dundon 2/19/2008. Survived by daughter and husband **Jane & Randall Fuller**.

Celebrating the Birth of:

For births or baptism listings, contact Mary Bishop, bishopm@hpumc.org.

Lillian Fay Novel was born on January 3, 2008. She is the daughter of Kelly and Jeff Novel. Her aunt and uncle are Kim and Terry Quinn.

Ryan Miller Hagood was born on January 18, 2008. He is the son of Julie and Robert Hagood and joins Johnathan.

Charlotte "Charlie" Jane Middleton was born on February 12, 2008. She is the daughter of Kelly and James Middleton and joins Margaret.

John Philip Ratchford was born on February 14, 2008. He is the son of Brandy and Stephen Ratchford and joins Sam, William and Peter. His grandparents are Dian and Sparky Moore. His aunt and uncle are Peter and Shelley Moore.

Ford Clayton and Jake Joseph Hansard were born on February 18, 2008. They are the sons of Alison and Clay Hansard. Their grandparents are Gail and Clay Hansard. Their aunt and uncle are Jill and Billy Downtin.

Cannon Lane Dalton was born on February 18, 2008. He is the son of Alissa and Dewey Dalton and joins Grayson and Kade. His grandparents are Vicki and Doug Smith. His great-grandmother is Dee Sowell.

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

February 17, 2008:

Olivia Grace Bond, daughter of Holly and Greg Bond.

Jackson Burton Correll, son of Amber and Sam Correll.

Skylar Anne and Gunner Thomas Essary, daughter and son of Elizabeth and Bryce Essary.

Frances "Frank" Charles Hadlock, son of Lindsay and Patrick Hadlock.

William David Mason, son of Abby and Brian Mason.

Mackenzie Vee Stine, daughter of Taryn and Ian Stine.

Jack Christopher Toben, son of Kirsten and Rod Toben, brother of Andrew.

H*E*R GROUP

HEALING ESTRANGED RELATIONSHIPS OF WOMEN AND ADULT CHILDREN

You are invited to join a group for women who have strained or non-existent relationships with adult children. Dr. Jane Toler will facilitate the group, which will help develop concrete strategies for mending parent-child relationships and discover new ways of relating to an adult child. Meets the second Monday of each month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 369. No reservation needed. More: 214.523.2248 or www.HealingEstrangedRelationships.org.

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Holy Week and Easter Questions Answered

What is Lent and why does it last 40 days? Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the 40 days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter” celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin and death.

YOU

KNOW?

What is the significance of purple during Lent? Lent’s color is purple because this color signifies penitence, mourning and suffering. Purple is also the color of royalty, hinting at the coming resurrection of Jesus. Many churches will strip the worship space of color or will use the color black on Good Friday. Then, on Easter, the colors switch to white for the Easter season.

What is the meaning of Palm Sunday? Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday) begins with the celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem before the Passover Festival (see Mark 11:1-10, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19). The name, Palm Sunday, comes from this same story. “A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds ... were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes / in the name of the Lord.’” (Matthew 21:8-9, NRSV) The Palm Sunday service also includes references to what is to come during the somber week to follow, when Jesus’ Crucifixion takes place. The celebration and loyalty of the entry into Jerusalem turns into the pain and betrayal of Good Friday.

Why do we call it Easter? According to St. Bede (673-735), the name “Easter” was derived from the Saxon spring goddess, “Eostre.” As in the case of Christmas, the Christian observance of Easter took the place of an existing pagan ritual. The date for Easter is set in relation to the Jewish Passover. Since Jesus’ Last Supper and crucifixion occurred during the feast of the Passover, Christ is seen as the Paschal lamb, the new sacrifice. So the Christian observance of Jesus’ death and resurrection are forever tied to the Jewish Passover feast. The date for Easter in the Western Church is set in relation to the Passover full moon. (The Eastern Church calculates the date differently.) The date for Easter always falls between March 21 and April 25.

Why do we use lilies at Easter? The white lily stands for purity. It has traditionally been used in Christian art connected to Mary, the mother of Jesus. She has often been pictured with the angel Gabriel and Gabriel is coming to her with a spray of lilies in his hand to announce that she will be the mother of the Messiah. It is also a sign of the Resurrection. It, like other flowers that come from bulbs, seemingly dies away then returns with new life each year. Because they are white, they signify the pure new life that comes through the Resurrection of Jesus.

Why does the date of Easter change? Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20 in 2008). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Based on the above information, Easter can actually be one day earlier than it is in 2008, but that is rare.

Here’s more interesting information: This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see for the rest of our lives! And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228. The last time it was this early was 1913. The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285. The last time it was on March 22 was 1818.



ADULT DODGEBALL

If you are interested in playing dodgeball, e-mail Pam Marth, Recreation Coordinator, at marthp@hpumc.org.

Open Court for Adults

Basketball T/T 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Volleyball Wed 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Visit www.hpumc.org for a current list of fitness classes, activities and health club hours.

HPUMC SINGLES MINISTRY

Mission Trips JUAREZ, MEXICO

Thurs - Sun • April 17 - 20 • \$450 (\$250 without airfare)

Interest Meeting • March 16 • Noon • Rm 329W • Final payment due!
Trip Meeting • April 9 • 6:30pm • Rm 329E

Never been on a mission trip? This is the trip for you! No special skills needed. We’re partnering with HPUMC Global Outreach and Amor Ministries to build homes for families in Juarez, Mexico. Fly from Love Field Thursday evening, then arrive at the campsite in Juarez. Begin construction on Friday, and the dedication ceremony is Sunday.

COSTA RICA

Sat - Sun • June 14 - 22 • \$1200 (\$600 without airfare)

Interest Meeting • April 13 • Noon • Rm 329W • \$600 due
Trip Meeting • June 5 • 6:30pm • Rm 329E • Final payment due

This mission trip includes two days of fun! No special skills needed. Fly from DFW on Saturday to visit the orphanage site. Sunday worship together and see a volcano. Monday work at the orphanage site; continue work and offer VBS at a local church through Thursday. Friday leave for R&R; and return home Sunday.

For more information & online payments:
www.hpumc.org/pages/singles

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