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Sunday, March 15

Five Ways to Worship...

Sanctuary



Rev. Jim Moore
Minister in Residence
8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Cox Chapel



Ted A. Campbell
Associate Professor of Church History, SMU
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

kerygma a teaching service



Rev. Walt Marcum
Great Hall, 11:00 a.m.

CORNERSTONE



Rev. Paul Rasmussen
Contemporary Service
Wesley Hall, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

CORNERSTONES EARLY MORNING GOSPEL HOUR



Rev. Paul Rasmussen
Wesley Hall, 8:30 a.m.

...within One Church

Go Green! Subscribe to Tower 2.0, the HPUMC e-blast by sending your email to wyatta@hpumc.org.

GEORGIA BATES TO NIGHT OWLS, HPUMC'S HEALTH MINISTRY IN ACTION

For decades, HPUMC has cared for and about those who are in need of health care. Some of the health-related initiatives include the Haiti Eye Clinic, Agape Clinic, medical missions in Nepal, VNA Meals on Wheels, Parish Nursing, Night OWLS (Out With Loving Sitters); a respite program for the parents of children with special needs and their siblings) and Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP; which proactively addresses family violence in our church and community).



Georgia Bates, 1946. Courtesy: VNA

In 1939, Senior Pastor Dr. Marshall Steel toured West Dallas and was stunned. Although there was electricity, the houses were described as "little shack-camps" built of scraps of tar paper, tin, old pieces of linoleum and *Continued on page 4.*

Easter Giving Cards

This year, instead of Easter lilies, we are offering the chance to honor or remember your loved ones with a gift to our community ministries. Whether given as a gift to honor friends and loved ones or kept in remembrance of loved ones no longer with us, the gift of an Easter Giving Card is a wonderful way to share the spirit of Christ's love this time of year.

Each card is \$10 and can be purchased online at www.hpumc.org/community_ministries. You may also pay with cash or check in the Outreach offices during business hours.

Questions? Call Jennifer Tankersley at 214.523.2269

THE WALK TO EMMAUS

By Paul and Marvella Ditto



Would you like to feel the immense power of God's love? Have you ever wanted to know more about God's grace or wanted to really focus on strengthening your Christian discipleship?

Would you like a weekend away from

the hustle and bustle, one that has been spiritually renewing and inspiring to more than half a million people? If the answer to any of those questions is yes, then the Walk to Emmaus may be for you.

The Walk to Emmaus is a meaningful religious 3-day weekend retreat for church members who would like to grow spiritually and build their faith and discipleship. It is sponsored by the Upper Room of the United Methodist Church (so it is mainstream theology). It is a short course on Christianity and is non-denominational. Lay and clergy speakers lead discussions and studies on topics such as Means of Grace, Discipleship, Priorities, Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, Piety, Christian Action, Changing our World, Sanctifying Grace, Perseverance and other topics.

The Dallas Emmaus Community offers both men's and women's retreats in the North Texas area. The next men's retreat is June 25-28 at the Lake Sharon Retreat and Conference Center in Flower Mound, and the next women's retreats are March 26-29 and May 14-17 at the Lake Lavon Retreat and Conference Center in Princeton, Texas. There is a \$150 fee for the accommodations and food. Members of HPUMC are already signed up for all these retreats, so please consider joining them (spaces are very limited). To attend the Walk, you must be sponsored by someone that has been on the Walk (but that is never an obstacle; the team below will work with you in finding a sponsor).

We will be conducting two informational meetings on Sunday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. and noon in room 391. Please join us – we will answer all your questions.

Emmaus Leadership Team:

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JOY OF LIVING: A NEW GROUP BASED ON STUDY OF BIG BOOK OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If, when you honestly want to, you find you cannot quit entirely, or if, when drinking or using, you have little control over the amount you take, you are not alone. We are a group of men and women who at one time struggled with these problems as well but are now free. Whether you fit this description, love somebody who fits this description, are unsure if this description fits you, or are just curious, please join us in our weekly study of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. The newly founded Joy of Living group will meet in room 385 on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. It is a group primarily focused on teaching others how to stay sober through close adherence to the guaranteed program of recovery detailed in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. For additional information call 214.523.2209.

DEALING WITH STRESS, POST-55

Financial insecurity amid the shock of these economic times, a spouse with dementia, issues of health, loss and frustration that accompany aging, family issues, supporting grown children, dealing with parents in their 90's, raising grandchildren; the list goes on. Gregg Medlyn of Pastoral Counseling and Education Center will explore ways of emotionally dealing with these bumps in life's post-55 road.

March 31, noon-1:00 p.m., room 120

Lunch is \$9 for those who want lunch. Reservations can be made by calling Richard at 214.523.2249 or emailing stanfordr@hpumc.org.

Biggers Sports & Fitness Open Court Basketball for Kids starts in March!

**Tuesday through Thursday from
2:30-5:00 pm.**

**Visit www.hpumc.org/biggers for more
information.**

UMW's Circle 20 Hosts a Party at C. C. Young

By Joellyn Eubank



Jan Newman, Barbara Wiskow and Robbie Kraemer flanked by two CC Young residents.

Circle 20 of the United Methodist Women hosted a Valentine Party and Birthday Celebration on February 12 for the long-term care residents in the Young Building at C. C. Young. Thirteen circle members served Valentine-themed refreshments including fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, cookies, coffee cake and punch to the 34 residents.

Each resident received a bright red Valentine gift bag filled with a card, toiletries and other personal grooming items, a stuffed animal, and one of numerous other special treats... a silk scarf, a colorful piece of jewelry or a bag of candy. Three birthday celebrants were recognized by wearing bright shiny crowns; each one also received a large stuffed animal.

The party concluded with a sing-along of old-time favorites including "Peg of My Heart," "Honey," "My Blue Heaven" and "When I Grow Too Old to Dream." Many residents sang every word without referring to their song sheets; those songs were definitely among their favorites!

This festive fun-filled celebration was one of Circle 20's local mission projects. It was planned and organized by Robbie Kraemer, Missions Coordinator. Circle 20's president for 2009 is Jan Newman. For information on Circle 20 or the other UMW circles at HPUMC please call Grace Delatour at 214.368.5521.

Church Women United invites you to a review of

"Three Cups of Tea" by Beth Weems Pirtle Tuesday, March 24, 10:00 a.m., room 120

RSVP to Beth: bethsigns@att.net or 972.243.7353
Limited seating! We are having round tables for 8.

Plans are to have "three cups of tea" as we hear the story of Greg Mortenson's work building schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. There is no charge but donations can be made to CWU.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

In Sympathy for the Families of:

Names of HPUMC members are listed in bold.

*If you would like to have your loved one listed here, please email
pastoralcare@hpumc.org or call 214.523.2241.*

Marilyn Hardberger Austin 2/19/09. Survived by daughter Cindy Holbrook; son and wife Earl & Kathryn Austin; son James L. Austin.

Marva Jean Underwood 2/20/09. Survived by son and wife **Randall & Ann Underwood**; daughters and husbands Jan & Larry Smith, Jackie & Gary Brooks; grandchild **Jackson Foley**.

Helen Presnall Ackerman 2/20/09. Survived by son and wife **Robert & Kristine Ackerman**; son Neil Ackerman; grandson **Jonathan Ackerman**.

Freeman Crenshaw, Jr. 2/21/09. Survived by sons John & Greg Crenshaw.

Dr. Charles Ivan Williams II 2/23/09. Survived by wife **Sherilyn Williams**; children **Claudia & Olivia Williams**; parents Charles & Mary Williams.

Robert L. McIntire 2/28/09. Survived by wife **Betty McIntire**; son and wife Ron & Lazane McIntire; daughters and husbands Sharon & Don Stevenson, Jill & Michael Kane.

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

February 22, 2008:

Montre Elizabeth Burnett, daughter of Liz and Scott Burnett.

Greer Margo Crow, daughter of Brittany and Christopher Crow, sister of Rhodes and Hutch.

Grady William Hall, son of Shannon and Brandon Hall, brother of Thomas.

Thomas "Tommy" Lewis Hirzel, son of Hollee and Zac Hirzel.

Camille Margaret Irvine, daughter of Jennifer and Graham Irvine, sister of Ellie.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Worship in the Sunday Night Way

Sundays, Cox Chapel, 9:30 a.m.

Taizé Worship

Thurs., April 2, 7:00 p.m., Cox Chapel

Pick up a Lenten brochure at the church for more details plus our Easter worship schedule.

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anything that could be wired together to make a shelter. Dr. Steel delivered a sermon on June 11, 1939, that reached Dallas County on an emotional level. Those who heard his words brought about the annexation of West Dallas, bringing it within the Dallas City limits. Dr. Steel then met with the Visiting Nurses Association, and together they arranged that HPUMC would pay the salary of a nurse who would serve on staff of VNA.

When Georgia Bates heard the job description of the nurse in West Dallas and the association with HPUMC, she knew she had found her calling. Ms. Bates was a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and did postgraduate work at Southern Methodist University and other academic institutions. For an incredible 35 years, from 1939 to 1974, Bates addressed the needs of her patients and their families in West Dallas. Many in the congregation provided money, but also gave of their time to help.



HPUMC Nurses L-R: Naomi Lawrence, Drew Seelman, and Cheryl Vandiver

Today, there are three nurses on staff at HPUMC. Cheryl Vandiver, RN, is Director of Health Ministry; Naomi Lawrence, RN, runs the Project Center; and Drew Seelman, RN, serves as Youth Missions Coordinator; Naomi and Cheryl are both credentialed Parish Nurses having completed a certified training course.

Parish nursing at HPUMC provides a nursing perspective of caring about the whole person with an emphasis on the integration of physical, emotional and spiritual health. Parish nurses are specially trained Registered Nurses with active licensure who direct and coordinate health programs within a congregation in partnership with other members of the church staff, particularly Pastoral Care. The parish nurse may provide care to members of the congregation as a health educator, counselor, a source for health care referrals and an advocate. Parish nurses do not provide "hands-on" patient care such as that offered by home health nurses, but instead direct people to the most appropriate health care providers.

HPUMC staff nurses have been joined by nurses throughout the congregation to offer supportive nursing intervention to those in need. Nurses meet regularly at HPUMC to address the interests and skills of HPUMC nurses and how to best serve the members of this large congregation.

You can support the Visiting Nurses Association by calling 214.689.0000 or visiting www.vnatexas.org.

Learn more about HPUMC Health Ministries at www.hpumc.org.

The next Parish Nurse meeting is Tuesday, March 17, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in room 385. For more information, please contact Cheryl Vandiver at 214.523.2209.

The Academy of Christian & Life Enrichment Studies

MARCH-APRIL CLASSES

Conversational French: Mondays, March 9-April 6

Marriage Check-Up: Couples Married 20-30 Years
Thursday, March 26 only

Passover Seder Meal: Tuesday, March 31

HOLY WEEK LESSONS

What Really Happened? What Does It Mean?

Thursday, April 2: What is Palm Sunday?

Monday, April 6: Cleansing of the Temple / The Events of Tuesday and Wednesday

Wednesday, April 8: What is Maundy Thursday and Good Friday?

Registration/information:

call 214.523.2231 or 214.523.2296 or visit www.hpumc.org.

HPUMC SINGLES MINISTRY

Alternative Sunday School Singles All Ages

BOUNDARIES

by Drs. Henry Cloud & John Townsend
DVD Series

Sun. • 9:30 a.m. • Cox Parlor
Mar. 15 - May 31

**WHEN TO SAY YES
WHEN TO SAY NO**

TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE
For more info: www.hpumc.org/singles

HPbasics Christian and Methodist basics

What are the basics of Christian belief? If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith, join us Sundays, through March 29, 9:30 a.m. in room 225, taught by Perkins Professor, Dr. Ted Campbell. Questions: Susan Robb at 214.523.2210 or robbs@hpumc.org.

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