

NEWSLETTER

University United Methodist Church

January 24, 2012

People of University: Love God, Follow Jesus, Serve All, Nurture One Another and Make Disciples



A few years ago a young woman was sitting in her cabin in a valley between two mountains somewhere in New Mexico bawling her eyes out. She had just finished a long day as a camp counselor for teenagers at church camp. But instead of sleeping, (which is the overwhelming urge that most people give into after a long day as camp counselor) she was crying. Not out of sadness, because she had just had an incredible day of sharing Christ with young hearts in the middle of the wilderness, but because she realized that this week of volunteering was destined to turn into something much bigger. She was crying because she felt a nudging from God that she simply couldn't ignore anymore. That evening, sitting alone in a cabin in the middle of nowhere, she committed her life to the mission field.

Earlier today, I had the privilege of sitting on the board that interviewed her, listened to her story, probed her with questions, and recommended that she continue on her journey toward ordination in the United Methodist Church. It was a moving experience for me, because I know exactly what it feels like to feel the utter terror and exhilaration that comes from saying "yes" to God in a way that changes your life forever.

This evening, I shared with a group of men the story out of the book of Acts about Paul's first stop on his first missionary journey. Before embarking on this trip, he and another man named Barnabas were sitting (or standing) in church singing songs and worshipping God when suddenly they both felt God nudging them to do something. I envision them coming forward to the altar and presenting themselves before God, perhaps not even knowing what it was they were responding too. The story (as told in Acts 13) tells us they spent time fasting and praying before deciding to set sail for the island of Cyprus. This journey became the first of three long voyages that forever changed the world.

I don't think that stories like this will ever stop amazing me. 2000 years ago, God called two men to share the message of the Gospel with the Roman world. Fast forward to just a few years ago, and God calls a young woman to share the message of the Gospel with the people of North Central Texas. God hasn't stopped working. He hasn't stopped calling people. He hasn't stopped using us. The world has changed, and people have changed, but God persists in His plan of redemption and continues to insist that you and I play a role in that plan.

I'd like you to spend some time this week considering what your specific role in that plan might be. As a man in our group pointed out tonight, we are called to the same thing: proclaiming Christ to a broken world. The only thing for us to decipher is how to go about doing that. What are the circumstances that you find yourself in that give you opportunity to show compassion? What relationships do you have that cry out for something deeper? What story do you have that has the power to connect with others?

God is calling you. Right where you are. You don't have to go to the mountains or to Antioch to hear that call. We just have to pay attention. Let's all make 2012 the year that we respond to the nudges rather than ignore them, and experience the thrill of living out God's purpose for our life.

Peace!

Pastor Jason

Church Information

817-926-4626

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Monday through Thursday
9:00 to 5:00

Friday 9:00 to 12:00

Closed daily for lunch

Pastor's Information

Reverend Jason Hamilton

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Child Development Center

CDC hours are Monday through
Friday from 7:30 to 5:30

For information contact the CDC

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Newsletter Publication

The next Newsletter will be produced Tuesday, February 7th. All articles or important announcements must be in the church office via email by noon on Friday the prior week, to be included in the current publication.

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Thank You!

Current Sermon Series:



Please join UUMC for a combined Sunday School hour, Sunday February 12th, in the sanctuary to watch the Borehole dedication Video w/ Christinah and her friends,

"Channels of Grace"

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:3



Men of University (MoU)

Monday Evenings 7 p.m.
Men of University,

MoU. This is a group of faith-driven men who get together weekly to have dinner, talk, bond, fellowship and just be there for each other in the time of need or just give that pat on the back. This group has everything a man could want from a men's group. For questions or more information contact Jake Resch at jake_resch@yahoo.com.

MoU: Discovering biblical manhood - because the world needs us

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

General Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2012



Executive Committee 9:15 AM
General Meeting 10:00 AM
Program: Haiti
Challenges & Hope
Luncheon: Circle 4 - COVERED DISH

Soul Feast, Spring 2012

Meal 5:30-6:30 PM
(proceeds benefit El Buen Samaritano UMC)

Prayer group begin at 6:00

Programs begin at 6:30*

Children Vintage VBS.
Kids explore a new Bible story each week with music, fun, and games.

Youth Life App w Kyle

Young Adult When Christians Get It Wrong with Pastor Jason

Adults Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study with Dr. David Griffin.

***Nursery provided @ 6:30.**

Prayers for our Church Family:



The Family of Alice Travers, Colin and Ronnie Rosser, Water For All International, Project-44, Randy Welch, Noelle Sternberg, FWISD, Irma, Ann and Wayne Williams, Pat Ario, Sandy Lewis, Mark, Melinda, Barbara Dietz, Connie Barrett, Jimmy Montgomery, Tim Mayo, Jim Carpenter, The Burtis Family, Doris Tijerina, Rev. Leonard Rodde, Jinger Meyers family, Deloras Luedtke, Hugo Novoa (coma) in Chile, Girl Scouts and the Cookie Moms, The Stinson Family and The Robert Young Family.

Joys for our Church Family:

Carrie Snoden- cancer is free. Jackie Walkers successful hip replacement surgery.

Prayers on the Web



There is now a prayer section on University UMC's website:

- Pray for someone (by name or anonymously):
<http://www.uumcfw.com/get-connected/pray-for-someone/>
- Submit prayers online (by name or anonymously):
<http://www.uumcfw.com/get-connected/submit-a-prayer-request/>

Upper Room a daily devotional guide, available in both regular print and large print, located in display racks in the library.

IMPORTANT:

The alley that runs through the church property is currently under construction for utility work. The holes are being covered each night by large metal plates. Please be aware of the treacherous terrain as you come and go from the church. If you notice any dangerous debris or uncovered holes, please contact the church office as soon as possible, so we can remedy any dangers.



Newsletter? Meals On Wheels

NEEDED: Site Volunteer for Tuesday mornings, for more information contact Mary Jane at 817-926-4626

Project 44 is selling pints of pickled beets, pickles and green tomato chow-chow. The veggies are \$5 per pint Please make all payments the church office with your checks made out to Project 44.

IT'S A NEW YEAR!

For 2012 would you consider: being an office volunteer OR serving with a group to provide continued decor and tidiness of the sanctuary. Please contact Dana in the church office if you would like to help!

Dana Boles
Executive Director of Church Administration & Missions
dboles@uumcfw.com



2011 Year End Financial Statistics

Donations	Expenses	Net Loss
\$415,421	\$421,181	(\$5,761)
Budget	Expenses	Under Budget
\$432,433	\$421,181	(\$11,252)

Thank you all for your generous donations throughout 2011!

Erin Richmond
Financial Secretary
University United Methodist Church

THE FOUNDATION
How It All Began

The Foundation was incorporated on June 3, 1981, with the official name, University United Methodist Church of Fort Worth Foundation. The incorporators were:

Mrs. Hazel Broiles	Bill W. Lucas
Mrs. P. E. Castleberry	Jon M. Payne, Jr.
F. Wilmot Davis	Charles A. Franklin
Frank F. Roberts	(still an active member today)
L. Dale Griggs	
A. H. Keen	

The affairs of the corporation are managed by its Board of Directors which consists of nine directors, 2/3 of which will be members of University United Methodist Church. A financial advisor manages the assets of the Foundation.

Newsletter?

Did you read this newsletter? I'd really love to know if you did?

Please email me at dboles@uumcfw.com or call the church office at 817-926-4626.

Dana Boles
Executive Director of Church Administration & Missions
University United Methodist Church

Would you like to dedicate flowers to a loved one on any given Sunday?
Contact the church office for more details.



UUMC Planning Retreat Follow-Up

Planning Retreat

Many thanks to the twenty-three people who gave of themselves by attending the 2012 Planning Retreat on Saturday the 21st. Staff members spent the morning looking at issues involving organizational structure, administration, servant leadership and calendars. I take this opportunity to celebrate the Pastor and staff who currently serve University United Methodist Church.

Beginning at noon, staff members were joined by lay leaders who are part of the elected organizational structure in our church. In addition to leaders from positions like church council chair, there were members of Staff Parish Relations, Trustees and Finance committees, as well as leaders involved with programming areas such as Worship, Missions, Education and Evangelism.

During the afternoon we divided into small groups in order to develop goals and strategies in five ministry areas: stewardship, worship, making disciples, growing disciples and missions. These categories come from a guide developed by the Council of Bishops as they seek to provide leadership on how local churches can become "vital congregations". These plans will be laid before the Church Council as we work together to find God's guidance in all that is before us. As with the staff, I celebrate the lay leadership and their great spirit here at UUMC.

The stewardship group suggested a goal of \$75,000 in missional giving for 2012. Strategies including regular information on where our money goes, celebration of what is being accomplished and communication about goals were recommended.

The areas on worship and making disciples joined together, suggesting a goal in average worship attendance of 235, with 12 professions of faith. Recommended strategies focused on a CDC/Wednesday Night Outreach and a campaign of Retention/Hospitality. In these strategies outreach to children as well as strong invitations to all Wednesday activities are key ingredients. Also considered important are Sunday "front porch" visits, worship packets and exit greeters.

Growing disciples area called for 80% of the prior year's average attendance to be active in one or more small groups. Adding and promoting groups were also encouraged. Strategies for achieving such goals included a survey of needs, establishment of a new member process, retrieval of inactive members and developing neighborhood home-based small groups.

The missions area called for 100% of the prior year's average attendance to be active in one or more mission activities. Strategies to achieve this include a campaign in which members pledge their involvement in mission as well as enhanced communication about missions.

PLEASE be in prayer as these plans are considered and as we take the actions necessary to a vital, loving, committed congregation.

Grace and Peace,
Dr. David W. Griffin
Visitation Pastor

Prayer Quilt Day Tuesday, February 14 Hearts & flowers for all who come!!!

I think it would be appropriate to work on a quilt of reds and whites to celebrate the day. At the present time we have one quilt ready to go and another in progress. My goal is to have three or four ready to go at all times.

Thank you to those who have donated material, money, time, and talents. We invite anyone in the congregation to join us on the second Tuesday of each month to visit, to sew, to eat, and to pray. If you would like to support this ministry with money, please designate "Prayer Quilt" on your check or offering envelope.

Hoping to see you on the 14th.
Bridgette

Please see the back page of this newsletter for the current Youth suppers.
If you or your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a meal, please contact the church office or Kyle. We have openings for the spring. For more information or comments on other youth activities, contact Kyle @ kroberson@uumcfw.com

**ATTENTION 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS:
GET ENGAGED
ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH: LIVE IN COMMUNITY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH: PROCESS TRUTH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH: ENCOUNTER GOD
PROGRAM BEGINS @ 5:30 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL W FREE DINNER
PROGRAM ENDS @ 7:30 PM

STUDENTS APPLYING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
5:30 PM- DINNER AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL (\$6.50)
6:30 - 7:30- LIFE APP BLUE STUDY
(CURRENTLY STUDYING THE STORY: TEEN EDITION)

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS
BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
10 AM IN ROOM 211**

UPCOMING DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW:
SUPER BOWL PARTY @ THE COOKS: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
MISSION TRIP MEETING: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 4PM
3SR RETREAT: APRIL 13-15 @ GLEN LAKE
COMBO MISSION TRIP: JUNE 10-16

**ATTENTION ADULTS:
PARENTS MEETING
THIS SUNDAY
JANUARY 28TH
4:30 PM
IN THE YOUTH
ROOM**

**THIS MEETING IS FOR ALL
PARENTS OF 6-12 GRADE
STUDENTS!**

UUMC Electronic Giving

University UMC has always been blessed by faithful givers, but now stewardship just got a little bit easier.

If you have access to the internet, you can click on the "Donate" link on the University website www.uumcfw.com. From there, you can make a one-time gift, or schedule a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly gift directly from your checking account or debit card.

We also have authorization forms available in the church office if you do not have internet access. The best part is, it's 100% secure. Sign up for Electronic Giving on the church website or in the church office.

If you have any questions about UUMC's NEW Electronic Giving, please contact our financial secretary, Erin Richmond at erichmond@uumcfw.com **Convenient. Consistency. Security.**

PANCAKE SUPPER

February 21st
5:30-7:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Adults: \$6.00
Children \$3.00



BENEFITTING THE CHANCEL CHOIR

GOT UNIVERSITY?

Do you want to be involved in a small group or a Sunday School class? Call the church office and we can get you connected.

YOUTH SUPPER SCHEDULE



THE FOLLOWING HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO SUPPLY YOUTH SUPPERS ON THE UP AND COMING SUNDAY EVENINGS.

- 1-29: THE DEBOLTS
- 2-5: SUPER BOWL @ COOKS
- 2-12: THE INGHAMS
- 2-19: THE REV. GRIFFINS

University at a glance:

Regular Calendared events

Important Upcoming events

Monday- Friday

7:30am CDC (close 5:30pm)
10:00am Meals on Wheels

Wednesday*

5:30 pm Soul Feast (Dinner)
6:30 pm Prayer Group
Bible Studies
ESL Class
Youth Activities
Children's Activities
21st RUNG & Choir

Thursday

7:30 pm Joy Ringers
Bell Choir

Sunday*

8:45 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Lunch

*Nursery is available for ages infant through 4 years old. 6-7:30 and during Sunday worship

Jan 29, Youth Parent Meeting

Feb 5, Scout Sunday (*ALL* Past & Present Scouts wear your uniform)

Feb 10, Parents Night Out (Youth Fundraiser)

Feb 12, "Channels of Grace" Combined Sunday School hour (10am in Sanctuary) to watch the Borehole dedication Video

Feb 12, Mission Trip Meeting @ 4pm (youth & adults)

Every Monday

7:00pm Men of University

Second Monday

1:00 pm Women's Prayer Group Clark Class

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