

# GATHERING & SCATTERING—FEB 9, 2012

## WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY:

### JOYS:

Congratulations to Rev. Phil Woodland who was honored today by The Children's Coalition with the For the Love of Children Lifetime Achievement Award.  
Happy Birthday to Ann Earp and Jo Salter.

### CONCERNS:

Sympathies to the family of Marietta Lanoux on her passing this last week. A memorial service will take place at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 11 in our Sanctuary, with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.  
Sympathies to the family of Richard Langford on his passing.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Valerie Achee, Freda Anderson, Sue Bello, Wyatt Bissett, Marie Bruns, Irma Cassel, Doris Coats, Doris Dobson, Bobby Fahey, Melva Field, Nancy Gardner, Barney Garner, Sandy Godail, Rosemarie Hall, Pat Hines, Joy Johnson, the family of Richard Langford, the family of Marietta Lanoux, Matthew Mead, Bob Moles, Eileen Newsom, Veronica Noble, Annell Oatley, Mary Katherine Paine, Walter Pierron, Pat Pourciau, Mary Lou Riche, Pat Rives, Carmel Roux, Leslie Salter, Magdi Selim, Bessie Schumaker, Gavin Shanks, Blane Smith, John Riley Spurlock, Ruth Stockinger, Katherine Watts.

### SUNDAY EDUCATION CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY 12TH:

Contemporary Christian Concerns - Library Issues - a Report.  
Don Browning, former member of the Library Board.  
College Group - Discussion TBD  
Foundations Class - Discussion on the book Digital Disciple, by Adam Thomas  
Genesis Class - Continue study of Rob Bells book Love Wins  
Inter-Generational Bible Study - The Acts of the Apostles  
J.O.Y Class - Pete Aguila to discuss General Conference topics  
Open Door - We continue our study, Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service

### WESLEY GROUP COME & SEE

Wesley Groups are small groups dedicated to weekly fellowship and reading & discussion of the scripture based on the upcoming Sunday in worship. These small groups provide an opportunity for weekly fellowship and study.

If you are interested in learning more about or joining a new Wesley group, please join us on February 16th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the home of Lisa Frost (6513 Boone Drive in Woodstone Subdivision). Please call Barbara Albright (751-0591) or Linda Brown (603-3918) for more information.

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

If you are a new visitor looking for more information, a long time visitor wanting to join the church, or just someone who would like to learn more about UUMC - make plans to attend our Coffee With the Pastors on Sunday, February 19, from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the church parlor.

### AN INVITATION TO TAKE UP AND LET GO...

Lent can be a time in our church for "taking up" those spiritual practices that draw us closer to God and "letting go" of those things that separate us from the love of Christ. We hope that you take some time to ask God what this might mean for you in this season of your life. The Discipleship and Spiritual Formation group invites you to take some time to think about what might speak to your heart this Lent. You are invited to find a way to walk your path in this season of Lent.

To view a list of the full class options and to sign up, please visit our website. If you are unable to sign-up online, registration forms are available in the back of the SEASONS pamphlet, which can be found in the fellowship hall or church office. If you have any questions please contact the church office at 344-0343 and we will be glad to try to answer all of your questions. We hope that these events and studies will enrich your life!

### KIDS HOPE NEWS

In this success-driven world we live in, we often pride ourselves in the accomplishments we make. Tangible accomplishments. When working with at-risk children, we often don't see progress that fits our definition of an accomplishment. Therefore, we get discouraged thinking we're not making a difference. We may feel that we're just spinning our wheels or have taken on an insurmountable task.

Carol Buchner has this to say about working with children: "They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel." There is no doubt in my mind that each of our adopted children feel special, loved, and valued because of the time you spend with them. If that's not a tangible accomplishment, I don't know what is! Keep up the great work and never lose faith.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- Every Tuesday 8:00-9:30 am - Garden Team works with 5th graders and spruces up campus (extra volunteers needed)
- February 17th - 4H lesson for all 5th graders (extra volunteers needed)
- February 20 - 24 Mardi Gras Break - No volunteers at school

~Shirley Flake, Kids HOPE Director, shirley.flake@gmail.com

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONTINUED ON BACK >>>



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## **CHOIR TOUR PARENT MEETING**

There will be a parent meeting to discuss this summer's choir tour this coming Sunday, February 12th in the blue room of the youth area from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm. If you have not already RSVP'd to Chris King, please do so ASAP by emailing him at [chris@universitymethodist.org](mailto:chris@universitymethodist.org).

At this meeting we will discuss important aspects of the trip including the itinerary, cost of the trip, and fund raising. Chris and Carter encourage all parents of youth to attend the meeting so we will all be on the same page regarding the details of the trip as well as to ask any questions you may have regarding the trip. We will be providing lunch at the meeting so please RSVP so that we know how many to prepare for.

## **COUCH TO 5K & SKEETER RUN**

In support of the upcoming LA Skeeter 5k and the Imagine No Malaria campaign we are starting the Couch to 5k program (C25K) at UUMC. For more info: Gary Merrifield 354-6732 or Martha Wright 933-3978.

## **UMW NEWS & MEETINGS**

**UMW DISTRICT RETREAT:** Walking With Wholeness Becoming Whole Through a Closer Walk with Jesus Christ. This will be a great opportunity to spend a few hours with your UMW sisters-in-Christ as we praise God and contemplate walking more closely with our Lord and Savior. Please consider joining the district UMW on Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM at Broadmoor United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Please RSVP to Pat Lively, 225-766-2136 or [patlively@cox.net](mailto:patlively@cox.net). There is no charge for this retreat. There will be a coffee break but no lunch will be provided.

The Trice-Woodland Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 14th from 1:30 p.m. till 3 p.m. in the church parlor. Guests are always welcome!

The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet on Thursday evening, February 23, at 7 p.m. at the home of JoAnn Doolos, 5535 Riverbend Blvd. JoAnn and Susan Hodges will prepare a light soup supper for the group, and we will entertain a "Game Night". Visitors are always welcome.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM at the home of Whitney Dennis. This circle is currently discussing the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. We invite all ladies in the church in their 20-40's to come visit and take a night out of the month for fellowship and friendship! If you are interested in joining us and need directions please contact Kelly Surace by phone at 344-0343 or through email at [kelly@universitymethodist.org](mailto:kelly@universitymethodist.org) for directions and information.

## **UMPEA GARAGE SALE FUND RAISER & CHURCH PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UP**

SATURDAY, MARCH 3  
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Get your spring cleaning done early and bring your donations to the Preschool no later than March 2nd! Then, come shop the garage sale on March 3rd. All proceeds from the garage sale will go towards playground improvements.

There will also be a playground cleanup the same day (March 3rd) from 9 am - Noon with refreshments provided for all those that help.

If you have any questions, please call the Preschool Office at 225-344-0345 or email our Preschool Director, Toi Davis at [toi@umpea.org](mailto:toi@umpea.org).

## **SOUPER BOWL POTLUCK RECIPES**

Everyone had such a great time at the Souper Bowl Potluck. The soups and desserts were delicious! We had quite a few requests for recipes from the event. We have created a resource page on our website where we can list any recipes that are shared with us at Potlucks. Take a moment to check it out - the #1 requested recipe from this last week was the Sopapilla Cheesecake brought by Debra Hadden!

If you have a recipe from the potluck lunch that you would like to share, please email it Kelly Surace at [kelly@universitymethodist.org](mailto:kelly@universitymethodist.org).

## **NEEDS & OPPURTUNITIES:**

A New Sunday School Class for Adults is Forming to Begin February 26th. Would you like to be part? Targeting persons in their 40's through early 60's, the class will study various topics from current issues to Bible study. Contact Rev. Lee McKinzie more information.

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Would You Enjoy Working With Children or Youth? It's the time of year when we are recruiting workers for our ministries with children and youth and their families. Would you like to be involved? Let us know by calling the church office at 344-0343.

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This is the time of year when lots of couples talk about venues for marriages. Join the UUMC Wedding Coordinator, Kyle Wooldridge, as she discusses photographers, musicians, florists, clergy and so much more. The one-time session is held 10:45-10:45, Sunday, February 26. RSVP to Kyle Wooldridge if you plan to attend.

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Are you handy? Do you know how to fix, repair or build things? If so, we can put you to work. A Building Care team is now being formed to take care of much needed work around the church and to assist persons in need with home repair projects. If you are interested in signing on to the crew, contact Will Hadden at 341-0283.