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Celebrate July 4th with us!

Come and join us for our annual Independence Day celebration! Beginning at 7:30 pm on Sunday July 4th, the Connection Center parking lot will open to all who want to come and participate in some great pre-fireworks festivities. The festivities will include free hot dogs, cotton candy, sno-cones of all varieties and popcorn! For the kids, we'll have a bounce house and also a water feature to help them cool off, so be sure to bring a swimsuit. As the day begins to fade and the time for fireworks draws nearer, the Houston Concert band will perform a free patriotic pops concert that includes all the favorites such as the 1812 overture, Battle Hymn of the Republic and some of Irving Berlin's best tunes.

As far as parking for this great event is concerned, we are encouraging our members to park at one of three locations: 1) Rummel Creek Elementary School, 2) First American Title located at 13110 Memorial Drive or 3) the main parking lot at the church itself. All of these places represent a bit of a walk, but since we host so many persons from the community at large during this great event, we want to reserve the best parking spots for them! If you are interested in more information, or have any questions, please contact Rev. Collin Taylor at the church.

Children of Eden Opens at The Well

Upon return from their tour in the Atlanta, Georgia area, the Agape Singers will perform four shows for us at The Well at the Connection Center. This year's show, *Children of Eden* translates the first nine chapters of the Book of Genesis into a joyous and enchanting family musical for the 21st century. Bookwriter John Caird and composer-lyricist Stephen Schwartz retell the human story from the moment of Creation until after the floods, bringing vibrant new life to our shared history.

Children of Eden causes us to ask important questions about family, love, social responsibility and religion as it sweeps us along on a tide of music and lyrics. The show challenges us as it reaffirms our beliefs. It validates our own daily struggles, comforts us as we try to make sense of sadness, and sustains us as we seek the light that illuminates each of our lives.

Join us for any of the performances: July 8, 9, 10, 7:00 p.m., and July 11, 2:00 p.m. Support our youth choir and be entertained in our new worship and performance space, The Well!



Worship at Memorial Drive UMC

Sundays

- Services at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- *The journey*, at 11:01 in Wesley Hall

Wednesdays

- Mid-Week Worship at 6:30, Friendship Court

Thursdays

- Lunch & Worship for Senior Adults at 11:30, Connection Center

Peace, Love and VBS ...Feeling Groovy!

July 19-22 at MDUMC

Step back into the 60's as we travel to Camp Green Pastures for a walk through the 23rd psalm. Join Shep the Shepherd and his pal Woolly-Woolly for a fun week of black lights, pet rocks, Twister and more! We'll be feelin' groovy as we learn how God guides, guards, gives, and helps us grow. You can sign up at

www.mdumckids.org or by coming by the Children's Ministries Office. We can be reached by phone at 713-468-1973, Ext. 136.

VBS is open to all children through those who have just finished the fifth grade. Children ages 3 and younger need to have a parent or responsible person on campus as a VBS volunteer. The cost is \$20 per child and scholarships are available.

Visit us on the Web: www.mdumc.org



FRIEND TIME

This weekend Carol and I will drive over to my old hometown of Franklinton, Louisiana, for my High School Reunion. On the way, we'll stop to visit the Campbells in Baton Rouge. Frank and Cheryl were our closest friends during our years there, and we dearly miss spending "friend time" with them. Emails and telephone calls help, but nothing takes the place of face-to-face. We need a day and night together to break bread, laugh, tell stories, look into each other's eyes and just be with one another.

Summer ought to offer this special opportunity to reconnect with special people. Add a few miles to the family vacation and you can revisit a city where you once lived or the current home of a family dear to you. Squeeze just a few days away and you can take a direct journey to see friends too long absent. Even a short time together affords the chance to visit and catch up on the news of what has been happening in their lives—and this strengthens the loving connections that make life abundant in a way nothing else can.

Stephen Ambrose, the popular historian whose books about World War II and the Lewis and Clarke expedition have thrilled millions, has written about friendship in his book *Comrades*. He offers this descriptive definition of friendship:

Friendship is different from all other relationships. Unlike acquaintanceship, it is based on love—it is free of jealousy, it knows neither criticism nor resentment. Friendship has no status in law. Business partnerships are based on a contract. So is a marriage. Parents are bound by the law, as are children. But friendship is freely entered into, freely given, freely exercised.

Friends never cheat each other, or take advantage, or lie. Friends do not spy on one another, yet they have no secrets. Friends glory in each other's successes and are downcast by the failures. Friends minister to each other, nurse each other. Friends give to each other, worry about each other, stand ready to help. Perfect friendship is rarely achieved, but at its height is an ecstasy.

True friends make a difference in the world and in us. They are among the most precious and critical relationships one can have in life, and you cannot have too many. So this summer, if you get to visit special friends, remember what a blessing it is. And, if you are just planning your travel, be sure to ask who lives in the area that you know and include an excursion to see them. Or take a direct quick trip! You will be glad you did.

Meanwhile, here in Houston, why not make a special effort to spend part of these long days with the special people closer by? Life has a way of getting in the way of enjoying the friend just a few blocks away as much as those separated from us by thousands of miles. Don't allow it to happen. Pick up the phone, surprise them with a visit, meet them for dinner or send an email, if that's the best you can do. Summer's the time for catching up on relationships that, without tending, cannot grow or even live. Enjoy a friend today, and I'll look forward to enjoying you again in church soon.

See you in the FRIEND PLACE on Sunday, SHALOM,

Chuck

The Well—Opening in July!

Join us for our opening service of *the journey* worship and dedication at *The Well*, (13186 Memorial Drive) our new state-of-the-art facility located down the street from the Sanctuary at the Connection Center on July 18. *The Well* is the new home of contemporary worship and the theatre arts ministry.

We will begin worship at 11:01 a.m. Nursery care is available on site and all are welcome to join us.

A reception will immediately follow in the lobby of *The Well* where the entire MDUMC community is invited to share in this celebration.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all of those who made this dream possible through their contributions to the Yes! Campaign since 2007. Your joyful giving has made it possible for this church to continue Loving God and Loving Neighbor for years to come.

the Well

Mayor's Award to Common Thread Circle

On June 10, Mayor Annise Parker congratulated 10 winners of the Mayor's Volunteer Houston Award. MDUMC member Rima Blanc, representing Common Thread Circle of our UMW, was the recipient of one of the awards. Winners were chosen for contributing to the welfare of Houston's citizens through volunteerism. Common Thread Circle was nominated for the award by St. Luke's Hospital, and Common Thread was selected from over 400 nominees.

This group gathers several times a month to stitch, stuff and knit items that are donated to patients in over twenty Houston area hospitals. A unique feature of this group is that folks from other United Methodist churches as well as Presbyterian churches and Reformed and Conservative Temples, all volunteer to make these items. The circle meets at various locations monthly.

Anyone interested in volunteering should come to Starbucks Town and Country from 2 – 4 p.m. every Monday, or come to room D220 on the third Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 12 noon. Congratulations, Rima, as well as all Common Thread members, whose hands are doing such great work!

Agape Stockholder Reception

On Saturday, July 10, the Agape Singers will host a reception for all stockholders at 5:30 p.m. at the Gate in the Connection Center. The singers will share stories and experiences from the tour and show while stockholders enjoy punch and hors d'oeuvres. Please join us for this event and then attend the Saturday evening performance of *Children of Eden* at the "Well" Theater. To make your reservation for the event, please call the church office at 713-468-8356.

Sunday Evening Prayer
Service will NOT take place
in July and August



We are Collecting, for VBS...

1. Shoe Boxes (any size is fine)
2. Wrapping Paper (in at least 24" lengths)

Please bring your items to the table near the elevator in the children's building downstairs hallway.

VBS is going to the 60s this summer. The dates are:

July 19 – 22
9 a.m. – 12 noon



To register, please go to www.mdumckids.org. The price is \$20 per child. For VBS volunteer opportunities, contact donnareed@mdumc.org or call 713-468-1973 ext. 136.

Giving Makes Mission Possible

Restoring homes, vacation bible school in Guatemala and rural Tennessee, work in Houston, feeding hungry children...these are just some of the ways the people of MDUMC work for justice and compassion in the world. You are the reason that we, as the people of God, are able to work in our local community and around the world. It is **because you give!** In order for these ministries and other ongoing ministries to continue throughout the summer, your continued generous giving needs to continue. During the summer months when vacations and weekend trips are more numerous, monthly giving may be overlooked. Please review your giving record so that we can continue the work of God in the world. **Online giving** and **automated giving** are both available methods that monthly giving is possible even when you are out of town. Contact Jody Griggs at 713-468-8356 for more information on automated giving.



Guatemala Mission Photo

Tour Guide Available!

Join Dave Harris for a tour of our campus and learn your way around MDUMC.

We will meet Dave on **Sunday, July 11** in the **Narthex at 10:30 a.m.** You'll know him, he'll be the one with the "TOUR" sign!



Do we have your current email address?

Each week MDUMC sends out an email update, letting you know what's happening in the coming week. We know that we do not have current addresses for all our members. If you are not receiving the email update and would like to, please contact our membership secretary,

Judy Brewer at 713-468-8356 or judybrewer@mdumc.org.

Caring Ministries

Here at MDUMC we have many caring ministries. They are listed below.

If a contact person is not listed, please contact Rev. Jim McPhail at jimmcp@mail.mdumc.org or Sheri Kelley at sherikelley@mdumc.org or Rev. Susan Wiley at susanwiley@mdumc.org or call 713-468-8356 and ask for Jim or Sheri or Susan.

A.A. "Gratitude in Action" – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in F223-224 (Sheri)

ADDults – 3rd Mon at 7:00 p.m. in D218 (Sheri)

AI-Anon "Town & Country discussion AFG" – Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. in D219 (Sheri)

Alzheimer's Support Group and Gatherings - each group meets monthly at the Connection Center, contact Nancy & Bill Rawl at 713-461-3861 (Jim)

Blood Donor Ministry – quarterly blood drives at the church (Jim)

Career Assistance Ministry – Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in D220 (Sheri)

Children in the Middle – 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in D126, call 713-468-0500 (Sheri)

Chronic Pain & Illness Support Group – 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Connection Center at 4:00 p.m. (Sheri)

DivorceCare – Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in D221 (Sheri)

Family & Friends of Gays & Lesbians – 7:00 p.m. in D216 on the 2nd Thursdays of the month, contact Norma at 281-920-9555 (Sheri)

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous – Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in D217 and Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in D222, contact Evelyn at 281-752-8061 (Sheri)

Grief Share – Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in D222 (Sheri)

Home Bound Communion – starting first quarter of 2010 (Jim)

Hummingbird Ministry – for domestic abuse (Sheri)

• **Cracked Pots** – for survivors of abusive or destructive relationships; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in D216, contact Jennings.debra@gmail.com

• **Survivors of Romantic Deception** – phone ministry; call 713-468-8356, ext. 119

Medical Equipment – provides medical equipment as long as needed, contact Barbara Leflar at barbaraleflar@mdumc.org (Jim)

Medical Transportation – provides rides for members to doctors' appointments and Hospitals (Jim)

Military Support Group (MSG) – for family & friends of those serving in the military or working overseas, meets on the 3rd Sat. at 9:30 a.m. at Skeeter's (Sheri)

National Alliance on Mental Illness – monthly meetings on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in D126, contact Fifi at 713-465-8518 (Sheri)

Prayer Ministry - The MDUMC Covenant Prayer Group offers prayer for those from whom they receive a request. Requests may be left in the collection plates on Sunday mornings or received on our website at www.mdumc.org. (Susan)

Prayer Service - A brief pray service is held on the 1st Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in **Landrum Chapel**. - Intercessory prayers on behalf of others are welcome during this prayerful time. (Susan)

Prayer Shawl Ministry - The Prayer Shawl Ministry lovingly creates prayer shawls to be given to persons who may be ill, experiencing a crisis, or celebrating a joy. Join the knitters on the 1st Tuesday at 1:00-3:00 p.m. in D219 or on the 4th Thursday at 7:00-9:00 p.m. in D216. All skill levels are welcome! (Susan)

Stephen Ministry - Trained Stephen Ministers are available for those who, during a stressful time, may need a caring, confidential supportive relationship. (Susan)

Stroke Support Group - meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 at the Connection Center, contact Kay Callahan at 713-461-6704 (Jim)

Wings – grief support for children & youth sponsored by Houston Hospice, contact Marti Nelson at 713-677-7131 (Sheri)

Outreach and Missions

Mission Trips 2010

Do you have a love for travel and a heart to serve others? Have you ever felt the nudge to explore one of MDUMC's mission opportunities? If so, now is the time to stop by Friendship Court and learn about MDUMC's missions!

Whether you are interested in serving here in the gulf coast area or traveling around the world, the experience of sharing God's love through mission is unique and life-changing! There will be several mission trips including:

Agape Choir "Musical Mission"	June 27-July 2
Bratislava, Slovakia	July 15-24
Kenya	July 22-August 7
1000 Boots	August 7-14
Haiti	Feb. 3-11, 2011
Cuba	Jan 2011

For more information, please visit the Mission Council table in Friendship Court on Sundays or contact Kristy Elmore at 713-468-8356 ext. 242 or kristyelmormdumc.org. You can make a difference in the world: be a witness and share your faith with us in 2010!

Saturday Service Day – Soupmobile Shared Meal!

Mark your calendars and make plans to join together once a month for a day of fun and fellowship. Each month, MDUMC will be reaching out and sharing the love of Christ in a new way – through a "Saturday Service Day".

What is a Saturday Service Day? Service projects will range in scope, but all will be geared to partnering with and helping out with one of our community partners here in the Houston area!

Because of changes in plans at Christian Alliance, our June 26th mission day has been postponed. We are however looking forward to a wonderful day of service and sharing in July! On July 24th, we invite folks to join us for a shared special Soupmobile meal at the House of Amos. If you have ever participated in the Soupmobile ministry, we hope you'll make plans to join us as we sit down with folks and share a special summer meal of hot dogs, chips and lemonade with our neighbors in Alief!

We will meet at the church at 9:30 am and go over to the House of Amos together. If you would like to meet us at The House of Amos, lunch will be served from 10:30 am – 12 Noon.

For more information on this project, please contact Jackie Jones at homesbyjackie@hotmail.com or call Kristy Elmore at the church at 713-468-8356 x 242.



Help us Recover, Restore and Rebuild!

August 7-14, 2010

Missioners, it's time to get your boots on! MDUMC is once again gearing up to continue the work we started last year. We need to let our neighbors in the Galveston and surrounding area know there is still hope and rebuilding will continue!

We will have jobs for everyone – Adult, youth over 13 and even some suggestions for families with younger children who want to contribute behind-the-scenes! No matter what your skill level, we will have a fun and rewarding experience made just for you. Sign up in Friendship Court or logon to www.MDUMDResponse.com to register. You can work one day or the whole week.

If you are unable to be part of the work force, you can still participate by making your second mile donations to MDUMC – Disaster Response and dropping them in the mailbox at the **1,000 Boots** table in Friendship Court on Sunday or by placing your gift in the offering plate. Your donations will help sponsor workers, restore a home and provide food for those being your hands and feet in mission.

You can make a gift to rebuild a house (any amount), purchase a \$50 Home Depot Gift Card, sponsor a worker (\$25) or outfit a worker (any amount). We look forward to seeing you in August!

Contact Randy Lee at MDUMCResponse@gmail.com or Kristy Elmore at Kristyelmormdumc.org.

I CAN

The Soupmobile ministry is a vital ministry to those in our community who are hungry. We continue to see increased needs in our community, and your spare change really can make a difference! If you have lost or turned in your I CAN, please stop by Friendship Court on Sunday morning and pick up a new I CAN!

The I CAN's really do make a difference – this is an important and easy way to support the work of the Soupmobile Ministry of MDUMC. Put your spare change – even folding money – in your I CAN to help feed our hungry neighbors.

Back to School!

Remember those first days of school each year? Remember what a difference it made if you felt good about yourself? During the months of June and July, you will have the opportunity to furnish school clothing for low income children in the Spring Branch area. A donation of \$50.00 provides clothing for elementary or middle school students in Spring Branch ISD. Stop by Friendship Court any Sunday in June or July and make a difference in the life of a young person.



Youth Ministries

Weekly Events for Middle School & High School

- 6/25 6:00 p.m. – Middle School Workcamp Celebration, Wesley Hall
6/27 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for 7th & 8th graders, F223/F224
– Sunday School for High School; Youth Lounge
11:01 a.m. – *the Journey*; Wesley Hall
12:00 p.m. – Middle School to Incredible Pizza Company, \$20
6:00 p.m. – High School Bingo Bash w/ great prizes; the Refuge
\$3 pizza
6/29 5:30 p.m. – Fat Tuesday, \$5; The Refuge
7/01 2:30 p.m. – Soupmobile Mission; Meet at FLC
7/04 **Happy Birthday America!**
No Sunday School for Middle or High School
11:01 a.m. – *the Journey*; Wesley Hall
7/06 5:30 p.m. – Fat Tuesday
7:30 p.m. – High School Bible Study; The Refuge
7/08 7:00 p.m. – *Agape Children of Eden* Performance; The Well
7/09 7:00 p.m. – *Agape Children of Eden* Performance; The Well
7/10 7:00 p.m. – *Agape Children of Eden* Performance; The Well
7/11 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for 7th & 8th graders, F223/F224
– Sunday School for High School; Youth Lounge
11:01 a.m. – *the Journey*; Wesley Hall
12:00 p.m. – Middle School to Astros Game
2:00 p.m. – *Agape Children of Eden* Performance; The Well

For more information on all youth activities, visit www.mdumcyouth.org or call the Family Life Center at 713-468-8356 ext. 155

High School Workcamp

A note of thanks to all of you who made high school Workcamp so successful. Your prayers carried us through a wet week in Crockett and allowed us to do so many things. Please visit our website at mdumcyouth.org and view all the pictures from the week. You can be very proud of the work accomplished in the name of this church and in the name of Christ.



Photos:
Top: Crew 1-2 and Andrew tackle apartment
Top right: Staff raises the roof.
Right: Girls relax on Sunday

Middle School Workcamp Celebration

Workcamp 2010 is over and it is time to celebrate! Everyone, that means everyone in the entire MDUMC family, is invited to come see the amazing things the 7th & 8th graders at our church accomplished during their Workcamp. We will be celebrating in Wesley Hall on Friday evening, **June 25th, at 6 pm.**

Middle School MYF – Incredible Pizza Company

Sunday, June 27

Noon – 3 pm

\$20 cash

Meet in the FLC after Worship

Middle School Summer Fun

August 8 – Bellaire Aquatic Facility

August 9 – Boots On The Ground

Youth – Astros Game

Sunday, July 11

Noon – Game Over

Bring cash for tickets and food.

Schlitterbahn Here We Come

WHO: 7TH – 12TH graders

WHAT: A day of sun and fun in New Braunfels

WHEN: Wednesday, July 14

7 am – 9:30 pm

7th – 12th graders invited

COST: \$65 + \$ for lunch @

Schlitterbahn & fast food dinner

WHAT TO BRING: swim suit, towel, sunscreen, dry clothes

Girls Beach Trip

7th & 8th Grade Girls

July 20 & 21

Beach, good food, The Strand, friends

Cost: \$20

Children's Ministries



July 4th Children's Sunday School Rally

Children who have completed Kindergarten and older (through those who have finished the sixth grade) will gather in the gym 9:30-10:30 on Sunday, July 4, to celebrate America's birthday. Children in preschool classes will meet in their classrooms according to the assignments posted. Wear your red, white and blue and come party!

Gymnastics Camp!!!

July 12-16 Mon-Fri

Cost: \$210 per camper

Times: 9:30-2:30 (bring a lunch)

Ages: Children entering Kinder-5th grades

Register at www.mdumckids.org

Weekday School Tree Dedication

The Weekday School's "Butterfly" Pre-K class has generously donated funds to purchase and plant a tree in the West playground in honor of their dedicated and loving teachers, Mrs. Lois Dorman and Mrs. Kay Mitchell.

Friday Night Movie! - *The Trouble with Angels*



Bring the whole family for a movie at the church! We will have pizza, popcorn, cookies, and drinks, not to mention a whole lot of fun!

When: June 25th

Where: Upstairs B building in our newly remodeled children's facilities

What time: Pizza will be ordered at 6:00pm, the movie will start at 6:30

Bring your blankets, pillows, lawn chairs, and whatever else you need to be comfy and happy!

Super Place Camp

This week is for children with special needs four years old through high school who would benefit from or enjoy participating in Summer Camp. Each day will be filled with fun activities and learning opportunities. The focus will be on expanding relationships with others and with God while having fun in a safe, loving, Christian environment.

Activities may include games and recreation, arts and crafts, Bible lessons and stories, and music.

Dates: Monday, August 2 - Friday, August 6 Location: First UMC

Westchase 10570 Westpark Drive (This event is the joint project of a number of churches including MDUMC)

Times: 9:00am-12:30pm Ages: 4 and up Cost: \$100 (family max of \$150)

Scholarships are available.



Women's Ministries

Women's Dinner Time – Again!

It's time to begin planning for the most exciting event in Women's Ministries. Every September, over 400 women gather for a delicious dinner, an encouraging speaker, beautiful tables, gracious hostesses and the best wait staff in the world.

But, none of it happens on its own. Women are needed to help plan the event. From choosing a theme and invitations to assisting with setting up for the event, there are tasks large and small – something to fit everyone's busy life!

If you are willing to share your creativity or your administrative skills, please contact the office of Women's Ministries at lynnetdunn@mdumc.org to volunteer.

The first planning meeting will be held soon!



Susan Tsai's *Blue Iris*, 1st place in the WAS-H (Watercolor Art Society - Houston) Monthly Membership Show. The Senior Adults will visit the Watercolor Art Society on June 30.

Senior Adults

Art and Culture

There are 5 spaces open for the next Prime Timers day trip. We will be visiting two galleries and a museum here in Houston. The first stop will be the Archway Gallery for a "Tea and Tour." From there, the Watercolor Art Society –

Houston will be the next place to see. After lunch, we will visit the 1926 Gregory School which houses a history of African American culture in Houston. Lunch will be in the Fourth Ward at a popular soul food restaurant. Lunch is on your own and will be in the \$10 – 13 range.

The trip will be the last day of June, the 30th, a Wednesday, leaving from the Gate at 9:45. No charge for the trip, but you will pay for your own lunch. Reservations are needed to secure your seat. Call Barbara Leflar

at the Gate, 713-468-8356, ext. 237.

Singles Ministries

Activities are open to both church members and non-members. For more information, contact Sheri Kelley at 713-468-8356, ext. 119 or sherikelley@mdumc.org. To see flyers for upcoming activities, information about available tickets for fine arts and sporting events, and registration forms, please go to the singles webpage at www.mdumc.org/learn/singles.aspx.

Fabulous Fridays!

First Friday Flicks – 6:45 p.m. at The Gate

Fourth Friday Kick Back Koffee House – 8:00 p.m. at The Gate, 13194 Memorial Dr.

- "Brad Irons and Canopy" on June 25.

Fifth Friday Footworks – July 30, 8:00 p.m. at The Well, 13186 Memorial Dr.



Weekly Offerings

For information about the weekly offerings as well as special offerings, please go to our website at www.mdumc.org/learn/singles.aspx. or call 713-468-8356, ext. 119.

Calendar of Events

6/25 Kick Back Koffee House at 8:00 p.m. at The Gate
6/26 DTIG-"Menopause: the Musical" at 2:00 p.m.; contact Melanie at almost50@gmail.com
6/26 LGPIG-golf lessons at 10:30 a.m. at The Gate
6/29 LGPIG-fun tennis at 6:00 p.m. at Stratford courts
6/30 Singles Community Bible Study at 7:15 p.m. in D127
7/01 DivorceCare and Grief Share at 6:00 p.m.
7/02 Singles make Soupmobile lunches at 5:45 p.m. in Scout Hut
7/02 First Friday Flicks at 6:45 p.m. at The Gate; contact Virginia at viriniaklt@aol.com
7/04 4th of July Celebration, 7:30, Connection Center
7/06 LGPIG-fun tennis at 6:00 p.m. at Stratford courts
7/07 Singles Community Bible Study at 7:15 p.m. in D127
7/08 DivorceCare and Grief Share at 6:00 p.m.

7/10 LGPIG-golf lessons at 10:30 a.m. at The Gate
7/10 DTIG-Butterfly Exhibit and IMAX *Dolphins & Whales*; contact Melanie at almost50@gmail.com
7/10 DIG-Make a reservation to dine with other singles at a local restaurant with entertainment; contact Ann at annkirbyrealtor@gmail.com
7/11 Singles Appreciation Luncheon
7/11 World Cup Finals – details to be determined
7/13 LGPIG-fun tennis at 6:00 p.m. at Stratford courts
7/14 Singles Community Bible Study at 7:15 p.m. in D127
7/15 DivorceCare and Grief Share at 6:00 p.m.
7/16 DTIG-Mini horses at the monastery, Southern Flyer restaurant, & Blue Bell Creamery; contact Melanie at almost50@gmail.com
7/17 House of Amos food fair at 9:30 a.m.

Our Church Family

Births

Bridget Paige, daughter of Scott and Brandi Lewis and sister to Shelby and Brandon, born on April 24.

Baptisms

Jack Lee, son of Anthony and Michelle Riley on June 13.

Ross Christopher, son of David and Natalie Mandery on June 13.

Ryan Nicholas, son of Stephen and Susan Comey on June 20.

Sawyer Brand, son of Matt and Susie Pyle on June 20.

Marriages

Paul Richard Miller and Carol Faye Melcher on June 12.

Jackson Hunter Woodworth and Katherine Annette Larson on June 12.

John Steven Dyer and Christina Lauren Gill on June 19.

Kyle Thomas Jackson and Victoria Ann Spenn on June 19.

Marcus Worthington Odum and Cassandra Rae Wallace on June 19.

Sympathy to...

Mike and Bonnie Roberts and their daughters, Kristen and Katie on the death of Bonnie's mother, Kristen and Katie's grandmother, Ellen Christensen on May 27.

Carol Lumpkin on the death of her husband, Donald L. (Don) Lumpkin on June 12.

Marc and Susan Rieke, Brian Rieke, Laura Church, Mary Lacy, Carter and Helen Rieke and Ashby and Max Church on the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Marlyn Whedon Howse on June 12.

Steve and Louise Sweet and their children, Katie and Chris on the death of Steve's mother, Katie and Chris's grandmother, Elizabeth Sweet on June 15.

Lee and Kathy Crain and their children, Andrew and Rachel on the death of Kathy's father, Andrew and Rachel's grandfather, Robert M. McAbee on June 18.

Memorials and Gifts

Memorials have been received in memory of Jean Cragg.

New Members

Erin Kunigisky joined on May 16. She has 2 children: Bradley and Elizabeth.

Allie Picone joined on May 16.

Welcome to the MDUMC family!

Wednesday Night Worship Continues through the Summer



Each Wednesday night in Friendship Court a quiet worship service which includes prayer, silence, a meditative message and song takes place. If you are out of town on Sunday or are in need of slowing down in the midst of the busyness of the week so that you can seek God's presence, join us at 6:30 p.m. in Friendship Court. Rev. Suzy Reedstrom leads this worship service.

In Loving Memory

Donald L. "Don" Lumpkin

June 12, 2010

*Who Has Joined
The Church Triumphant*

Time on Your Hands?

Do you have time on your hands and enjoy the morning hours? Join our cheerful Messenger stuffers, two Wednesday mornings per month to help prepare our newsletter for mailing. We meet in A-103 (Bell Room) around 8 a.m. every other Wednesday. If interested, please contact Janette Su at 713-468-8356 ext. 112.

Women's Dinner Planning

It's time to begin planning for the Women's Dinner sponsored by Women's Ministries, being held this year on September 27. If you are willing to share creativity and/or administrative skills, please contact Lynet Dunn at lynetdunn@mdumc.org.

Find MDUMC on Facebook

Keep up with the many activities and events here at MDUMC on Facebook. Just search "MDUMC." Or, if you visit the church website at www.mdumc.org, scroll down and you'll find the button that reads "Find us on Facebook."

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Cast in Bronze Concert July 1st



The Dallas handbell ensemble "Cast in Bronze" will be in concert at MDUMC on **Thursday, July 1st**, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. This auditioned, community bell choir is made up of musicians from around the greater Dallas area, and is directed by

Chris Nabors. Chris also directs the advanced adult bell choir at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Admission is free, so invite all your friends! This will be a great evening of music, and you will even have the chance to pick up one of their latest CD recordings. For more information, contact Flo Smith at 713-468-8356 ext. 121.

Summer Visual Arts Exhibits



Our Visual Arts Ministry has two new exhibits for you to visit. In the Friendship Court, we are highlighting the Prayer Shawl Ministry of MDUMC. Come and see the beautiful, colorful handiwork that touches so many in our church family. You will also find information on how to become involved in this powerful, caring art.

In the Office Lobby, we have a summer patriotic exhibit of photos from Washington DC. Members of our Chancel Choir traveled there over Memorial Day weekend, singing in the Kennedy Center and for the Memorial Day parade. Stop by and see the sights they saw! Don't miss a thing!

Give the Gift of Life—Donate Blood

What better gift could be given and demonstration of love than donating blood to save three lives. This may not be one of your priorities right now, but if you had a loved one in need of a transfusion, it most likely would be your number one concern. There are over 1,000 families praying each day that caring individuals will donate blood to give their loved one a chance to live. We never know when a family member, or we ourselves, will need a transfusion. There is no substitute for blood. It must come from one person to be given to another.

The opportunity to donate is Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day in the gym. Appointments may be made each Sunday in Friendship Court before and after all four services or by calling George Byers at 281-497-3599 or emailing him at gtbyers@att.net.

As always in the summer, blood is in short supply, so please make an appointment to donate. Enough weeks have elapsed since our May drive so that those who donated then, for whom we are very thankful, may do so again now.

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