



The Chalice

UNITED MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

"Our Mission is Living God's Word by serving God's family."

May 1, 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



TBA Assembly

3 p.m. Sat. May 5 @
Lakewood CC, Waco
Call Pastor Mary Lou to
carpool

CHURCH PICNIC

11:30 a.m. Sun. May 6

United Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Monday-Thursday
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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Prayer Focus:

- 5/6 Families
- 5/13 Mothers
- 5/20 Bell Choir
- 5/27 Drew Russell's
Flock

Recurring

On Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Meditation
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	Worship
4-7 p.m.	Youth Meeting



Mondays 7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesdays 7—7:30 a.m.	Strong from the Start Prayer Group
9—11 a.m.	MAG!C
5:30—7 p.m.	Reading Is Fun Club
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.	Bells
7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturdays Noon	OA

5th Sunday, 10:15 a.m.	5th Sunday Mission Day
4th Monday, 10-3	NEED Workday
1st Tuesday	The Chalice is published
1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.	Elders
2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.	Board
4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.	Mission & Ministry
5th Wednesday	NEED Workday
3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	Ladder Alliance Meal
1st Saturday, 9 a.m.	Disciples Fellowship

Special

Thurs. May 3 7 p.m.	Pastoral Support Team
Fri. May 4	Board Reports due
SAT. May 5 3 p.m.	TRINITY BRAZOS AREA ASSEMBLY
Sun. May 6 11:30 a.m.	Church Picnic
Mon. May 14-Wed. May 16	Pastor Mary Lou at Clergywomen's Retreat
Tues. May 15 7 p.m.	A Time of Lectio
Sun. May 20 11:30 a.m.	Cookies & Coffee
Sun. May 27th	Pentecost (wear red)

Scriptures for May

6th	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-18
13th	Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
20th	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
27th	Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Youth Schedule:

- May 6: Bible Study/Fellowship 4-7pm
(Crafty Crafty)
- May 13: MOTHER'S DAY: NO YOUTH
(Spend the day lavishing our moms with love)
- May 20: Bible Study/Fellowship 4-7pm
(Fundraiser planning)
- May 27: Summer Party 5-7pm
(details TBD)

There is a lot going on this May and into summer. This month holds the end of the 2011-2012 school year, so please be praying for end of year exams and finalizing TAKS! The youth and I have been very busy brainstorming and planning out our summer and studying the Old Testament. We have 2 regular meetings left before our Summer Party and then our summer scheduling begins. Thank you for all of the food you have provided this past year and for the love and support. We will be looking forward to the fall and starting meals up again! J

This past month we were blessed with our very own **Wendy Davidson** being named to the **TBA YMC!!** That is a lot of letters that mean she has been chosen to be on the youth leadership team that helps plan out the 2012-2013 camping season. She will be attending CYLS camp as a kick off to planning in July and then will have meetings during the year. The great thing about the YMC is they don't just plan the retreats and camps, but they also lead them. This is a great opportunity for Wendy to further her faith walk and get leadership training and experience as well! We are so proud of Wendy and will continue to lift her up in prayer this year as she embarks on this amazing opportunity!



A Joint VBS Experience: UMCC, Hurst Christian Church, Richland Hills CC at Hurst Christian Church
Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Five Course Five-K June 9, 2012 Benefiting Trinity Habitat for Humanity—Disciples Build
Stuff your face. Run the race. UMCC is an event sponsor!!

Race begins at Trinity Park Pavilion #1, 2300 W. 7th St, Fort Worth

- Traditional 5K \$25 per person
- 5 Course 5 K \$35 per person (complete a 5 course meal thru 5 stops during race)
- 5 Course 5K Relay \$50 per team (5 people; each completes a course and a leg of the 5K)

Register online (<http://5c5k.athlete360.com>) by May 15 & receive a t-shirt

Race Day Schedule: 7 a.m. Arrive 7:30 Traditional 5k Race starts
8:30 Five Course 5K & Relay begins 9:30 Awards & Prizes

More information is available on the What's Happening Bulletin Board

WEEKLY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

RIF (READING IS FUN) CLUB 1605 SOTOGRADE BLVD., EULESS

Meets every Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 pm at Westdale Hills Community Center, and serves the children of the apartments in the Westdale Hills community, in association with 6 Stones Mission Network. We need volunteers to read & interact with the kids. Contact Marsha or Don Davidson.

NORTH EAST EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION (N.E.E.D.)

Food & personal hygiene items, bottles w/lids & plastic grocery bags are collected. We volunteer every 4th Mon. & 5th Wed. See Lois Skiles to help. This month we're collecting: Fruits and fruit juices

PRAYER BLANKETS

Fleece blankets are knotted while a prayer is said for the person who will receive it. See Lori Freeman or Lois Skiles for assistance.

Disciples Habitat Build Fall 2012

Total required: \$62,000. Total earned from fund-raising and donations: \$18,208.

Next fundraisers: 5 Course 5K (see above); June 11 at Spring Creek BBQ. You can donate now—put "Disciples Habitat Build" in the memo section of your check, or put money in the wooden money cross by the office.



Disciples Fellowship
9 a.m. May 5, 2012
Potluck Breakfast

All women and men are invited!

LECTIO GROUP FORMING

Lectio Divina is an ancient prayer practice of encountering scripture through sacred reading. Henri Nouwen says that “spiritual reading is *food for our souls*” and indeed it is! Please contact Pastor Mary Lou or Sherry Ward with questions or to indicate your interest in attending:

“A Time to Explore Lectio” on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM at UMCC.



When was the first time you remember receiving the bread and drinking the grape juice? These simple symbols draw us back to the sacrifice that Christ made for each of us. These symbols take us to the many places and tables where we have shared the common loaf and fruit of the vine. This year’s Pentecost motto, “Setting the Table in New Places,” reminds each of us we are called to take the table to places in our society that don’t currently have a Disciples witness.

For the past 12 years the Pentecost Offering has been in place to support the planting of new churches. During that period of time God has used the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to start more than 730 new churches. These new churches have reached more than 45,000 people for Christ. A large number of these people are new to the faith. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you help support these new churches. One half of the offering stays in the region where you live and one half goes to the general new church office to fund the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church pastors, spouses and core team members. In the past 12 years more than 1,300 persons have been trained, on your behalf, to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

How can your congregation help? We ask that your congregation pray each week for our new church pastors who are making tremendous sacrifices to Set the Table in New Places. We ask that you invite new church pastors in your region to come and share about their ministry in your worship service. We ask that you collect the Pentecost Offering on May 20 and 27. Together we take the Table that means so much to us to people who have not yet eaten from the loaf and sipped from the cup.

Shalom, Charlie Wallace, Minister, Congregational Relations

Meditating with Mary Lou

So many wonderful things happened in April that I can’t fit them into this space! The Spirit is moving through open hearts at UMCC. We worked for months to get ready for Children’s Worship, had it in place April 1st, and were ready for the guests the Spirit brought us on Easter. There is so much positive energy generated by the children and their leaders. I wish you could see your faces when the children come forward for the Children’s Moment, listen to the Choir’s anthem, and then leave for their very own Children’s Worship!!! Your bright smiles could replace the sanctuary lighting!

I give many thanks for the Lent Worship Team. They took care of supplies needed for every worship service, including the Lenten Cross Collage, securing lay leadership and working all the details that happen behind the scenes to make our worship as meaningful as it can be. There are thousands of details, and Kay, Rol, Cindy, Sandy, Paul and Marsha gave great attention to every one. They blessed us all.

We also enjoyed a fantastic Palm Sunday Brunch, and put together a gorgeous Easter flower cross, thanks to Susan, Jim & Shirley. Watching the children search for Easter eggs (thanks to Susan for stuffing them and to everyone who contributed eggs and/or candy) was also great fun.

Romans 8:28 reminds us: “We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Common English Bible). I believe we’ve been working quite well together, and look forward to future successful projects, all for the glory of God.

For example, this month we have our annual Area Assembly, enjoy a church picnic, celebrate Moms and college graduates, and end with both Memorial Day and Pentecost on the 27th. Our vine, Jesus, is strong, so we, the branches, are also strong, as long as we remain close to the Vine. I’ll be looking for you!

Pastor Mary Lou

May

Birthdays

1 Gail Martinot
 5 Matthew Mozingo
 19 Ben Svoboda
 20 Sherry Ward
 24 Stephanie Svoboda
 27 Carol Mozingo
 30 Pat McMahon

Anniversaries

7 Frank & Barb Svoboda



N.E.E.D.

May featured items:
Fruits & fruit juice

Welcome our Guests

On April 8th we had 4 people in Meditation and 103 people in Worship. Guests were Pam Caironi, Joseph Aslan, Leslie Nicholls, David, Susan, and Anna Downey, Ruby Stephenson, Cathy & Tyler Woods, Carol & Don Overly, Traci, Martin, and Cloe Bilger, Joe & Patti Hall.

On April 15th we had 7 people in Meditation and 55 people in Worship. Guests were Mark Griffiak, Steve Wilson and Kaite, Bonnie Nettles, Martin, Traci, and Cloe Bilger, Luis Rosado, Marianina Della Corte, Emma Della Corte.

On April 22nd we had 5 people in Meditation and 70 people in Worship. Guests were Mark Griffiak, Bonnie Nettles, Martin, Traci, and Chloe Bilger, Joe & Patti Hall, Kim Henderson. Jean Hamilton

On April 29th we had 5 people in Meditation and 62 people in Worship. Guests were Martin, Traci, and Chloe Bilger, and Bill Rayson.

We had another great 5th Sunday Mission Day! Thanks to Earl, Barbara, Lois, and Rayford for preparing all the projects and to everyone who worked!

Welcome New Members!!
Alane Foug joined April 1st through transfer!
Cindy Benke joined April 8th through baptism!!
Steve Wilson joined April 22nd through transfer!!
James Culpepper joined April 29th through transfer!!



Share The Joy!

♥ Stephanie Svoboda accepted a nursing job with UT Southwestern!

♥ Darrin Mason ran a 5K for USO's Wounded Warrior Project.

♥ Beautiful pink rose bushes have been planted in the East flowerbed, in memory of Mike Sampson



Thanks to **Jack** for printing the April 29th bulletin and sending out Joys & Concerns; to the **elders** for taking on my worship participation and pastoral care needs; and to **Jen** and **Drew** for speaking while I enjoyed a week of vacation. *Pastor Mary Lou*

Many thanks to Office & Property Helpers: **Dorothy, Kim, Randy, Gary, Pat & Rich, Jack, Rol, Drew, and Curtis.**

Thanks to **Pat & Sean M., Drew, and Curtis** for mowing and trimming the lawn!

Thanks to **Susan Sampson** for setting up our plentiful Palm Sun. Brunch, with helpers **Trina Mason & Carol Mozingo**, and to everyone who brought wonderful foods for everyone to enjoy!

Thanks to **Susan Sampson** for providing and serving our April 15th Coffee & Cookies!

Church Growth

You may remember from my past church growth articles that the first rule in being a welcoming church is: "Never ignore a guest." We pride ourselves on being a friendly church, but as one author put it: "Friendly **toward whom?**" If we are only friendly toward each other, and neglect our guests, we have failed in our duty as Christians. As Jesus said, "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others?* Do not even the tax collectors do so?" (Matthew 5:46-47, NKJV) We must go out of our way to be friendly and helpful to our guests, because (1) a guest who is ignored has no reason to return, and (2) it's just the right and Christian thing to do. So the next time you see someone you don't recognize, introduce yourself . . . help them find their way . . . treat them the way you would want to be treated if you were in their shoes. In doing so, you are showing them the love of Christ—and as a by-product, helping us grow.

Don Davidson

Many thanks to everyone helping with **Children's Worship**: Jen, Donna, Pat C., teachers, and assistants!! **You're awesome!**