

MEADOWBROOK MESSENGER

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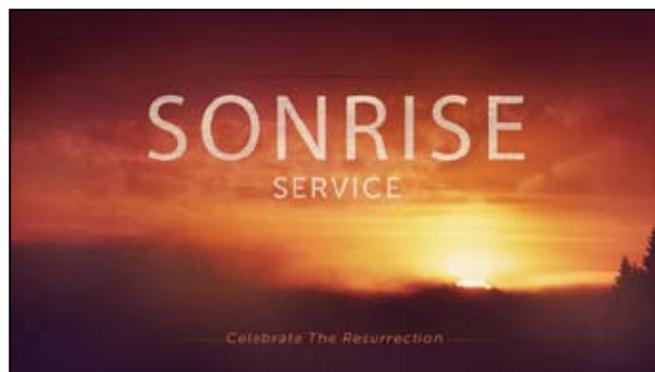
Preparing for Christ's Death and Resurrection

Jesus spent his last night before His crucifixion dining, praying and sharing with His closest friends - one of whom would soon betray Him to authorities who would put Him to death. As He broke the bread and served the wine during this Last Supper, Jesus prepared His disciples to remember Him through what became our Communion rite and spread His Gospel to the world.

Please join us in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. March 29 for our Maundy Thursday service including prayer and communion as we anticipate Christ's Good Friday crucifixion and Easter Resurrection.

Sonrise Service at Union Gospel Mission

We start Easter serving Jesus' children at our "Son" Rise Service at Union Gospel Mission. If lack of transportation is stopping you from joining our 19-year tradition of serving breakfast to mission residents and homeless street people, contact Jane Cumbie@aol.com or 817-992-5159 or martha.deller@yahoo.com or 817-729-9567 to arrange a ride. We'll get you back to Meadowbrook for Sunday School and church.



Children's Easter Party

Games! Crafts!! Cookies & Fruit Juice

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your basket or borrow one at the church. The party begins at 9:40 a.m. in the loft and you are invited to join the children. There may be a surprise or two!

Easter Sunday worship will feature a talented brass quintet from Chisholm Trail High School

Don't miss it!

Pastor Denise will bring the sermon, "He is Risen!"



Prayer ❖ Presence ❖ Gifts ❖ Service ❖ Witness

Church Members

| | |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Tracy Casburn | Trish Christensen |
| Jean Dyer | Charles & Ernestine Ferguson |
| Joyce Fry | Grace Johnston |
| Maria Romero | Penny Tanner |

Home and Care Centers

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Dortha DeManche | Jim Horton |
| Pat Kuhler | Hester Landers |
| Doris Thomas | |

Church Friends and Family

Cindy Anderson (Former member)
 Ron Baker (Father-in-law of Shawn Bell)
 Anita Bookout (Friend of Sharon Conger)
 Katie Daniel (Daughter of Laura Daniel)
 Kinsey DuVall (Sister of Linsey DuVall)
 Debra Duesterdick (Daughter of Kay Hofer)
 Deke Gray (Relative of Joy Guthrie)
 Tommy Haddix (Father of Pastor Marilyn)
 Stella Hales (Great-niece of Laura Williamson)
 Justin Hofer (Grandson of Kay Hofer)
 Mary Hohman (Daughter of Dorothy Mills)
 Diana M. (Friend of Trish McDaniel)
 Allen Peloquin (Son-in-law of Llano Carlisle)
 Edward Ramirez (Brother of Frank Ramirez)
 Gloria Ramirez (Mother of Frank Ramirez)
 Cara Reed (Cousin of Craig Maxwell)
 Diane Reed (Friend of Janet Moore)
 Eugene Semana (Nephew of Mary-margaret Belota)
 Destiny Tillis Shelton (Niece of Emma Clegg)
 Linda Thomson (Cousin of Jane Cumbie)
 Joan Thompson (Friend of Mary-margaret Belota)
 Charlie Tremayne (Nephew of Ron & Elaine Shumate)
 Robert Walters (Cousin of Billie Beth Moore)
 Morgan (Friend of Denise Prough)

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Marguerite Price, who died Wednesday, March 14. Her service was Tuesday, March 20.

2018 Flowers for the Altar

Choose your special dates, then call the church office, stop by or e-mail office@mbrookumc.org with your information. Arrangements are \$45.



March 2018

Average Presence

| | |
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| Sunday School..... | 53 |
| Morning Worship..... | 76 |

Giving

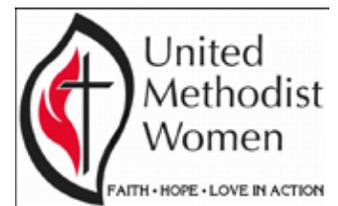
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| Budget..... | \$17,853 |
| Birthday Club..... | \$416 |
| Communion (UMCOR)..... | \$246 |
| \$\$'s for Missions..... | \$683 |
| Noisy Offering (Project Transformation) | \$68 |
| Second Century..... | \$1610 |



UMW News

The April UMW general meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Wesleyan classroom. Our speaker will be Tim Madigan, former Star-Telegram reporter and author of several books.

There will not be a business meeting. Following the program we will have a reception with refreshments served by the Myra-Margaret Circle. The UMW invites all church members to join us for this special event - let's have a good audience for Mr. Madigan.



There will not be an Executive Committee meeting in April.

UMW Outreach Project for April

Monetary donations for UCC Camperships and small lotions for Parkview gift bags.

It's time to join the 2018 Birthday Club -- if you were born in April

Okay, all you "April babies," this is your chance to help us raise money for Methodist ministries. All you need to do is send a check to the Church Office for the amount that equals the number of years you'll be celebrating, and write "Birthday Club" on the memo line of your check. You will become a Club member, and we will celebrate your generosity by printing your name in next month's newsletter! Here is a list of April's celebrants:

April Birthdays

- 1 Kirsten Arntz
- 12 Llano Carlisle
- 14 Steve Osmundson
- 14 Tracy Brice
- 18 Madison Lynn Sexton
- 22 Charlie Robbins
- 23 Emma Clegg
- 25 Jeanne Mabey

The goal for this year's Birthday Club is \$4,000. Through last week we have collected only \$849, so we are a little behind schedule. How about some of you guys (and gals) who were born in January, February or March stepping up to the plate with a belated birthday contribution? We'd love to hear from you! It's not too late.

Don't forget to send birthday greetings to your friends... now that we have shared with you each one's birthday. What an easy way to make him or her smile! Celebrating birthdays can be fun, so we might as well get into the habit!

Happy birthday, y'all!



New Birthday Club Members Celebrated

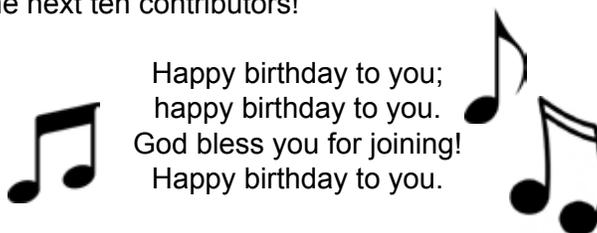
Thanks to these generous church family members for March donations to the Birthday Club:

Jim Horton
Dave Turnbull
Mary-margaret Belota
Sharon Conger
Ernestine Ferguson

Each one of you is a blessing! Your gifts are very much appreciated and will be credited immediately to our Connectional Giving fund.

Remember that the first ten donors to the 2018 Birthday Club campaign will participate in a drawing for a \$25 Home Depot gift card! The drawing will be held after Easter Sunday.

Let's begin working on the next ten Birthday Club members, who will be eligible to win dinner for two at Dixie House Café. Even you "belated birthday celebrants" who forgot to sign up during your birthday month will be eligible to win this drawing if you are one of the next ten contributors!



Happy birthday to you;
happy birthday to you.
God bless you for joining!
Happy birthday to you.

Heritage Dinner: Sunday April 15th

Heritage Dinner is Sunday April 15th and the price is still \$10.00 for adults and 5.00 for children 12 and under.

The menu hasn't changed: Ham, green beans, cheesy potatoes, fruit salad and, three kinds of cake!

Purchase your ticket today!



Covenant Class News - Room 221

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed – Hallelujah! And Happy Easter to one and all. Maybe it's just me, but it seems like this year has just been barreling along at a breakneck speed so far. At any rate, spring is here and Easter is upon us, which means that Mary Stout will be finishing our Lenten study this Sunday. Kudos to Mary for bringing us this series, "Give Up Something Bad for Lent" by James Moore.

Next week, April 8th, we're having a Class Brunch, so everybody bring something digestible and we'll do some snacking and visiting before we begin our next round of lessons.

We've had a number of class birthdays in the first 3 months, and I hope that means we've had new members of the Birthday Club. Regardless of that, best birthday wishes to members with upcoming birthdays: Charles James and Steve Osmundson on April 12 and 14, respectively; Mike Estes on May 15th; and Julie Casburn and Ray Wood on June 19 and 26, respectively. Be sure to wish these class members a happy birthday as their special day draws near.

Lesson and Snack schedule

| DATE | SNACKS | LESSON/TEACHER |
|----------|------------|--|
| April 1 | Roper | Give Up Something Bad for Lent |
| April 8 | EVERYONE | CLASS BRUNCH |
| April 15 | Shumate | Jim Nance |
| April 22 | Smyth | Bruce McDonald/Martin Luther |
| April 29 | Stout | Bruce McDonald – tba |
| May 6 | Williamson | Shawn Bell |
| May 13 | COMMUNITY | BREAKFAST/Mother's Day |
| May 20 | Wood | Max Lucado Series M-m Belota: Anxious for Nothing |
| May 27 | Belota | M-m Belota: Anxious for Nothing |

Don't forget that April 15th is Heritage Dinner day!! Keep each other in your prayers and we hope to see you in class! -M-mB

Wesleyan Class News - Room 112

I'm saddened to report that Marguerite (Margie) Price passed away March 14. Please remember her family in your prayers. If you haven't been able to attend class, just know we miss you! We hope Jean Dyer's broken ribs are rapidly healing and she will soon be back. Thanks to Tracy and his crew for an excellent repast for the Community Breakfast March 11. We were glad to see the Fergusons at the breakfast -- Charles recovering from pneumonia and Ernestine from a bad fall the week before. Kay Hofer's grandson and daughter are recovering well. We were also glad to see Jim Nance and Billie Fleming Smith back us.

Thanks to Billie Horton for organizing and serving as cleanup custodian for the AARP Driver Safety Class, which was held March 21st at the church. The class needs to be taken every three years for an insurance discount.

Verne and Martha Wachtel were absent March 18th due to severe respiratory ailments. The class noted that was Verne's first absence in the three years since becoming president. Janet Moore did an awesome Verne substitute, and Marjorie Williams did an excellent Martha substitute. Thanks to these ladies! The class celebrated these March birthdays, Dave Turnbull, Sharon Conger, Linda Fitzgerald, Wanda Hayat, Raymond Owen, Mary Reynolds, and Martha Wachtel. Don't forget to participate in the Birthday Club, as we are estimated to need four to five new members each month to make the 2018 goal of \$4,000. The goal begins new each year.

Misty Strom with Mary Strom "mostly supervising" updated and renewed all the church bulletin boards. A big thank you to them for their work! Heritage Dinner will be April 15th, so mark your calendars. Come and bring a friend to enjoy good food and fellowship

Please keep each other, our class, and our mission work in your prayers. We are blessed! -- Kay Hofer

April 1 Communion Offering Will be Directed to the MUMC Outreach Committee

As most of you are aware, the special Christmas and Easter Offerings each year are designated to the church's Outreach Committee budget. With these funds, MUMC supports our local partners in ministry, e.g., Eastside Ministries, United Community Centers, Meadowbrook Elementary Adopt-a-school, Habitat for Humanity, the Halloween Carnival and other entities/activities that need financial assistance from the church. With Communion Sunday falling on Easter Sunday this year, it seems appropriate for April's Communion Offering to supplement the dollars raised through the Easter Offering. This will give the Outreach Committee a few extra dollars to hold in reserve for unexpected emergencies or new ministry opportunities that arise after the budget is already set for the year.

Our church has always cared about our neighbors, especially those who are less fortunate than we are. We routinely find ways in which to provide assistance where it can do the most good. Having these funds "at the ready" will allow us to know immediately whether we can offer financial help when it is requested and/or needed. Even if you have already made a donation to the Easter Offering, we hope you can contribute something to the Communion Offering with the knowledge that it will be wisely directed to a worthy ministry, agency or activity the Church needs to support.

Funding decisions are made by the committee with input from the pastor or persons involved in the agency seeking assistance. If you think you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Lois Bogusch or Martha Deller. And "Thank you" for your prayerful consideration of this additional giving opportunity.

Outreach Committee

Ministry Opportunities

Tim Madigan: From David Koresh to Mister Rogers

Many of you “met” Tim Madigan through his 2006 book, “I’m Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers” - a childhood television idol he first profiled in 1995 for the Star-Telegram where Tim was an award-winning journalist for 30 years.

That’s where I met Tim as a fellow reporter and where he was working when he wrote his first two books - “See No Evil: Blind Devotion and Bloodshed in David Koresh’s Holy War,” published in 1993, and “The Burning: Massacre, Destruction and the Tulsa Riot of 1921,” published in 2001.

But Tim’s ability to interact with people and help others know them helped him excel as a feature writer. In addition to his Mr. Rogers memoir, he has written, “Every Common Sight,” a 2015 novel about the impact of World War II on a Texas soldier; and “Getting Grief Right: Finding Your Story of Love in the Sorrow of Loss,” a 2017 collaboration with therapist Patrick O’Malley, who lost his infant son.

Tim will share his story at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 at Meadowbrook United Methodist Women’s annual book and author program. Invite your friends and fellow book lovers. We may move it from the Wesleyan classroom to the Fellowship Hall if we have an overflow crowd.

If you have copies of Tim’s books, bring them for him to sign. Contact Martha Deller if you want to borrow library copies of “Every Common Sight” and “The Burning.” Area libraries may have others.

Koinonia Class News - Room 202

Koinonians accomplished three goals last month:

- 1) Distributing our 2017 Advent Conspiracy offering to ministries in Nicaragua, the Congo, Fort Worth and Latvia.
- 2) Sprucing up the children’s library in time to show it off to Project Transformation partner churches; and
- 3) Completing our Lenten study, Max Lucado’s “He Chose the Nails” before the end of Lent.

We’re postponing our Easter brunch so that able-bodied, non-driving members can serve breakfast at Union Gospel Mission, then help with the children’s Easter egg hunt before worship. Brunch is tentatively scheduled for April 8 or 15, whenever most of our travelers and ailing members return to class.

At the same time, we’ll start a 6-week study of “Mosaic” - the book Pastor Denise used for her Lenten study. Others who could not attend Denise’s study - or want to repeat it - are invited to join us.

We’ll take a break for the May 13 Community Breakfast, then finish the study by the end of May. Pray for Trish Christensen, who is scheduled for another knee surgery April 4 and others in need of prayer. See everyone at the Maundy Thursday service, on Easter Sunday or when you return. -- Martha Deller

Project Transformation:

SUMMER 2017 TO BOOK BUDDIES TO SUMMER 2018

We never dreamed when Meadowbrook was chosen last spring as one of three host churches for Central Texas Conference’s first summer reading camps that it would grow into a year-round program. But it did and we’re more committed - and prepared - than ever. Here’s a quick summary of the 2017 program and the 2018 plans.

2017

- We hit the ground running with a June 4 welcome lunch for the six college interns chosen to run the camp for 60 elementary school children four days a week through July 26. More than 25 Meadowbrook volunteers read 1-on-1 for 90 minutes each Tuesday for eight weeks. Others welcomed children and filled in as needed. With partner churches from Mansfield, Trinity and McMillan, we hosted family nights on June 21 and July 19. We ended the summer with a July 27 banquet at 1st UMC-Hurst.

- Ten MUMC volunteers - with 10 backups - resumed reading with Meadowbrook Elementary 3rd graders in September through an 8-week Book Buddies started by Principal Terri McGuire based on the PT format.

2018

- Book Buddies resumed Jan. 23 with second and third graders. Since Spring Break, we’ve read with 1st and 2nd graders. Except for two testing days, we’ll continue through May 22.

- Tuesday, April 7: MUMC volunteers will meet with parents of our Book Buddies at a 10:30 a.m. reception to explain the school-year and summer reading programs.

- Saturday, May 5: MUMC volunteers will present information about our 2nd summer reading camp to more Meadowbrook Elementary parents during a special Saturday School for struggling students. We hope to register students that day with Jenny Gonzales, our Texas Wesleyan member who will be back for a 2nd year as our PT site coordinator.

We’re excited about this summer’s reading camp where we hope to have returning and new volunteers to greet and read with as many as 80 children.

For more information, contact:

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday School 9:40 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Rejuvenate Community Bible Study 4:00 p.m.

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Sunday

9:40 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Karate (CLC)
4:00 p.m. Rejuvenate Bible Study (P)
4:30 p.m. 4-H Science (CLC)

Monday

12:00 p.m. Rotary (FH)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 12 (SH)

Tuesday

4:00 p.m. 4-H Crafts (119)

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. E.C.M. (L)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)
2:30 p.m. Games Day (113)
3:00 p.m. Sewing (224)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday

Friday

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)
6:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts (SH)

Saturday

Additional Dates

Sunday, April 1
Tuesday, April 10
Sunday, April 15
Sunday, April 29

Easter Sunday/Communion
UMW Book & Author Program
Heritage Dinner
Noisy Offering Sunday



Noisy Offering
Sunday!

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles are appreciated by Wednesday, April 25.
The next newsletter will be published April 30, 2018.
Thank you Diane & Martha!