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News and events of Davis Memorial United Methodist Church

Davis Memorial United Methodist Church is a community of grace and faith committed to serving God's people through ministry, witness and service.

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November 2011

What You DON'T Want To Miss In November

Tuesday, November 1:

Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, November 2:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 7 pm
Welcoming Meeting @ 7 pm

Thursday, November 3:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, November 4:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, November 6:

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Dave Ramsey @ 3 pm

Monday, November 7:

Chapps Fundraiser @ 5 pm
Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
Trustees Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, November 8:

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, November 9:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 7 pm

Thursday, November 10:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, November 11 - Veteran's Day:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, November 12:

Men's Ministry @ 7 am
Na Pua Hula & Hawaiian
Slack Key Worship @ 8 am

Sunday, November 13:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Dave Ramsey @ 3 pm
Niki's Fundraiser @ 5 pm
An Evening with So Far @ 6 pm

Monday, November 14:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
Finance Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, November 15:

Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, November 16:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 7 pm

Thursday, November 17:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, November 18:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, November 20:

Prayer & Care Bazaar @ 9 am
Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Church Wide Luncheon
& Program @ 11:45 am

Monday, November 21:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, November 22:

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Chancel Choir Practice @ 7 pm
Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, November 23:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7 pm

Thursday, November 24:

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Friday, November 25:

Decorate the Church @ 1 pm

Saturday, November 26:

Sisters of Aloha @ 6 pm

Sunday, November 27:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am

Monday, November 28:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, November 29:

Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, November 30:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 7 pm

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Worship Times

Worship 9:45 am

Sunday School 11:00 am

5301 Davis Boulevard
North Richland Hills



Pastor's Prose



Change is in the air. It's the change of the seasons! The air is cooler, and much wetter, a blessing that we accept with much gratitude. I've noticed that the community garden is much greener, and much more active. As we venture out into the stores and the community, we see fall decorations, alerting us to the fact that it is Halloween and Thanksgiving time. Susan Meador has decorated our foyer area with beautiful fall foliage and banners. Yes, change is in the air.

And, change is in the air here at church, too. In a season that is normally, in nature, characterized by a time of dormancy, that is not the case in our church. This past week alone, I have seen the action of the holy spirit moving in a big way through the congregation through the "birthing" of new ministry. It is exciting, because it is God's work, and we are excited to be the means by which God is working. I won't spill all the beans right here, but here are some hints: New stuff for kids, new outreach into our community through at least one (maybe more) of our neighbors in apartment complexes and through a community-wide event being planned for the spring. There are also new bible studies and new groups forming. That's just to get us started! God is working right here at Davis Memorial, and God has barely just begun.

At our last Church Council meeting, we adopted a new church vision statement. Our vision statement serves as a "roadmap" that will help us as a church to focus on our mission, which is *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. Our vision statement is: (Davis Memorial United Methodist Church is) *a community of grace and faith committed to serving God's people through ministry, witness, and service*. I hope that everyone will commit both statements to memory, so that we will always be mindful of why we do what we do!

On November 6, I will begin a sermon series called *"Called to Come, Commanded to Go."* This sermon series will help us to focus on our mission and vision, and will address two aspects of discipleship: we are called to come, to "sit at the feet of Jesus" by growing

spiritually. And, we are then called to "Go" into the world in ministry, witness and service. I hope you will be present for all 4 weeks. (But remember, if you have to miss, you can find them on the website.)

Watch for details coming soon about a church-wide luncheon on November 20 in conjunction with a "Prayer and Care" event right here at church. It will be a time of celebration and sharing.

Ahhhhh yes. Change is in the air!

Grace and peace,
Denise

The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Join us during the Sunday School hour for this very special advent study beginning November 13.

The five-session study, with video component, will take us on a journey to the places where Mary, Joseph, and Elizabeth experienced the preparations for the miracle of the coming of the Messiah.

All are invited to join this short term study, which will meet in the first classroom across the hall from the church office, just outside the fellowship hall.

Session dates are: **November 13, 27, Dec. 4, 11, and 18.** (No class on November 20).





THANK
YOU

Anita Brannon, Randy Ickert, Susan Meador and Marti Powles for shepherding Sunday School.

Wayne Brannon, Duane Davis, David Gray, Carol Mabry, Diane Richardson and Bill Schott for all the help with N.E.E.D.

Susan Meador who gives us joy in the altars she prepares.

Anita Brannon, Joanne Gray, and others who prepare food for people. There is comfort in food.

To the **Methodist men** who come faithfully every second Saturday.

To **all who teach a Sunday School Class.** Sunday School is an important contribution to the faith development of individuals.

Shirley Blalock- for all that you do mailing the newsletter so we all know what is going on.

Wayne Brannon for being at the church every time there is a problem.

Carlos Baker for changing the sign in front.

Steve Barber and Carlos Baker for assisting in leading worship.

Jeremy Brown, Michelle Brown, Gwen Barnett, Rita Davis, Amy Shupp, Susan Younkers - for all the time, effort and energy that you put into keeping the nursery well staffed with loving people.

Amy Shupp for all your hard work in supporting the children's program while being in school.

Deb Brown, Diane Richardson and Cindy Shannon, for delivering flowers.

Gloria Wallace, Wayne Brannon, Jacob Powles, Caity Shannon, Kelsey McDonough, Errol Faeth, Homer Ludiker, Gene Blalock, John & Amy Ramsey, Michael Smith and Carlos Baker for ushering.

Sean Raich for your knowledge and support in the Dave Ramsey class!! You are changing lives and giving hope!!

Tricia Raich, Michelle Brown, Susan and David Yonker, Lana Schmitt-Hoff and Cindy Shannon for providing day care for Dave Ramsey!! Without you all we would not have been able to have the Dave Ramsey classes.

Trisha Baker for being such a wonderful, caring, giving person.



NEW PRAYER GARDEN

Please take time to see our new prayer garden on the South side of the church. Daniel Shead, an Eagle Scout candidate from our troop, organized a work team to remove all of the overgrown bushes in that area. They trimmed the bed with bricks and filled it with rubber mulch. The project was finished off with benches and accent lighting. It is beautiful! What a blessing for our church!



Getting To Know You...

By Joanne Gray

This month I had the opportunity to interview a very sweet lady who has a quiet sprit, beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eyes. While interviewing her, I quickly realized that she is an upbeat, positive person who has a very strong faith in God! I know you have got to be curious by now about whom I am talking about, so let's meet and get to know....Betty Walters!

Betty Harper was born in Amarillo, Texas on March 19, 1928, to Hazel (nee: Smith) Harper and Otha Harper. She lived in Amarillo until she was four years old, when her family moved to Texarkana. They lived there for approximately one year and then moved to Hope, Arkansas. Her parents separated when she was about eight years old, and Betty and her mother and baby brother moved in with her mother's mother and husband in Hobbs, New Mexico.

When she as nine years old, Betty went to live with her maternal grandfather, Jess Smith, and his wife and their daughter, Jane. Her grandfather lived on a farm just south of Mansfield, Texas. It was Jane's first year of school and Betty stayed that year so she could go to school with Jane. They attended Lone Star School out in the country. Lone Star was a one-room schoolhouse with one teacher who taught all eight grades!

Betty's mother remarried while Betty was away. After the school year was over, Betty moved back in with her mother and stepfather. At that time, they were living in Pampa, Texas, where her stepfather, Jack Miller, was Manager of Republic Oil Well Supply. After about a year, her stepfather was transferred to Hobbs, New Mexico, and she lived in Hobbs with them until she was ready to go to high school. At that time, Betty moved back to Mansfield, Texas to live with her grandfather and his wife and their daughter, Jane, so she could attend high school with Jane. Jane and Betty were very close, like sisters, even though Jane was legally her aunt. Jane was two years younger than Betty, but they both finished high school at Mansfield, two years apart. After Betty graduated from high school, she went to work for two oral surgeons as a dental assistant, and was with them for about three years.



Betty married Charlie Waters on August 6, 1948, after she had worked for approximately a year. About three or four years after they married, they had their first son, Darrell, and two years later, they had their second son, Rick. Darrell and Rick are both currently divorced. Darrell does construction work and lives in Keller, Texas; Rick is the owner/operator truck driver for CFI and lives in Bridgeport Lakes, Texas. Betty's husband, Charlie, worked for Southwestern Bell for 38 years.

When I asked Betty what her nationality was, she said there was too much moving going on for her to find out for sure, because she just never thought about it. She stated that she is "American," but believes that she is probably of English and Scottish descent, with a bent toward a little more English than Scottish.

Betty's father's family was mostly Baptist. She thought about becoming a Baptist when she was very young, but at about eight years old, changed her mind. When she was a teenager, she joined the Methodist Church in Mansfield, the same church her grandfather would take her to whenever she was living with him. Betty told me that "her grandfather, Jess Smith, was the greatest influence in her life; that he was such a good man."

Betty was a stay-at-home mom and housewife while her boys were growing up. After they were grown, in 1981, she went to work for Cloth World. After she was there for about a year, Cloth World started selling sewing machines and sergers, and Betty was made Manger of their Sewing Machine Department. She worked for them for 7-1/2 years and then got a job with Richland Sewing Center. She retired in the year 2000, but still teaches serger classes at Richland Sewing Center from time to time. Besides working, Betty also volunteers at HEB Hospital's Cardiac Rehab Center, and has been with them for 11 years now.

In her spare time, Betty loves to sew and do yard work. (I was privileged to get to see several of the quilts she has made and I can tell you firsthand that she does beautiful work!) Her favorite color is "blue." Betty loves easy listening music and has a lot of favorite hymns.

Getting to Know You continued...

Her very favorite hymn, though, is "How Great Thou Art." Betty is happiest when surrounded by her family and friends. Her passions are "being with people, helping people and being happy!"

Betty claims she is the person she is today "because of the trials she has been through and God." She added that "God has given her the strength to get through the trials and made her the person she is now."

Betty has been a member of Davis Memorial UMC since 1961. Prior to that, she was a member of Englewood Methodist Church in Fort Worth, where Reverend Ted Spencer was Associate Pastor. When she moved to North Richland Hills, Reverend Spencer was already Pastor at Davis Memorial. Like most people at our Church, Betty has "many dear friends here and has lost a lot of dear friends here."

Betty likes to think that "people will remember her for helping others and for being a very devoted Christian." (Since our interview, Betty, I have no doubt in my mind you will have your wish, because there are more people than you know, whose lives you have touched, that already think the world of you!)

Betty has a beautiful cat named "Oliver, which she got two months ago. She had another cat that died about a year ago.

A few things people would be surprised to know about Betty is that she "groomed poodles for ten years, along with many other jobs, including ironing for people and taking care of children."

Thank you so much, Betty, for allowing me to interview you! I really enjoyed getting to know you...better, and am sure the rest of our congregation will, too!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN, EVERYBODY!

Electronic Newsletters

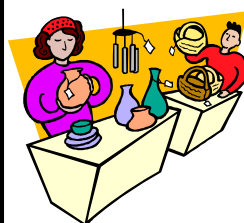
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Please call the Church office (817-281-0411), Joanne Gray (817-514-0395), or Anita Brannon (817-485-5258). Just leave your name and current phone number and we will add you to our list.



**Prayer & Care
Bazaar
Sunday, Nov. 20th
9am - 2 pm**

- ◆ Craft Sale
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Casserole Sale
- ◆ And More!

- ⇒ **Crafters: Be sure to get your crafts ready!**
- ⇒ **Sign up sheets will be available soon!**
- ⇒ **Watch for more details about this event!**



*Sharing The
Journey*

**Be sure to check out
Rev. Denise Luper's blog.**

**See our website @ www.dmumc.com
for more details.**

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United Methodist Shares Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway - She calls herself “Mama Ellen” and has made equality for women a top priority. On Oct. 7, United Methodist Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia, learned she was one of three recipients of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize. Johnson Sirleaf, a member of First United Methodist Church, Monrovia, Liberia, in 2006 became the first woman to be elected a head of state in modern Africa. She is up for re-election this month. Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee and Tawakkul Karman of Yemen also received the award for their work on women’s rights.

U.S. Labor Secretary Praises Job Ministry

ATLANTA (UMNS) - Cascade United Methodist Church welcomed U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis on Oct. 5 at a well-attended job symposium aimed at getting Americans, especially Atlanta area residents, back to work. She commended the Cascade congregation for giving needed support to job seekers. Its ministry, Cascade Career Network, has served 350 people since 2009. The ministry provides resources, seminars and workshops - and much-needed spiritual support.

Malaria Advocates Ask Congress To Save Lives

WASHINGTON - More than 50 Imagine No Malaria advocates were in the U.S. capital this week to ask members of Congress to help them save lives. The event, hosted by the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, is part of the denomination’s Imagine No Malaria advocacy outreach. With federal budget cuts looming, U.S. funding for malaria programs in Africa is at stake, advocates said.

Korean National Plan Exceeds Its Goals

LOS ANGELES - In the last four years, 16 new Korean-speaking congregations, seven new English-speaking Korean-American campus ministries and a thriving small-group ministry of 80 members with an average age of 25 have been planted through the Korean-American National Plan. The council of the Korean-American plan at its recent annual gathering recognized its successes in exceeding its goals as it pledged its continued support for the [plan’s direction](#).

Church follows Jesus, ‘Feeds The 5,000’

ROME, GA - Members of Trinity United Methodist Church followed the example of Jesus by providing a week’s worth of food to nearly 5,000 people in one day. The annual event is called Jesus in the Park.

‘Distinguished Evangelist’ Award Given

LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC - The Rev. Ed Robb III, founding pastor of The Woodlands (Texas) United Methodist Church, is the recipient of the Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church award for 2011, presented by The Foundation for Evangelism. Started in 1978 with 30 members, The Woodlands congregation has been one of the fastest-growing churches in Methodism, with membership exceeding 8,400 and an average worship attendance of 4,200.



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Spring Community-wide Outreach Event

Are you interested in being part of a one-day, community-wide outreach event for Davis Memorial in the Spring? The goal of this event would *not be* to make \$\$ for Davis, but to get the community to our church and show them what a great place Davis Memorial really is to call home.

We will host a community-wide flea market/'yard' sale in which we only sell spaces for a very low cost (maybe \$10) to give people a place to sell their gently-used items while we do the advertising and provide great traffic for the event. Not only could the community make some extra money, but also we can promote our church and be an example of Jesus Christ to everyone looking for a church home.

The possibilities for this are endless! We could do all kinds of things to promote our church and show that Davis Memorial is a place they want to call "home."

We will keep our time to a minimum and be deliberate about our actions, always using our mission as the "gold standard."

Are you interested in helping with this event? Do you have an idea to improve on this? It will take everyone *and* his/her skill set to make this happen. If you would like to be a part of this or get more information, please contact Susan Younker, 817-514-7504.

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Please **check your mailbox** every time you are at church. There may be mail, notes, announcements, calendar items, or something important for you and your group. The mailboxes are located in the foyer area outside the sanctuary behind the welcome center desk.



Fifth Sunday Mission

Davis Memorial volunteers have been at work since September at Holiday Heights and Carrie Francis Thomas Elementary Schools. Eleven people are faithfully going every week to help students and teachers in a variety of ways. Volunteers listen and encourage as children practice their reading skills. New readers are praised for their improvement, math skills are practiced and hugs are exchanged. If you have an hour each week to spare and you think this is something you might enjoy, please consider joining the program. Rita Davis or Avis Crisp can get you started. Blessings are guaranteed.

Davis Memorial also helps the schools by keeping the school nurse supplied with socks, underwear and sweat pants for children who might need a quick change of clothing during the school day. At Carrie Francis Thomas the children wear uniforms and Davis Memorial has helped supply those when needed. If the nurse didn't have the emergency clothes, the child would be out of class waiting until a parent, who usually must leave work to take care of the problem, arrives with dry clothes. Davis Memorial also provides Walmart gift cards to the nurses which are provided to families unable to meet a medical emergency. And, as usual, hundreds of school supplies were provided before the school year started.

The outreach to Holiday Heights and to the Academy at Carrie Francis Thomas Elementary Schools is funded by contributions during the four Fifth Sunday months in each year. Carrie Francis Thomas uses the funds received in January and August and Holiday Heights the funds from May and October. When the school outreach program began several years ago, the hope was that the congregation would feel connected to the program in a personal way. To facilitate this it has been suggested from the beginning of the program that if the money given represents some small sacrifice on the part of the giver, the gift becomes more meaningful and the giver more likely to feel a part of the outreach.

Please consider making some small sacrifice to fund a contribution on each of the four Fifth Sunday offerings. Your contributions are needed to continue the mission Davis Memorial has undertaken for the children in our neighborhood.

Thank you for the generosity you have shown in support of this program.



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