

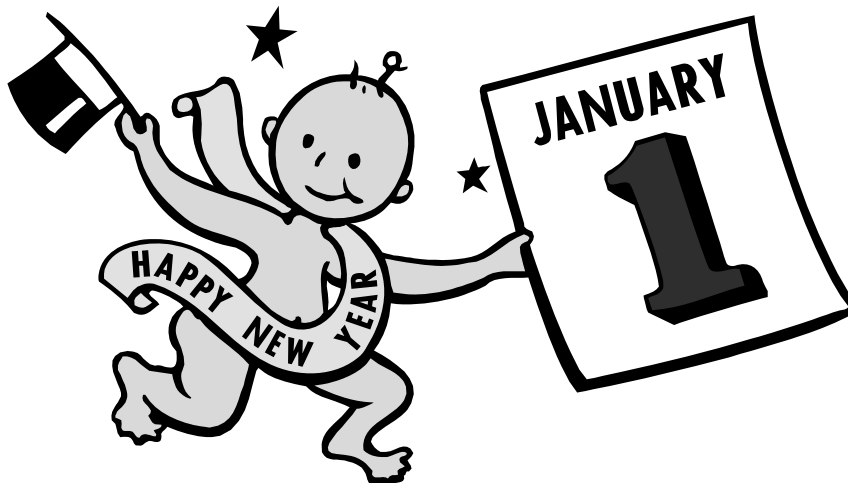


# SCHREIBER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SCHREIBER SENTINEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF SCHREIBER MEMORIAL UMC

JANUARY, 2012



### *Our Mission:*

*We serve God by reaching out to all people, nurturing each other in our spiritual journey, and serving others by reflecting God's love.*

### **Our Sunday Schedule:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 AM**

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January 4, 2012

Members of Schreiber Memorial United Methodist Church:

You have likely noted in our Sunday church bulletins that financial reserves have been used to fund church budgeted expenses. Reserves are an accumulation of savings from prior years' earnings when income exceeded expenses as well as from interest earned on interest bearing accounts at financial institutions. In 2010, \$40,000 was used to fund expenses and this was repeated in 2011 as another \$40,000 was needed to pay expenses. This has resulted in only \$23,000 left in reserve accounts. With 2012 losses tentatively expected to well exceed \$23,000, this will eliminate the accumulated savings in the reserve accounts, and the next tier of church savings, Foundation Funds, will need to be used, along with future earnings on interest bearing accounts, to fund the 2012 budgeted expenses. Foundation Funds resulted from donations and contributions made many years ago and amount to \$138,000. Only the interest on these funds has been used to fund previous budgets. The principal will be used only if approved by the Finance Committee and the Church Council. Based on a preliminary budget, at least \$30,000 of these funds will be needed to support the 2012 budget.

As you probably know, the church's expenses are largely comprised of the costs of operating our facilities as well as personnel expenses. In addition, we pay "apportionments", also known as "Connectional Ministries", to support endeavors of the United Methodist Church, and there are other smaller expenses related to the youth and children's ministries, choir, etc. Every year line item expense amounts are reviewed by the Finance Committee, and a budget is approved by the Finance Committee and then the Church Council. This is planned for January 2012. When finalized, the expenses budgeted for 2012 are expected to be the minimum needed to operate the church while providing important ministries and outreach.

The bottom line is that church earnings are critically deficient, and ongoing losses represent a threat to the church's viability through the erosion of liquidity represented by church deposits held at financial institutions. Given current trends, the reserves/Foundation Funds cannot sustain church operations very long. A large expense, such as replacing the original heating/air conditioning system of the church, would severely deplete financial resources. If the Foundation Funds are eliminated, then fixed assets would be the next line of defense. The only offsite fixed asset of the church is the church parsonage which with proper approvals may then need to be sold to generate cash to meet expenses.

While we can temporarily defer some of our problems by receiving your pledge earlier in the year rather than later and deferring expenses to the extent possible, what we ultimately need is more income to reverse current trends. This can be accomplished with increasing contributions. If you have not done so already, you can do your part by completing a pledge card and welcoming neighbors and friends to visit our church. When we joined the church we all pledged to support it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With everyone working together, we have the opportunity to return the church to profitability and to continue providing vital ministries for our community for many future years. Let us all pray for God's guidance and helping hand through this difficult time.

Bob Anderson  
Chair, Church Council

### Special Prayers Request

Just a reminder for persons who want special prayers that are personal and/or confidential, there are prayer request cards available on the table in the Narthex by the Prayer Box or you can give your prayer request to The Pastor.

### FLOWER CHART

**Don't forget to sign up for flowers to beautify the Sanctuary..  
The cost is still \$30 for each arrangement. Please add your name to the appropriate month and date to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.**

### Stewardship Update:

Giving Cards Received: 37

Totaling: \$140,920

16 have increased their pledge

19 pledges have remained the same

2 that decrease their pledge

Building Loan Balance: \$55,099

2011 Finances

Total offerings as of 12/31/11: \$366,049

Total expenses as of 12/31/11: \$406,572

Difference: -\$40,522

Transfer of reserve funds: \$40,000

Net: - \$ 522

### PRAYER LIST

Gretchen Clegg  
Elaine & Bob Dry  
Mouphida Dakour  
Pat Kelley  
Willie Johnson  
Dot Smith  
Ruben Martinez  
Janna Kelley  
George English  
Chuck Neff  
Schreiber Memorial UMC

### SHUT-INS

Byron Ostrom  
Bill & Laura Gall  
Lillian Flohr  
Essamary Abrahamson  
Pat Clay  
June Everett  
Cecil Fullen

Please read the Prayer Concerns in the bulletin each week for members, friends, and family that are going through hard times and need your prayers.



Happy Birthday  
And  
Happy Anniversary



God's richest blessings to each of you on  
Your special day

### Happy Birthday

January 8 – Roy Allen  
January 13 – Val White  
January 18 – Gretchen Clegg  
January 18 – Stephanie Howeth  
January 27 – Pat Sage

January 8 – Bill Phelps  
January 18 – Mary Kay Allen  
January 18 – Stella Helf  
January 21 – Chance Malone

### Happy Anniversary

January 28 – Susie & Bill Phelps

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed—it is because I do not have your information. Please let me know when your special day is and I will record it.*



NDSM is fortunate to have over 500 volunteers who accept responsibility for all aspects of resource management and distribution. Volunteers come from all walks of life. Volunteers act as interviewers, receptionists, pantry workers, teachers, job counselors, bookkeepers, office assistants, data entry workers, drivers, clothes closet workers and schedulers. Volunteer doctors, nurses and related health professionals staff the medical clinic. While the majority of NDSM volunteers come from member congregations like Schreiber, other volunteers include students, Junior League of Dallas members, youth groups, and individuals with no affiliation but with a desire to help.

Anyone interested in helping or donating can contact Barbara or Judy at NDSM 214-358-8700 or Rick at 214-288-1202.

### Meals on Wheels

Meal On Wheels is a Visiting Nurses Association's operation and recently their funding has been reduced and they are seeking more volunteer driver groups to replace paid deliverers. If you are willing and able to volunteer to deliver meals regularly, or work as an occasional sub, please contact Leonard Clegg, Schreiber Memorial's MOW Coordinator directly, or go thru the church office, If there are sufficient additional volunteers, Schreiber Memorial might be able to assume more days/weeks on our present route or accept partial responsibility for another route(s).

Caring for our community is up to us and that is the primary reason people support VNA through their donations and volunteer efforts. Some of you have been delivering meals and will continue, but if you have not had the opportunity to "reach out and touch someone" by helping deliver meals, or volunteering in some other way, the Visiting Nurse Association can use your help. Give this some prayerful thought and contact Leonard Clegg if you are interested in helping.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sanctuary & Administration Offices

Every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Every Wednesday night the youth from Christ Foundry meet in the Fellowship Hall

Every 4th Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. The Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Library

### Family Life Center

Monday through Friday the FLC gym is rented out from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays from 11:00-3:00

### Schreiber Methodist Men

The next Men's Breakfast will be on January 14, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### United Methodist Women

Morning UMW meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Runyon Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

The January meeting was on January 3, 2012. David will be doing a presentation on the Apostle's Creed for the meetings in March and April of 2012.

Evening UMW meets on one Friday each month at different locations. The January meeting will be on January 13 at Liberty Burger on the Northeast corner of Forest and Inwood at 7:00 p.m.

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### Lay Readers Schedule

January 1	Jim Damm
January 8	Ben Hough
January 15	Ken Whitson
January 22	Lesley Siebenhausen
January 29	Lisa Sage

### Acolytes

January 1	Paris Estes
January 8	Georgia Estes
January 15	Lisa Sage
January 22	Jewel Sterling
January 29	Paris Estes

### Ushers Schedule

January 1	Ken Whitson, Tom Brown, Lisa Sage, Gary Sage
January 8	Jeff Ryan, Bill Aufricht, T. J. Reinhardt, Jenny Reinhardt
January 15	Hank Henry, Bob Carmichael, Ken Feagins, Catherine Ryan
January 22	Jim Brockman, Leigh Martin, Christi O'Connor, Bob Smith
January 29	Lee White, Jared Macduff, Bill Kelley, Jim Brockman

## ATTENDANCE

Please be sure to sign the attendance sheet as it comes down your pew. **We are required to record accurate attendance** and you can help us by recording your attendance at each worship service. The ushers do a great job of counting but even they can miss you so please help us by signing the registration pad.

### Youth Events

**Schreiber Youth:** Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. in the youth room of the Family Life Center.

UMYF will be Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p. m in the Family Life Center.

For questions - contact Teri Estes 214-674-5812.

### \*\*\*\*\*KIDZ KINGDOM\*\*\*\*\*

Next performance will be Jan. 29, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. There will be a 5th Sunday all church lunch to follow. See you there!

Teri Estes

### Schreiber UMW News

We have set the dates for the UMW Garage Sale for June 7-9 with preparation for the sale days being June 4-6. Thank you to Val White and Mary Beth Reece who have volunteered to chair this event. Details will follow, but please mark your calendars now. As you are spring cleaning, please save your "treasures" for the sale.

The Methodist Hospital Auxiliary is having a Hat and Jewelry Sale on March 1, 2012.

If you have any hats or jewelry you would like to donate, please contact Val White—[vwhite9756@aol.com](mailto:vwhite9756@aol.com).

## The Music Ministry of Schreiber



### WHEN WE SING:

Our vision of God is formed

We are formed into Christian Community

Our life is formed as people of the spirit in the world

We believe that when we sing we create an image of ourselves and the congregation as they most want to be and which they hope to sustain throughout the week: a people in love with God and with each other.

### A New Year of Music and Worship

A new year has begun. The birth and epiphany of our Lord has been celebrated, and so the Church Year goes on. As we move forward into the Spring, many of us will be faced with a challenge. First will come the college football bowl games, then the NFL playoffs culminating in the Super Bowl, March Madness, and the NCAA Basketball playoffs. At some point you will have to make a decision about attending a church event or watching a game. At some point, you will have to decide whether to watch a game or go to your weekly bible study. At some point, your mind will wonder away from Sunday morning worship because you are worried that the game has started and you're going to miss it. I love watching sports on t.v. as much as the next person, but I pray that our love for worshiping and learning about our Lord and Savior far outshines any love for sports we could ever have.

The next four months will be full of great rehearsals for the Schreiber Choir. They will be working diligently to provide music for Lent, Easter, and a fund-raiser concert in May. The members of Schreiber choir are dedicated and hard-working. They sing for the Glory of God and also for you. We are always looking for others who feel called to lead worship through singing. If you are interested in singing with us, this is a great time! Come by for Wednesday night rehearsal at 7 PM in the choir room.

Brian Hehn  
Music Director



Carol Ann Stewart

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays celebrating and relaxing with family and friends. The beginning of a new year always brings a time of reflection about the past year. The teachers continued to expand their learning environment with additional money given by the Parents' Club to each age level for exciting and appropriate manipulatives. The children are excited to use the new indoor physical equipment when those rainy days prevent them from going outside to play and exercise. The "potato sacks" really release a lot of energy! Our big sensory table encourages each classroom to expand activities for more students. The Dad's Club led by Matt Strong continues to be a huge success. They rejuvenated both the Preschool and PDO playgrounds by spreading pea gravel for the fall zones and distributing the sand. The PDO swings and Preschool log cabin were repaired and all equipment was power washed. "Donuts with Dad" was fun for everyone on a cold December morning! We appreciate you supporting these very involved groups with all their activities. Our Fall Festival was organized by Denise McGarity. What an event to remember! We are looking forward to next year when we enjoy a special time with our community and friends. Pastor David continues to end the week with a Christian lesson to enrich the daily life of each child. More parents are attending the Family Celebration Chapel on the last Thursday and Friday every month.

Ring in the New with plans and expectations for the Spring semester. Each delightful child will advance another year towards their unique individuality. In the Library, new books from the Scholastic Book Fair will be available to both the staff and children. Ms. Stacy will plan to include Visiting Artists for interactive literature adventures. After presenting spectacular Christmas Songfests, Ms. Charlene will provide opportunities for the children to experience continuous fluid movement and establish beat competency by playing simple rhythm instruments. The Parents' Club has designed new Schreiber T-Shirts to sell. President Amy Straus will continue to support the purchase of items on our "Wish List".

Although the requests are not complete, the PDO playground hopes for a picnic table. The staff qualifications will continue to require high standards. More teachers are pursuing a Master degree, as well as a Bachelor degree. The majority of our experienced staff have Early Childhood/Child Development degrees, CDA credentials and Early Childhood Teacher Certification. We will set personal goals by increasing the annual number of hours for continuing education hours through college courses and individual training plans for new techniques to give the love of learning to each child.

Registration for the school year 2012-2013 will begin this month. Packets are available in the Preschool office for church and staff members Tuesday, January 17. The current PDO and Preschool families will receive their packet attached to their child's school bag. If additional forms are needed, please contact Susan in the Office. Registration for church and staff members begins Monday, January 23. Parents who are considering another year in the Four-year-old program next year, please come to the office for priority registration after your Parent/Teacher conferences on Tuesday, January 24. Registration for current students and siblings occurs Monday, January 30. Applications must be **mailed and postmarked on or after this date**. Open registration will be Monday, February 6. Families will be notified by mail to confirm their child's placement for the following school year.

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16.** MLK Day is recognized to reflect about human rights and freedom around the world.

Although we have experienced a mild winter, the weather in Texas can change quickly. Inclement weather requires a plan to notify every family our decision relevant to school closings. Schreiber follows the DISD announcements, and we implement a Telephone Tree. You may log on to the cancellations.com website or view the closings on Channel 8 (WFAA) for immediate information. Additionally, parents will be contacted by their child's teacher regarding pertinent instructions. If DISD closes or has a delayed opening, we are closed. The school calendar does not allow for additional days to accommodate school closures. This system is also implemented for emergency situations.

Have you made your New Year resolution yet? We have - - helping children become what they are capable of being.

May the days of 2012 bring happy and cherished moments to everyone.

*When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.....in God I trust; I am not afraid.  
Psalm 56:3-4*

I was always fearful as a child. One of the things I feared was water, so I never learned to swim. I did learn to float, but I had great fear in the beginning. I was very happy to be able to finally jump into the water and float, conquering the fear I had known before.

For me, to trust Christ was like learning to float. The moment I chose to challenge my fear, truly relax, and let go was when I began to float. Christ cares for us and wants us to release our fears, to relax, and to float—secure in the knowledge that we are safe in a loving embrace.

We can leave our cares and problems in Jesus' hands. He is our guide and will help us navigate through all that we do every day.

*PRAYER::*

Dear Lord, when fears surface, we know you are by our side and that we can confide in you. Thank you. As Jesus taught us, we pray, "Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**The Knots Prayer**

--Author known to God

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the 'have-nots', the 'can-nots' and the 'do-nots' that I have in my mind.

Erase the 'will-nots', the 'may-nots' and the 'might-nots' that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the 'could-nots', the 'would-nots' and the 'should-nots' that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am-nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.