



SCHREIBER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SCHREIBER SENTINEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF SCHREIBER MEMORIAL UMC

JANUARY, 2010



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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FROM THE PASTOR

DAVID HOWETH, SENIOR PASTOR

As 2010 begins, I want to thank you, first of all, for two things: 1) For the additional money that the church received in December that not only allowed us to meet all of our expenses for 2009, but that also is going to allow us to put money in reserves for the new year. In other words, you did exactly what I asked you to do in my annual Christmas letter. Now if I could get my kids to be as responsive as you have been. 2) On behalf of the rest of the ministry staff (Virginia, Ricki, Shawn, and Teri), I want to thank you for the generous love offering you gave to us at Christmas. What a surprise, and what a testimony to your generous hearts! We truly felt blessed to be honored by the congregation in such a tangible way.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, I would like for us to be specifically goal-oriented. There is one area in our church's life I really would like for us to concentrate on this year. Therefore, I am calling 2010 "The Year of Hospitality." What do I mean by that?

I mean that throughout this year we concentrate on making people feel welcome when they visit our church. We treat them as honored guests, which they are. One of the things that means is that we intentionally try our best to see our church from the point of view of someone who is walking into Schreiber for the first time. It is hard to do, I know, especially if you have been a member of the church for forty years. But it is the only way we can evaluate fairly the impression we are making on our guests.

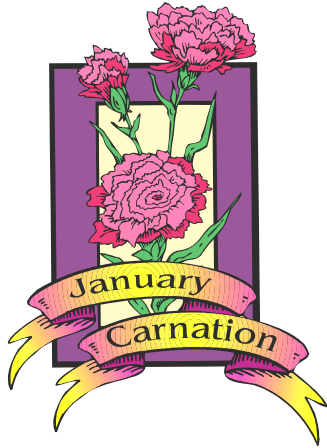
That means we need to look at signage, making sure it is clear how to get to where a visitor might want to find. We need to look at our bulletin boards. If we had no clue as to what UMW is, for example, would the information on its board be helpful or confusing? It means we need greeters as well as ushers, people who station themselves at the major entrances to the church and provide assistance. It means we need a Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall, stocked with folders containing the information about our church a visitor might be most interested in.

In "The Year of Hospitality," we need more aggressive follow-up on first-time visitors, going back to a lay team of people taking cookies and information to the homes of people who have visited the church. That means we need to organize a men's group to help keep the men in our church better connected to each other and provide a place where the men who begin coming to Schreiber have a place in which to get to know other people.

Overall it means that we are going to need to be more sensitive to the needs of people who visit the church. We have the reputation of being a warm and friendly church, and we simply need to live up to that reputation by putting a few new procedures in place. I firmly believe it will make a difference and help our congregation to grow both in membership and in fellowship.

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.



January Birthdays

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| January 8 | Roy Allen | January 8 | Bill Phelps |
| January 13 | Val White | January 18 | Stephanie Howeth |
| January 18 | Mary Kay Allen | January 18 | Gretchen Clegg |
| January 18 | Stella Helf | January 20 | Jean Bowie |
| January 27 | Pat Sage | January 31 | Alice Nichols |

January Anniversaries

January 28 Susie & Bill Phelps

PRAYER LIST

Charlotte Rhea
Barbara Henry
Al Reece
Mitchell Droz
Betty Hanzl
Lillian English
Joli Mallick
Sue Appleby
Lillian Flohr

SHUT-INS

Lillian English
Betty Hanzl
Essamary Abrahamson
Pat Clay
June Everett
Lillian Flohr
Lucie Justice
Susie Keetch
Bob Spencer
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.

Our Faithfulness in Attendance & Giving

"I will support the church with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, and my service."

UPCOMING SERMONS

(Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary)

January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

"Passing Through the Waters"

Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17-21-22

January 17 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

"Everyone . . . But You"

John 2:1-11

January 24 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany

"Reading and Hearing God's Word"

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

January 31 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

"I Am Only a _____"

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30

February 7 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

"When It Is Dark Enough . . ."

Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

February 14 - Transfiguration Sunday

"Mountaintop Experiences"

Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

February 17- Ash Wednesday

"Our Synergism with God"

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

February 21 - First Sunday in Lent

"The Real Question"

Luke 4:1-13; Romans 19:8b-13

February 28 - Second Sunday in Lent

"Imitate Me?"

Philippians 3:17-4:1

YOUTH NEWS



Sunday Night, January 17

6:00-6:30 pm - Icebreaker at Schreiber Memorial UMC

6:30-7:00 pm - Dinner

7:00-8:30 pm - Worship with Aardvark Cybersquad, Teaching with Shawn Ashmore

9:00-11:00 pm - Fun and Games at Sole Roll Indoor Soccer (4435 McEwen Rd.)

11:30-12:00 am - wind down at Cochran Chapel UMC

Midnight - Lights Out

Attendance

Traditional Service

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| January 3 | 115 | January 10 | 143 | January 17 | 134 |
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Lay Led Service

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| January 3 | 18 | January 10 | 13 | January 17 | 10 |
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Schreiber members and friends spend money at Tom Thumb this earns Schreiber free money. Our number is **1955** for those who shop at Tom Thumb but have not signed up. All you have to do is go to Customer Service and tell the clerk you want to add this number to your Reward Card. For every dollar you spend at Tom Thumb, we get a percentage of it.



Did you know that North Dallas Shared Ministries (NDSM) provides Employment Counseling? Job counselors annually meet with 600 clients to assess job readiness, help with access to job opportunities and assist with transportation costs. Counselors also give clients an edge with practical advice on grooming and conduct.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sanctuary & Administration Offices

Every Monday night Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in the Library

Every Tuesday night Disciple I in Fellowship Hall; Disciple IV at Hodge's home on Willow

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| January 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Trustees |
| January 5 | 10:30 a.m. | UMW—Schreiber UMC Parlor |
| January 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Finance Committee in the Finance Office |
| | 11:30 a.m. | SOS |
| January 16 | 10:00 a.m. | UMW Leadership Training |
| January 19 | 6:30 p.m. | Schreiber Preschool Committee Meeting |
| January 28 | 7:00 p.m. | SPRC |
| January 30 | 8:30 a.m. | Church Council Planning Session |

Family Life Center

Every Monday and Thursday evening—Basketball Practice

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| January 10 | 4:00 p.m. | Kidz Kingdom Rehearsal |
| January 17 | 11:45 a.m. | Kidz Kingdom |
| January 22 | All Day | Scout District Meeting and Dinner |
| January 23 | 9:00 a.m. | Girl Scout Troop 1114 Service Project |

Lay Readers Schedule

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| January 3 | Jo Lester |
| January 10 | Marilyn Hodge |
| January 17 | Steve Joiner |
| January 24 | Richard Browne |
| January 31 | Julie Macduff |

Ushers Schedule

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| January 3 | Ken Whitson, Tom Brown, Stacy Adams, John Paine |
| January 10 | Jeff Ryan, Bill Aufricht, Bob Crim, Jenny Whitson |
| January 17 | Hank Henry, Wallis Head, Jennifer Wilkicki, Ken Feagins |
| January 24 | Jim Brockman, Bob Smith, Leigh Martin, Christi O'Connor |
| January 31 | Lee White, Catherine Ryan, Monte Gregg, Justin Gregg |

Acolyte Schedule

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| January 3 | Ashlynn Goyne and Jewell Sterling |
| January 10 | Nicole Domhoff and Georgia Estes |
| January 17 | Justin Gregg and Julia Gregg |
| January 24 | Amanda McVay and Paris Estes |
| January 31 | Ashlynn Goyne and Jewell Sterling |



Carol Ann Stewart

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays celebrating, playing in the snow, 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 Dad's Club continues to be a huge success at Schreiber. They rejuvenated both the Preschool and PDO playgrounds and hosted "Donuts with Dad" on a cold December morning! Our Fall Festival was an event to remember! We are looking forward to next year when we enjoy a special time with our community and friends. The Preschool garden area was cultivated and winter vegetables were planted with the children. It was a group effort, and we are looking forward to making a "gourmet" salad for snack! Marilyn Hodge and Pastor David continue 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. No monitoring deficiencies were found during the inspection by The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The "Request for Validation Visit" was submitted to the National Accreditation Commission (NAC) so we will be expecting their Validation visit during the Spring Semester.

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 will be available to both the staff and children. Ms. Stacy will plan to include Visiting Artists for exciting literature adventures. After presenting spectacular Christmas Songfests, Ms. April will provide opportunities for the children to experience continuous fluid movement and establish beat competency by playing simple rhythm instruments. The Parents' Club hopes to expand the use of digital cameras for each classroom. They will continue to support the purchase of cooking carts, appliances, and utensils to foster opportunities for all ages to develop math, sensory, science, and motor skills. This exceptional group will sponsor a Spring Market fundraiser (March 25) to purchase new "bucket" swings in the PDO playground. The staff qualifications will continue to require high standards. More teachers have Master degrees, Early Childhood/Child Development degrees, CDA credentials and Early Childhood/Teacher Certification. The majority of our staff has at least two years experience in a classroom environment. We will set personal goals for continuing education hours through college courses and training plans to give the love of learning to each child.

Registration for the school year 2010-2011 will begin this month. Packets are available in the Preschool office for church and staff members Monday, January 11. The current PDO and Preschool families will receive their packet attached to their child's school bag. If additional forms are needed, please contact Brenda in the Office. Registration for church and staff members begins Monday, January 25. 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 Thursday, January 28. Registration for current students and siblings occurs Monday, February 1. Applications must be **mailed and postmarked on or after this date**. Open registration will be Monday, February 8. Families will be notified by mail to confirm their child's placement for the following school year.

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18. 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. (two snow events in one week!?) Inclement weather requires a plan to notify every family our decision relevant to school closings. Schreiber follows the DISD announcements, and we have a Telephone Tree. You may log on to the cancellations.com website or view the closings on Channel 8 (WFAA) for immediate information. 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 2010 bring happy and cherished moments to everyone.

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