



SCHREIBER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SCHREIBER SENTINEL

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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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September, 2011

Dear Church Family,

It was the increasing spirituality of my four year old son Bladen that prompted Teri and me to return to the church after many years absence. Paris was 16 months old at the time. Perhaps we were distracted in the beginning, caring for our young family and the birth of our daughter Georgia in 2000, but in the twinkling of an eye two years passed and we still considered ourselves new comers to Schreiber.

In 2001 Paris began complaining of an ache in his leg. Suspecting little more than growing pains, we monitored this reoccurring development during our regular visits to the doctor. Blood tests revealed no problem while the pain came and went, controllable with aspirin. The day before we were to leave on our coastal vacation, x-rays of the leg and hip showed clear, so we left the following morning.

In a few days the pain in Paris' leg became worse and he began to limp noticeably.

On the way home from our vacation we stopped in San Antonio to tour the Alamo. By this time Paris could no longer walk and had to be carried. X-rays the following day revealed a hole in his hip the size of a golf ball. One week earlier the bone had appeared sound.

The call from my wife at the hospital was short and without information.

"You need to get up here."

"Is something wrong" I asked?

"You need to come up here now."

I remember becoming increasingly suspicious when the signs I followed in the hospital began to read Oncology Department. I was not exactly sure what that meant, but would soon find out. I was led into a small waiting room where Teri, Paris, a doctor and two grand parents sat quietly. No one smiled when I entered. In five minutes my world was rocked to the core.

Unknown to me at the time was how grave the symptoms appeared, and not until after the whirlwind of exploratory surgery did I understand the doctor's sigh of relief. Paris had a rare but treatable disease known as LCH. The installation of a port was scheduled and "chemo" treatment was explained to us. Paris was not yet four years old. That night on my knees I talked to God as I never had before.

Paris was on day number two in the hospital as I pushed his stroller through the children's ward, blinded by tears and grief, barely able to walk myself. I will never forget the emotion of helplessness I felt when I raised my head to see Gretchen Clegg, along with Jim and Betty Damm, walking toward me. They looked as lost as I felt, unable to speak, and avoiding eye contact. I was thankful. I did not know them very well at the time.

The following day Stephanie McVay (Hughes) called to say the Schreiber Garage Sale profits would go to assist the medical expenses for Paris. You want to be humbled beyond expectation? Nothing can do so like the hand of the church reaching out and comforting in time of need. We still felt so new to our church family, uncomfortable with this outpouring of love. Our road to recovery was made manageable by meals and assistance, with normally simple household tasks provided. Phone calls from concerned members never stopped. Roy Allen told me weeks later that he prayed for Paris every single day. Everyday! He looked me straight in the eye when he told me. There was no room or desire for thanks, only the wish that I knew of the prayer.

It would be four months before Paris would be cleared to walk again.

Lowrance Hodge reminds me from time to time of the miracle I have witnessed: of the child healed by God and the church. *My church.*

To this day I give thanks to the church that stood beside my family in times of need. I will never forget the comfort, the concern, the prayers, the gifts, and the blessing of love that showered down upon us. I will never forget! This is why I always will support my church; a community helping and loving one another in good times as well as bad. We share not only pain but also joy. Like all families, we don't agree all the time, but we stand together *always*. It is not the building, it is not the grounds, it is not the music, and it is not the sermon: IT IS THE PEOPLE. That is why you will see me turn and look back from my seat on the front pew each Sunday. I am looking at my church family and remembering why I love Schreiber so much.

Your humble servant I remain,
Mike Estes

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.**

October 10 - "Feelings of Loss and Grief"

Why is it that caregiving brings out such a complex array of emotions? We'll look at how loss relates to chronic and terminal illnesses; how caregiving affects us; and how we can cope with feelings of loss and grief.

We have just received information on a grief workshop that will begin on Sunday, October 10, 2011 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew UMC. It is a 6 week workshop and is led by Laura Atterstrom. She is a very caring and helpful counselor and everyone can benefit from her leadership. The link for registering for the workshop is:
http://www.standrewumc.org/caring_ministries/support_groups/

Labels for Education

The Aldersgate Sunday School Class collects Labels for Education for Nathan Adams School so they can purchase needed items for their school.

There are many food products that have these labels (UPC symbols) - Campbell's soup and beans, Pace Sauces, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, V8 Juice, Vlasic Olives and Pickles and many others.

Please help up with this project by saving these labels and putting them in the basket on the table in the hallway.

PRAYER LIST

Willie Johnson
Pat & Bill Kelley
Eli Leingang
Joe Henry's family
Nancy Cannavan
Aurora Reyes
George English
Chuck Neff
Shannon Cleveland
Wallis Head
Byron Ostrom
Dot Smith
Mary Beth Reece
Schreiber Memorial UMC

SHUT-INS

Bill & Laura Gall
Lillian English
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

October Birthdays

October 3 Jena Davenport
October 9 Dot Smith
October 11 Don Eisan
October 19 Karen Briggs
October 27 Alison Ashmore

October 4 A. J. Ortiz
October 11 Bob Smith
October 16 Ken Whitson
October 19 Julie Macduff

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.



Did you know that NDSM teaches English as a Second Language twice a week during the school year? NDSM helps individuals who desire to better themselves and learn the English language. If you are interested in teaching (no experience required) or know someone that may want to participate, contact Barbara or Judy at NDSM 214-358-8700 or Rick 214-288-1202.

....I was sick and you looked after me...Matthew 25:36

Visits to Shut-In's

We have a group that visits the members of our congregation that are unable to come to Church on a regular basis. The ladies that visit on a regular basis are: Dot Smith, Harriett Abel, Val White, and Pastor David goes when he can. They all report their visits are always well received. I am not sure who receives the most benefit from the visits, the ones who go visiting or the recipients of the visits.

If you know of anyone that could use a visit, please let the church office know.

MEALS ON WHEELS

By Leonard Clegg

Schreiber Memorial UMC has for several years had partial responsibility for delivering a Meals On Wheels (MOW) route. We are one of 85 religious congregations that volunteer to deliver MOW, many who handle multiple routes, as for example does our neighbor St. Rita, currently with six.

On Schreiber's MOW route we deliver meals Monday thru Friday of the second week of every month. We presently do it with 20+ volunteers and substitutes, who working in teams of two and using their own cars, deliver the meals on the same day of the second week of alternate months, i.e., 5 teams handle the week in the odd months and 5 different teams handle the week in the even months, so each team works the same day every other month.

MOW 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).

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.

United Methodist Women

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

Evening UMW meets on one Friday each month as different locations. Watch for emails with the date and place of meeting for the month.

Lay Readers Schedule

October 2	Leonard Clegg
October 9	Leonard Clegg
October 16	Lesley Siebenhausen
October 23	Rick Kleifgen
October 30	Lisa Sage

Acolytes

October 2	Jewel Sterling
October 9	Paris Estes
October 16	Georgia Estes
October 23	Lisa Sage
October 30	Jewel Sterling

Ushers Schedule

October 2	Ken Whitson, Tom Brown, Lisa Sage, Gary Sage
October 9	Jeff Ryan, Bill Aufricht, T. J. Reinhardt, Jenny Reinhardt
October 16	Hank Henry, Bob Carmichael, Ken Feagins, Catherine Ryan
October 23	Jim Brockman, Leigh Martin, Christi O'Connor, Bob Smith
October 30	Lee White, Jared Macduff, Bill Hashop



ANNUAL FALL AUCTION

The Annual Fall Auction is scheduled for October 22, 2011 at Brookhaven Country Club. The food, the set up for the auction and everything else will be taken care of by Brookhaven. As in the past, most of you contribute items to the auction, but we also rely on donations from neighborhood merchants to provide some exciting and valued items. Letters have already gone out to the business community and we have received gift certificates and we have received calls from others telling us they are sending donations in to us. **Please visit restaurants and other places to obtain gift cards or gift certificates, visit retail stores (jewelry, etc.) and ask them to donate items for us to auction. We need YOUR help!**

Through the funds raised at this event, we are able to give financial support to important programs in the Dallas area that provide assistance to underprivileged families. Some of the programs we support with this money are: Amigos Days, Christ's Foundry, Meals on Wheels, North Dallas Shared Ministries, and the Wilkinson Center.

Financial Update

If you are behind in your Annual Pledge or your Building Fund Pledge, please make every effort to bring it up to date.

Building Loan Balance: \$73,989

2011 Finances

Total offerings as of 9/29/11:	\$235,656
Total expenses as of 9/29/11:	\$285,280
Difference:	-\$55,419
Transfer of reserve funds:	\$40,000
Net Loss:	-\$ 15,419

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.

Sept. 4—86

Sept. 11—101

Sept. 18—86

Sept. 25—103

The Gathering for Young Adults and Couples

We will continue to study the Book of Esther, co-taught by Allison Ashmore and Sarah Squires.

All young singles and couples are encouraged to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us! Contact Reverend Sarah Squires with questions or to find out how to get involved.

Youth Events

Schreiber Youth: Now that school has started and in full swing, we will begin your fall schedule. Sunday school begins at 9:30a in the youth room of the FLC and UMYF will be Sunday evenings from 5 - 7p in the FLC.

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

*****KIDZ KINGDOM*****

Dates to put on your calendar

First show will be October 16 at 11:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. we will learn how God made each of us unique and creative!

lunch is included in the price of FREE!

Next show December 11th, 2011.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk

The Komen 3-Day for the Cure is an incredible special event. Thousands of women and men will unite for three days, November 4-6, 2011, and walk 60 miles in a bold display of courage and commitment. It's a weekend of hope, as we honor lives lost, celebrate survivors and help bring breast cancer care to those who so desperately need it. Net proceeds from the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure are invested in breast cancer research and community programs.

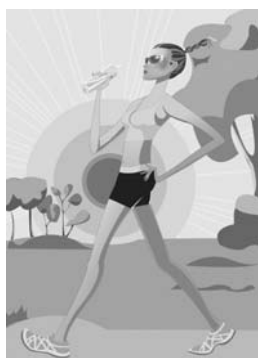
We would like to request the use of Schreiber Memorial United Methodist Church Lawn Area and Parking Lot on Friday November 4, 2011 from 9am-7pm as a rest stop for our participants. At a typical Pit Stop we would erect three 15'x15' non-staked tents for our staff and volunteers who will offer food, drink and medical attention to the Walkers who elect to stop. Nothing will be sold on site.

In addition to Schreiber being a part of the event, one of our own—**Mandy Medaris** will be taking on this incredible challenge. Mandy will be walking 60 miles over the course of three days, camping out at night with thousands of other women and men taking this journey with her.

One in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. That is why Mandy is walking in the 3-day—because everyone deserves a lifetime.

Please consider making a donation of any amount to Mandy—no amount is too small and all is appreciated. To make a donation, go to **The3Day.org**. Click on **Donate** and search for Mandy's personal fundraising page (Mandy Medaris). Or you can call 800-996-3DAY to donate over the phone. Mandy would like to reach her fundraising goal by October 15th so don't delay!

Mandy wishes to thank everyone for your support—in any form, donations or prayers—or both!





Carol Ann Stewart

Everyone has quickly settled into the school routine. We worked to build confidence for those who were uncertain about walking into school. Now they are smiling and excited to see their very special teacher. Everyone is having fun learning with and from each other. We know the children have benefited from our focus.

The Parents' Club is successfully completing their Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale (final day is Friday, September 30). Samples are displayed and order forms are available in the main hallway. Please return the envelope to the box labeled "Innisbrook Orders". Through out the year you can continue to earn money for the Parents' Club. Orders can be made on-line 365 days a year, 24 hours a day at www.innisbrook.com. Our school number is **111965**. Schreiber receives 45% profit from internet sales on all catalog items. Thank you for supporting this hard-working group.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 12th

10:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m.

The annual **Fall Festival** will be sponsored by Schreiber Methodist Preschool and Parent's Day Out staff. We are committed to providing our young children the best early childhood experiences possible. All staff members have planned a fun booth for the children. Each class will again create an exciting raffle basket. They will be on display in the hallway so you can buy your lucky ticket. Come see these fantastic creations and "cross your fingers" to win! A classroom picture calendar will be compiled and sold at the Festival. Bring your family for a fun-filled day and bid on items in the fantastic silent auction.

During the last week of every month, remember to schedule into your morning routine (9:30 Thursday / 9:30 - 10:00 Friday) the Family Celebration Chapel Service led by Pastor David. I encourage you to share in the spiritual growth of all children and know that enabled by God, we will do what is best for each child.

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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 'cannots' 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.

Amen