



Lakewood Leader

Lakewood United Methodist Church - 2443 Abrams Road - Dallas, TX 75214

February 27, 2013

Words from our Pastor...

Springing Up

Though the temperatures still dip a bit toward the chilly side, the signs that spring is peeking around the corner cannot be missed. I saw a robin the backyard of the white house yesterday. Daffodils burst forth. Trees try to push out their leaves. Halfway through our Lenten journey, we can feel the promises of Easter warming us. I am always grateful for the signs of new life that come each year. Usually they spring up just before the celebration of Easter brings new life in other ways.

I am reminded that God is always doing a new thing – in the world and in each of us. Looking in the mirror, I always check for the first signs of the newness God is giving me. We all have this great gift – the wonder that God brings again and again. We can be new creatures, better people, more compassionate human beings, more faithful disciples. Take a look on the inside and the outside these last weeks of Lent. Do you see a new shoot of forgiveness, a sprig of kindness, the blush of renewed commitment? Perhaps a fresh idea for ministry? A shiny new way to say welcome, you are loved, come and see what God is doing? The good news springs up all over the place!

Peace,
Gayle

NEW FORMAT FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Due to a postage increase and changes to the procedures used in mailing via the Bulk Mail Program, we announced last month that we will now be mailing our newsletter via e-mail. We will continue to post the newsletter on our website (www.mylakewoodchurch.org) and will continue to mail the monthly newsletter to our shut-ins. Extra copies of the newsletter will also be available throughout our facility for pick-up.

If you change your email address, please make sure you give the new information to the church office. Also, if the church office does not currently have your email address, please send us a note so that we can get you on the email list not only for the newsletter but for any messages or reminders that the church office may send.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



The Lakewood UMC Family of Faith was pleased to receive Eugenia (Genie) Short into membership on Sunday, February 3. Genie and her husband, Gary, are longtime residents of Dallas.

Make sure to introduce yourself to Genie if you have not done so already.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Game Night – Friday,
March 8, from 7-10 p.m.
in Family Life Center.

Trustees – Monday,
March 18, at 6 p.m.

Church Council – Monday,
March 18, at 7 p.m.



David Robertson – March 4
Gail Baldwin – March 5
Jordan Larocca Pugh – March 5
Jo Ann Biggs – March 19
Betty Watson – March 20
Ann Parrish – March 26
Josh Neuroth – March 28
Jennifer McLaughlin – March 29



Lennie Bailey, Cindy Estee, Michael Miranda, Geraldine Chambless, Laura Mae Railey, Linda Berry, Carly Rutledge, Karen Stowe, Patricia Stowe, June Gartlir, Adelaide Hart, Erik Galvan, Marie Miranda, Tina Hansard, Bill & Linda Tinnerman, Wanda Godfey, Sharon Shirley, and Linda Castor. (Please keep the church office informed of the status of those on the prayer list. If we do not hear from you, names will be removed after approximately a month.)



Dust off those special family chili recipes – the annual chili cook-off takes place after worship on Sunday, March 10. There will prizes awarded. Mark your calendars – it is always lots of fun and plenty of good fellowship.

VALENTINE'S DINNER – A HUGE SUCCESS

The Valentine's Dinner held here February 16 proved very successful. Chef Noel outdid himself with the scrumptious beef and salmon dishes, and the crowd loved the entertainment of Jack Agnew, Jon Morehouse, and Alan Noel, with accompaniment by our music director, John Gill. The dinner, along with the Silent and Dessert Auctions, brought in over \$1600 for the Music Department.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Billy and Casey Taylor are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Hunter White Taylor, on February 2nd. Hunter joins big sister, Kyle. Congratulations!

TIETZE SHRED – SATURDAY, MARCH 23 – 9 AM – 1 PM

Friends of Tietze Park Foundation's
6th annual Document Destruction Event
Parking Lot – Skillman Church of Christ – 3014 Skillman St.
Cost: \$7.00 for up to 1 standard banker's box (approx. 30 lbs.)
\$5.00 per additional banker's box
*Seniors (65 or older) - \$5.00 each box

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, March 12

Wesleyan Guild
Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
with the meeting at 7 p.m.

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade
Coffee, teas, and chocolates
Will be available for sale after
Church by the Library on
March 17.



Sunday, March 10

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour prior to going to bed on Saturday night, March 9.



Sunday, March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Palm Processional & Drama Presentation
of the Passion - 10:15 a.m.

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

Communion and Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

Breakfast – Fellowship Hall – 8:30 a.m.

Easter Service – 10:15 a.m. – Sanctuary

Egg Hunt for Kids in the garden – immediately following worship



Would you like to provide a lily to beautify the Sanctuary for Easter? **The cost is \$10.00 each.** Please specify whether your purchase is a gift to the church, an honorarium or a memorial or in appreciation of someone (and for whom). **The deadline for orders is Monday, March 25.**

I would like to purchase _____ lily(ies) Name _____

_____ A Gift to the church _____ A Memorial to _____

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Appreciation of _____

Please enclose this form with your payment and forward to Church Office
or drop it in the offering plate.