

A Celebration of 10 Years of Ministry

The average youth director stays at a church for around a year and then moves on. It is practically unheard of to have such a talented individual for over ten years. Sara Orr has been a part of the Ridgewood Park family first as member of our church and then as the youth director. Now she not only oversees the youth program, but also runs our children's ministry. On Sunday, June 5 we will take a moment in each of our services to celebrate the gifts and love that this wonderful woman continues to provide the Ridgewood Park Family. At 12 p.m. we will then all gather for lunch in the gym. Please make every effort to attend this special day in celebration of such a



Sara Orr
Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Just Another Way To Do Church...Or Is It?

The LAB in Fort Worth, Texas is a growing movement of students on the Texas Christian University (TCU) campus. It's not another club. It's not about getting as many people to meetings as possible. It's not about hiding from the world. It's not about throwing stones. It's not about judgment. It's not about politics. So what is it? Join us Sunday, June 12 as Megan Davidson, a leader of this growing movement leads us in a conversation about this new way of being the church.

Originally from Rowlett, Texas, Megan grew up in at First United Methodist Church Rowlett where at a young age she met a young pastor, at that time the associate Pastor, Rob Spencer. After graduating high school at Rowlett High School in 2002 and then gaining a degree in Psychology from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, Megan began her graduate work at Perkins School of Theology where she gained a Masters in Divinity. Today, Megan is the director of the

Wesley Foundation at Texas Christian University and Pastor at the Phoebe Palmer House in Fort Worth. In a conversation with Megan she explained, "I am so excited to come to Ridgewood Park and start the conversation of what they can do to be a part of this growing movement."

Drives, Donations, and Donations OH YEAH! Ministry Moment

As we continue to be a church that looks beyond ourselves and into our community, this month we were able to help others in more ways than ever. We kicked the month off with our second Dig In! This time we were able to gather over one thousand pounds of food, and numerous blankets that were donated to the Wilkinson Center. A number of our members were also able to go out to visit many of those members who are unable to attend services on a regular basis, while even more people wrote letters and cards. Throughout the rest of the month the United Method-

ist Women have been collecting diapers and baby formula for their annual diaper/formula drive which each year benefits the Dallas Bethlehem Center. This year they were able to gather several large boxes full of each of these items. Right along side this donation drive, was our collections for children's toys and books. On a trip to Austin Street Shelter one morning, one of our youth, Shelly Wade, a junior at Townview Magnet School noticed the need for children's toys and books, and took action. Along with the help of many people including Tami Mabry, Shelly

organized a toy and book drive and has received a whole room full of items which have now been donated to the Austin Street Shelter. Finally, as if that were not enough for one month, Sara Orr had her second Club MnM. Over forty children gathered together on a Friday evening for games, food, and a mission project. This time around the children brought items to make care boxes for our soldiers. While Sara had hoped to fill twelve boxes full of food, toiletries and letters from the children, there was such a great response that even her expectations for only

twelve boxes were far exceeded.

Our constant mission is to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Let it be each of our prayers for this only be the jumping off point; that new efforts like Dig In! and Club MnM will only grow stronger; that people young and old, like Shelly Wade, will continue to hear the need and feel the power to answer that need; and that long time efforts like our work with the Austin Street Shelter, the Wilkinson Center, and all the wonderful projects of our United Methodist Women continue to carry on.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!

Don't miss **Monday, June 20** as our church descends upon Dr. Pepper Ballpark. Tickets are only twenty dollars, and you can't imagine what that gets you: one sideline ticket, a RoughRiders hat, and **ALL YOU CAN EAT** concessions! Invite your friends and bring your whole family out to this great ballpark for a fun evening of baseball, and **ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who participated in Spring Pride Day and made it a big success: Billy Pettigrew, Lee Pettigrew, Jane Ellen Shilling, Craig Wentrcek, Elizabeth Pope, Ernest Moeller, Louise Corley, Ed Hilliard, Terri Gwinn, Jane Morris, Bernice Reeves, and Jim Newman. If we missed your name, please blame someone with a better memory!

Written by Elizabeth Pope

Reverend Bob Spencer

On Sunday, June 26 Rev. Bob Spencer will lead a combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. Rob Spencer and the rest of the staff will be on the All Church Retreat and so Rob's father, Bob Spencer will lead the morning worship service in our Sanctuary.

Bob Spencer is a retired United Methodist pastor who continues to minister to people at Christ UMC in Farmers Branch. He and his wife were missionaries in Brazil in the 60's. When he returned to the States, he served at FUMC-Wylie for 6 years, St. Phillip's UMC in Garland for 10 years, FUMC-Lewisville for 9 years and retired after servicing at Wesley UMC in Sulphur Springs in 1997. He retired the same year that Rob was ordained as an Elder.

He and his wife, Jane, have been married for 57 years.



Summer Reading Program for Children Presented by United Methodist Women

Encourage your children to participate in the Summer Reading Program offered by our UMW. Children and Youth can check out books in four categories on Sunday mornings. There are awards for reading two, four, ten, fifteen and twenty books. There will be bookcases outside of Jane Morris' classroom, Room 16. For more information, you may contact Jane Morris at 214-368-2627

Bridgeport Camp Swimming Party

**June 27th
6:30-8:30pm**

Home of Tricia & Doug Dzine
9212 Mill Hollow, Dallas

Parents! Pick up your kids at 8:00 so we can go over details about summer camp!

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics: Music And Arts Camp 2011

The story of Moses and his plight to free his people from slavery has been told many times, but never like this. Register now for Music and Arts Camp 2011, August 8 – 12 from 9 a.m. to 2:30p.m. During the day, children entering the second grade through the sixth grade will work in music, acting, art, dance and other classes to put together a musical production in just one short week. The week culminates on Friday, August 12 at 6:00pm with our performance of *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*. This musical is fun for the entire family and free to everyone. For more information please contact Nick La Rocca or register online at www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org.

Summer Kick-Off Party Tuesday, June 7, 1:30-3:30pm

Have you ever run a race on an inflatable track, while attached to a bungee chord? Or how about race through an obstacle course that was entirely inflatable? If your answer is No and you have passed the sixth grade, sorry, you might be out of luck. However, if you or someone you know is age three to sixth grade then your answer can surely be YES! On Tuesday, June 7 from 1:30 to 3:45 p.m. at the *Pump It Up* on Forest Lane our children will kick off the summer with an afternoon of inflatable fun. All are welcome to this fun event, but please contact Sara Orr so she can get an idea of how many to expect. RSVP Sara at: saraorr@ridgewoodparkchurch.org. You will also need to sign a waiver and can download it at www.pumpitupparty.com.



Vacation Bible School

August 1 - 4
9am - Noon

Ages 3 year old through 6th grade!

Register online at
www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org/vbs



News from the Pre-school

There are still a few spots open in our Mother's Day Out program in the Two Year Old Class for the 2011 -12 school year, and two spots in the Four Year Old Class (3 day and 5 day classes). If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jane Ellen Shilling or Maroy Merino at 214-369-9250. School will resume Tuesday, September 6th.

Filled With The Spirit:
Greater Jonesboro Youth Choir
Free Concert
June 10th, 7:00pm



Mark your calendars and join us as we welcome the Greater Jonesboro Youth Choir on Friday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Directed by my long time friend Sean Polluck this promises to be a wonderful concert. Please invite friends and family and help make this choir feel as warm and welcome as so many other churches have made our youth feel when we tour around the country.

For more information please contact Nick La Rocca at 214-680-6212 or nlarocca@ridgewoodparkchurch.org.

Summer Youth Schedule

June 1	Choir Rehearsal 6-7:30pm
June 5	Choir Rehearsal 4-5:30pm
	Swim Party at Hamilton's home 6-8:30pm
June 8	Choir Rehearsal 6-7:30pm
June 10	Pack for Choir Trip 5:00pm
	Dinner with visiting choir 5:30pm
	Choir Concert with visiting Choir 7:00pm
June 11	Leave for Mission Trip 6:00am
June 12	No Youth Choir of Youth
June 19	No Youth Choir or Youth
June 22	Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm
June 24	All Church Retreat - No Youth
June 29	Choir Rehearsal 6-7:30pm
July 3	Choir Rehearsal 4-5:30pm
	All Youth -6-8:00pm
	Decorate 4th of July Float
	Vickie Thompson's House
July 4	Lakewood Fourth of July Parade
July 7	Choir Rehearsal 6-9pm
July 8	Choir Rehearsal 6-9pm
July 9	Perform at C.C. Young
July 10	Lead Worship Services
	Choir Rehearsal 1:30pm
	Perform Tour Concert 6pm
	Pie Auction 7pm
	Mission Trip Slide Show
July 11	Leave on Choir Tour
July 17	Choir sings for 11:30 service
July 24	No Sr. High Youth
	Jr. High Swim Party -Hannah Nelon House
July 26	Jr. High Mission Trip Packing Party 6:30
July 28	Jr. High Leaves for Mission Trip 9:30am
July 31	Jr. High Returns from Mission Trip
	Help Decorate for VBS all day
Aug 1-4	VBS 9-Noon All Youth Needed!
Aug 7	Help decorate for Music & Arts Camp 5:00pm
Aug 8-12	Music & Arts Camp 9-2:30pm
Aug 14	Youth Sunday - Both Services
Aug 14-18	YOUTH WEEK

High School Mission Trip

June 11-18th

Please keep our high school mission trip team and adults in your prayers as they head south again to McAllen, Texas. We will be traveling on Saturday, June 11th, and working in Mission, Texas, June 13-17th. We have two families that we will work with on their homes that week, then return on Saturday, June 18th. Mark your calendars now for the **Mission Trip Slide Show** on the night of our **Annual Pie Auction, July 10th!** You'll get to see what we did during our summer trip.

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June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Youth Choir 6:00 Ad Council 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00	2 Exercise Class 6:30	3	4
5 Handbells 2:00 Youth Choir 4:00 Youth Swim Party 6:00	6 Boy Scouts 7:30	7 Pump It Up Party 1:30 Exercise Class 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00	8 Circle of Love 11:00 Youth Choir. 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00	9 Exercise Class 6:30	10 Choir Concert- Jonesboro Choir 7:00 Mission Trip packing 8:00	11 Methodist Men's Breakfast 8:00
12 Pentecost Sunday <i>(Wear Red)</i> Handbells 2:00 Library Comm. 3:00 Mary Martha 4:00	13 Boy Scouts 7:30	14 Exercise Class 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Trustees 7:30	15 Chancel Choir 7:00	16 Exercise Class 6:30	17	18
19	20 Roughriders Game- Frisco Park 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:30	21 Exercise Class 6:30	22 Youth Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00	23 Exercise Class 6:30	All Church Retreat	
26 All Church Retreat	27 Bridgeport Swim Party 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30	28 Exercise Class 6:30	29 Youth Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00	30 VBS Parent Program 6:00		