

FEBRUARY - MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 February Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Conf Celeb at FUMC Denton, 2-5pm UMW Gen Mtg, 3:00 Youth Super Bowl, 5:00 Sr Adult "Souper" Bowl, 5:30	8 Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (P) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	9 Circle of Love, 11:00 (M) Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G) Night Circle, 7:00 Trustee meeting, 7:30	10 Preschool Regis, 9:00 Wed Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	11 Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Exercise class, 6:30 (P)	12 Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	13 Meth Men's Breakfast, 8:00 Parent's Night Out 6:00-9:00
14 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Sweetheart Luncheon Confirmation class, 12:30 Library Comm, 3:00 Mary Martha, 4:00 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYE, 6:00	15 Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (P) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	16 Burger House Night Youth Burger House, 5:00 Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G)	17 Ash Wednesday Preschool Regis, 9:00 WNL Meal, 6:00 Ash Wed Service, 6:30 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	18 Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Exercise class, 6:30 (P)	19 Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	20
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28 Feed the Homeless Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Confirmation Class, 12:30 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYE, 6:00	1 March Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (P) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	2 Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G)	3 Wednesday Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S) Dinner and A Show rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 (M)	4 Exercise class, 6:30 (P)	5 Dinner and A Show rehearsal, 6:30 until...(G) Basketball practice, 4:00-9:00 (G)	6 UMM Breakfast, 8:00 (K) Dinner and A Show 6:00 p.m.
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Rev. Rob Spencer, Pastor Laura Bertwell, Director of Traditional Worship, Director of Chancel and Children's choirs Cheryl Cupples, Business Administrator Ken Loyer, Pastoral Care	Traditions Worship 9:30 6445 E. Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75214	Sara Orr, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries Nick La Rocca, Director of Contemporary Worship, and Director of Youth Choir Teresa Roofner, Accompanist Jane Ellen Shilling, Interim Director, Weekday Programs
	Sunday School 10:30 214-369-9259	Contemporary Worship 11:28 www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org

The Center - 11:28 a.m.
 Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
 Traditions - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning

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A Ton of Food!

What can a church congregation do with a shopping list and a half of an hour? Those who attended Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church on Sunday January 31st amassed a donation of 2,050 pounds of food. After a three-minute sermon on helping those in need, Rob said, "The Wilkinson Center food pantry desperately needs food. There is a list of their needs on your chair. Please go to an area grocery store now and do what you can. You have 30 minutes, now go!"

Toddlers, 'twens, teens, young adults, parents, and seniors came back laden with food. Seeing the stockpile of food grow with every contribution was inspiring and joyful. The Wilkinson Center was so thankful for the donation!

Rob has been at Ridgewood Park for over a year, but the congregation still doesn't know quite what to expect - evidenced by Sunday's mad rush for groceries. The church has expanded its missions to include the use and sale of Free Trade Coffee, offering Opportunities



Food donations from the Traditional service gathered on the steps.



Combining donations from the Traditional service with those from the Contemporary service shows us what we can accomplish when we just "go and do."

for Africa, implementing an Early Emergency Response Team, collecting food for the Wilkinson Center monthly on Communion Sundays, and providing relief for Haiti.

Those who attended Sunday's Traditional and Contemporary Services were very positive about their unexpected opportunity to serve. "It was the best sermon I ever heard," said long-time RPUMC member Pat Faherty. This exercise in kindness reminded us that everyone pitching in makes a tremendous difference to those in need. Thanks so much to everyone!

COAT DRIVE

benefitting the children and parents of Dan D. Rogers Elementary

Bring new or gently worn coats

Sunday, February 14th

In the Traditional Service bring them ton the front of the Sanctuary on the right side just behind the organ.
 In the Center Service bring them in the front on the right side just in front of the Library window.

WE NEED ALL SIZES AND ALL KINDS!

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WEDNESDAY



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY



Sweetheart Luncheon February 14th

We have been celebrating the many different ways that we are in ministry here at Ridgewood Park.

During this time we will also work together to underwrite our Ministry Budget for 2010. Our regular giving supports our mission of *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.*

Our goal is to have everyone present next week. The effective-

ness of our church's mission and ministries this year depends on your initiative and dedication. Please make whatever sacrifices are necessary to be present with us.

Join us on February 14th for a Sweetheart Luncheon immediately following our last worship service (those attending the first worship service will begin going through the line at 12:00).

Weekday Program's 50th Anniversary



Ridgewood Park has an AMAZING anniversary to commemorate this year!

Our incredible Weekday Program will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in the 2010-2011 school year. As our neighbors change and businesses come and go, it really is wonderful that our church has consistently provided Christian-based developmental education for our community's children for a half century.

It is difficult to know how to best recognize the Preschool and Mother's Day Out Program's wonderful tenure. If you have any ideas for the celebration or can help in any way, please contact Carol Bell-Walton at 214-826-3292 or cjwalton@gmail.com.

If the Preschool and/or Mother's Day Out programs have been meaningful for you and your family, please drop a line or e-mail Carol so that your recollections can be compiled for the occasion.

More information will follow as we begin to plan for a celebration befitting RPUMC's Weekday Program's awesome 50 years of loving and nurturing children.

The three-year old class has limited openings for the remainder of the school year. Please spread the word so others might benefit from these uncommon availabilities. Many people assume there is a waiting list and so please spread word to contact the school for more information. Registration for the fall semester is quickly approaching on 2/10 and 2/17; please contact 214-369-9250 for more details.

Important Spring Dates:

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| Feb. 10 9:00 a.m. | Early Registration
(Returning Students and
RPUMC Congregation) |
| Feb 17 | Open Registration – call for
more information |
| Feb. 24-Mar 10 | Butter Braid Fundraiser |
| March 15-19 | Spring Break |
| March 24 | Butter Braid Pick Up |
| April 16 | Trike-A-Thon |

A note from the Red Cross

Thanks for holding a blood drive with The Red Cross last month. Here are your results:

16 people signed up on the list.

14 people presented at the bus yesterday.

9 donations were collected, with 5 deferrals.

Collectively, the donors will save 27 lives over the next 42 days.

Please give my sincere thanks to all who donated. I am sure the families and patients that will receive these donations are extraordinarily grateful for what you have done!!!!

Not bad for a first time drive. I extend my warmest thanks to your Rob and your church staff. Also, please thank Rob's wife, Celeste, who helped me out yesterday morning.

I certainly enjoy working with you and hope that you will consider another drive with us in the future.

Always remember that what you have done does matter!!!!

With Warm Regards,

Carole Pressman

The American Red Cross



Dinner and A Show:

Mardi Gras Mambo

This year's Dinner and A Show will be more fun than ever before if for no other reason than its a Mardi Gras theme.

Therefore not only will there be great food, music, and fun for the entire family, it will also have a Cajun theme. In July the youth will put on the Broadway musical "Children's Letters To God" based on the best-selling book of the same title. Dinner and A Show is our one and only fundraising effort so you can be certain we will be pulling out all the stops. Youth will be performing music from today and yesterday, and showing off a number of their other dancing, comic, and theatrical talents. It will surely be a night no one will want to miss. Please pick up tickets from me or in the church office from Cheryl Cupples.

Hope to see you all March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Nick La Rocca

Youth Choir Director

UMW Activities for January

February Kitchen Duty Night Circle

February 14th Sunday

Mary Martha Circle Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Hostess:

Program: Gene Verinder
Missionary Work in Madagascar

February 9th Tuesday

Circle of Love

Hostess:

February 9th, Tuesday
Night Circle Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Jane Morris

Program: Sudan

February 7, 2010

First General Meeting
Ministry Center

Hostess:

Program: Lost Girls from Sudan

February**

Spiritual Growth "Morning Apart"

Saturday

First UMC, Plano

Parent's Night Out

Ridgewood Park UMC

Saturday, February 13th

6-9pm



Bring your kids to the church gym on Saturday evening for a Night Out! We'll have pizza, games, crafts, and a movie!

Cost: \$10 per child

Please RSVP to Sara Orr
by February 10th

saraorr@ridgewoodparkumc.org

The Youth from Ridgewood Park are raising money for their two summer mission trips:

the Senior High are going to South Texas and the Junior High will go to East Texas.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

Come Celebrate Fat Tuesday with the Youth
Tuesday, February 16th from 5:00-8:00 P.M.



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Proceeds from this evening help fund the youth mission trips.

Dear Church Members,

Our Preschool and Mother's Day Out programs will be holding registration on Wednesday, **February 10th** at **9 a.m.** for church members as well as for our currently enrolled families. If you are interested in enrolling your child (who is not already enrolled), please call Jane Ellen Shilling or Maroy Merino prior to February 10th at 214-369-9250 so we can explain this process to you.



Thank you,

Jane Ellen Shilling