

# JANUARY - FEBRUARY


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 <b>January</b> Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Library committee, 3:00 Mary Martha, 3:00 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	11 Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	12 Circle of Love, 11:00 (M) Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G) Night Circle, 7:00 Trustee meeting, 7:30	13 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	14 Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Exercise class, 6:30 (M)	15 Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	16 Evening Song Reoring (S)
17 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 New Year's Luncheon Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	18 Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	19 Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G)	20 Wednesday Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	21 Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Exercise class, 6:30 (M)	22 Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	23
24 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Blood Drive, 10:00-2:00 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	25 Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	26 Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G)	27 Wednesday Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	28 Game Day, 10:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Exercise class, 6:30 (M)	29 Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	30
31 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Confirmation Class, 12:30 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	1 <b>February</b> Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	2 Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G)	3 Wednesday Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	4 Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Exercise class, 6:30 (M)	5 Basketball practice, 4:00-9:00 (G)	6 UMM Breakfast, 8:00 (K)
7 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Conf Celebration at FUMC Denton, 2-5pm Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	8 Tuit Bsktball practice, 6:00 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	9 Circle of Love, 11:00 (L) Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G) Night Circle, 7:00 Trustee meeting, 7:30	10 Wednesday Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	11 Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Exercise class, 6:30 (M)	12 Basketball practice 4:00-9:00 (G)	13

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 <b>Traditions Worship 9:30</b> 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 <b>Contemporary Worship 11:28</b> www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org
<b>Sunday School 10:30</b> 214-369-9259	

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

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# 2009 Goes Out with a Bang!

Dear Friends,

We are finishing up a great year in ministry together here at RPUMC!

As of Monday morning we had a significant way to go to fully fund our 2009 ministry budget (\$24,000). However, on Tuesday, the flood gates opened and checks began to come in to the office (several came through the mail, others through the office door). At the end of the day we found ourselves with \$34,000!!! So, at the time of

this printing we are over \$12,000 beyond our goal. I have also received several calls that additional 2009 funds will be coming in by this Sunday the 10th.

As we mentioned in an earlier letter, overages will be split into thirds and handled in the following manner:

1. We will help other United Methodist Churches in our conference who are struggling to meet their 2009 financial goals.
2. We will give our staff year-

end bonuses (many of our staff have not had a raise or bonus for several years).

3. We will use the remaining third as a launching point for our 2010 Ministry Budget.

During the past month we have also been able to raise additional funds beyond our ministry budget:

- Africa \$6,500
- Waco Children's Home \$1,300
- Sabine Pass Mission Project \$5,400
- Scout Hut \$10,000
- Youth Area Makeover \$5,000
- Though These Doors \$53,172.18  
(during the last quarter)

This is a very exciting time and a great way to start the new-year. Thank you for your faithfulness, and for finishing strong, as we continue to be a church that changes the world!

Peace,

*Rob*



# Youth In Action!! SKI TRIP 2009

We had a great 1<sup>st</sup> Ski Trip to Taos, New Mexico last week. There were 18 youth and 7 adults who made the trek to New Mexico and were challenged by the mountain. Some of us were challenged by simple tasks such as putting on skis and getting off lifts



without falling. Others were challenged by the bitter cold temperatures, the lessons learned about layers of clothes, and keeping up with all our gear. And still others were challenged by harder tasks on the mountain, pushing us all beyond our everyday limits.

Thanks to our adults, Celeste Spencer, Art Villasana, Diane Combs, John Orr, and Russ Bertwell for driving the long distances, and keeping up with us on the mountain. Special thanks goes to Rob Spencer for leading us on this new trek.



## Confirmation Class 2010

**When:** Begins January 31, 2010  
**Time:** 12:30-2:00pm  
**Where:** Parlor (lunch will be provided)  
**Who:** All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and older who are ready to continue the journey into our faith.

*We invite all parents to come to the first session on January 31<sup>st</sup>*

*We will meet Sundays from 12:30-2:00pm through April 25<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday.*

*Each Sunday, we will have lunch together and then class.*

*Please contact Sara Orr (youth minister) if you have any questions: 214-369-9259 or [saraorr@ridgewoodparkumc.org](mailto:saraorr@ridgewoodparkumc.org)*



He handled everything all our lodging arrangements, renting ski equipment, lift tickets and lessons! He even taught this youth director how

to ski down the hill without panicking!

Thanks also to Steve Mabry for his beautiful crosses. Many of our youth sold these crosses to friends and family which helped pay for their ski trip!

*Sara*



## 2010 Youth Mission Trips

It may be bitterly cold outside, but it is time to think of working in the heat this summer on our annual mission trips. The Senior High Mission Trip is June 12<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, and the Jr. High Mission Trip is July 29<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Senior High will drive south to McAllen/Mission, Texas, located on the border between Texas and Mexico. They will work on severely impoverished homes in Mission and the surrounding Texas towns. The Jr. High will drive east to Gladewater, Texas. Sara Orr will be directing this camp again, so we will have several of our adults in leadership positions. There are "sign up" forms on the youth website that you may download and return to Sara by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The deposit for both trips is \$50.

*Sara*

## UMW Activities for January

**January 12, 2010**  
 Circle of Love Circle meeting  
 \* Ministry Center  
 11:00 a.m.

**January 12, 2010**  
 Night Circle meeting  
 7:00 p.m.

**February 7, 2010**  
 First General Meeting 3:00 p.m.  
 \*Ministry Center

**February 9, 2010**  
 Circle of Love Circle meeting  
 \*Ministry Center  
 11:00 a.m.  
 guest speaker: Ms. Liz Smith  
*past president of the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary*

**February 9, 2010**  
 Night Circle meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**February 14, 2010**  
 Mary Martha Circle 3:00 p.m.

## Everyone is Invited !!!

UMW Circle of Love  
 presents a great program in our  
**Ministry Center**  
**Tuesday**  
**February 9, 11:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Liz Smith**

*Immediate Past President of Methodist Hospital Auxiliary*

How many of our United Methodist Women know about the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary: What is it, and what it is all about?

If you would like to take an hour, Liz will give you the "niddy griddy". She will speak about the Auxiliary's projects, history and services, including "The Golden Cross Clinic."

You will be inspired and glad you took the time.

In order to have good programs, we need good attendance! As we all know, lecturers do not enjoy speaking to empty chairs, so we are counting on you to help fill the chairs and take a blessing home with you. See you there!

*Helen Shelton, President*

*Lucy Westbrook, Program Chairman*

## Dear Church Members,

Our Preschool and Mother's Day Out programs will be holding registration on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 214-369-9250 so we can explain this process to you.



Thank you,

*Jane Ellen Shilling*