

## July - August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <i>July</i> Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 <b>4th of July Luncheon</b> No Youth Choir No UMYF	6 Exercise class, 6:00 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	7	8 No Chancel Choir	9 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	10	11 UMM Breakfast, 8:00
12 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Library Comm, 3:00 (L) No UMYF	13 Exercise class, 6:00 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	14 Trustee mtg. 7:30 pm	15 No Chancel Choir	16 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	17	18 Youth Choir, 3:30
19 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 No Youth Choir No UMYF	20 Exercise class, 6:00 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	21 Ridgewood Park Neigh- borhood Assoc, 6:00 (P)	22 No Chancel Choir	23 Game Day, 10:00 am (C) Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	24	25
<b>Children's Camp at Bridgeport</b>						
26 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 No Youth Choir Jr Hi UMYF, 6:15	27 Exercise class, 6:00 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	28	29 No Chancel Choir	30 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	31	1 <i>Aug</i>
<b>Jr. High Mission Trip</b>						
2 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 No Youth Choir No UMYF	3 Exercise class, 6:00 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	4	5 Chancel Choir, 7:00	6 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	7 Sr. Adult Ministries Game Night, 7:00 (P)	8 Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 (K)

Rev. Rob Spencer, Pastor	Teresa Roofner, Accompanist
Jacob Smith, Associate Pastor	Sara Orr, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries
Laura Bertwell, Director of Traditional Worship, Director of Chancel and Children's choirs	Nick La Rocca, Director of Contemporary Worship, and Director of Youth Choir
Cheryl Cupples, Business Administrator	Jane Ellen Shilling, Assistant Director, Weekday Programs
Irene Casburn, Director, Weekday Programs	
<b>Traditions Worship 9:30</b>	<b>Sunday School 10:30</b>
6445 E. Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75214	<b>Contemporary Worship 11:28</b> www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org

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

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## Dear Friends,

Summer is definitely upon us. Mission trips, choir tours, VBS, camps and other summer ministries are either completed, underway, or in the works! What a blessing it is to be a part of a church that is alive and well during these hot Texas months.

Here are a few things to keep in mind and to put on your calendar as we sweat together:

**Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>**- Two worship services. One service will be in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. (my father, Bob Spencer will be preaching). Our other service will be at Lake Texoma, at 9:30 for all of our Church Retreaters. [www.prothrocenter.org](http://www.prothrocenter.org) (The Center service at 11:28 will not meet on this day.) We may still have a couple of cabins left...Call me at 940-736-3008 if you are interested in going. The brochure is attached.



**Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>**- Jim Ozier will be preaching both of our services. In the 70's, Jim was your youth director for a couple of years. He is now serving as our new Church Development and Church Transformation Officer for the North Texas Conference. Jim's passion is to reach the un-churched and to help make churches creative and culturally relevant, while remaining biblically based. He provides guidance and oversight in



selecting new church sites, recruiting and training start-up congregation pastors, and helping to create vibrant new congregations. He also has the opportunity to work with pastors and churches to raise the level of effectiveness and excellence in the United Methodist Church. Jim is also a great preacher! Please make every effort to be in worship on that last Sunday of July.

**Adult Mission Trip (Dec.1-6)**- The dates for our first adult mission trip are now set for the first week in December. We will be travelling to Sabine Pass to help raise and restore our church that was severely damaged in Hurricane Ike last fall. You can work the full week, part of the week, or on Saturday. We will worship with Pastor Kitty Key on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> and then drive home. For more information about Sabine Pass and their story go to this site:



[http://ntcumc.org/news\\_detail.asp?pkvalue=990](http://ntcumc.org/news_detail.asp?pkvalue=990)

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK OF INVITING PERSONS WITHOUT CHURCH HOMES TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP OR IN SERVICE TO OTHERS!**

I hope to see you in church this Sunday!

Peace,  
*Rob*

## Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church PRESENTS... Music and Arts Camp 2009

**When?** August 10th-14th, 2009; 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m

**Where?** Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church

**What?** We will be learning the musical Survivor Babylon through music, movement, drama, and art. (See insert)

**How Much?** Only \$50 for the whole week! Scholarships ARE available.

For more info call Laura Bertwell at 832-797-7548 or  
visit our website at [www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org](http://www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org)



# It's Been a Busy Summer so far!

June has been a busy, fun time for our youth group! I'm not sure we've ever traveled as much as we have in just a few weeks. The high school mission team stayed in Aransas Pass, Portland, and Port Arthur on their mission trip where they were able to work on homes in the Corpus Christi area as well as experience a short ferry ride and play on the beach. Then on our trip up the coast to Port Arthur, we rode another ferry, (this time not a short wait or ride) and were able to help the church in Sabine Pass on Friday. At the church we removed damaged siding, cleaned up construction debris, and painted parts of the parsonage. We finished with a shrimp

children, and being great role models for our "future" youth. Special thanks to Jennifer Newman for hosting a great VBS and allowing our youth to participate in all areas.

Now, you would think that was enough for the summer for our youth... a big traveling mission trip, and a week of Vacation Bible School, but it was only the beginning. On Sunday, June 21st, our Youth Choir performed their tour music for choir

tour, and we had an AMAZING pie auction. We had delicious pies, cakes, and other desserts, that all went for great amounts. Special thanks go to Raul Enriquez (our auctioneer) and Vickie Thompson (for the dinner, decorations, and EVERYTHING ELSE). Special thanks also goes to all those who made desserts for us, and to all of those

who bid "way too much" for them. In all, we raised over \$4000 for our youth ministry summer activities.

The youth choir left on Monday morning for Jonesboro, Arkansas, where we performed our first concert on the road. We then traveled on Tuesday to Nashville, TN, where we spent two nights. We sang at the McKendree Retirement Center for their



Wednesday chapel service, and then visited the Grand Ole Opry and downtown Nashville. On Thursday, we traveled to Memphis, TN, where we visited such places as Graceland, Civil Rights Museum, Gibson Guitar Factory, the Rock and Soul Museum, and Beale Street. There we also performed for Bartlett UMC outside Memphis.

Several Junior High left for camp on Monday morning, and our youth will be in the Lakewood Parade this weekend. So, June was a great month for our youth department. We had lots of fun and were able to minister outside our church walls in several different ways. Now that July is upon us, we are getting ready for our all-church retreat and the junior high mission trip. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers this summer as we seek to share God's love with others.

*Sara*



boil with Rev. Kitty Keys and her husband Ron. It was a great end to our mission trip week.

The next week, our youth jumped right into CAMP EDGE, our VBS program this summer. We had over 25 students volunteering as assistant teachers, music leaders, art helpers, and recreation and snack leaders. It was fun watching our youth lead our

**Methodist Men's Garage Sale**  
August 21th and 22nd

**The Summer Reading Program**  
for Children and Youth sponsored by **United Methodist Women**  
begin on June 7th and end on July 26th.  
Books will be in the hallway by Room 16.

**Ridgewood Park All-Church Retreat**  
July 17-19  
**Prothro Center**  
**Lake Texoma**

## UMW

### Reading Program Participants

Our Reading Program for 2009 concludes in August, and your reports of books read need to be turned in to Lannie or Jane by the middle of August if possible.

Several new books were purchased this year for each of the four categories, so please check these out and enjoy reading on these hot summer days.

Join us for  
**Thursday Night Basketball**  
pickup game  
7:00 p.m. in the gym



## UMW Activities for July-August

July Kitchen Duty Night Circle

July 20 -23, M-Th

37th Annual Schools of Christian Mission  
First UMC Plano- Weekday School  
Theme: Together at the Table  
Studies: Food and Faith,  
Giving Our Hearts Away:  
Native American Survival,  
Sudan

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July 31 - August 2, 2009 Fri, Sat, Sun  
Weekend Cooperative Mission Event  
Austin College - Sherman, Texas  
www.ntcumc.org

August Kitchen Duty Methodist Men

## New Faces among us

2009 Confirmation Class  
left to right: Chloe Carol, Joe Williams, Hanna Nelon, Lauren Pendleton, Kelsey Gwinn, Seth Villasana, Nicole Brasher, Sarah Combs



Molly Loyer



Eric and Amy Schorn Morgan and Kendal



Bob and Virginia Wolcott



Danny and Penny Myers