June - July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 June Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 No Youth Choir No UMYF	8 Exercise class, 9:00 am Exercise class, 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.	9 Trustee Mtg. 7:30 pm	10 6:00 Wednesday Night Live 7:45 Chancel Choir	11 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 pm	12	13 UMM Breakfast, 8:00 PRIDE DAY Decorate for VBS
Sr. High Mission Trip						
14 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Decorate for VBS Library Comm, 3:00 Youth Choir, 3:30 UMYF, 6:15	15 Exercise class, 9:00 am Youth Choir, 3:30 Exercise class, 6:00 pm Worship comm, 7:00 Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.	16	17 Youth Choir, 3:30 Chancel Choir, 7:00	18 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am VBS Workers Lunch VBS Parent Prog, 6:00 pm	19	20 Youth Choir, 3:30
	VBS 9:00-NOON					
21 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Yth Choir Concert, 6:00 Pie Auction, 7:00	22 Exercise class, 9:00 am Exercise class, 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.	23	24 Chancel Choir, 7:00	25 Game Day, 10:00 am Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 pm	26	27
28 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Pentecost Party, 10:30 No Youth Choir No UMYF	29 Exercise class, 9:00 am Exercise class, 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.	30	1 June Chancel Choir, 7:00	2 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 p.m.	3 Sr. Adult Ministries Game Night, 7:00 pm	4
5 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 4th of July Luncheon No Youth Choir No UMYF	6 Exercise class, 9:00 am Exercise class, 6:00 pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.	7	8 Chancel Choir, 7:00	9 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am

Rev.Rob Spencer, Pastor
Jacob Smith, Associate Pastor
Laura Bertwell, Director of Traditional Worship, Director of Chancel and Children's choirs
Cheryl Cupples, Business Administrator
Irene Casburn, Director, Weekday Programs

Teresa Roofner, Accompanist
Sara Orr, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries
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Jane Ellen Shilling, Assistant Director, Weekday Programs

Traditions Worship 9:30 **Sunday School 10:30** **Contemporary Worship 11:28**
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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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VBS Just around the corner!!

June 15th thru 18th

9:00 - noon

Register now!!

contact Jennifer Newman
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Who are the Guardian Angels?

The Guardian Angels are no more than our church members helping each other. This was a group formed several years ago in response to a recognized need to help one of our families in a time of need. It has remained a group who come together when a need is recognized.

Our church mission has always been to reach out to the community and provide Christian love and support to those in need. We recognized that there were many in own church family in need of that same support.

When called upon, we have been there to provide spiritual support. We also provide financial assistance through the Guardian Angel fund which survives on donations of church members. Church family members that are hospitalized, ill at home, or bereaved, are recognized. The same is done when a new baby arrives in the congregation. Assistance with family meals before and after funeral services has been assumed as needed. Our great Sunday school classes generally take the lead with this.

Our primary responsibility is to be there for those within our congregation in time of need. Basically, it is the community of church in action. As Selwyn Hughes states in *Water for the Soul*, "One of the precursors to spiritual blessing in a church is the congregation's desire to show respect for the work of ministry. I hesitate to say that where there is no sacrifice in a congregation, there is no hope for the congregation."

Our church members are facing hard times with economy changes and in preparation for the possible needs that we face, Guardian Angels are preparing to provide a helping hand when needed within

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Ushers!!!

A BIG Thank You goes out to the ladies for taking care of Ushering for May.

Now we get back to our regular schedule. If you misplace your schedule there is one on the bulletin board across from the Office and one on the sound system in the Sanctuary.

HELP!! We have one opening each for the First and Fourth Sunday each month.

If you would like to join either of these wonderful teams, please contact Roz Swan at 214-929-6935 or e-mail swanrk43@msn.com.

Congratulations...Class of 2009

Kaitlin Berry, daughter of Steve Berry, is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School. Kaitlin is an honor student at Woodrow, and has been a member of the Student Council all four years. Kaitlin has been a part of the youth group for several years. She first traveled on our choir tour to Chicago, Illinois, and then braved the white waters in New Mexico. She has volunteered with Ridgewood Park at Vacation Bible School several summers. This fall, Kaitlin plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

Janie Bumford, daughter of Ron and Denise Bumford, is also graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School. Janie has been a star athlete as well as an honor student at Woodrow. She has played varsity soccer, varsity basketball, and varsity volleyball. At Ridgewood Park, Janie has been on three different mission trips to Mississippi and San Marcos, and has traveled on five Choir Tours across the U.S. She has helped with Salvation Army Angel Tree shopping each winter, as well as the Wilkinson Center Shoe Drive in the fall. Janie also plans to attend Texas State University in the fall and study sports medicine.

Christina Cartier, daughter of Jim and Rebecca Cartier, is graduating from The Winston School. At Winston, Christina has been active in Student Council and the National Beta Club. At Ridgewood Park UMC, she has been an active member of both the Youth Choir and the youth group. She is often here for Wednesday Night Live. She has traveled with Ridgewood Park on our mission trip to South Texas last summer, and on our Godspell Choir Tour last summer as well. She also plans to attend McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, this fall where she wants to major in biology and psychology.

Laura Nelon, daughter of Mark and Sheryl Nelon, is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School. Laura has been a member of the a competitive dance team, the drill team, the Key Club, the National Honor Society, the Multi-cultural club, and the Invisible Children's Club which helped raise money for schools in the Sudan. Laura has also been a lifetime member at Ridgewood Park UMC. She has been on several choir tours to Chicago, New Mexico, Florida, and Washington D.C. She has also traveled on three mission trips with the youth group. Next fall, Laura plans to attend the University of Texas or the University of Arkansas.

Phoebe Peterson, daughter of Kim and Jon Adams, is a graduating senior from Woodrow Wilson High School. Phoebe is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, and the Engineering Club. Phoebe is also involved in the athletic program at Woodrow. She plays on the varsity volleyball team as well as served as captain of the Varsity Softball team her sophomore and junior year. Phoebe plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall. She received the Presidential Academic Scholarship in the Honors Program as well as the Century Scholarship and plans to study either mechanical or chemical engineering.

Haley Squibb, daughter of Randy Squibb and Donna Huffman, is also graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School. Haley has been a member of the yearbook staff at Woodrow, the Student Council, and the National Honor Society. She is graduating 12th in her class. At Ridgewood Park, Haley has been very active in the youth group. She will also be traveling with us this summer to the Sea City Work Camp in Corpus Christi. I know her little sister will miss her when she moves to Oklahoma to attend the University of Oklahoma this fall.

Brian Roofner, son of Bob and Teresa Roofner , graduated Friday night from the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at North Texas University. He left Lake Highlands High School two years ago to go to this advanced high school in a college setting. He already has earned 61 credit hours from the University of North Texas. He comes home each summer to go with Ridgewood Park on our mission trips and choir tours. Brian has been an amazing help on several choir tours with the sound equipment and photography. This summer, Brian will report to Annapolis, Maryland, where he will attend the United States Naval Academy.

Cynthia Vint, daughter of Leigh Vint, is graduating with honors from the Science and Engineering Magnet at Townview High School. There she has taken sixteen different AP classes. She has helped at Ridgewood Park in the children's Sunday school classes, Vacation Bible School, Wilkinson Center Shoe Drive, and the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Last year, she showed her comedic side as one of the devils in GODSPELL. On June 12th, Cynthia will go to Paraguay to work with the Amigos do las Americas teaching children to use computers. After Paraguay, Cynthia plans to attend Emory University in Atlanta this fall.

Abbey Cupples, daughter of Randall and Cheryl Cupples, is also graduating from the Science and Engineering Magnet High School at Townview. Most of her time though was spent at Ridgewood Park. There isn't usually a time when the church is open that Abbey isn't here. Her freshman year she took over the Feeding of the Homeless ministry to the Austin Street Shelter. One year she couldn't go with us on choir tour because she was chosen as a People to People Ambassador to Australia. We are pleased to announce that this year Abbey is the recipient of the United Methodist's Men Good Samaritan Award. We are not sure how we will fill all the holes that Abbey occupies here when she moves to College Station to attend Texas A&M next fall.

Mark your Calendars
for
Church Pride Day
June 13th
(2nd Saturday in June)
Details for come.

Angels

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our congregation. You will be hearing more about these projects as they unfold. It is hard to count the number of people in the congregation who have been helped at one time or another through either the Guardian Angel fund or have simply received an encouraging word or meals from our group. We depend other members of the congregation to keep us notified of an illness, hospitalization, or church member that had fallen on hard times. Often we have been asked what can be done to help out with this church wide ministry. Here are a few examples. This is a wish list but one that I know could be put into action if volunteers step up and become involved. We live in a terribly busy world but with each of us taking only a small portion of the responsibility, it can provide miraculous support to those in our congregation.

Here is the wish list. When you see where you can become involved, just let us know.

- Write notes to the sick, homebound and bereaved
- Encouraging phone calls
- Prepare meals for the sick or for funerals
- Offer to sit with ill family members so caregivers can get away for a brief time
- Provide transportation to doctor, grocery store, etc.
- Go grocery shopping for those who can't get out
- Be there for a new mother
- Financially.. Address a check or love offering to Ridgewood Park UMC and put at the bottom of the check….Guardian Angels. (We know that these funds are being given from your heart and a group is being formed, including the minister, to insure funds are distributed judiciously.)

Remember, by caring for each other we care for the world. This is not intended to take the place of any of our outreach ministries through the UMC but it is following the example of Paul's ministry by caring for one another.

The Guardian Angels

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

First Annual Kid's
Music and Arts Camp!!!!!
August 10th–14th
(completed 1st–completed 5th grades)
We will begin registration and have
full information April 5th…Don't miss out!
(p.s. we will also need lots of volunteers.)

UMW Activities for May-July

May Kitchen Duty **Circle of Love**

Month of May: **Diaper/Formula Drive**

Month of May **UMW Circles Ushering**

May 12, Tuesday
Second General Meeting
*Ministry Center
Everyone's a Daughter Banquet 6:30 p.m.
Ministry Center Hostess: Executive Board
Theme: Native Americans
Diaper/Formula Drive: Dallas Bethlehem

June Kitchen Duty **Mary Martha Circle**

June 7, 8, 9 Sunday, Monday & Tuesday
North Texas UMC- Annual Conference
Plano Center-Plano, Texas

June 18 Thursday 12 noon
*Ministry Center
Provide Lunch for
Vacation Bible School Workers

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
www.ntcumc.org

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

August Kitchen Duty Methodist Men

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.