

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 November Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Library committee, 3:00 Mary Martha, 3:00 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	9 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	10 Circle of Love, 11:00 (L) Reunion Dinner Double Tree, 7:00 Cub Scouts-TBD	11 Wednesday Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	12 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G) Finance Meeting, 7:00	13 Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	14 UMM Breakfast, 8:00 (K) Science Workshop, 9:00(G)
15 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Youth Band, 3:30 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	16 Preschool Christmas Party Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	17 Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G) Night Circle, 7:00 Trustee, 7:30	18 Wednesday Night Live, 5:50 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	19 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Game Day, 10:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	20 Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	21
22 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Charge Conference, 2:30 No Youth Choir No UMYF	23 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	24 Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G)	25 Church office closed No WNL No Chancel Choir	26 Church office closed Thanksgiving Day	27 Church office closed Basketball team practices 4:00 - 9:00 pm	28
29 Feed the Homeless Youth to Feed Homeless Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 Youth Band, 3:30 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00	30 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	1 December Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G)	2 Wednesday Night Live, 6:00 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	3 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Boy Scout Dinner, 6:00 (M) Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	4 Basketball practice, 4:00-9:00 (G) Sr. Ministry Game Night, 7:00	5 Gloria Dress rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
6 Worship, 9:30 & 11:28 Sunday School, 10:30 UMW Gen meeting 3:00 Youth Choir, 5:00 UMYF, 6:00 Gloria Performance, 7:00	7 Exercise class, 6:30 (M) Boy Scouts, 7:30 (G)	8 Circle of Love, 11:00 (L) Cub Scouts, 7:00 (G) Night Circle, 7:00 Trustee meeting, 7:30	9 Wednesday Night Live, 6:00 Chancel Choir, 7:15 (S)	10 Men at Dawn, 6:00 am Basketball pickup game, 7:00 (G)	11 St Thomas Basketball practice 5:00-9:00 (G)	12 UMM Breakfast, 8:00 (K) Kid's Christmas Party, 4:00-6:30pm

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 Contemporary Worship 11:28 www.ridgewoodparkchurch.org
Sunday School 10:30 214-369-9259	

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

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Sabine Pass
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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2009 Adult Mission Trip December 1st-6th

When the Sept. 2005 Hurricane Rita devastated the southeast Texas coast, Rev. Kitty Key stood alongside her church members and other residents of this small community just south of Port Arthur as they rebuilt their homes and their lives. They were greatly aided by volunteer crews from North Texas, like



the "Old Geezers" from First UMC, Garland. When Hurricane Ike arrived three years later, the "storm numbers" were reversed (Category 2 winds and Category 4 storm surge), and the wall of salt water that swept through Sabine Pass carried homes, boats and personal belongings miles away. Still, Rev. Key is standing beside the people of Sabine Pass, helping coordinate re-building efforts and dispensing hope to the storm-weary residents who remain. The storm surge swept all of the furnishings out of the sanctuary of the



small, wood-frame church. Pews were simply lifted up and carried out. Communion ware was scattered. Table and font were swallowed up. All that remained when first responders arrived was a cross fashioned by volunteers from Plymouth Park UMC, Irving, out of debris from Hurricane Rita, wrapped in the Christian flag that had stood on one side of the chancel. The church's



parsonage, which was in the process of being rebuilt after Hurricane Rita, survived the storm, and is nearly completed. It sits on 12-foot piers and offers a sobering view of a community that once had 700 homes and is now nearly deserted. Much of the work on the parsonage was done by the "Old Geezers" from Garland. The small congregation is now meeting in an African-American Baptist church and gathering at least once a week to strategize their future. They know one thing; they're staying. Although plans are not currently

complete for the rebuilding of the sanctuary and fellowship building, the congregation plans to be the center of the community. Rev. Key, who has been their pastor for eight years, is cheering them on every step of the way. We at Ridgewood Park will very likely be doing interior



finish out for the sanctuary and some local work in the community. We will be staying at the United Methodist Church in Port Arthur (15 minutes from work site). They have sleeping accommodations for work teams. The cost for the trip is as follows:
\$150 for the week (Monday -Sunday)
\$100- half week (Wednesday evening departure-Sunday)
\$50 weekenders (Friday evening departure-Sunday)
 Cost will cover food and accommodations at the church. If you choose to stay in a motel you would need to cover that expense yourself. For more information email Pastor Rob at rccbs@swbell.net or give him a call at 940-736-3008.

Youth – So much to do, so little time!

Next weekend, Joe Marshall and Autumn McManus will be attending a special event called Exploration 2009 in downtown Dallas. It is a conference sponsored by the United Methodist Church for high school seniors and college students who are exploring a call to ministry. Please keep Joe and Autumn in your prayers this week as they explore different areas of ministry and where God may be calling them.

Other News for November

November 15th
College Care Boxes

We will be making special care packages for all of our college students away from home. Don't miss this special night where you can send notes of encouragement.

November 22nd
No youth tonight

Sara is attending the National Youth Workers Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and it's the start

of Thanksgiving Week. Have a great holiday!

November 29th

Salvation Army Angel Tree
The Ridgewood Park YOUTH will volunteer at the Angel Tree on Sunday, November 29th at the GALLERIA mall. There are two shifts available (11:45-3:00) and (2:30-6:00). Sign up with Sara if you would like to help. You must be 14 to work the Angel Tree booth.

At 6:00pm that same night, we will shop for our adopted Angels at Target. We'll eat at CiCi's pizza first, then walk over to Target to buy gifts for 4-5 Angels. Please bring \$10 for the Angels and dinner.

December 13th
SIX FLAGS!!!

Don't forget the special rehearsal on December 6th!

It's Not Too Late!

Our Preschool still has openings. Sign up for 2 days (TTh), 3 days (MWF), or 5 days for 3-year-olds. There is also one 5-day spot for a 4-year-old. Please call 214-369-9250 for more information.

Thanks!

Jane Ellen

You Lost – We Found

Below is a list of items in our lost and found box (which is located in the Copy Room to the left of the copy machine).

- Black Umbrella (1)
- Pink "Chromatics" Umbrella (1)
- White with pink band coffee cup, with lid (1)
- Baseball hat with eagle and "Alaska" on the front (1)
- Blue Fleece blanket (29"x36") (1)
- NIV Bible – large print (1)
- Large Hooded zip-up fleece jacket, "GOTCHA" brand in white/grey (1)
- Large red "Champion" sweatshirt (1)
- Key ring (with fingernail clippers, 2 keys and orange fob with GARRITY on it (1)
- Cassette music tapes (4)
- Hymns of All Seasons, Vol. 2 & 3; Majesty of God
- Bound for the Promised Land
- Black knit gloves (1 pair)
- Medium black T-shirt (Air Max 90)
- Rimless reading glasses, R24+1.50 (1)
- Brown eyeglass case (1)
- Red headband

Save the Date!

Ridgewood Park Kids' Christmas Party

Saturday,
December
12th
4-6:30pm

Come and decorate cookies, make crafts and gifts, eat pizza, and play!

Parents: Feel free to drop your kids off and enjoy an afternoon of shopping or decorating!

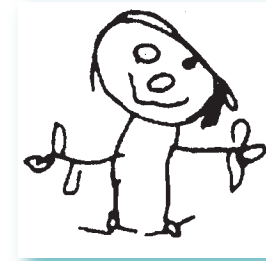
RSVP to saraorr@ridgewoodparkumc.org



Ridgewood Park Weekday Programs

by Carol Bell-Walton

Recently the church opened a door for me when I was asked to serve on the board of the preschool. I gladly accepted this request as I have a special fondness for young children and all things RPUMC. I am so blessed to have this opportunity! I have learned so much about the preschool that as a church member I had not realized.



While we did not discover RPUMC until our daughter was in grade school, I have many friends who offer hugely positive reviews of their experiences at our church preschool. The faith-based preschool provides a nurturing, loving environment for the area's young children. What a great benefit to our members and our neighborhood that RPUMC Preschool is a license preschool that offers a Christian developmental learning program - not just childcare.

Many of the vibrant young families at church have their children enrolled in our preschool. I had assumed that our church members use the preschool, but it wasn't until Laura, Scott, Will and Max Wegener recently joined the church that it occurred to me that our preschool families become our church members. What a tribute to our preschool that it has brought this wonderful family (and presumably others) into our church family!

What most surprised me are the tangible contributions that the preschool makes to the church. I had not realized that the preschool entirely funded our church's playground, including the equipment, landscaping, and fencing – spending about \$15,000 to improve our facilities. The Preschool also tithes 10% of its tuition to the church, which amounted to an \$18,500 contribution last year. I did not realize that the preschool pays for the majority of its own operating expenses through its tithe to the church.

In addition to its tuition income, the preschool holds three fundraisers a year. These fundraisers provide the

Music Notes

1. Vivaldi's Gloria
2. Children's Choir- Dates to remember:
November 15th- singing at 9:30 service
December 20th- singing at 9:30 service

UMW Activities for November

November Kitchen Duty - Mary Martha Circle

November 8, Sunday

Mary Martha Circle 3:00 p.m.

*Family Center

Hostess: Sue Human, Jennifer Newman

Program: Christmas Shut In Gifts

Made by: Mary Martha Circle

Devotional: Nancy Witthoef

November 10, Tuesday

Circle of Love 11:00 a.m.

*Library

November 10, Tuesday

Night Circle 7:00 p.m.

"Giving Our Hearts Away:

Native American Survival"

Hostess: Bernice Reeves

November 21, Saturday

Local Officer Leadership Training Event
First UMC – Garland 8:30 a.m. – noon

December Kitchen Duty

Night Circle

preschool's scholarship funds. The recent luncheon/auction was a success raising \$2000 for the school, the incredibly delicious Butter Braids have been ordered, and the Trike-a-Thon happens in the spring. Watch for it - I hear it is joyous!

Information about the preschool's fund raising efforts and their contribution of funds made me realize I have a great deal to learn and much to un-assume. Hearing the children play and learn as I walked down the halls makes me so glad that these doors are open - for them and for me.

VIVALDI GLORIA

December 6, 2009
Ridgewood Park
United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.

Featuring:
Ridgewood Park
United Methodist Church Choir
Lake Highlands
Presbyterian Church Choir
Allison Reeves, Soprano
Kristi Daniel, Mezzo-Soprano

