



SHINE GOD'S LOVE INTO EVERY LIFE

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

January 17, 2010

8:30 & 11:00 am

Ministers

All Members of the Congregation

Senior Pastor

Rev. Matt Gaston

Associate Pastor

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Associate Pastor

Rev. Jessica Wright

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WE GATHER

Welcome

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Prelude

Wonderful Words of Life

Wilbur Held

Dale Peters, organ

If you have prayers of joy or concern to share with the congregation and the Prayer Ministry Team, please write those on a blue Prayers of the People card located in the pew rack in front of you. These cards will be picked up during the first hymn.

*Call to Worship

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.

Many: Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love.

One: Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.

Many: By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.

One: Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear,

Many: And bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th century)

*Hymn 592

When the Church of Jesus

Sung to the tune found at Hymn 395

*The Prayers of the People will be picked up during the singing of this hymn.
The children are invited to the front for Children's Time.*

WE PROCLAIM

A Time for Our Children

Heidi Vanderbloemen

*Hymn 352

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

Call to Prayer

John Priddy



Hear our prayer, O Lord; In - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace

Pastoral Prayer

Deana Ferguson

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry Witness

Our Offering

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light
Chamber Singers

D.A. White

*O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father's might,
Who in these latter days wast born for blessing to a world forlorn,*

*Pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love,
That, as we hear thy truth today, all wrong may burn away.*

*And when, as judge, thou drawest nigh the secrets of our hearts to try,
To recompense each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin,*

*O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last,
But with thy saints for evermore behold thee, love thee, and adore.*

Please register your attendance on the registration pads. After you have completed your information, pass it down the row, and then back up the row so that everyone can see who is sitting nearby.

*Doxology

the people singing

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:1-3; 5-6; 8-10
Page 436 n the Old Testament of your pew Bible.

Anthem

For God Alone
Chamber Singers (8:30); Chancel Choir (11:00)

Robert Graham

*For God alone my soul doth wait, to Him I turn in anxious hour, for God alone is all my strength,
my refuge and my mighty tower. In vain, the ways of crafty men, who strive the upright to
destroy. To God alone my soul shall cling, He is my light, my hope, my joy. For Thou dost set
man's recompense, with justice and with mercy, Lord. In God alone, shall be man's trust.
From Thee alone comes man's reward.*

Message

"Tears of Sadness, Tears of Joy"

Rev. Matt Gaston

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to explore becoming a part of this church family, please come down at the close of the service to express that desire and see one of the pastors who will be happy to guide you in those next steps through our Methodism 101 class.

*Hymn 463 v 1,3,5

Lord, Speak to Me

*Blessing

Postlude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Seth Bingham

The acolytes today are Sheridan Evans and Andrew Ciulla (8:30);
Jessica Duryea and Jed Simms (11:00).

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1st Floor
of the East Wing during worship.

A television is set up downstairs in Miller Center during the 11:00 am worship service
for those who feel the need to leave the Sanctuary
but still wish to be a part of the service.

New members are always welcome at First United Methodist Church of Denton.
For more information, call one of our pastors at 940.382.5478.

One of your pastors is always available for after hours emergencies at 940.566.6500.

A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time. All you need
to do is call one of our pastors, 940.382.5478.

Our hearts are heavy and our prayers are many as we grieve with our friends,
families, coworkers and relational ties in Haiti, which suffered a massive earthquake. Our
Jurisdiction (the South Central Jurisdiction) sends many Volunteer In Mission (VIM) teams
to Haiti, and several local churches are involved in ministry there.

An offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) **International
Disaster Response** is being taken to aid the people of Haiti.

A special North Texas Conference fund number has been created, so please route
your donations through **NTC Fund #277**. Make your church checks **payable to FUMC-
Denton** and on the memo line put "**Fund 277 Haiti.**"

Today . . .

9:00 am -12:15 pm Pictorial Directory Distribution, Miller Center
Small Group Sign Up for Spring Session
9:40 am Sunday School Classes; Youth on the 3rd Floor in the Youth Loft
9:45 am Methodism 101, Room 101, Monroe Gym
11:00 am-1:00 pm Stone Soup Luncheon, Monroe Gym
4:00 pm Credo Choir rehearsal, Choir Room, Room 330, East Wing
8:00 pm – 10:00 am United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) --
Youth Lockout, an overnight event. See Rev. Jessica Wright
for details.

This Week . . .

January 18 **The church offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr.
holiday.**

January 20 **Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch.
Feast in Fellowship, a Wednesday night meal, 5:30-6:30 pm,
Monroe Gym. Cost: Adults \$ 5.00; Children 10 and under \$ 3.00;
Family maximum \$15.00. **Make reservations by noon on
Monday, please. Menu: Baked Potato Bar. Your Servers: TBD.**

January 22 **Credo Choir Talent Show**, 7:00 pm, Flinn Hall

January 24 **Credo Talent Show**, time to be determined, Flinn Hall

Spring Sessions Begin Soon – Sign Up for a Small Group

Sundays, January 17 & 24, all morning, Miller Center

Stop by the table in Miller Center to find out about the 5 new small groups being offered for the spring. The groups are: *Every Marriage Is a Fixer-Upper*, *Speechcraft*, *A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent*, *Invitation to John*, and *The Good News about Apportionments*.

Church Pictorial Directory Distribution Continues

Sunday, January 24, 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

The new pictorial directories have arrived and will be distributed to those who took the time to have a photo taken for this directory. Stop by Miller Center for a free family copy between 9:00 am and 12:15 pm. If you have not received your free 8 x 10 portrait, it will also be available to pick up at the same time. New members who have joined since the last session of picture taking - September 1, 2009 - may also pick up a free copy. A few directories will be available for purchase by those members who chose not to have a photo included in the directory. The cost per copy is \$20.

Methodism 101: A Overview of our Faith

Sundays, January 17-February 21

9:45-10:30 am, Monroe Gym, Room 101

This course is recommended for all people coming into our congregation whether by profession of faith and baptism, renewal of vows, or transfer of membership. It is also a good refresher course for long-time members who want to remember who we are and where we came from as a denomination.

Stone Soup Luncheon

Sunday, January 17, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Beef and vegetable soup, hot bread, and delicious homemade desserts will be served by new Horizons SS Class in Monroe Gym. All love donations welcome. Proceeds will go to the Denton Community Food Room to help stock the bare shelves. Soup-to-go will be available in Miller Center between 9:15-9:45 am; 10:30-11:00 am or after the 11:00 am worship service. In-house service begins at 11:00 am.

Credo Talent Show

Friday, January 22, 7:00 pm, and Sunday, January 24, matinee time to be determined, Flinn Hall.

Ticket prices are as follows: Adult-\$10; Kids-\$5; family maximum - \$20.

Refreshments will be provided during intermission. Proceeds will help fund a Credo Choir tour.

New Leader Training

Tuesday, January 26, 6:00 pm Miller Center

This workshop is designed for members of Church Committees and teams. To inquire or sign up talk with Greg Ankeney (gregankeney@msn.com) or Dan Riddle (riddledsn@verizon.net), or call the church to RSVP.

Super Servant Sundays –

a Sermon Series by Rev. Matt Gaston

January 24 **Called?! Who's on the Line?**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

January 31 **Holy Help Them, Batman!**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Please come to the....

All Church Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

Featuring Foo McBubba

Sponsored by the Youth of First UMC – Denton

Sunday, February 14

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Monroe Fellowship Building

Young, old, singles, couples – all are invited!

Delicious dinner followed by dancing to FUMC's own Big Band

No charge - love offering will be taken

Childcare by RSVP – contact Beth Wilson by February 10

bwilson@fumc-denton.com

Volunteers Needed!

Home Communion

Holy Communion is one way we experience God's grace in our lives. We celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month. Our homebound members are often unable to attend the service and receive this gift. Our Home Communion Team is looking for people who are willing to take communion outside our doors and deliver it to those who are unable to come and worship with us. If you would be willing to bring God's grace to one or two members each month, we would love to add your name to the rotation. If this sounds like a way you would like to share God's love with others, please contact Rev. Lisa Marshall at 940.382.5478 or email lmarshall@fumc-denton.com.

Confirmation Celebration with the Bishop

Sunday, February 7, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Volunteer to help as we host all of the Confirmation students within our NTX Conference as they meet the Bishop and enjoy an afternoon of fun activities and entertainment. Contact Deana Ferguson if you can help, dferguson@fumc-denton.com or 940.382.5478.



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