

GOOD NEWS

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Memorial Drive United Methodist Women

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Dear Nicky,

Some dates to remember in the upcoming months:

December 9 - Holly Hall Silver Tea

December 14 - Christmas Gifts on sale in
Friendship Court

January 2 - Church Women United

January 18 - Goals of Excellence Study

January 23 - Nominations due for Special Mission
Recognition Awards

February 3 - Next General Meeting

President's Corner

It is early in the month of December and yesterday we observed the first Sunday of Advent. It seems that the month of December always comes quickly and unexpectedly. This month, we know we will all be busy shopping, cooking, partying, visiting with old friends and new, but one of the best activities will be remembering. We will remember those Christmases of our past with young babies, first homes, guiding parents, and the mystery of Christmas as children attending Christmas services with our parents. This year during the holidays, let us help those in need as we continue to build our memories. It will make them all the sweeter.

Norman Wesley Brooks wrote:

"Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself..."

May you be blessed with a wonderful Christmas and many pleasant memories.

Linda

Mission Stitches

Gift buying - Sunday, December 14th

Mission Stitches will be selling in The Friendship Court Sunday, December 14th. Please stop by and get some special Christmas gifts. Remember all money raised by Mission Stitches goes to missions to help those less fortunate.



Circle Information

Betty Landrum Circle is meeting on Tuesday, December 16th at 11:00 AM for a potluck at the home of Mary Ann Pete, 10019 Park Trail, 77024.

Bible Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 10th, from 1:00-2:30PM in room D126. The book we are studying is "Lost Women of the Bible" and we have copies for purchase for \$10.00 each. If you are interested in joining or visiting this circle, call Jane Erskine at 281-556-8122 or Joan Garofalo at 281-531-6594.

Changing Lives will be having their Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9th at 11:30 AM at the home of Carol Meyer. Carol lives at 19714 Hollywind Circle, 77094. Her phone number is 281-579-8179. We will enjoy the fun of an ornament exchange, so bring a wrapped ornament. See you on the 9th!

Common Thread Circle is busy stuffing pillows for area hospitals. We will meet at Town & Country Starbucks on Mondays Dec. 8, and 15 at 1:00 PM. On Dec. 16th we will meet at the Church in room D220 at 9:30 AM to finish up. We will then celebrate our success with a luncheon. As of Nov. 24th, we have delivered 416 pillows plus other handmade items to area hospitals. This brings our donation delivery up to 2,133 pieces since May 20, 2008. This means that area hospitals have pillows, blankets, toys, totebags and stoma covers made and donated by the Common Thread Circle of MDUMC.

Edith Moore Circle will meet Tuesday, December 16, at 9:30 at the home of Robbie Adams, 1659 W. Sam Houston Parkway South, 77042. Our program, "Thoughts on Christmas Around the World" will be presented by Rev. Alicia Coltzer, Shepherd Drive Fellowship.

Lucy Collins and Music Circles are joining forces this month, and will meet at Church in the Friendship Court at 10:30 AM. For our program, Pat Austin will direct two of her groups, Lyrics and Classic Jazz. We will then enjoy a potluck luncheon.

Mary Lee Marshall will meet on Monday, December 15th in the Friendship Court at the Church for a potluck salad supper. Please bring new or gently used books for the children's library at Larkin Community Center.

Reading Circle will meet for our Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 16th at Lomonte's Restaurant, 14510 Grisby, at 11:00 AM. We'll bring children's books for pre-schoolers to be given to Larkin Center. Some books could be in Spanish. For further information and reservations, call Bonnie Swantkowski at 281-496-4508.

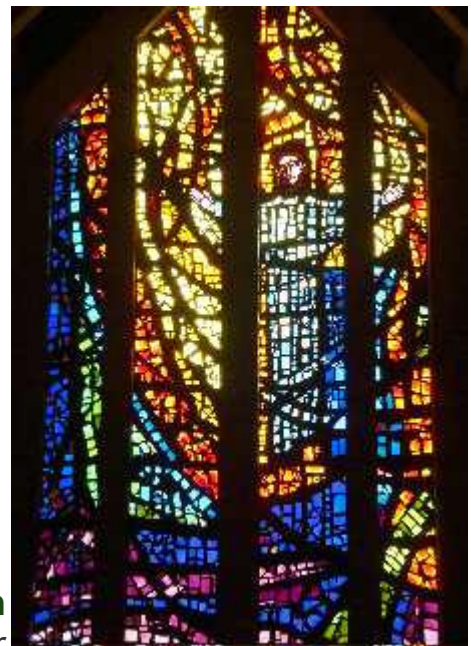
Goals of Excellence

Spiritual Growth Study

The study is entitled "I Believe in Jesus". It is a fascinating study about the gift of faith in Jesus Christ and the meaning of that faith.

This study will make you think about your own relationship with Christ.

Please sign up for this study at your circle meeting this month or contact Coca Kimbrough at 713-984-0993 or Debbie Moore at 713-827-0220 if you plan to attend.



Where & When
The Connection Center

January 18th, 2009
2:00-5:00PM

Special Mission Recognition Award Nominations ***Memorial Drive United Methodist Women***

One of the ways in which United Methodist Women supports missions, is through the purchase of Special Mission Recognition Award Pins. It is also an opportunity for the United Methodist Women of Memorial Drive to honor special persons who have distinguished themselves in forwarding the purpose of United Methodist Women. These persons need not be United Methodist Women members. Our unit honors five persons at our General Meeting in May of each year.

The deadline for nominations will be January 23, 2009. If you wish to nominate someone, please do so by submitting the following information to Kelly Kiser by email: eddieandkelly@comcast.net or mail 12506 Olympia Dr., Houston, TX 77077:

1. The name of the person you wish to nominate and why you wish this person to be considered.
2. Your name and phone number.

Reading Program

Congratulations!

A special "Thanks" to all of you who completed the Reading Program for 2008. We had nine ladies who completed Plan 1, reading one book in each of four categories. They are Robbie Adams, Trish Brice, Becky Finch, Katherine Galpin, Bernice Hick, Nicolette Morrison, Carol Scarbrough, Mary Vines, and Karen Ward. We also had one, Barbara Morehouse, who completed Plan 3, reading 15 books! Congratulations to all!

Our new books for 2009 are in and I hope to have them added to the library in the next week. There are some great new books, but also remember that you can read books back through five years of the program. Why not consider a New Year's Resolution to participate in the 2009 Reading Program! Remember it is you who benefits the most from Reading Program by reading some good and informative books-many of



which we might never select from the local book store. I hope you'll give it a try!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Karen Ward, Secretary of Program Resources

Have a Safe and Wonderful Christmas