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All are Welcome, All are Accepted

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Worship Times:
8:30 & 9:30am-Traditional Services
11:00 am-Contemporary Service

Volunteer Mentors Needed at Carver Elementary!

As part of our partnership with Carver Elementary, we have the opportunity to volunteer as mentors with the students! By dedicating as little as 30 minutes once a week with a student, you can improve self-esteem and encourage kids to stay in school, improve their academic skills and provide support for new behaviors, attitudes and ambitions.

To sign up as a mentor:

1. Go to GISD home web page at www.georgetownisd.org
2. Access the “**Career and Volunteers**” tab in the top margin and scroll down list to “**volunteer & mentors**”.
3. Scroll down page to “**MENTOR Fast Track Application/background check**”. (Please READ online “MENTOR Instructional link” provided BEFORE actually processing your application)
4. On the last question, make sure to indicate your preferred campus as “**Wellspring Mentor**”-Carver
5. Complete application and **submit**.
6. Upon completion of this process, e-mail mentor@georgetownisd.org to let GISD know you have completed the Mentor Fast Track application and would like to mentor.

All Mentor volunteers must attend **one** Mentor Volunteer Training session prior to mentoring. Mentor Training sessions are offered the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM at the GHS Annex (2295 Austin Avenue) in Room 132.

For more information, please contact:
Laura Antoine, Director, GISD District Mentor Program and Development,
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“No Excuses/No Regrets!”

Have you ever seen the movie “Bucket List?” Did it make you think about creating your own bucket list? Do you have a bucket list? On Christmas Eve we will have a bulletin insert with the Sermon Series for January that will become our theme for 2013 — “No Excuses/ No Regrets!” The series will draw from the top 10 regrets of people who are about to die. Many have expounded on the original work of Bronnie Ware, *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*.

Listed below is a sampling of some of the regrets people have:

- I never pursued my dreams and aspirations
- I worked too much and never made time for my family
- I should have made more time for my friends

How does one come to the end of life without regrets? As I reflect over the past eleven months, I realize that I have been blessed to be in the midst of death and dying among people who were not regretful but thankful. From Nancy Potter who was diagnosed with blood cancer shortly after retirement, a time that was supposed to be her golden years; George Davidson, who became ill just short of his granddaughter’s graduation, a time that he had looked forward to; and Jean Steadman who became ill just before her granddaughter’s wedding. While there were other members of our congregations that died during this year, these three remained cognitive up to their dying moments which made it possible to have conversations about life, God, and even dying. These three and perhaps the others as well, did not come to their dying hours with regrets that millions of others have. What made them different? I believe very strongly that it was their faith.

Whether we start the journey with God when we are young or when we are old, it provides us with a compass for living. God’s guidance helps us to know where and how to spend our time; it helps us prioritize our lives and know what is truly valuable.

There has been a team of church leaders who began a journey in February 2011 to “Focus Our Way Forward” as a church. Perhaps along the way some may have regretted beginning the journey, yet they remained faithful and committed to the task. They have gathered information about the community and from the congregation, and now they are prayerfully discerning what is it that God is calling our church to be. They cannot arrive at the final decisions alone, they need your prayers and support as they seek to lead the congregation in knowing where and how to prioritize its time, money and energy. Their task is to clearly define three to five big, bold, audacious goals that only God can accomplish through us as a community of faith. Please know that if it is something God is calling us to it will be illogical and not make sense. Yet, to do what God calls us to do means giving up making excuses and living fully as people with no regrets.

As we begin this New Year I hope you will join me in seeking to make it a year of “No Excuses/No Regrets,” both in your personal life and in our corporate life that we may be a thriving community of faith for the sake of God’s Kingdom.

Shalom,

Debra



Opportunities for Adults - Service, Mission and Prayer

Church Under the Bridge

by Cathy Wyman

On a crisp Sunday morning, right after Thanksgiving, our Journey Sunday school class, along with some youth, headed 30 miles south to a freeway underpass at I-35 and 7th Street in Austin. All during the Fall, we had been studying the New Testament, and most recently the book of James where we read about and discussed the concept of putting faith to work. This passage was a revelation!

James 2:14-17 — *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

We thought we could give thanks for our blessings and begin to fulfill James' guidance by feeding the less fortunate people whom we understood would come to the "Church under the Bridge" gathering every Sunday. Our brothers and sisters started gathering and lining up well before our arrival at 9 am. We took up a collection and arranged to bring breakfast tacos (nice and warm, neatly packed into an ice chest), oranges and bananas, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, enough, we thought, to feed 150 people. After some introductions and negotiating with the group that regularly sponsors the worship service (they bring in port-o-potties, sanitation stations, tables and chairs, and on this day had brought day old donuts and coffee to distribute), we proceeded to join forces and hand out what we brought.

Those are the details, the facts, but underlying the planning and coordination, we truly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. Looking into the eyes of the individuals that queued up in long lines, you could tell it was a special day. The "regulars" told us that any kind word or smile we would share might be the only time in that person's day that he or she would be met with acceptance and caring. My son, Nathan, told me that he felt that the people he served were just like him, that there was no real barrier between us (we are all God's children). If we are to love one another, then that day gave our class a glorious opportunity to share God's love. Oh, yes, and we want to go back and serve again!

Prayer Requests - New for 2013

In addition to the weekly prayer ministry and monthly intercessory prayers, beginning in January, we will offer the option to publish prayer requests in the weekly E-news. If you have a request you would like to share with the Wellspring community, you must contact the church office directly (we cannot publicize requests made on behalf of others) to have it listed.

From the Church Office

Do You Receive the Weekly E-News?

Wellspring sends out a weekly E-newsletter, and occasionally other announcements that affect the congregation. If you are not getting these emails and would like to, please send your name and email address to Jennifer Kendrick, admin@wellumc.org, to be added to the list.

Information Update

During the month of January, we will have a table set up by the Welcome Desk with a list of active members and contact info - please stop by and check your family's entry to make sure we have your correct address, phone #'s, email addresses, birthdates, etc.

New Calendar Request Form

If you need to schedule a meeting at Wellspring UMC, there is a new form located in the office to help you through the process. They are located with our other forms in a new file pocket on the cabinet in front of Jenifer's desk. If you need help completing the form or have other questions about the church calendar, please contact Jennifer Kendrick, at admin@wellumc.org or 512-930-5959.

If you have an article you would like to publish in the newsletter, please submit it to admin@wellumc.org.

Newsletter deadline is the second Monday of the month.

Please note: articles are subject to edits based on available space.

"Wellspring Wednesdays" Returns!

Bring the Whole Family, January 30th!

The smell of fresh-baked empanadas fills the air as students lean in to hear culinary wisdom from a Bolivian woman in her 30s. Down the hall, a "non-musician" sits down at a piano in front of eight other students to play scales and chords. Upstairs, folks are learning parenting tips from doctors and talking about forgiveness with close companions, some of whom had been strangers just a few weeks prior. If you didn't get a chance to experience the last Wellspring Wednesdays, you missed some great moments of fellowship and learning, all in the name of Christ.

But, do not be dismayed. In just a few weeks, Wellspring Wednesdays will be BACK! Starting January 30th, the whole church — children, youth, and adults — will come together for a light meal each Wednesday at 5:45, followed by Bible study and enrichment classes from 6:30 to 7:30.

We can't do this alone. We need your help! Online registration and volunteer sign-up will begin in January; volunteer to help with meals, sign-up sheets, class leadership, and more.

Part of what's so exciting about this ministry is what it offers to our community. Imagine yourself as a busy parent-of-two, ages 14 and 7. You barely have time to pick up the kids and get a meal on the table, much less do anything for yourself. But Wellspring Wednesdays is a chance for those folks to bring the whole family for nourishment for the mind, body and SOUL. Please spread the word! Registration takes seconds and can be done online at our website: www.wellumc.org.

Youth Ministries

Youth Confirmation Class

This year there will be three youth going through the Confirmation process at our church. They will attend an eight-week course, which will lead to their ceremony on March 24th. The class will begin January 6th and go until March 3rd. Please be praying for *Katie Moore, Jackson Moore, and Julianna Washburn* as they take the next step on their journey with God. If you have a youth in 6th-12th grade who has not been confirmed and would like to go through the class, please contact Rodney Williams (see below).

During this time the youth group will need help leading our Sunday school hour from 9:45-10:45. If you can help please contact Rodney at youth@wellumc.org.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY SERVICES (Worship Center)

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OFFERED

- 9:30 AM Chapel Dwellers (Rm 204)
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (Rm 105)
- 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School (Rm 207)
- 9:45 AM The Journey Class (Admin Area)
- 10:45 AM Seasons of the Spirit Class (Rm 203)
- 10:45 AM Cornerstone Bible Study (Rm 204)
- 11:15 AM Children's Worship (Rm 106)

SUNDAY EVENTS

- 4:00 PM Youth Band Reh. (Worship Center)
- 5:30 PM MYF - Youth (Rm 207)

MONDAYS

- 1:00 PM Prayer Ministry (Chapel)

TUESDAYS

- 3:30 PM Handbell Choir Reh. (Worship Center)

WEDNESDAYS

- Noon Bible Study: Bk of Revelation (Rm 203)
- 4:30 PM Santa Rosa's Mass (Worship Center)
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh. (Worship Center)
- 7:00 PM Youth Boot Camp (Rm 207)
- 7:45 PM Praise Band Reh. (Worship Center)

FRIDAYS

- 10:00 AM Close Friends (Munch & Mingle)

Coming Soon:

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- Jan. 6 Resume normal worship schedule
- Jan. 10 Church Council Meeting
- Jan. 13 "No Excuses/No Regrets!" series begins
- Jan. 21 MLK's Birthday (Office Closed)

Scheduling Events and Meetings

Please contact the office at admin@wellumc.org if you have an event or meeting to schedule, or a change in date. All events will be posted on the church calendar and can be accessed through the church website at www.wellumc.org.