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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

Wellspring Women Have Options

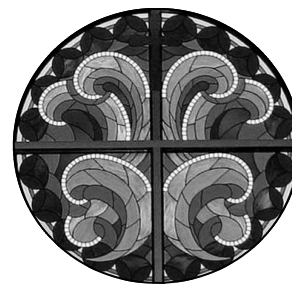
Have you heard of BLT (*Bringing Ladies Together For Bible Led Teaching*)? Well, BLT is a group of women at Wellspring who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss a "bible based" book. We enjoy food, fellowship, prayer and the study of God's word.

In May, we will start a new book *Waiting On God* by Cherie Hill. (Her style of writing is similar to Beth Moore.) The books may be purchased through Amazon, or other bookstores.

You pray, but God doesn't seem to be listening. You trust him, but it appears He's letting you down... While we wait on God, it's His Promise that we'll cling to, and ultimately put our faith in, when our lives are hanging by a thread, we'll find that God knows what He's doing. He's in control....even when life isn't.

If you are interested in coming to our next gathering on May 8th, please contact Jamie Turner (512) 966-1405 or turner85@suddenlink.net.

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The Unknown Journey

"Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you...I will bless you and make your name great so that you will be a blessing." (Genesis 12:1, 2b, NRSV)



The journey that God called Abram into is relived in each person who seeks to answer and follow God's call upon their lives. In fact it is relived in each person who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Such a journey requires surrendering to the guidance of God's Spirit, and being open to walking in the unknown.

In the United Methodist Church when a person answers the call to ordained ministry, it becomes a more intensified unknown journey, as one never knows when he or she will receive a call to travel to another land. Thus, this journey requires one to be willing to go where the Bishop sends them. On June 19, the Rev. Dr. Jeffery Smith will come to Wellspring as one who has answered God's call and has a willingness to go where he is sent. Jeff has over 30 years of ministry experience serving FUMC Arlington, Woodway UMC, and FUMC Burleson. But long before he was ordained, he experience life in the UMC through his family and the active participation of his father. His father was active in both the local church and general church by serving as a lay delegate to General Conference. Jeff's father died last weekend and is buried near Mooreville. Please keep him and the family in your prayers as they grieve their loss in the midst of Jeff's transition in ministry.

Jeff is a great preacher with a compassionate spirit and a pastor's heart. He is a leader who enjoys teaching and empowering others to reach their full potential. Jeff is filled with joy and enjoys engaging in theological discussions. One of the first conversations I had with him was about the difference between Feminist and Womanist theology. He is a family man, and he and his wife Leah are extremely excited as they anticipate the arrival of their first grandchildren. Jeff and his entire family are excited about coming to Wellspring. He is looking forward to the many ways that God will use him to minister in this congregation and the community of Georgetown. I too am excited about him coming to Wellspring and know that God will use him to do great things here.

As Jeff walks the next chapter in his unknown journey, I pray that each of you will receive him with open arms, bless him with your gifts, and love him and his family unconditionally. As Jesus was preparing his disciples for his departure he reminded them of who they were called to be:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13: 34-35, NRSV).

The journey we travel may be unknown, but through our love we can make known our identity. Welcome Jeff and make known to him that you are followers of Jesus Christ by your love.

Shalom,

Debra

Save the Date!!

*Wellspring's Annual Pie Tasting and Auction
June 30, 2013*

Do you bake a great pie? Do you like to eat pie? Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this fun event benefitting missions. For more info, please contact Jamie Turner, (512) 966-1405 or turner85@suddenlink.net; or Meg Moring, (512) 922-3361 or mmoring_96@hotmail.com. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Opportunities for Adults - Service, Mission and Prayer

What is Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a group of trained members of a congregation of Christians who administer confidential, same-gender, one-on-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. To name a few of these difficulties: divorce or separation, loss of a loved one, hospitalization, loneliness, and illness. The trained Stephen Minister receives 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care to those who request it. The Stephen Minister does not offer cures (that is in the providence of God), but offers alternative suggestions as to direction, encouragement, and emotional and spiritual support.

If you think a Stephen Minister could help you in a life challenge that you may be facing, please contact Carol Hoke at pastoral@wellumc.org or 930-5959 ext. 225.



Wellspring UMC's Stephen Ministers: Louise Schock, Cliff Barkley, Roger Johnson, Sid Smithson, Martha Bessac, Gayle Cadena, Carol Williams, and Norma Davis.

Close Friends Needs Volunteers

Close Friends is a program that provides weekly programming for persons with Alzheimer's. They have games, entertainment, crafts, lunch and fellowship. Many volunteers are needed as the program also serves as a "caregivers day out." They meet on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Gary Carver at 512-966-0421

Walk to Emmaus Info

If you have attended an Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend, or are interested in learning more, join us for a Georgetown Emmaus gathering, held the third Sunday of the month. We also have a Men's Reunion group meeting at Wellspring on the third Monday of the month, in the Chapel (Rm. 204) at 7:00 p.m. For more info about Emmaus Gatherings and Walks, please contact Mark McCartney at 512-635-7203. De Colores!

Methodist Federation for Social Action and PFLAG

The MFSA and PFLAG (the support group for Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay persons) are co-sponsoring meetings for support and conversation on the fourth Monday evening of each month. For information, contact Judy Shepherd at 512-863-2862, Nettie Ruth Bratton at 512-240-5700, or Rev. Louise Schock at 512-943-9592.

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be written on the attendance pads, written on blue cards and placed in the Prayer Ministry box upstairs, or emailed to the church office. Requests are prayed over by the weekly prayer ministry group. We also 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. Please send your name and email address to Jennifer Kendrick, admin@wellumc.org.

Moving? New Phone # or Email?

Please notify the office, in order to keep current records updated. Email admin@wellumc.org or call 512-930-5959.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday Morning Hospitality

THANK YOU to the *Seasons of the Spirit* Sunday School class, for sharing their gifts of hospitality - they will be providing food for coffee fellowship in the Munch & Mingle area on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month!

If your Sunday School class or small group would like to sign up for 2nd, 4th or 5th Sundays, please contact Jennifer Kendrick in the church office.

Can You Give the Gift of Your Time?

Do you have a free morning or afternoon during the week? *We need YOU!* Volunteers are needed to help with answering phones, greeting church visitors, and other easy tasks as needed -- training provided! If you would like to join our office team, please contact Jennifer Kendrick, at admin@wellumc.org or 512-930-5959.

Youth Ministries

Skits 'n Sketti

The Youth of Wellspring would like to invite you to "Skits and Sketti" on May 5th at 4:30 pm. The youth will be showing off their talent as act out commercials and also show case their musical talents as well. Come join us on May 5th as we say thank you for your support for helping us go on mission trip. Dinner will start promptly at 4:45 so please sign up at the welcome center desk if you plan to attend.

For more info about programs for Youth (grades 6-12), please contact our Youth Minister, Rodney Williams, at 512-930-5959 or youth@wellumc.org.

Rodnei Williams and Stefanie Schutz are Going to France!

Rodnei and Stefanie have been selected, along with 20 other young adult leaders and college students, to go on a pilgrimage with the Bishop of the Central Texas Conference from May 19-29. They are going to Taize, France, to experience worship there for seven days. They will be lodging in cabins while they are there, along with many visitors from other countries. They will tour Paris after they worship for a week. We look forward to them sharing this experience with everyone at Wellspring!

During Rodney's absence, the Youth group will be on a break as they prepare for finals and the end of the school year.

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:

- May 4: United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast
- May 5: Skits 'n Sketti Dinner
- May 8: Martha Circle, aka "BLT"
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 19: United Methodist Women (UMW) Lunch
- May 21: Church Council Meeting

Scheduling Events and Meetings

Please fill out a calendar request form (located in the church office) or you may send an email to 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.