

Let Us Pray

This list is provided by the Living Water Caring Ministry. Let us know your prayer requests by calling the church office at 713-723-0175 or fill out a card in worship.

DEATH

Marie B. Morris, mother of Pam Meyers, 12/20/12

FAMILY CONCERNS

Malvern Richardson
Jane Doerr
Juanita Rogillio
Millicent Banks
Louise Miller
Randy Zercher
Deborah Liggan
Kathlyn Fowler
Linda Lee
Vivian Koenig
Joy Rutherford
Juanita Sheppard
Pat Hicks
Dot Dickson
Wava Fick
Cherie Schobelock

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Anne Bell
Mary Jo Farwell
Ruby Grizzell
Marvin, Alta Hamilton
Billie Hollingshead
Evelyn Houghton

U. S. ARMED FORCES

Ibim Briggs, Jr., Navy
Ryan Brokaw, Army
Clint Caughman, Marine Corps
Caleb Crosby, Army
Dale Dumo, Marine Corps
Toni Coleman, Air Force
Benjamin Goodhart, Navy
Sean Neufeld, Navy
Michael Palazzotta, Marine Corps
Richard Pennard, Navy
Ayodele Sokoya, Navy
Ben Steves, Navy

OUR STUDENTS

EXTENDED FAMILY CONCERNS

Bridgette McQueen, niece of Semmie Gibbs
Kitty Vinson, friend of Dan and Joyce Garza
Mary Shepherd, friend of Mamie Arbuckle
Vicki and Allen Schleimer, friends of Donna Babin

Richard Hall, grandson of Viola Howard
Lana Short, friend of Cynthia Kinzer
Adam Slinkard, cousin of Tommy Williams
Heather Arnold, granddaughter of J. L. and Barbara Parks
Tammy Vickery, mother-in-law of Beth and Adam Walms' son
Jacqueline Terry, mother of Jackie Armstrong
Bonny Ramsey, aunt of Kelsey Johnson
Braden Murry, friend of Lorvalva Lakey
Sue Montgomery, sister of Dot Dickson
Trevor Pauley, friend of Nina Crawley
Arthur Arias, brother of Joyce Garza
Emily Fenlon, daughter of Susan Edge, Day School Director

LIVING IN A CARE FACILITY

Carmin Cleavenger, Treemont Retirement Community
Beverly Garton
Meriana Gee, The Hampton
Dow Harleston, Clarewood House
Bill Hazlett, Colonial Oaks at Braeswood
JoAnn Hazlett, Belmont Village West University
Richard Heetderks, Loving Care Cottages
Pearl Jackson, The Hampton
Monette Miller, Belmont Village West University
Gwynn Molzahn, Clarewood House
Dennis Rabalais, Lumberton, TX
Naomi Schobelock, Manor Care
Ruth Sledge, Friendship Haven, Friendswood, TX
Della Sloan, Richmond Health Care
Marjorie Smith, Treemont Health Center
Sallie Taggart, Seven Acres
Marie Tutten, Clarewood House
Ardith Watson, Clarewood House
Alta Lee Whimore, Conservatory at Champion Forest

Church Family Celebrations

Baptisms

12/30/12 Devon Graves, grandson of Steve and Sharon Olson

01/06/13 Myrta Palencia Garcia, Francisco Javier Palencia Garcia, Lexis Palencia Garcia and Leti Palencia Garcia, children of Francisco Palencia and Myrta Garcia (from our Adoración Spanish-language service)

We praise God for His provision and your extravagant generosity to close the year 2012!

Our December general offerings totaled \$111,899. While December is historically our highest giving month, this December hit at 7-year record. Total gifts for the year were \$879,499, and total expenses equaled \$905,210. We also praise God for some savings, endowment monies and other memorial gifts that made it possible for us to bridge the gap between income and expenses this year. Thanks be to God for your faithfulness. – Rev. Tommy Williams

“*Gracias y Que Dios Los Bendiga*” was what we heard over and over the afternoon of December 21 when the Heathcocks, the Behrmans, and I delivered boxes of Christmas presents to the seven families served by our Anderson Elementary Adopt a Family project. We were the recipients of many blessings and much gratitude which we happily share with you, our Westbury UMC family! Thank you for allowing us to bless these families who in turn blessed us this Christmas! There were giddy little girls excited just to get a peek at the box that held their gifts, a mom that said she had never received help like this before, and another mom who did a “happy dance” when she saw that the store bag we were handing her included a gift for her—a new set of pots and pans! Your generosity helped make this happen! Three Sunday school classes and two individuals adopted and shopped for their families and over \$800, donated by individuals and two other Sunday school classes, were used to buy gifts for the two remaining families and also add one gift card for food for each family. In total, there were 29 children and 10 adults in these seven families and ALL were provided Christmas gifts! “Thank You and May God Bless You!” – Elsa Garza

SENIOR PASTOR Rev. Tommy Williams

ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Romonica Malone-Wardley

MUSIC & WORSHIP PASTOR Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson

SW FONDREN COMMUNITY PASTOR Ms. Hannah Terry



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The Weekly WORD

NEWS FOR JANUARY 13–20, 2013

2013 SAVE THE DATES

Pull out your calendars to jot down some of these upcoming dates in the life of Westbury UMC. More details will be coming soon as events draw near so keep reading your *Weekly Word*.

January

20 | Youth Visit Shut-Ins for Worship and Communion (4 pm)
21 | MLK Service Day (9 am–3 pm)
27 | Church Leadership Training at FUMC Westchase (2–6:30 pm)
28 | PrimeTimers (9:30 am–1 pm)

February

02 | Family Potluck Picnic (11 am–1 pm)
03 | Charge Conference (noon)
03 | Youth Superbowl Party at the Wiggs House (5 pm)
10 | Scouting Sunday in Worship (10:45 am)
10 | Coffee With the Pastors (noon)
12 | Fondren Apartments Mardi Gras Dinner
13 | Ash Wednesday Worship (7:30 am, noon and 7 pm)
15-17 | Youth Mid-Winter Retreat
24 | Chili Cookoff (noon)
25 | PrimeTimers (9:30 am–1 pm)

March

02 | Churchwide Lenten Retreat
03 | Youth Visit Shut-Ins for Worship and Communion (4 pm)
09 | Youth Chris Tomlin Concert in The Woodlands (5 pm)
10 | Coffee With the Pastors (noon)
23 | More Than Enough Love Community Service Day (8 am–2 pm)
25 | PrimeTimers (9:30 am–1 pm)
28 | Maundy Thursday Worship (7 pm)
29 | Good Friday Worship (noon)
31 | Easter Worship (8 am and 10:45 am with youth confirmation)
31 | Children's Easter Egg Launch and Hunt (9:30 am)

A Charge Conference has been scheduled for Sunday, February 3, for about 20 minutes after worship in the Parlor. The sole agenda item will be the approval of Hannah Terry as a candidate for ordained ministry through Westbury UMC. Before this meeting, Hannah will have met with the Staff Parish Relations Committee and with our District Superintendent. We look forward to hearing from Hannah more about her call to ordained ministry and the steps she will be taking with Westbury's prayers and support. We encourage all who can to attend.

Much of the month of January and other Sundays throughout the year are available to make altar flower dedications for Sunday morning worship. Dedications can be in memory of a loved one or in honor of a milestone or celebration. Call the church office at 713-723-0175 or email Martha Upton at martha1@westburyumc.org.

Can you pitch in with the Backpack Buddy program? Volunteers are needed every other Friday morning to pick up food at the Houston Food Bank, and deliver the bags of food to three local elementary schools. Currently, we deliver about 130 bags (about 8 lbs. each) to three elementary schools in our church neighborhood that have students identified by school nurses as not receiving enough food at home on the weekends. Having a truck to transport large boxes is a plus, but not required. Contact Mike Sturdevant at 713-447-6987 or michaelsturdevant@hotmail.com to coordinate.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday has been called a Day of Service where we work together to empower individuals and strengthen communities. Sign up in the church office or by filling out the insert to volunteer with us on Monday, January 21, when Westbury UMC will staff shifts at The Beacon, a local organization dedicated to serving poor and homeless individuals.

Join us for Coffee With the Pastors on Sunday, Jan. 13, at noon. Linger after worship for coffee, pastries and casual conversations with church staff and members. New visitors or anyone wanting to know a little more about Westbury UMC are warmly invited to come!

Calendar of Events

January 13–20, 2013

Sunday, January 13, 2013		
8:00 am	Community Fellowship Time	Café
9:15 am	Confirmation Class	H22
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)	All Classrooms
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Adoración en Español	Chapel
Noon	Coffee with the Pastors	Café
3:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	200
4:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	200
4:30 pm	Pack 455	105
5:00 pm	Youth Impact (Basketball, Art Café, Worship and Snack Supper)	Humphrey Hall
6:00 pm	Disciple I Bible Study: <i>Survey of the Old and New Testaments</i>	W203
Monday, January 14, 2013		
8:15 am	Exercise Class (M, W)	106
9:00 am	Exercise Class (M, W)	106
Tuesday, January 15, 2013		
7:30 am	Day School Extended Care (T-F)	Children's Wing
9:00 am	Handymen	101
9:00 am	Day School	Children's Wing
9:15 am	Day School Chapel	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Crafters	W201
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	102
7:05 pm	Pack 705	Humphrey Hall
7:00 pm	The 7:14 Project (Prayer)	Chapel
Wednesday, January 16, 2013		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Servery
8:15 am	Exercise Class (M, W)	106
9:00 am	Exercise Class (M, W)	106
1:00 pm	Day School Ballet	Children's Wing
1:30 pm	Senior Adult Hang Out	102
6:30 pm	Collide (Youth Bible Study)	H22
7:00 pm	Piecemaker Quilters	W203
7:00 pm	Exercise Group	106
7:00 pm	Al-Anon	105

7:00 pm	The Call Small Group	102
7:00 pm	When Helping Hurts Small Group	Parlor
Thursday, January 17, 2013		
9:15 am	Community Bible Study	Parlor
1:00 pm	Day School Gymnastics	Humphrey Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal	200
6:30 pm	Pack 455	Humphrey Hall
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	200
Friday, January 18, 2013		
Church offices closed		
9:30 am	Mother's Day Out	Children's Wing
Saturday, January 19, 2013		
9 am–2 pm	Leadership Team Retreat	Anderson School
Sunday, January 20, 2013		
8:00 am	Community Fellowship Time	Café
9:15 am	Confirmation Class	H22
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)	All Classrooms
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Adoración en Español	Chapel
Noon	Youth Parents Meeting	H22
3:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	200
4:00 pm	Youth Visit Shut-ins	Off-site
6:00 pm	Disciple I Bible Study: <i>Survey of Old and New Testaments</i>	W203

NOTE: Calendar items, locations and times are subject to change.
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Pastor Hannah Terry will continue to visit Sunday school classes to offer *Covenantal Communication: Reading Scripture and Praying Together*. Here are the classes she'll be visiting next:

- January 13: Disciples
- January 20: Fidelis
- January 27: Messengers
- February 3: Shepherds
- February 10: Seekers