

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.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Don Miller, *Memorial SW*

FAMILY CONCERNS

Millicent Banks
Dot Dickson
Ted Doerr
Carl and Wava Fick
Charlice Finck
Wyn Johnson
John Kinzer
Deborah Liggan
Don and Louise Miller
Mukunzi Nkurikiyimana
Dottie Proper
Jon Reid
Juanita Sheppard
Kevin Vega

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Anne Bell
Marvin and Alta Hamilton
Evelyn Houghton
Dottie Proper

U. S. ARMED FORCES

Ibim Briggs, Jr., *Navy*
Caleb Crosby, *Army*
Toni Coleman, *Air Force*
Dale Dumo, *Marine Corps*
Benjamin Goodhart, *Navy*
Sean Neufeld, *Navy*
Richard Pennard, *Navy*
Ayodele Sokoya, *Navy*
Joshua M. Terry, *Marine Corps*
Joel E. Terry, *Marine Corps*

EXTENDED FAMILY CONCERNS

Michael and Mary Goodale,
cousins of Kathlyn Fowler
Becky Roberson, *niece-in-law of
Semmie Gibbs*
Jamie Ward, *friend of Laurie
Sturdevant*
Eddie Martinez
Dorian Johnson, *friend of
Brenda Coleman*
Laura Owens, *daughter of
Gregory Owens*
Mark Born, *former WUMC member*
Rayva Harrell, *friend of Semmie Gibbs*
Erma Petty, *cousin of Semmie Gibbs*
John Crain, *brother of Betty Phelps*
Joy Labez, *friend of Joyce Akins*
Cheri Heathcock, *mother of
Daniel Heathcock*
Dan Doerr, *brother of Ted Doerr*
Cherie Schobelock, *daughter of
Naomi Schobelock*

Traci Canida, *niece of Yvonne Canida*
Kara Leon, *daughter of Ellie Hanson*
Karen Gray Collins, *cousin of
Loralva Lakey*
Alan Gremmel, John Bruce Gilligan,
and Milton Baker, *friends of
Loralva Lakey*
David Bauer, *son-in-law of Don and
Louise Miller*
Stephanie Dunn, *daughter of Don
and Louise Miller*
Greg Dunn, *grandson of Don and
Louise Miller*
Don Walter, *brother-in-law of
Jeannette Calhoun*
Randy and Charlyne Davis,
parents of Centha Davis
Stanton Toler, *cousin of Helen Smith*
Jacqueline Terry, *mother of
Jackie Armstrong*
Mark and Emily Fenlon, *son-in-law and
daughter of Susan Edge, Day School*

LIVING IN A CARE FACILITY

Carmin Cleavenger, *Treemont*
Betty Davenport, *Treemont*
Velma Ferguson, *Treemont*
Beverly Garton
Meriana Gee, *Oyster Creek Manor*
Emmitt Griggs, *The Hampton at Pinegate*
Dow Harleston, *Clarewood House*
Bill Hazlett, *Colonial Oaks at Braeswood*
JoAnn Hazlett, *Belmont at West U.*
Richard Heetderks, *Loving Care Cottages*
Sibyl Henley, *Bayou Manor*
Billie Hollingshead
Monette Miller, *Belmont at West U.*
Gwynn Molzahn, *Clarewood House*
Dot Owen, *Garden Terrace on Cambridge*
Naomi Schobelock, *Oakridge Cottages*
Sallie Taggart, *Seven Acres*
Ardith Watson, *Clarewood House*
Dick Whanger, *Clarewood House*
Alta Lee Whitmore, *Ainsley Courte*

Preview of Sundays in Advent

DECEMBER 7 (2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT)

GOOD GIFTS MARKET

9 am–1 pm | Humphrey Hall
Shop fair-trade and local handmade booths.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

9:30–10:30 am | Parlor
Explore Christmas traditions and cultures; combined Sunday school for parents, children and youth.

CANDLES AND CAROLS

10:45 am | Sanctuary
Favorite carols with organ, choir and congregation.

Poinsettia orders due!

DECEMBER 14 (3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD (cont)

9:30–10:30 am | Parlor
Explore Christmas traditions and cultures; combined Sunday school for parents, children and youth.

VIVALDI'S GLORIA

10:45 am | Sanctuary
Young Adult Choir and orchestra will lead us in worship.

LA FIESTA DE LA POSADA

5–7 pm | Humphrey Hall
*Christmas pageant by children and youth, fajitas and piñatas.
Bring a dessert to share!*

Pick up your poinsettias to take home.

SENIOR PASTOR Rev. Taylor Fuerst

ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Homer Williams

MUSIC & WORSHIP PASTOR Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson

SW FONDREN COMMUNITY PASTOR Rev. Hannah Terry



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The Weekly WORD

NOV. 30–DEC. 7, 2014



Dear Westbury Family,

Advent is one of the holiest seasons of the year—the time when we find ourselves in darkness, waiting, yearning for God’s light to shine and illumine the world.

Advent is also a favorite season in our home. Each night we turn off all the lights and gather around our homemade Advent wreath. We light the candles on the wreath, beginning with just one—barely enough to break the darkness—and adding more each week. As the light grows, so does our anticipation. We sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* and we read from our children’s story Bible.

We have found that the practices of Advent call us away from the frenzy and draw us in to the holiness of the season. As we gather in that circle, we are blessed by the mysterious presence of the One who comes to save us. I invite you to join us in these practices this Advent, gathering for worship, gathering in your own homes, circling around the four candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, where we find God’s blessing for all seasons.

With great love,

Taylor Fuerst

Senior Pastor

Calling all volunteers for our partner school, Anderson Elementary’s Literacy Night on Tuesday, December 9, from 5:30–7 pm. Westbury UMC will have a booth set up with volunteers helping students make bookmarks. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Erin Oropeza, Anderson Liaison, at 713-416-8617 by Friday, December 5.

Come shop for change this Christmas at Westbury UMC’s Good Gifts Market on Sunday, December 7. By purchasing beautiful, handcrafted gifts, you’ll be supporting artisans locally and around the world by generating sustainable income. The market will be located in Humphrey Hall from 9 am to 1 pm.

Over 60 households have made pledges toward the church’s stewardship initiative, committing to give consistently and generously in 2015. We celebrate our progress so far and continue toward the goal of reaching 120 pledging households by early 2015. As we trust God with our church’s flourishing ministries, help us reach our goal by going to www.westburyumc.org/stewardship-2015 or filling out a pledge card in the church office.

Need to finish up your Christmas shopping without spying eyes? On Saturday, December 13, from 9 am–1 pm, parents are invited to bring their children (babies–5th grade) to the church. Our youth will help lead us in games, create crafts and we’ll watch a kid-friendly movie together. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, December 8. Lunch is provided; \$10 for the first child and \$5 per sibling.

MidWinter for youth (6th–12th grade) is an excellent opportunity to grow deeper in your connection with God and others. Join us on February 20-22 for a weekend of spiritual learning, friendship and relaxation. We will be discussing the theme of *redemption* as we walk through The Lord’s Prayer. Please grab a registration form from Josh Lemons, Director of Youth Ministry. Registration is due by January 11; cost is \$130.

Next week’s communion rail offering on Sunday, December 7, will go to Braes Interfaith Ministry (BIM), a cooperative neighborhood ministry serving people in southwest Houston for 30 years and supported by area churches and synagogues.

Sunday, November 30, 2014 (1 st Sunday in Advent)		
9:15–10:30 am	No Confirmation Class	Youth Wing
9:30–10:30 am	5 th Sunday Event (all ages)	Humphrey Hall
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11 am	Adoración en Español	Chapel
3–3:45 pm	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	C-1
4–5 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	200 (Choir Suite)
5–7 pm	No Youth Group	Youth Wing
6–8:30 pm	Disciple II Bible Study	W203
Monday, December 1, 2014		
7:30–9a & 1–6p	Day School Extended Care (M–F)	Children’s Wing
8:30–11 am	Easter Seals Meeting*	Parlor
9 am–1 pm	Day School (M–F)	Children’s Wing
9 am	Exercise Class (M & W)	106
9:30 am–2 pm	Mother’s Day Out (M, F)	Children’s Wing
4:30 pm	Yes Prep Practice*	Humphrey Hall
7–9 pm	Ebony Opera Guild Rehearsal*	200 (Choir Suite)
Tuesday, December 2, 2014		
9 am–1 pm	Day School (M–F)	Children’s Wing
9 am	Handymen	103
9:15 am	Day School Program Practice	Sanctuary
10 am	Staff Meeting	102
4:30 pm	Yes Prep Practice*	Humphrey Hall
6:30 pm	Pack 705	105
Wednesday, December 3, 2014		
7–7:45 am	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study	Servery
9 am–1 pm	Day School (M–F)	Children’s Wing
9 am	Exercise Class (M & W)	106
9:30 am	Painting Class	105
10 am	Living Water Caring Ministry	103
1–2 pm	Day School Dance	C-1
6–7:30 pm	Youth Bible Study	Youth Wing
7 pm	Yoga Exercise Group	106
7 pm	Al-Anon	105

7 pm	Piecemaker Quilters	W-201
7:30 pm	Zumba Gold (dance exercise)	Humphrey Hall
Thursday, December 4, 2014		
9 am–1 pm	Day School (M–F)	Children’s Wing
9:15 am	Day School Program Practice	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Community Bible Study (CBS)	Parlor
1–2 pm	Day School Gymnastics	Humphrey Hall
4:30 pm	Yes Prep Practice*	Humphrey Hall
5–9 pm	Johnston Middle School Orchestra Parent Association*	Kitchen
6:30 pm	Day School Christmas Program	Sanctuary
7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	200 (Choir Suite)
Friday, December 5, 2014 (Church offices closed)		
9 am–1 pm	Day School (M–F)	Children’s Wing
9:30 am–2 pm	Mother’s Day Out (M, F)	Children’s Wing
Saturday, December 6, 2014		
10 am–Noon	Children’s Ministry Brunch	Peete Residence
2:30–5:30 pm	(Reserved) Birthday Party*	Humphrey Hall
Time TBA	Confirmation Field Trip	St. George Orthodox Church
Sunday, December 7, 2014 (2 nd Sunday in Advent)		
9 am–1 pm	Good Gifts Market	Humphrey Hall
9:15–10:30 am	Confirmation Class	Youth Wing
9:30–10:30 am	Sunday School (adults)	Classrooms
9:30–10:30 am	Christmas Around the World (parents, children, youth)	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11 am	Adoración en Español	Chapel
2 pm	Charge Conference	Parlor
3–3:45 pm	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	C-1
4–5 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	200 (Choir Suite)
5–7 pm	Youth Group	Youth Wing
6–8:30 pm	Disciple II Bible Study	W203

* private event