

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.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Millicent Banks
Gene Bush
Sevie Sue Dean
Dot Dickson
Ted Doerr
Wava Fick
Dan and Joyce Garza
Ken Knox
Deborah Liggan
Pam Martinez
Dottie Proper
Juanita Sheppard

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Anne Bell
Mary Jo Farwell
Marvin and Alta Hamilton
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
Joshua M. Terry, Marine Corps
Joel E. Terry, Marine Corps

OUR STUDENTS

EXTENDED FAMILY CONCERNS

Gary Miller, son of Don and Louise Miller
The family of Hannah Terry
Cheri Heathcock, mother of Daniel Heathcock
Ken Cruise, father of Cody Cruise
Sandy and Grant Taylor, daughter and son-in-law of Nadine Thompson
Larry Parks, son of J. L. and Barbara Parks
Albert "Nick" Darden, brother of Jackie Rundstein
Greg Dunn, grandson of Don and Louise Miller
Robert Pleasant, nephew of Juanita Sheppard

Milton Baker, friend of Loralva Lakey
John Bruce Gilligan, friend of Loralva Lakey
Karen Darrington, cousin of Laralee DeHart
Jeremy Miller, friend of Cindy Parker
Rita Woodward
Randy and Charlyne Davis, parents of Cetha Davis
Joy Labez, friend of Joyce Akins
Yvonne Pleasant, niece of Juanita Sheppard
Stanton Toler, cousin of Helen Smith
Richard Hall, grandson of Viola Howard
Jacqueline Terry, mother of Jackie Armstrong
Arthur Arias, brother of Joyce Garza
Mark and Emily Fenlon, son-in-law and daughter of Susan Edge, Day School

LIVING IN A CARE FACILITY

Carmin Cleavenger, Treemont Retirement Community
Kathlyn Fowler, University Place
Beverly Garton
Meriana Gee, The Hampton, W. Airport
Emmitt Griggs, The Hampton at Pinegate
Dow Harleston, Clarewood House
Bill Hazlett, Colonial Oaks at Braeswood
JoAnn Hazlett, Belmont Village at West University
Richard Heetderks, Loving Care Cottages
Billie Hollingshead, The Terrace at West University
Pearl Jackson, The Hampton, W. Airport
Monette Miller, Belmont Village West University
Gwynn Molzahn, Clarewood House
Dennis Rabalais, Lumberton, TX
Naomi Schobelock, Oakridge Cottages
Della Sloan, Richmond Health Care
Marjorie Smith, Treemont Health Center
Sallie Taggart, Seven Acres
Marie Tutton, Clarewood House
Ardith Watson, Clarewood House
Alta Lee Whitmore, Conservatory at Champion Forest

On December 14, parade goes lined the streets for the Deck the Halls parade,

an annual event initiated in 1998 by Ember Mandell as a multicultural neighborhood

holiday celebration. It has grown from a block party, to a one street procession of kids on bicycles to a 15-block parade which includes bands, art cars, floats, costumed characters, and community groups such as boy scouts and girl scouts.

For the fourth consecutive year, Westbury UMC's Boy Scout Troop 455 provided the official color guard for the Deck the Halls Parade. The color guard—consisting of scouts Harrison, Manuyl, William and Jaydon, and Scoutmaster Larry Langlois—led the parade of decorated floats and many characters along the one-mile parade route. It was a cold afternoon but all enjoyed the parade as hundreds of families lined the streets.

Contact Donald Scherer, Westbury UMC Charter Organization Representative, at tatankadon@yahoo.com for more info on how you can get your son involved in one of the great Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs sponsored by Westbury UMC for the past 57 years. The Westbury UMC scout room is located adjacent to Humphrey Hall. All boys from the Parker, Kolter and Johnston surrounding Westbury UMC are welcome. Come join the fun we have planned in 2014!

SENIOR PASTOR Rev. Taylor Fuerst

ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Romonica Malone-Wardley

MUSIC & WORSHIP PASTOR Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson

SW FONDREN COMMUNITY PASTOR Ms. Hannah Terry



The Weekly WORD

DECEMBER 29, 2013–JANUARY 5, 2014



What a year our church family has had!

After a tremendous time of transition, God has brought us to a new season at Westbury UMC, and we can't wait to see what God will do next! We welcomed 19 new members in November, and with new staff on board, our children's and youth programs are expanding! On a recent Sunday, 22 children (ages 5 to 8) participated in our sermon activity during worship—wow! It's clear that God is calling us to shape and transform lives, and we are thankful that you participate in that through your gifts of time, energy, prayer, and money.

As you prayerfully consider your year-end giving, remember: you can take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for any gifts given to the church by December 31. Checks must be dated and postmarked in 2013. Our church office is open from 10 am–2 pm on Tuesday, December 31, if you would like to bring your gifts in person or call in to give by debit card. Thank you for your incredible generosity. May you know the joy of giving in this season of celebrating the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.



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Don't forget our Confirmation class is just around the corner! Youth confirmands will be taking part in a retreat January 10–12 at Cramer Retreat Center. This is a change from the previously announced dates—so please mark your calendars! Students will need to register for the retreat and class online by Sunday, January 5, at www.westburyumc.org/youth.

When saying our church membership vows we commit our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. But what exactly does this mean? How does Westbury UMC live out its mission, vision and values in this context? To answer these questions and more, the pastors will be offering a class called “The Westbury Way” on Sunday, January 19, after worship, in Room W203. If you are a new church member, thinking of becoming a member or if you're a new follower of Christ, then join us for this 2-hour class. A complimentary lunch will be served. RSVP to the church office at 713-723-0175.

We have the honor of hosting the Centenary College Choir in worship on Sunday, January 19. Organized in 1941 on the campus of Centenary College in Shreveport, LA, the Choir has concertized throughout the world, giving concerts in 32 nations on six continents. Their 2013–14 tour program exemplifies the unique nature of the Choir's programming with the theme, “There and Back Again,” presenting a musical journey of creation. You don't want to miss them singing in worship here at Westbury!

Children will somersault and leap their way through an obstacle course in Humphrey Hall for our Sunday School Social on Sunday, January 19, from noon to 1 pm. Families are invited to stay after worship for a hot dog lunch and active play in the gym! For more details or to help out, contact Hillary Peete, Director of Children's and Family Ministries, at hillary1@westburyumc.org or 713-723-0175.

December 29, 2013–January 5, 2014

Sunday, December 29, 2013		
9:30 am	Sunday School (check with class leader to check your schedule)	All Classrooms
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Adoración en Español	Chapel
5–7 pm	No Youth Activities	Humphrey Hall
Monday, December 30, 2013		
Church offices closed		
Tuesday, December 31, 2013 (New Year's Eve)		
Church offices OPEN for end-of-year donations from 10 am–2pm		
Wednesday, January 1, 2014 (New Year's Day)		
Church offices closed		
Thursday, January 2, 2014		
Church offices OPEN from 8 am–5 pm		
Friday, January 3, 2014		
Church offices closed		
Saturday, January 4, 2014		
No church activities		
Sunday, January 5, 2014		
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)	All Classrooms
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Adoración en Español	Chapel
5–7 pm	Youth Activities	Humphrey Hall



The church offices will be closed on December 30 and January 1. Offices will be open briefly on December 31 from 10 am–2 pm to receive end-of-year donations. Normal office hours from 8 am–5 pm will be observed on January 2 and Friday closure will occur as usual on January 3.

STARTING JANUARY 19, 2014

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