

NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM JASON

What a wonderful job you all have done at being Christ's church through the Thanksgiving Holiday season! The Food Pantry, because of your generous support, was able to provide Thanksgiving Dinner to more than 50 families in November! That comes out to 130 people that otherwise would not have been able to eat a traditional Thanksgiving meal – what an incredible church you are! It always amazes me what a congregation of people can do when it pulls together and decides something is worth supporting. We should all feel good about what we have done for the good of God's Kingdom through our love and outreach to those in need. Seeing such response makes me incredibly optimistic about the spirit and future of this great church and gives me confidence that God will continue to provide opportunities for us to bless others through our ministry, and that we will continue to respond with enthusiasm!

Worship is one of the most important ways we minister to people through Christ's church, and this Christmas promises to be a very special season of worship at Silver Creek. The next four Sundays we will be focusing on getting ready for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day. To do this, we are going to be digging deep into the Bible to look

at the reasons the world needed Jesus so badly. As we dig into the culture and events of the ancient world, we will also be digging deep into our own lives and discovering the ways in which the coming of Christ at Christmas is a very relevant source of hope for us as well. Four of the most powerful promises that God made to Israel prior to Jesus' coming were justice, purity, restoration, and peace. I believe that God fulfilled all four of these promises through Jesus Christ and has changed the world as a result. The world needs Jesus now more than ever. Christmas is a grand opportunity to rediscover how a relationship with him can make a world of difference.

The days leading up to Christmas, which begin today and continue through Christmas Eve, are known as Advent. The purpose of Advent is the preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. We do so much to get ready for Christmas in the physical sense (shopping, decorating, party planning) yet often neglect the most important preparation of all: the preparation of our heart. For too many of us, Christmas has become a stressful time of busy work and gift buying and fighting traffic and crowds to do last-minute shopping. I know our house is full of decorations and our calendar is full of Christmas parties and special events! Please do not let the message of Christmas escape you this year. I hope that you will use church this season to re-center yourself on the true meaning of this holiday and that the true blessing of Christmas will find you in a powerful way.

See you Sunday,
Jason

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Prayer Concerns
 Tom Schlueter's Father
 Pat Monroe

To contribute to this feature of your newsletter,
 please call concerns to the church office at
 817-444-1382.

Official SCUMC Nametags
 The first order of magnetic nametags has arrived and been distributed. Be sure to wear yours each time you come to church. If you haven't ordered yours yet, see Nancy Foust.

Christmas Cards
 If you would like to participate in the Christmas card exchange with Silver Creek church friends, please prepare your cards and place them in the basket in the foyer, starting Sunday, December 3rd thru Thursday, December 14th. The cards will be delivered at church on Sunday, December 17th.
 Questions: Call Lana 817-448-8636
 Paula 817-444-1404

Children's Church Volunteers
 The schedule for volunteers to help Karen with the children's church during the 11:00 am service is being prepared for 2007. If you would like to be added or removed from the list, please contact Leanne at 817-444-8883 or leannemathis@yahoo.com by December 15th.

Volleyball
 The Sports Committee is working on a volleyball league to be played at SCUMC gym. It will run through Jan and Feb. and games will be played on Saturday. Please call Bill/Nancy Davis, 817-444-7446, if you are interested in playing. (No need to call if you signed up on Sunday, Nov. 26)

	Attendance		Offerings		
	Worship		S. S.	Budget	Other
	A.M.	P.M.			
Nov. 5	90	23	34	\$ 2812.16	25.00 Mex Missions 30.00 Food Pantry
Nov. 12	89	52	27	\$ 2278.29	30.00 Food Pantry
Nov. 19	100	26	36	\$ 2108.40	105.00 Special 745.00 Feed Children
Nov. 26	85	20	32	\$ 3597.11	67.00 Feed Children

Children's Corner

Lessons for December:

Sunday School Children's Church

December 3

The Angel's Message Saint Nicholas

December 10

Mary Visits Elizabeth Christmas Angels

December 17

Journey to Bethlehem NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
LESSON IN CAROLS

December 24

The Birth & Shepherds Christmas Shepherds

December 31

The Wise Men Stars for Epiphany

Welcome New Members

Joining Silver Creek UMC in Oct:

Dr. Nilon & Jo Tallant

Mid-Stream

MidStream begins each Wednesday with dinner at 5:30 pm. Be sure to sign the reservation sheet posted in the church foyer if you plan to eat. Menus for December:

Dec. 6 Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Dec. 13 Mexican meatloaf, Salad, Spanish rice,
Dessert

Dec. 20 Turkey casserole, Green beans, Bread,
Dessert

Dec. 27 Sweet/Sour meatballs, Rice, Salad,
Dessert

Submit your newsletter articles by the last Sunday each month to Cheryl Sims. You can also send it by email to: newsletter@silvercreekumc.org.

Christmas Play

The Children's Christmas Play," The Twelve Days of Christmas," will be December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. After the play, we will have cookies with a special guest in the Fellowship Hall. Parents - please bring a gift (less than \$5) for your child. The gift should be wrapped and labeled to your child from Santa. The special guest will deliver the gift to your child that evening.

The next practice will be Saturday, December 9th, at 10:00 a.m. Please call Laurie Smith at 817-448-9328 with questions.

Hello Silver Creek,

I just wanted to thank you all for being such a welcoming and loving congregation. As most of you know, I am the new director of youth ministries for Silver Creek. This is a new and exciting time in my life and for your church as well, and I know God has some awesome things in store for all of us here at Silver Creek.

Plans are being made to do some great things for the church and the community. We will go help out the food pantry in Fort Worth at First United Methodist downtown, go on at least one mission trip during the summer, and have numerous activities such as paintball and camping.

God has blessed me by being able to be a part of your faith community, and I am extremely grateful for that. I look forward to not only getting to know all of the youth in our church, but also each of you. If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Take care & God Bless,
Robert Goodrich

Dinner Party

The annual adult progressive dinner will be January 13th. We will start at the first house at 6:00 pm with appetizers. From there we will go to the second location for the main course and then on to the Hamilton's for dessert. We need volunteers to host the appetizers and the main course as well as volunteers to help the hosts. Look for the sign up sheet in the back foyer.

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

Choir practice 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Youth: 4:00 p.m.

Synergy Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

MidStream Family Night 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Synergy rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Playday 10:00—11:30 a.m. (alternate weeks)

Saturdays:

Food Pantry Open 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Church work/cleanup day, sponsored by United Methodist Men - 8:00 a.m.

All church members invited. (fourth Saturday of each month)

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