



Silver Creek UMC Newsletter

April 2007

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A Word From Jason

For the last six weeks we have been preparing for Easter. In the spirit of humility and self-sacrifice we, together, have given ourselves to discipline and have set out to discover what those disciplines free us from. Together, we have looked at the ancient disciplines of study, prayer, simplicity, fasting, and service. Many of you joined me on Saturday, March 24, in a church-wide fast and then came to worship hungry. One of the youth carried this out even further and went a full seven days without food! On Palm Sunday, we look at Jesus' triumphal entry as well as his suffering and arrest. Together, we suffer with him.

Why do we do this? We do this because the Bible teaches us that in order to participate in the resurrection of Christ, we must first participate (symbolically) in the death of Christ. Lent reminds us that life is not always celebration – that with the high times there are low times. God is with us in both. Jesus suffered so that we could have life.

Jesus' suffering makes him more accessible to us because it demonstrates to us that the God we worship knows what it is to bear a cross, to feel pain, to feel anxiety, to feel stress. Jesus bore all of our hurts and shortcomings as he hung from the cross on the hill called Golgotha.

Together, we have sought to bring ourselves to a point of humility over the past six weeks that would somehow prepare us for an event that has changed the world (and our lives) forever. Next week, when you come to worship, come prepared to celebrate the way one celebrates at the end of a long drought. Next week, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as a church family, come as though you are coming to a feast after not having eaten in forty days. Next week, come prepared to celebrate hope after forty days of darkness.

Jesus' death and resurrection is more than a historical event. It is a powerful symbol of what God does for us through faith. As we "die" with Christ through Lent and Good Friday, those things that hold us back die with us. As we "rise" with Christ on Easter, so does the Promise of eternal life and the acceptance of all things that are Good. Rise and shine with us this Sunday, and may you experience the power of the Resurrection!

See You Easter Sunday!

Jason

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Byron Constantine, Lay Member (2) 2007

Kristie Coleman, Lay Member (3) 2007

Synergy Time Change

Starting April 8th the Synergy Service will

**Deep Roots, Tall Branches
Growing in God's Grace**

Capital Campaign

Hi,

Just wanted to thank you for the unanimous vote in favor of the Phase I Addition. I know from experience that you need to set goals as well as plans for the future to work toward or your become dormant and life passes you by. I am excited about the future and all the things it may bring to Silver Creek.

As chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee, I'd like to take a moment and share with you what this great group of individuals are working toward. For the next few weeks, I truly encourage you to participate in all of the up coming events starting with a video presentation. Then, a week or so later a kick-off dinner. And best of all, there is no admission to the movie or any charge for the meal. That's right, they are free for everyone.

Most of all, I ask that we all participate in Prayer for each other and for this church. May all we do further glorify the Kindgom of God here on Earth.

Thanks again, Sam Merck

Prayer List

Joys:

Meaghan Hall had a safe trip to Washington D.C.
Rain

Concerns:

Kristie Coleman
Dad is having heart surgery week of March 18
Military
Geary Family, death of son, Shon
Sue Wilson
Family & Friends of Jake Deal
Employees of Marco Co.
Karen Wortinger - Hodgkin's Disease
Michelle Weaver Family
Martha Dykes
Bob and Janice Miller
Jeremy and Jessica
Theda Reeves, sister of Rubye Langley

Attendance

	<u>SS</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Synergy</u>
March 4	45	107	23
March 11	25	95	65
March 18	32	98	19
March 25	35	116	19

Offerings Received

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>
Budget	\$3860.78	\$1,749.00	\$2,389.00	\$3,045.45
Special	\$71.75		\$569.78	\$573.00
<u>Lord's Acre</u>			<u>\$218.00</u>	

YTD Budget Needs:

YTD Received: *INFORMATION STILL BEING COMPILED - HOPEFULLY TO
Capital Campaign : BE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER*

Up Coming Events

Tabletop Treasures

The Ladies Groups of the United Methodist Women at Silver Creek invite you to the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday May 5th at 11:30 am. There will be a display of china place settings. Ladies, this is a chance to showcase your best tableware. Child care will be provided by the youth. Cost is \$8 per person or \$60 for a 8 guest table. A silent auction and desert auction will also be held. Please RSVP to the Church Office or contact Nancy Foust at 817-480-5945.

Azle Good Neighbors Day Project 2007

Saturday, April 28th

I will be asking for volunteers shortly. The number of workers will be determined by the size of the project. A sponsors meeting will be help on April 9th and I will know more after that date. Look for information in the bulletin as we get closer to the project date.

~Byron Constantine

Women's Retreat

A Women's retreat will be scheduled in October. Watch upcoming newsletters for more info. Contact Nancy Davis 817-444-7446 if you have questions.

*Upcoming
Baby Showers honoring*

*Kristie Coleman
Sunday, April 1st 2pm*

*Melanie Spillman
Sunday, April 22nd 2pm*

*Monica Boyd
Sunday, May 6th 2pm*



Ladies Circle

All ladies are invited to the next monthly meeting of the Ladies Circle of the United Methodist Women on Sunday, April 15th at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having Italian foods for supper, a devotional and a business meeting. See you there!

CHURCH WIDE GARAGE SALE

Friday and Saturday May 18th & 19th
*Donations of toys, furniture and household goods
can be placed in the FLC (no clothes please)*
Time to be determined closer to sale date

Contact Dena Hall 817-444-7439 or
Leanne Mathis 817-444-8883



**Deadline for May
Newsletter
Wednesday, April 25**

April Volunteers

Week of April 1

Nursery Sunday Morning: Steven Swartz
 Nursery Synergy: Nancy Davis
 Nursery Midstream: Chris Campbell
 Pre-School SS: Laurie Smith
 Children SS:
 Youth SS: Ed Schairbaum
 Children's Church: Lana Chance
 Youth Group 4:00: Mike&Leanne Mathis

Week of April 8

Nursery Sunday Morning: Sue Constantine
 Nursery Synergy: Chris Campbell
 Nursery Midstream: Maggie Stednitz
 Pre-School SS: Laurie Smith
 Children SS:
 Youth SS: Ed Schairbaum
 Children's Church: Melissa Hamilton
 Youth Group 4:00: Mike&Leanne Mathis

Week of April 15

Nursery Sunday Morning: Peggie Muir
 Nursery Synergy: Michelle LeMasters
 Nursery Midstream: Maggie Stark
 Pre-School SS: Laurie Smith
 Children SS:
 Youth SS: Ed Schairbaum
 Children's Church: Peggie Muir
 Youth Group 4:00:

Week of April 22

Nursery Sunday Morning: Linda Schairbaum
 Nursery Synergy: Kristie Coleman
 Nursery Midstream: Kristie Coleman
 Pre-School SS: Laurie Smith
 Children SS:
 Youth SS: Ed Schairbaum
 Children's Church: Leanne Mathis
 Youth Group 4:00:

Week of April 29

Nursery Sunday Morning: Cheryl Sims
 Nursery Synergy: Dena Hall
 Nursery Midstream: Kristie Coleman
 Pre-School SS: Laurie Smith
 Children SS:
 Youth SS: Ed Schairbaum
 Children's Church: Linda Schairbaum
 Youth Group 4:00:

Children's Corner

Lessons for April

Sunday School

April 1
Palm Sunday/Holy Week
(Mark 11:1-11)

April 8
The Resurrection
(John 20:1-18)

April 15
Jesus and Thomas
(John 20:19-29)

April 22
Breakfast on the Beach
(John 21:1-19)

April 29
The Great Commission
(Matthew 28:16-20)

Children's Church

Three Cheers
(Mark 11:9)

New Life at Easter
(Matthew 28:6)

Sea Creatures
(Genesis 26:14)

Farm Animals
(Genesis 26:14)

Sharing Food
(1 Samuel 30:12)



Children's Easter Party
Saturday, April 7th 10 am
Fellowship Hall
All eggs welcome!

Each family please bring 12 plastic filled eggs per child. Call Laurie Smith if you have questions 817-448-9328

Vacation Bible School

Lasso these dates on your calendar for VBS: June 24th - 28th, Sunday - Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8:30. Join us at Avalanche Ranch for a wild ride through God's Word. There will be exciting Bible adventures, awesome crafts, tasty treats, cool songs, and amazing games. Check out this neat website for all the details on how you can join the herd:
www.groupvbs.com/myvbs/?churchid=1647



Youth News

Hey Silver Creek,

First off, I want to thank everyone who helped out, as well as attended the Dinner Theater in March. We could not have done it without any of you! I know it may have been very confusing, but rest assured, it was just as confusing to the actors as well (hahaha). Well, we have a lot planned for the next few months, so be sure to keep your ears and eyes open to know what's going on. We have a lock-in coming up soon on Good Friday, Azle Good Neighbor in late April, a soap box derby in late May as well as many other things on the agenda. I will keep you all posted on everything going on. The date of the mission trip is set for July 26-29, and as always, if you have questions what-so-ever, feel free to ask me at church, email me, or just give me a call. As always I look forward to seeing you, especially in worship.

Take care & God Bless,
Robert

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

April 2	Sue McClendon
April 3	Margaret Gwin
April 5	Daniel Sims
April 23	Charles Gwin

We would love to include everyone's birthday and wedding anniversaries in the newsletter. *Years are not required!* Please email or call Mica with your birthday and anniversary dates. Thank you!

Silver Creek United Methodist Church will host a bake sale, as a fund raiser, for Keturah Sims, our own caring, loving nursery angel. Keturah will be walking 60 miles during the *3-Day for Breast Cancer* in October. The bake sale will be on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th right after church. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer soon, if you would like to donate something for the bake sale. Contact Linda Schairbaum 817-441-7157 or Nancy Davis 817-444-7446 for more information.

COMPETITION TO NAME THE NEWSLETTER

"Silver Creek UMC Newsletter" needs a new name! The office staff has decided to hold a competition to find a new name for the newsletter. Any and all suggestions will be considered and the winner will have their name appear along with the newly selected title in the May newsletter. Please submit ideas to the office or email Jason or Mica.

Memorials to the Church

<i>In memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Mr. Robert L. Shauck, Sr.	Leon & Mary Lou



April 1 Palm Sunday, All services regular times
April 4 Mid-Stream 5:30 - 7:30 pm
April 5 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
April 6 Good Friday Service, Aledo UMC 6:30 pm
April 7 Children's Easter Party 10:00 am
April 8 Sunrise Service 7:30 am
 Breakfast , Fellowship Hall 8:15am
 Synergy Service 9:00 am
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Traditional Service 11:00 am

A Note from Mica

- I have truly enjoyed my first month at Silver Creek UMC and look forward to many, many more. Everyone has been so kind to me. This church has a such a sweet spirit that our Lord can only continue to bless you. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome.
- Also, I would like to compile a list of volunteers to man the office, in case of an emergency or personal days - before the need arises. If you are available to be an office volunteer please call or email me. Please be sure to let me know what days are best for you!

*If you have information that you would like included in the newsletter please email it to
newsletter@silvercreekumc.org*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION Youth confirmation 10am Kristie C. baby shower 2pm	2	3	4 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm Synergy Rhrsal 7pm	5 MAUNDY THUR SERVICE 7pm	6 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed Good Friday Srv. Aledo UMC 6:30pm	7 Children's Easter Party 10am 10am-12 pm Food Pantry
8 EASTER Sunrise Srv. 7:30am B'fast 8:15 am Synergy 9am Sunday School 10 am Traditional 11 am	9	10 UMW 10 am	11 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm Synergy Rehearsal 7pm	12	13	14 10am-12pm Food Pantry
15 9am Synergy 10 am Youth Confirmation Ladies Circle 5pm	16	17	18 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm Synergy Rhrsal 7pm	19	20	21 10am-12pm Food Pantry
22 9am Synergy 10 am Youth Confirmation 2pm Melanie Spillman baby shower	23	24	25 Mid-Stream Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm Synergy Rhrsal 7pm	26	27 10-11:30 am Mom & Children Play day	28 8 am UMM Breakfast/Workday Azle Good Neighbor Slover Reunion 10am-12pm Food Pantry
29 9am Synergy 10am Youth Confirmation	30					

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

Choir Practice	9:15 - 9:45 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
Traditional Worship	11:00 am
Youth	4:00 pm
Ladies Circle of UMW	4:30 pm (third Sunday)
Synergy Worship (<i>starting 4/8 9:00am</i>)	9:00 am

Tuesday

Weekday Circle of UMW	10:00 am (second Tuesday)
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Wednesday

Mid-Stream Dinner	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Bible Study	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Synergy Rehearsal	7:30 pm

Friday

Mom & Kids Play day	10:00 - 11:30 (last Friday)
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Saturday

Food Pantry Open	10 am - 12 noon
UM Men Church workday	8:00 am

(all church members invited fourth Saturday)

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