

## SAVE THE DATES

**6.16 - 6.21 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP | New Orleans, LA**  
Join the youth (9th-12th graders) for a week of work in the Big Easy to repair and restore homes and share a week serving and being served. Adult leaders also needed! Pick up a registration form in the Justin and return it by May 19th. Questions? E-mail Brenda (bkegans@myfumc.org).

**7.14 - 7.19 MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP | Waco, TX**  
Middle School students (6th – 8th graders) will head south to spend a week in service to the people and city. Adults needed for this trip! To register, pick up a form in the Justin Building and return it to the Youth Office by June 16th. Questions? Email Brenda Kegans at bkegans@myfumc.org.

## BAPTISM



**Molly Katherine McDermott**, daughter of Tim and Emily McDermott; granddaughter of Rev. Tom and Rev. Linda McDermott

## KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Larry Eason, John Crawford, Al Stephens, Jean Webb, Pat Manriquez, Beverly Taylor, Michael Jaffee, Herschel Winn, Rev. Phyllis McDougal

## IN MEMORIAM

Betty Kennedy  
Ken Tunnell  
Mary Evelyn Dillard Vail

## TEACHERS & TOPICS

Classes Meeting on Sunday, May 19

- Aldersgate Couples** | Room 333 | 9:30 am  
Hear God's Word | Samantha Shrauner
- Cana Disciples** | Room 332 | 9:30 am
- Covenant** | Room 331 | 9:30 am | Jim Abel
- Creative Couples** | Room 321 | 9:45 am  
God's Unconditional Love | Rev. Larry Grubb
- Downtown Singles** | Room 340-341 | 11:00 am  
Back by Popular Demand | Carl Stenger
- Genesis Couples** | Room 351 | 9:45 am | Felecia and Brian Eaton
- Good Neighbors** | Room 334 | 11:00 am | Raymond Best
- 8:30 am In-Depth Bible Study** | Room 350 | Dr. Lamar Smith  
*A Resurrection Story*
- Inquirers** | Room 352 | 9:30 am | Moses (Part I) | Karl Alexander
- Journey** | Room 230 | 10:00 am | Joy | Shelly Green
- Koinonia** | Room 224 | 9:30 am
- Loyalty** | Room 334 | 9:30 am | Wayne Owen
- New Horizon Singles** | Room 231 | 9:30 am  
We Are All in This Together | Philip Hennen
- New Passages** | Room 352 | 11:00 am
- Partners** | Room 320 | 9:30 am
- Sojourners** | Room 335 | 9:30 am | FUMC Media Update  
Melinda Smoot, Director of Communications
- Trinity Fellowship** | Room 340-341 | 9:30 am
- Twosome** | Room 154 | 9:30 am | Dr. Gil Ferrell
- Veriditas** | Room 272F (Foundation Building) | 9:30 am  
*It's Really All About God* by Samir Selmanovic
- Wesley Bible** | Room 350 | 9:30 am | Dr. Ron Ballard
- Young Couples** | Room 336 | 9:45 am | Molly & Tom Hardgrove  
Seeking God Together

*NOTE: If the class you are interested in does not list topics or teachers for this month, we did not receive the information prior to deadline.*



## Loving God, Serving People, and Transforming Lives — in Ever-Widening Circles

Friends,

Sunday will be a very special day in the life of our church. You will have the opportunity to meet Lance Marshall and hear him preach. You will have the opportunity to learn about our upcoming outreach as we start another worshipping community of our church — a satellite congregation in most likely the West Seventh Street or Magnolia area.

Lance Marshall will be appointed at Annual Conference to our church staff to start this worshipping community in partnership with the Central Texas Annual Conference. This new community will not be a separate church, but a part of First United Methodist Church.

It is in keeping with the nature of the Church and of our congregation in particular that we are taking this step. When the church relocated from 4th and Jones to Taylor and Seventh and when the congregation relocated from Taylor and

the church was taking steps to reach new people. Now, in continuity with the vision of those who went before us, we are extending the reach of our congregation in a new way — with another worshipping community in another place.

In the first chapter of Acts, the Risen Christ gives the Church a new commission: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth." When you look at a map, you can see that what he was saying was, "You will be my witnesses beginning where you are and moving out in ever-widening circles." In continuity with that commission, we will be witnesses at 5th and Henderson, the new campus area, the Internet, and in every way and every place that we can be witnesses to the Living Christ.

Our clergy, staff and lay leadership of our church are excited about this new opportunity for reaching the unchurched in our own area — mostly young adults — who would not otherwise be reached by our church's ministries. This bold and exciting step was unanimously approved by the Charge Conference on Sunday, April 28.

If this news is new to you, then you have a lot of questions. Many of you will want to know how you can help. I will address some of your questions and give you an initial way you can help on Sunday. Look for more details, information and answers to your questions in the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

*(Meet Lance Marshall, continued)*

(he's OK now!), his company went out of business, he lost his health insurance, they lost a substantial sum of money due to a bank error, and finished the year with identity theft on Christmas Eve. "I don't think it's any coincidence that after I committed myself to following God, every other facet of my 'successful life' fell away, leaving me with nothing to focus on but God," he says.

As Lance continued to follow his call to ministry, the question became: how would he fit his calling into in the ordination process? "I knew right away my place was in urban communities," he said, "focusing on evangelizing, growing the community of Christ, and reaching people who don't think church is relevant to them."

The Marshalls put down their roots in Downtown Fort Worth. Elizabeth went to work for nearby YWCA, and Lance began his ministry at White's Chapel UMC as communications director, where he focused on storytelling through writing, speaking, photography, videos, mission trips and



evangelism. Their son Henry was born in Fort Worth in 2012. At the same time, his journey through illness and healing led his passion for urban evangelism to a new level of authenticity.

"I feel like the term 'un-churched' can strike people as unfair," Lance shrugs. "Many of these people feel alienated from the church

already; we need to focus on what we have in common with our neighbors, and use that relationship to share our life-giving message with the community," he says. "I guess I recognize a lot of my old corporate self in this

West Seventh community," he adds, "it's a way of life that gets caught up in chasing corporate success and the American Dream — but there's a spiritual hole that isn't being filled up."

Answering this call, and weaving it with his personal experience and passion, Lance says he is delighted to lead our new FUMC campus into a unique area of ministry we are not currently reaching. "We are a source of great hope to so many of our neighbors," he says.

This Sunday Lance will be looking with us at the great gift of the Holy Spirit — and the unique ways in which the Holy Spirit has uniquely empowered each of us to minister to certain groups of people. In preparation for Pentecost Sunday, Lance asks each of us:

***"Who are the people you are especially empowered and gifted to reach?"***

## THIS SUNDAY: MEET LANCE MARSHALL

### "Who has God prepared you for?"



To be appointed at our upcoming Annual Conference and charged with leading First Church Fort Worth into a new area of outreach ministry to our Downtown community, Lance Marshall brings the fire and excitement of his passion for serving urban communities to our staff on Pentecost Sunday.

Born in Houston, Lance grew up in Colleyville and graduated from Grapevine High School. He graduated from University of Texas with a degree in corporate communications, moved to Chicago and began a promising sales career with a global technology company. But there was a hole in his life that couldn't be filled with professional and personal success.

He was raised in the faith, and he began to reconnect with his passion for following Christ and community service. Soon he and his wife, Elizabeth (his high school sweetheart) discovered another passion: serving urban communities. They got active in Epiphany United Church of Christ (UCC), a congregation they chose because of its neighborhood connection. "Everyone at that church literally lived in a four-block radius," he said. "This sense of urban community," he is quick to add, "has been my vision of church ever since."

Fast forward to 2009, when Lance began to follow a call to ordained ministry. During the space of this year, Lance and Elizabeth moved back to Texas, he was diagnosed with a serious illness

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# FUMC WEEKLY

## THIS SUNDAY Traditional Worship

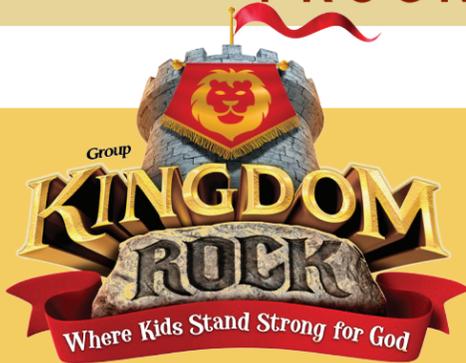
**"Who has God prepared you for?"**  
Lance Marshall  
9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary

**DiscipleChurch**  
Rev. Brooks Harrington  
8:30 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

**Chapel Communion Service**  
Dr. Len Delony  
10:30 – 11:00 am  
Leonard Memorial Chapel

**eleven:eleven celebration**  
"No Half Hearts"  
Charles Gaby, MA, LPC  
11:11 am | Wesley Hall

## ♦ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ♦



**COME ROCK WITH US  
THIS SUMMER AT VBS!**  
Register NOW!

Mark your calendars for KINGDOM ROCK, Where Kids Stand Strong for God! Kingdom Rock is the awesome Vacation Bible School experience offered at FUMC this summer. Kingdom Rock VBS begins on Monday, July 8th and finishes with a huge celebration on Sunday morning, July 14th.

Kingdom Rock will encourage your children to explore God's incredible love for them. As children are surrounded by a colossal castle theme and the usual cast of silly characters, they will journey through Bible stories that teach them about God's love, their family, prayer, trust, and God's Word all helping them to Stand Strong! They will experience a fanfare of fun music and dancing, epic Bible stories, creative crafts, yummy snacks, and so much more.

What makes this year's VBS even more awesome? Online Registration and Payment through our website is available now! We no longer need the medical form notarized, so just print it off, fill it out, and send it in. We have made it easy and convenient, so REGISTER TODAY! You will also find much more helpful information and details about Kingdom Rock VBS on our website, [www.groupvbspro.com](http://www.groupvbspro.com).

We can't wait to see your children's shining, happy faces this summer as we ROCK at FUMC VBS! And remember, grown ups are welcome to come rock too! Volunteer Registration is also available on our website.

If you have a problem with registration or payment, please contact Nikki McInnis at 817-339-5086.

Pass this along to any friends — even if they're not involved at FUMC — we would love to have them too!

### JOIN US FOR THE "SECOND MILE"

Our "second-mile" Easter Offering opportunity ends THIS SUNDAY — and if you haven't yet made your contribution, we invite you to join your church family in support of this vital part of Jesus' ministry. In sharing God's love through mission and outreach to people living in need, every contribution (no matter how small) helps us make a big difference in the lives of those we serve. Special Offering envelopes are in the pew pockets in the Sanctuary (or you can simply designate "Second Mile Easter Offering" on your check), or visit [www.myfumc.org](http://www.myfumc.org) to give online.

### 5.19 - 6.9 LIVING THROUGH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

9:30 - 10:45 am

2nd Floor, Foundation Building

This group is free of charge, with no registration required, and is open to anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one. Charme Robarts, First Street Methodist Mission Caseworker, will lead the group. You may purchase an optional guidebook for \$5 in the Adult Education Office or at the workshop. For more information, contact Charme Robarts ([crobarts@firststreetmission.org](mailto:crobarts@firststreetmission.org)) at 817/335-6080 or Rev. Phyllis McDougal ([pmcdougal@myfumc.org](mailto:pmcdougal@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5082.



### WEDNESDAYS: LECTIO DIVINA

9:00 - 9:30 am | Room 147

Join us for this ancient practice of praying the Scriptures with the "ear of the heart," as if in conversation with God in which God suggests the topics for discussion. Includes reading, reflection response and resting in the Word of God to nourish and deepen our relationship with the Divine. For more information, contact Len Delony ([ldelony@myfumc.org](mailto:ldelony@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5099.

### 5.19, 5.26 & 6.2 SUMMER STUDIES REGISTRATION

9:30 am - noon | Adult Education Office

Register on these Sundays or anytime during the week by contacting Gayle Ammerman ([gammerman@myfumc.org](mailto:gammerman@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5091.



### 5.29 MAY GOOD BOOK CLUB

6:15 - 7:30 pm | Children's Wing

Our May 29 Good Book Club meeting will welcome nationally-known children's authors David Davis and Jan Peck to read to our kiddos (two of their books are Good Book Club selections for the spring), sign books (available for purchase that evening), and lead a writing mini-workshop for our children Grade 1 and up. Please note that with these special guests, our May meeting will go an extra 15 minutes, ending at 7:30.

**Kindergarten and Younger** – *Harold and the Purple Crayon* written and illustrated by Crockett Johnson.

**1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade** – *The Green Mother Goose* by Jan Peck and David Davis, illustrated by Carin Berger.

**4th Grade and Older** – *Lives of the Writers: Comedies, Tragedies (and what the Neighbors Thought)* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt.

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### MAY MISSION SUNDAYS: SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, DEODORANT

Throughout May, please bring family size shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and deodorant to the Mission during regular donation hours during the week (Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm) or to the Welcome Center on Sundays. Be part of our service to those in need by participating in monthly Mission Sundays.



### 6.7 - 6.9 | HIGHER LOVE WEEKEND: BASIC TRAINING FOR THE HEART

Stillwater Lodge | Glen Rose

It's not too late to sign up for this relationship-changing weekend retreat led by Charles Gaby, MA, LPC, but registration closes soon. All inclusive cost is \$245 per person. Contact Marianne Wilson ([mwilson@myfumc.org](mailto:mwilson@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5071.



### THIS SUNDAY | 5.19 YOUTH BANQUET Wesley Hall | 6:30 pm | Dressy Attire \$14 per person

All youth are invited to celebrate another great school year and another year of great memories with the youth group. We have a Hawaiian luau theme and a menu sure to make you say "Aloha!" Join us for dinner, laughs, and the famous "Justee" Awards. RSVP by e-mail to Casey ([clangley@myfumc.org](mailto:clangley@myfumc.org)).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIM PARTY May 31 | Time TBD

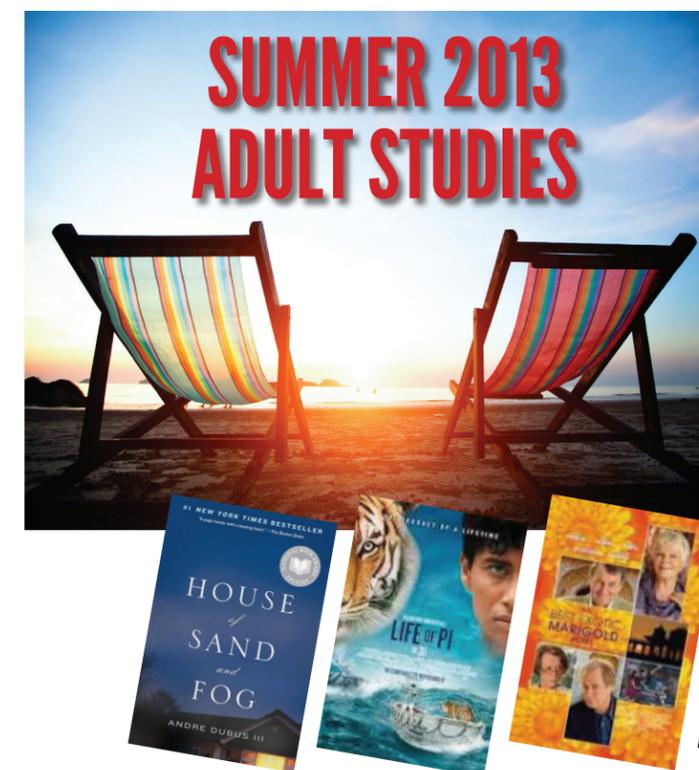
Ready for school to be over? If you're in middle school, come swim with us at the Richardson's house Friday evening to hang out and celebrate the end of another school year. Snacks will be available. Make sure you bring a towel!



## DR. KENDA CREASY DEAN

Sunday, June 9 | 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Please plan to join us as we welcome Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean for a one-time seminar. Kenda is a United Methodist pastor, a professor of youth and culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, and the author of *Almost Christian: What the Faith of American Teenagers is Telling the Church*. She is also this year's Central Texas Annual Conference teacher. For more information about this program, Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, or *Almost Christian: What the Faith of American Teenagers is Telling the Church*, please contact Casey Langley, Director of Youth Ministries ([clangley@myfumc.org](mailto:clangley@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5070.



## MOVIES, BOOKS & THEOLOGY



Wednesday Morning | 9:30 - 11:00 am

Rev. Phyllis McDougal will lead this great summer study to examine how God's presence is always around us and see how God moves in and through our world. The group is open all summer, so come when you can!

Register in the Adult Education Office or contact Gayle Ammerman ([gammerman@myfumc.org](mailto:gammerman@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5091. Scholarships and childcare available.