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NEWS FOR KIDS

It is almost time to spread the good news! Final rehearsal for the Easter program will be Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00am which will also include an egg hunt, to begin at 12:30pm and loads of fun. Hope to see you there!



The Children's Ministry is inviting the church family to come and support the children of the church in their Easter presentation, "Good News, He is Risen! This will be Easter Sunday morning, March 23rd at 8:30am in the HPUMC (CLC) Christian Life Center. Come out and listen as they spread the news about the love of Christ!

The Children's Ministry wishes to thank all who donated plastic eggs and candy for our egg hunt. We greatly appreciate it! May God continue to bless you real good!

Pioneer Club resumes on Wed. March 26th. Don't forget Pioneer Club members, bring a friend! If you have never joined us, come on, we would love to have you!

Married Couples

Let's get together for a weekend of fun, fun, fun!

First, instead of watching Dancing with the Stars, you are invited to be the Dance Stars right here in Dallas on Friday night, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. when we take dance lessons for only \$10 per person at Tango and Cha Cha's - 13380 Preston Road.

Afterward, you will go home to your comfy beds and be prepared the next morning, Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. to come ease those achy muscles with spa treatments at Hands On Approach Spa (next door to Tango and Cha Cha's). A \$20 per person deposit is required for the spa treatments that average \$40 per person.

After the spa treatments, we will our bodies with delicious lunch that averages \$10 per person.

If you are ready to put on your dancing shoes then ease those achy muscles, please RSVP and get your deposit to Jackie Ford immediately. You may reach her at 972-380-9512.

Submissions for the April 4th edition of The Word are due by Saturday, March 28. Please contact Mary Dedeaux-Swinton - marydedeaux.swinton@gmail.com for additional information.

Holy Week March 16 - 23, 2008

Maundy Thursday March 20

Foot Washing Worship Service 7:00 PM
Location: Sanctuary



Good Friday - March 21 - Holy Communion

7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Location: Prayer Room

Stripping of the Altar Worship Service

7:00 PM
Location: Sanctuary



Easter Sunday - March 23

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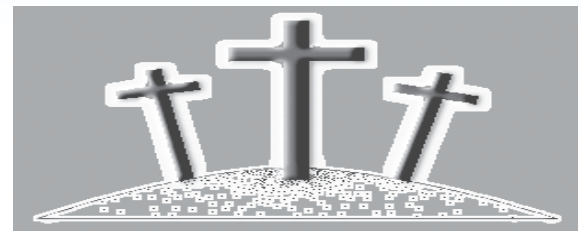
6:00 AM
Location: Schroeder Road Parking Lot
(If inclement Weather, service will be held in the Sanctuary)

Children's Easter Program

8:30 AM (Christian Life Center)

Unity Service

9:45 AM
Location: Sanctuary



Altar and Flower Guild - Calendar 2008

The Altar and Flower Guild is now taking request for the 2008 Altar Calendar. Member who are interest in placing floral arrangement on the Altar, Vestibule or the Choral Gallery in Honor or in Memory of a love one; please call Carolyn Madere at 214.348.0228 or e-mail her at cwmadere@sbcglobal.net.



Prayer List

Mr. Joseph Armant
 Mrs. Vassie Bell
 Mr. Hardy H. Bouyer
 Mrs. Thelma Calhoun
 Mr. Louise Caver
 Mr. Adolphus Chinn
 Ms. Sherrie Hendon Clark
 Miss Christia Daniels
 Mr. Joe Davis
 Ms. Sayde Gee
 Mr. Lawrence Fowlks
 Dr. Willie Fowlks
 Mr. Eric Heeter
 Ms. Glenda Hendon
 Mr. Michael Hendon
 Mr. Andrew Herndon
 Ms. Sherrie Herndon Clark
 Mrs. Margaret Houston
 Mr. Thomas Jefferson
 Mrs. Emma Johnson
 Ms. Joyce Johnson
 Mrs. Mamie Johnson
 Mrs. Opal Johnson
 Mr. SeTroy Knight
 Mrs. Beverly Knighten
 Mrs. Jean Lawrence
 Ms. Celia J. Lewis
 Mrs. Thelma Lewis
 Mrs. Lyndia Lucas
 Mr. Kelly Marzett
 Miss Dana Nickson
 Dr. Janet Bell Odom
 Mrs. Verginia Onyebueze
 Mr. Reuben Payne
 Mrs. Martha Hill Pickens
 Mr. Clabon Pleasant
 Mrs. Martha Pruitt
 Mr. Lincoln Robertson
 Mr. Charlie Robinson
 Mrs. Sarah Rogers
 Ms. Carol Scantlebury
 Mr. Elbert Smith
 Mr. Philip Smith
 Mrs. Sylvia Spottswood
 Mrs. Ollie Suds
 Ms. Faye Stewart
 Ms. Shamesha Taylor
 Mrs. Mae Helen Toliver
 Mr. Clyde West
 Mrs. Hattie Williams
 Mr. Willie Williams
 Mrs. Alfradia Wilson
 Mr. Henry Wilson, Jr.
 Rev. T. W. Woods, Sr.

***Pray for our troops and all
 members of the United States
 Military***

***Pray for healing in the
 Darfur region***



Hamilton Park UMC NEWS YOUTH Parents CAN USE

Event Calendar

March 23, 2008 (Sun)	Sacred Dance Team Performs
March 28- 30 (Fri-Sun)	Dance Workshop Back to the Basics Workshop: Friday-5:30-10:00, Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm - Lunch provided \$10.00/youth Sunday, March 30th - 4:00pm Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church 1819 North Washington Ave Dallas, TX 75204
March 30, 2008 (Sun)	Favor Sings
April 6, 2008 (Sun)	Crop Walk for Hungry Service Project – 1:00 pm
April 11-12 (Fri-Sat)	Liturgical Dance Workshop/ HPUMC
April 13, 2008 (Sun)	UMYF Meeting Candidates Speeches/ CLC 1:00pm
April 16, 2008 (Tues)	Feeding the Homeless – 6:15 pm
April 19th 2008 (Sat)	Usher Workshop 9:00am – 12:00pm
April 20, 2008 (Sun)	Youth Elections /CLC
April 25-27, 2008 (Fri-Sun)	30 Hour Famine
April 26, 2008 (Sat)	Nothing But Net / Ft Worth
April 27, 2008 (Sun)	Youth Usher

From Our Members

Saints of Hamilton Park:
 Thank you for your cards, calls, plants, and heartfelt prayers and thoughts while I was ill. To lose good health, however brief or long the period, is a faith journey. For my family and me, this was a journey made easier because of you.

Sincerely,
 W. B. Fowlks



With gratitude, we thank you for your kind expression of sympathy.

From the Family of Frances Estelle Roque
 (Terrance and Dee Hardison)



To Hamilton Park UMC,
 Thank you for the support and encouraging words during the loss of my grandmother Rosa Collins.

Deepest thanks and love to all from the Collins Family
 (Catina Powell)



To the Pastors and Members of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church:
 Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, phone calls, words of encouragement and prayers after the death of my uncle. It's so wonderful to have a church family as thoughtful and caring as you are. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Lulene and Chuck Roberson

Church News From Around The World

VATICAN CITY (Religion News Service)—Catholic and Muslim leaders have announced a new Catholic-Muslim Forum to regularize dialogue between the two faiths and soothe lingering tensions sparked by a papal speech in late 2006.

The initiative's first effort will be a two-day summit at the Vatican in November on the theme of "Love of God and Love of Neighbor" attended by 24 scholars and leaders from each side. A meeting with Pope Benedict XVI is expected to close the summit.

Relations have been tense since September 2006, when the pope seemed to link Islam with violence, and invoked a medieval text that called the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad "evil and inhuman." Last fall, 138 Muslim scholars sent an open letter to the pope, appealing for dialogue, saying "if Muslims and Christians are not at peace, the world cannot be at peace."

RICHMOND, Va. (Associated Press)—More than 60 faith leaders from across Virginia have joined environmental groups in urging Gov. Timothy M. Kaine to oppose a coal-fired power plant that Dominion Virginia Power wants to build in Wise County.

The ministers, rabbis and theologians signed onto a letter to the governor from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, one of the environmental groups leading the fight against the proposed plant in southwest Virginia.

The religious leaders state in the letter to Mr. Kaine that speaking out against the coal-fired plant is their moral responsibility as part of their "good stewardship of God's creation."

INDIANAPOLIS (Disciples News Service)—An active Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) leader in Tennessee is a winner of an advocacy award to attend the nation's largest annual gathering of U.S. and international Christian peace and justice activists at Ecumenical Advocacy Days.

Alison Lanza, a member of Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville, will attend the events in Washington, D.C., from March 7-10. She is one of 10 persons chosen by the humanitarian agency, Church World Service (CWS).

The awards are bestowed upon local poverty and hunger activists who have shown exceptional leadership in the global humanitarian agency's poverty and hunger fighting campaigns.

NEW YORK (Associated Press)—Fr. Michael Heller, a prolific Polish scientist, author and Roman Catholic priest who bridges disciplines to explore the origins of the universe, was named on March 12 as winner of a religion award billed as the world's richest annual prize given to an individual.

Dr. Heller, 72, a philosophy professor at the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow, Poland, won the 2008 Templeton Prize.

Dr. Heller said in a statement that he intends to spend his winnings—worth more than \$1.6 million on developing an academic center in Krakow devoted to research and education in science and theology.

AUSTIN, Texas (Associated Press)—A federal judge has prohibited the Round Rock school district from allowing students to vote on whether to have prayers at graduation.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks is included in an agreement reached by the school district and Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The Washington-based group sued the school district in August on behalf of six parents and a former student.

The suit was prompted by a majority of seniors at McNeil, Round Rock and Stony Point high schools who decided to have prayers at their graduations. Most students who cast ballots at Westwood High School voted against an invocation at commencement.

WASHINGTON (Religion News Service)—A math professor has been fired from California State University East Bay after she added the word "nonviolently" in a state-mandated oath of allegiance.

Marianne Kearney-Brown, a Quaker, lost her job after only six weeks by modifying the state's Oath of Allegiance to the Constitution, which is required of all elected officials and public employees, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. "I honor the Constitution, and I support the Constitution," Ms. Kearney-Brown told the newspaper. "But I want it on record that I defend it nonviolently."

Ms. Kearney-Brown, as a veteran public school math teacher, had modified the oath in order to conform with her antiwar beliefs as a Quaker in past years without a problem.