

# Weekly Snapshot

Christ United Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

## Living the Legacy

### Over \$ 8.5 Million Pledged to Living the Legacy

Our \$ 10 million goal is in sight! God is doing some amazing things to and through our church family!

*What's next?* Thank God for the way He has led our church family to be so generous! The cards received represent an average gift of more than \$ 19,000 per family.

Continue to pray the campaign prayer - "Lord, what do you want to do through me?"

If you have not already turned in your card, please do so right away. Mail it or hand-deliver it to church, or bring it to worship this Sunday. An announcement of our results will be made in all of the services on Celebration Sunday, May 11.

We are so close - but every last commitment is vitally important. We still need about \$ 1.5 million.

Watch for Don's weekly email...there will be a "pledge" button that will allow you to make a commitment online.

Blessings to you today & always,

*Living the Legacy Campaign Chairs*

### National Day of Prayer Observance

In observance of the National Day of Prayer, we will have the Chapel open tomorrow, Thursday, May 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with resources for those who would like to come and pray for our country. The congregation is invited to come and join millions of others in praying for all the concerns and giving thanks for all the blessings of our nation. The Chapel is located in Room N152 of the North Building.

### Team CUMC - Race for the Cure

**Last week to register!** This is a fun and festive event; but more importantly, it is a race for life. The race will be Saturday, June 7 at EDS Headquarters in Plano. Register online today at: **teamcumc.cumc.com**. The entry fee is \$ 25 per team participant and \$ 18 for 12 years & under and 65 years and over.

## Children's Ministry

### Going, Going...Gone!

VBS early registration rate ends May 4 then the price goes up to \$25 per person. Registration ends on May 18. Click **cumcvbs.com** and register now!

### Celebrate Good Times, Come On!

Let's celebrate a great year in Children's Ministry! Join us on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 211 for the Children's Leadership Team year-end meeting. Everyone is welcome! If you want to get involved with Children's Ministry this is the place to start! We'll be celebrating our accomplishments this year and looking ahead to next year. All Age Level Coordinators and Event Leaders from this year please make every effort to be in attendance. Please R.S.V.P. to [children@cumc.com](mailto:children@cumc.com) and also let us know if you need childcare.

### Thank You, Congregation!!

Mission Possible Kids wants to thank all who made such generous donations to support Heifer International during April. The combined total from all donations collected by our MPKids agents was \$ 1,410! These donations will support an ongoing gift of animals to poor communities and will touch over 256 lives! Thank you!!

## CUMC Sports + Recreation

### CUMC Men's Fishing Trip

#### May 4-7 at Mountain Home, Arkansas

We will fish the White River one day and the Norfolk River one day. Guides will be available if booked in advance. Mountain Home is about a 7 1/2 hour drive from Plano. For more information, contact Chris Jones at the Christian Life Center, at [chris@cumc.com](mailto:chris@cumc.com) or 972.596.6073.

### Breast Cancer 3-day Team Thanks You

A special thank you goes to everyone who donated items for our recent Rummage Sale and to everyone who volunteered. Our team raised almost \$ 2,000 at the sale on April 19. Thanks again to everyone for helping us get started with our fund-raising.

Sign-up tables will be in the Narthex this Sunday, May 4. Look for the pink balloons! To look united, Team CUMC t-shirts are available for an additional \$ 5 for most sizes. This year's team shirt is very similar to last year's.

We are interested in sharing how breast cancer has impacted our church family. Submit your personal stories to Angie Harris. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Harris at [angie.harris@verizon.net](mailto:angie.harris@verizon.net) or 972.596.6354.



Save paper, use both sides of it to print items, or use scrap paper to print draft documents.

### Men's Service Group (MSG) Needs Volunteers

The Men's Service Group needs more men volunteers to serve in helping our church family. MSG goes into the community and lends a helping hand by performing service projects one Saturday every month. Our "clients" are single women and moms, as well as the mature adults of our church. We also have "clients" outside of our church in Plano and in the greater DFW area.

No special knowledge or skills are required to become a part of MSG. All you need is a desire to help those in need.

Our Commitment to MSG Volunteers:

- A GREAT breakfast / Great Fellowship
- A chance to make a Difference
- Finished by lunch time

Our next Work Day is May 10. Meet at the Christian Life Center for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. To volunteer or for more information, contact Clyde Rupert at 972.578.0317 or [mm.msg@verizon.net](mailto:mm.msg@verizon.net)

### Concerns and Celebrations

*Recent hospitalizations:*

Evelyn Kraemer

*Recent surgeries:*

Kim Castro; Delores Saari; Stephanie Shearouse

*We extend our sympathy to those named below at the recent loss of loved ones...*

Jana Grimone at the loss of her father, Liston Herod

*Birth Announcement:*

Ben and Abby Harris are happy to announce the birth of their first child! Lainey Cathryn Harris was born on April 24, 2008, weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20" long. Lainey was welcomed home by her grandparents, Allyn and Mary Harris; her aunts and uncles, Greg and Tisha Harris; Chris and Allyson Cook; and her cousins, Brooke, Kate, Cally, Collin and Ella. Best wishes to the Harris family!

### Party in the Park & Fishing Derby

Sign up now for our annual Party in the Park & Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Russell Creek Park Pavilion in Plano. Bring the whole family out for a morning of fishing, fun, and fellowship. Come early for the fishing, stay to participate in the games and to climb the rock wall. Find out who the winners are during the hot dog lunch. Finally, help us honor our 5th graders with a special recognition ceremony! Cost is \$ 5 per person. Registration is open until May 12 online at: [cumcsports.org](http://cumcsports.org)

### Go Green Coffee Tumblers

Show your support for the Go Green initiative and purchase a green tumbler from the Holy Grounds Coffee Shop. Your \$ 10 purchase will entitle you to 50 ¢ refills and will help reduce our paper product usage.

### Music Ministry

#### Youth Orchestra Rehearses This Sunday

The CUMC Youth Orchestra will rehearse this Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m. and play at all three hours on Sunday, May 11. The orchestra is open to all instrumentalists in 8th-12th grade. This time the orchestra will be playing along side adults and professionals in a combined orchestra for Mother's Day. This is a great opportunity for our younger players to play with these more experienced adults. New players are welcome!

### Youth Ministry

#### Senior APPA Planning Lock-in

All seniors are invited to dinner and a lock-in with their senior counselors this Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in the LOFT. You'll spend the night coming up with the APPA theme and scheduling the rest of your planning meetings.

#### The Next Step

All seniors and their parents are invited to participate in a special Sunday school class preparing them for life after high school. This class will meet for the last time on May 4 at 9:45 a.m. in Room S126 of the CLC. The topic will be legal matters.

#### Created by God

A human sexuality workshop for 6th graders is May 1-3. Email [anne@cumc.com](mailto:anne@cumc.com) to register.

#### Youth Leadership Team

The Youth Leadership Team will meet on Sunday, May 4, at 12:15 p.m. in the Loft.

#### A Team

The last A Team meeting for the year will be May 13 for all A Team members.