

Oak Hill United Methodist Church

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THE CORNERSTONE

An Open Letter To The Oak Hill UMC Family

We are writing to share information regarding our church's financial situation and ask for your prayerful consideration, help, and support.

The current revenue estimate for the 2012 budget falls short of our projected expenditures by \$123,000. The Finance and Stewardship committees, along with the Church Council, have explored all options for reducing expenses in the coming year. In our view, Oak Hill UMC does amazing work in the "leanest" possible way. Every line item we have considered is already at a reduced level or is not available for reduction (debt service, utilities, and apportionments for example). One area where cuts could be made is in the salaries of our pastoral and church staff. We believe the congregation would not want this to happen.

Oak Hill UMC is a positive place and we are accustomed to consistently sharing the good news of how much money has been pledged. We praise

God for the generosity of our church family. However, we are now in a place where the urgent reality of our financial shortfall should also be shared with our members and friends.

In order to enrich the mission, outreach, and passion for God's people that is a hallmark of Oak Hill United Methodist Church, we ask that you prayerfully consider the following actions:

1) Make every effort to fulfill your 2012 pledge. We understand that your life "happens", regardless of the status of the church budget and that there are circumstances that none of us can foresee, and oftentimes we cannot fix. We just ask that you be faithful to your commitment as you are able.

2) For those who are able, please consider an increase in your 2012 pledge. Even as small an increase as \$10 per week by each of our pledging family and friends would go an incredible

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Prayer Vigil

Please plan to attend a very special 12 hour prayer vigil for our church, **Saturday, February 25th - 8 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** You do not need to sign up for a particular "shift" ahead of time. Come when it works in your schedule this day for 30 minutes of prayer. We will have a hand out of guided prayers if that would be helpful in your praying as well.

If at all possible, we encourage you to come to the church for there is great strength when we join our hearts and prayers as one in Christ.

Family Meetings

You are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 26 to learn more about the budget shortfall and ask questions. Two meeting times are available: 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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Worship
Schedule

Sunday, February 19

8:45 & 11:15 Worship Services

Pastor Jim Roberts

"Only Jesus" *Mark 9:2-8*

10:00 Pathways Worship Service

Pastor Stella Burkhalter

"Take It On"

2 Kings 2:1-12

Sunday, February 26

8:45 & 11:15 Worship Services

Pastor Jim Roberts

"Giving Up Power" *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-15*

10:00 Pathways Worship Service

Pastor Stella Burkhalter

"Head to the Wilderness" *Mark 1:9-15*



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2012

Join us as we observe the beginning of the Lenten season in preparation for Easter.

7 a.m. - A Time of Silence

Noon - A Time of Contemplation

These are self-guided worship experiences with a pastor present for the imposition of ashes.

7 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Worship Service

For more information about opportunities this Lent, see page 3.

Our Prayers

To see the full prayer list, please go to the church website
www.oakhillumc.org

Health Concerns:

Margaret Covell
 Amy Scott
 Dick Pewthers, friend of Alana Oehler
 Tim, Chuck Moore's brother-in-law
 Steve Sawin, Greg Sawin's cousin

Other Concerns:

The unemployed, the homeless, and the leaders of our
 country
 Karen Pickett
 Aaron Reese

Presence

	February 5		February 12	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Sunday School	315	265	212	321
Worship	634	601	542	576

Our Gifts

	February 5, 2012	February 12, 2012		February 12, 2012
General Fund	\$40,990	General Fund	\$25,142	
Children's Building	6,710	(\$24,742 2012 &		
Haiti	300	\$400 2011 Pledged)		
Well Baby Clinic	1,322	Children's Building	4,878	
Music Fund	10			

New Interactive Cornerstone

The full color .pdf *Cornerstone* newsletter that's emailed to members and subscribers (and is available on the church website), is now interactive! The email links are click-able and links to the organizations and events in each issue will take you to their websites. The links aren't obvious, watch your cursor as it moves over images, and when it changes to a hand it's over a clickable link. It's just a beginning, but with the inter-activity the newsletter can now offer more information than its 8 pages can hold.



OHUMC Sermons Are Now PODCAST!

It's now possible to download sermons by our Oak Hill UMC pastors as podcasts! Subscribe to the free feed through iTunes or, if you don't want to go through iTunes, a direct RSS feed is also available. Go to www.oakhillumc.org/sermons.html and click on the links there to enjoy!

Welcome to Our Church Family

Tom Peters (right) joined Oak Hill UMC February 12, 2012 by reaffirmation of faith. He lives in Granada Hills.



Morgan Seaman (left) joined Oak Hill UMC on February 5 at the 10 a.m. service. Her address is 2204 Trede Dr. Austin 78745.

Stephanie Bridwell (not pictured) joined Oak Hill UMC on February 12, 2012 at the 10 a.m. service. She joined by transfer from Manchaca UMC. Her home address is 6801 Stage Coach Trail, Austin 78745.

Mike and Kelly Swartz (not pictured) joined Oak Hill UMC on February 12, 2012 with their children, Emma, Addison, and Michael. Their address is 11020 Bexley Ln, Austin TX.



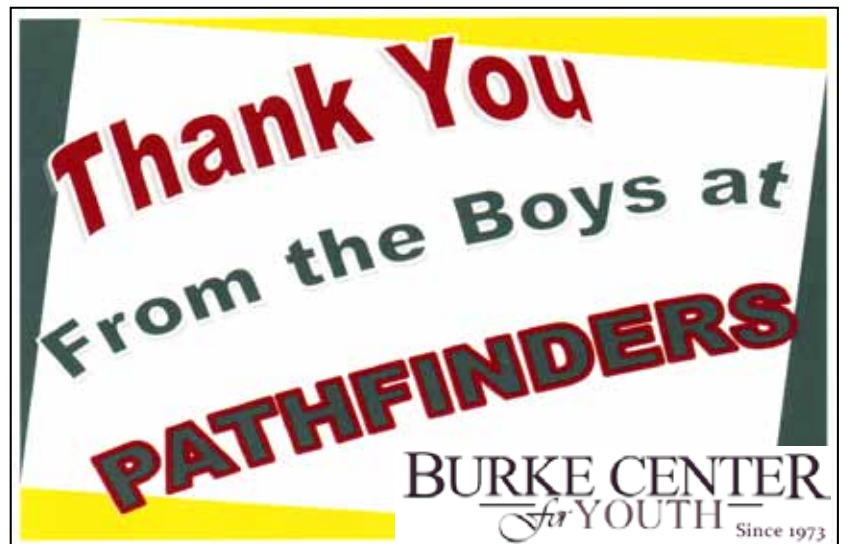
Dear Friends,

There are not enough words to express my gratitude for your generosity in honoring me by providing the Great Room in the new children's building. The room is beautiful as is the entire building. You have been my family, my friends and my inspiration for the past 32 years. What a blessing

God bestowed on me when He sent me to the Silver Dollar South one Sunday many years ago. Each passing year the church has grown and yet you continue to make everyone feel loved and needed.

Thank you again for dedicating the Great Room in my honor. I am deeply honored. Love to all,
 Mary Beth Gartner

Editor's note: I want to apologize for not printing Mary Beth's letter in the previous Cornerstone, the letter had disappeared into my purse (aka the Twilight Zone) and I just now found it again.



I said
YES



Say Yes! to Lent this year and kick it off on Shrove Tuesday by joining us for pancakes. Traditionally, Christians of many stripes celebrate the Tuesday before lent by sharing a feast of pancakes in anticipation of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season.

On February 21, we'll begin at 5:45 in the Great room of the new Children's Building, where Suzanne and her helpers will lead the kids in some games. At 6:15, we'll move to the Fellowship Hall for pancakes and jazz! There is no charge for dinner, but the Youth will be serving and will gladly accept tips, all of which will go toward scholarships for youth events.

So bring your kids, and bring your appetite, and we'll bring the pancakes and all the fixins. See you on...

Shrove Tuesday!

Hill Country Stations of the Cross Walking Tour - San Marcos, Texas

Thursday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Leader: Pastor Pam

"PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS was developed during the Crusades when the knights and pilgrims began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary. It spread throughout Europe by Franciscan friars in the 14th and 15th centuries. Eventually, the Stations of the Cross became an important religious instruction tool which inspired some of the greatest examples of medieval Christian art."

Take a drive with us to the hill country where we will experience the understanding of Christ's journey to the cross through this uniquely beautiful setting. Starting with Station 1 is "Jesus is Condemned" to Station 14 "Jesus' Body is Placed in the Tomb", we will pause to say prayer and read scripture, then continue our silent walk to the next station.

This "experience" is free and we will need people willing to drive a group from the church. Some may want to stay for lunch at a nearby restaurant. *If you are interested in this day trip, please RSVP with Pastor Pam by noon on March 7th (pam@oakhillumc.org).*



Lenten Challenge: See What A Little Rubber Bracelet Can Do

Lent is a 40-day period before Easter that calls us to examine ourselves and allow God to work in us. At Oak Hill UMC, we are remembering the traditional Methodist rule to "do no harm" as we consider the ways in which are words can tear others down. Rubber bracelets in the historic Lenten color of purple will be available at church on the Sundays before and after Ash Wednesday: February 19 and February 26. Take one and take on the challenge.

Put on the bracelet and let it be a reminder not to speak evil of others. If you can go seven days without speaking unkindly, you can remove the bracelet. If you catch yourself gossiping or saying destructive things about someone, move the bracelet to the other wrist and begin again. Do this as many times as you need to until you are able to go seven days without having to switch wrists.



Lenten Wednesday Evening Worship Services

Lent is a time of reflection, meditation, and soul searching. To enhance the Lenten experience we are offering some Wednesday night prayer worship services during this season.

At 6:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary (unless otherwise noted). Communion will be served at each of these special services. Each of these services will be taken from the sermon of that given week based on Pastor Jim's Lenten sermon series, "Giving It Up"

Week of 2/26: Sermon topic: "Giving Up Power"

Wednesday, February 29 service: "Prayer - The Path To Greater Intimacy With God" We give up our own power so that we may pray and thus gain even greater power, for it does not come from us, but from God. How, when, where, and why did Jesus himself pray? How can we model our praying to Jesus?

Week of 3/4: Sermon topic: "Giving Up Control"

Wednesday, March 7 service: "Healing - The Path To Wholeness." We cannot heal ourselves so Jesus died for us sinners, so that we may all be healed. All types of healing—whether it spiritual, emotional, or physical, requires giving up our control, and turning towards God.

There will be a time after this service for those who wish, to remain for individual prayers for healing lead by members of our healing ministry team.

Week of March 11: Sermon topic: "Giving Up Comfort"

Spring Break - no Wednesday evening service this week.

Week of March 18: Sermon topic: "Giving Up Enemies"

Wednesday, March 21 service - "The Path To Forgiveness" A nighttime contemplative walk of the Labrynth using tiki torches for light, and meditative music. We will use the words to some of the Lenten hymns as our prayers. We will meet this night at the Labrynth, located behind the Children's Building.

Week of March 24: Sermon topic: "Giving Up Our Lives"

Wednesday, March 28: service - "Fasting - The Path Of Self-Denial" Jesus fasted. Why should we fast? What is the goal in fasting? What are different types of fasting options? There will be an invitation to join together in a communal fast.



Make Plans Now - Yes Now To Attend The First Men's Breakfast Gathering Of 2012

**Saturday, February 25
8:00 a.m. (earlier is better) in the Fellowship Hall**

Breakfast will consist of lots of pig, eggs, pancakes, potatoes, biscuits, gravy (maybe some fruit and yogurt), coffee, juice, milk.

Chad McAlester will share his gift of music - that in it self is worth 10 times the price of admission.

Don Roets - talk - "Does God really talk to and guide us through fathers and friends?"

Please join us for food and fellowship - invite and bring your children, friends, and neighbors.

Contact Don for more information at droets@hotmail.com.

MISSION: HAITI

As OHUMC continues its focus on mission and outreach, another mission team has been formed that will be going to Haiti on April 14-21, 2012. The team consists of 8 persons at this time, which means there are two open spots. If you are interested, please contact Jon Nelson at jonelson8@cs.com.

Team members are: Rick Fudge; Mike Manning, Buda UMC; David Matustik; Gary McGill; Diana Nelson; Jon Nelson; Hannah Roberts and Jan Roberts

This team will be traveling with United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM). In collaboration with Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti, they will be focusing on projects that will meet the educational, spiritual, and physical needs of community residents. Please be praying for each of the team members, UMVIM, and the people of Haiti.

Oak Hill UMC Painted Churches Day Tour

March 31, 2012



We will meet and depart from the Jim's parking lot at the "Y" in Oak Hill, at 9 a.m. The first painted church will be in Praha near Schulenburg, then we'll stop for lunch, then on to High Hill, Sts. Cyril & Methodius and St. John the Baptist churches. Our estimated return time to Austin is 5:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip, including lunch at the Smokehouse in Schulenburg, is \$51.00. Metha Kester and Jeanne Huston are the coordinators, and they will collect your money

as your reservation. You can put the money in their folders or give it to them personally. Checks need to be made out to Oak Hill UMC with 'Painted Churches' in the memo. The deadline is February 29th. After that time, you may still sign up online if seats are still available at <http://giddyupgobustrips.com>. You may also view the churches we will be visiting on that site.

United Methodist Women

Dorcas Quilters Making Quilts for Cancer Patients

We will meet the third Monday of every month. Our next meeting is February 20th in Room A203. Join us from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Spend the day with us or just an hour. If you're going to be there for lunch, please bring it. Also bring a mat and rotary cutter, if you have one or scissors if not.

Lydia Circle



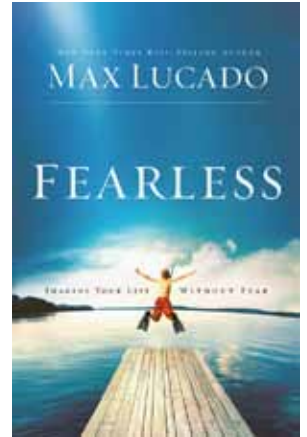
Lydia Circle First Friday Lunch

The March Lydia Circle First Friday lunch will be at Chuy's in Arbor Trails, March 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We'll meet at 4301 W. William Cannon, 78749 for lunch and social time. Please arrive by 11:30 a.m. so a complete party can be seated. Childcare is available at the church with reservations.

Contact Kellye Graham at 288-3497 for more details.

Wednesday A.M. Study "Fearless"

Everyone battles fear. It can suck the life out of your soul and drain you dry of contentment. But what if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? According to Jesus, this is possible. In Max Lucado's book, *Fearless*, he invites you to consider Jesus' invitation to courage. Beginning March 7, in Room A206 at 10:00 a.m., the Wednesday A.M. Study Group will begin a new study, led by Nancy Kaiser, based on this book. If you are interested in participating in this six week study, contact Marilyn Cannon at marilyn.cannon18@gmail.com to reserve a book.



OAK HILL UMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

WIMBERLEY, TX - FEBRUARY 24-25

Please join us for our annual retreat in Wimberley, February 24th and 25th. This year's theme is

"SEASIDE ESCAPE"

We will experience the calming warmth of God's presence as we worship and connect with other women. To register, visit the sign-up table in the courtyard on Sunday. Cost for this year's retreat is \$65.

For more information, please contact Jenny Turney at 288-4051 or turney.jenny@gmail.com.



FIFTH GRADE ESCAPADE



The Fifth Grade Escapade, our annual overnight trip for fifth graders, will be March 3 and 4. It is a trip to Houston, where we will visit the Houston Zoo, the Aquarium, and see a UT baseball game at Minute Maid

Park. It promises to be fun and exciting, and your fifth grader will not want to miss it! More details coming soon. Contact Ms. Suzanne at suzanne@oakhillumc.org if your child is interested in going.



Mom2Mom Group Starts New Study!

The Mom2Mom group is beginning a new semester with a study of the book *The Five Love Languages of Children*. It is a wonderful resource to help us look at how we express love to our children and how they best receive it. This book has sold millions of copies and been acclaimed by parents, psychologists, and many who work with children. We invite all moms of children to join us for this study and for great fellowship and support. Mom2Mom meets the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month from 7:00-8:30 in the Parlor. Our next meeting will be February 28 (it would normally be February 21, but that is the night of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.) Child care is always available.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Steves at suzanne@oakhillumc.org.



Announcing the Troop 505 Mulch Sale No Sales Tax and Free Delivery to Your Home!

We will be taking orders from now through February 29, 2012 for the dark brown, Organic Texas Native Hardwood Mulch, which comes in 2 cubic-foot bags. The cost will be the same as last year, a 5 bag minimum within a 10 mile radius of OHUMC for free delivery please.

5-19 bags - \$3.95 per bag; 20-64 bags - \$3.75 per bag

65+ bags - \$3.70 per bag

Our Delivery Date will be Saturday, March 10

Please look in the lobby for our "New Mint Green Flyer"

If you would like a Scout from Troop 505 to personally drop by to give you a flyer, explain how the mulch sale works, show you a sample of the mulch we are selling or to pick up your payment to avoid mailing it, please feel free to call Linda Thomas at 280-5376 or email at MarkLindaT@aol.com to make arrangements.

Oak Hill Youth Ministry 2012

Spring/Summer Dates:

Mystery Trip - March 9-13

Youth Worship Conf. - April 20-22

SH Mission Trip - June 17-23

Jam Camp (JH) - June 24-28

One Way JH Mission - July 9-13

Quest Camp (SH) - July 15-19

Youth Week - July 30 - August 3

Ash Wednesday Schedule Changes

On Wednesday, February 22 - both Kingdom Cubs and Kingdom Kids will meet from 6:15-6:45 to allow everyone time to attend the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. There will be no SALT that evening, but there will be nursery care.

SAVE THE DATE! VBS - June 11-15th, 2012

"What Has Adolescence Done To My Child?" Changes To Expect, Choices To Make.



Dr Carl Pickhardt

OHUMC Parents of Teens Group
Presents
Local Parenting Expert
and Columnist

Dr. Carl Pickhardt

Sunday, March 4th

5:30 - 7:00 (during UMYF)

Room A101-102

For more info call Jenny Turney 288-4051
R.S.V.P. to turneyjenny@gmail.com

YOGA RETURNS

Walter Earnest and Ernest Rebeck now are leading the yoga classes that were taught previously by Jennifer Barkis. All ages and experience levels are invited. For February the classes will be in Fellowship Hall, Thursday evenings, starting at 6 p.m. For March and thereafter the classes will be in Fellowship Hall, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting at 6 p.m.

Please call Ernest at 410-570-6097 for more information.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



MY HEALING PLACE

Hope, Healing, & Transformation

On Tuesday, January the 31st, the Stephen Ministers traveled to *My Healing Place* for their continuing education commitment. We learned that My Healing Place is for anyone who has suffered a loss and we were welcomed into their new facility. My Healing Place establishes groups and meets with individuals as their needs dictate and has a sliding scale form of payment. They are funded by donations and grants.

We listened as our leader, Kimberly Mead, LPC, explained the differences between loss and grieving and trauma and when more intensive help needs to be sought.

As Stephen Ministers, we are called to continue to learn to provide the best Christian care for our care receivers. We truly appreciate My Healing Place for sharing their expertise and their wonderful service with us. Go to <http://www.myhealingplace.org> for more information.

Young at Heart

(For retirees and those who wish they were!)

Come join us for fellowship, fun and food at "La Posada" Mexican restaurant, 6800 Westgate Blvd. at the intersection of Westgate and William Cannon across from Westgate Bowl. Bring a good joke to share with everyone.

For information and RSVP call Jeannie Moody at (512)301-3305.

YOUNG AT HEART DINNER

March 8, 2012

Young At Heart, (for those 55 and over and/or retired or wish they were!) will have their March dinner meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Walk the Oak Hill Labyrinth

Did you know that OHUMC has one of the largest labyrinths in North America? It is a winding path on which you pray and meditate as you walk. Now that the new Children's Building is open, it is easily accessible by the sidewalk at the east end of that building. It was built in 2002 as an Eagle Scout project by Kevin Byron (a member of OHUMC) and other members of Troop 441 and Venture Crew.

During the last year, it has been re-mulched and weeded by volunteers from the Open Door S.S. class. Now, there is a weather-proof box at the entrance which holds handouts describing the labyrinth and containing suggestions on using the labyrinth in a spiritual way. The box was built by Doug Moody and installed by Dale Muenzler and Steve Muzos, all from the Open Door S.S. class.

Give it a try it's open 24/7 and God's always there!!



CALL OF THE WILD
SUMMER 2012

CALLING ALL KIDS TO CAMP!

MOUNT WESLEY

www.umcswtx.org/summer-camps

REV BILL DUKE
3RD-4TH GRADE
MON-THURS
JUNE 11-14

REV KYLE TOOMIRE
5TH-6TH GRADE
SUN-THURS JUNE 17-21

REV ALAN DELAFIELD
4TH-6TH GRADE "MAD" CAMP
WED-SAT, JULY 25-28

REV STELLA BURKHALTER
5TH-6TH GRADE
SUN-THURS
AUG 5-9

REV KEN HOUSTON
3RD-4TH GRADE
SUN-WED JULY 8-11


Images of children in a forest setting, a child with a magnifying glass, and a child holding a jar of insects.

Oak Hill UMC Calendar of Events


For the latest calendar info: www.oakhillumc.org/events.html

Sunday, February 19 Transfiguration Sunday


Senior High Mid-winter, Mount Wesley

- 8:45 AM Blended worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Pathways worship service, Sanctuary
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg., Children's Bldg., FSH
- 11:15 AM Traditional worship service, Sanctuary
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg., Children's Bldg.
- 4:00 PM Financial Peace University, A206 
- Youth Choir meeting, A103
- 5:00 PM Disciple Bible Study I, A201-202
UMYF, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Great Room Youth Sports Assoc. Coaches, C111

Monday, February 20


- 9:00 AM Kid's Day Out, Nursery
- 10:00 AM Dorcas Quilters, A203
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #505 meeting, Fellowship Hall
CLS - Conversational Spanish, A205 
- Handbell rehearsal, A103
- Pack 505 Bear Den meeting, loft
- 8:00 PM Reunion Group-Disciples under Construction, A102

Shrove Tuesday, February 21

- 10:00 AM Praying Moms, off-site 
- 4:45 PM "The Good Intentions" Reunion Group, Library
- 5:30 PM Kids Acting, A103
- 5:45 PM Shrove Tuesday activities, C107-108, C111
- 5:45 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 PM Shrove Tuesday Supper, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry meeting, A203/A204
- 7:00 PM Mom2Mom, A102




Ash Wednesday, February 22

- 9:00 AM Kid's Day Out, Nursery
- 10:00 AM UMW Morning Bible Study, A201 
- 4:30 PM Emmaus Group, A102
- 5:45 PM Church-wide Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Good News Singers, A103
Confirmation Class, A203, A205, A206
- 6:15 PM Kingdom Cubs Choir, Children's Bldg. room 108
Kingdom Kids Choir, Great Room, Children's Bldg.
The Way of Prayer class, A206
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir rehearsal, A103
- 8:00 PM Praise Band rehearsal, Sanctuary



Thursday, February 23

- 9:00 AM Sunshine Class, Narthex
- 10:00 AM Hugs project, A203
Music Together, A103
Moms Club, A206
UMW Book Club, Panera Bread/William Cannon 
- 5:30 PM Prayer and Discernment team, Loft
- 5:45 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry meeting, A203
- 7:00 PM Chloe Circle, A206
Prayer Shawl Ministry, A102
Sr. High Bible Study, Robbie Rhodes' home


Friday, February 24

- 7:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group, A102
- 10:00 AM CLS - Knitting Class, A102
- 3:00 PM Scout Blue and Gold, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Bridge Club, A201, A202


Saturday, February 25

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 AM Reunion Group, A102


Sunday, February 26 1st Sunday in Lent

- 8:45 AM Blended worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Pathways worship service, Sanctuary
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg., Children's Bldg., FSH
- 11:15 AM Traditional worship service, Sanctuary
Sunday School, Adult Ed. Bldg., Children's Bldg.
- 4:00 PM Financial Peace University, A206 
- Youth Choir meeting, A103
- 5:00 PM Disciple Bible Study I, A201-202
UMYF, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Companions in Christ-Prayer, A204


Monday, February 27

- 9:00 AM Kid's Day Out, Nursery
- 10:00 AM Dorcas Quilters, A203
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #505 meeting, Fellowship Hall
CLS - Conversational Spanish, A205 
- Handbell rehearsal, A103
- Pack 505 Bear Den meeting, loft
- 8:00 PM Reunion Group-Disciples under Construction, A102

Tuesday, February 28

- 10:00 AM Praying Moms, off-site 
- 4:45 PM "The Good Intentions" Reunion Group, Library
- 5:30 PM Kids Acting, A103
- 5:45 PM Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 29

- 9:00 AM Kid's Day Out, Nursery
- 10:00 AM UMW Morning Bible Study, A206 
- 4:30 PM Emmaus Group, A102
- 5:45 PM Church-wide Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Good News Singers, A103
Confirmation class, C202-203
- 6:15 PM Kingdom Cubs Choir, Children's Bldg. room 108
- 6:30 PM Kingdom Kids Choir, Great Room, Children's Bldg.
Inquirers class, A102
The Way of Prayer class, A206
- 7:00 PM Lenten Wednesday evening worship service, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir rehearsal, A103
- 8:00 PM Praise Band rehearsal, Sanctuary



Babysitters are available for these events. To secure a spot for your child, call Suzanne Steves at 288-3836 at least 48 hours in advance. You may also contact Suzanne to arrange for childcare for other events. Please call at least two weeks in advance.

Tai Chi has been cancelled for February. It will start again on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 8:50 - 9:50 a.m. in room A102.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 24, 2012 - Church Campus Clean-up Day

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Ministers	All members of Oak Hill UMC
Pastors	Jim Roberts Pam Sheffield Stella Burkhalter
Children's Ministries Asst.	Jennifer Barkis
Financial Administrator	Angie Bragg
Director of Adult Ministries	Sharon Douglass
Director of Communications	Page Gordon
Pathways Worship Leader	Greg Graham
Handbell Choir Director	Cathy Ingersoll
Custodian	Billie Moore
Facilities Administrator	Charles Moore
Director of Music Ministries	Suzanne Pence
Organist	Hyojin Song
Director of Children's Ministries	Suzanne Steves
Director of Youth Ministries	Dave Stewart
Office Manager	Tracy Stewart
Director, Kid's Day Out	Rita Wilson
Asst. Director of Music Ministries	Kendra Lipman
Director of Pre-School Ministries	Kristin Wright
Kingdom Kids/Cubs Choir Directors	Suzanne Steves Kendra Lipman

(Open Letter continued...)

distance in closing the budget gap we now face. Such increases would even provide a bit of budgetary wiggle room to compensate for those who, because of a change in circumstances, may not be able to meet their initial pledge.

3) For those who did not pledge, please re-consider your decision.

If you are willing to increase your 2012 pledge by any amount, please communicate this to our financial administrator Angie Bragg via email. She can be reached at angie@oakhillumc.org. It is worth noting that neither the Finance and Stewardship committees, nor the Church Council, are privy to detailed pledge information. Only the church's pastors and the financial administrator have access to the giving information for each individual or family at Oak Hill. You may also complete an amended pledge card (look for the green cards available each of the next few Sundays at the info desk) and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed.

In the next three weeks, you will hear much about this situation through a variety of activities we have planned to share the

information. Our Prayer and Discernment team is planning a vigil during which we will collectively go to God and ask for divine guidance in not only making the best decisions for the church's budget, but also in individually acting upon what He may place upon our hearts with regard to personal gifts. We are also planning two meetings for the church family to gather together so that information about the 2012 budget shortfall can be shared with all who are interested.

We thank God for your presence and participation in this congregation and hope that the year ahead is fruitful and blessed for us all.


In Christ,
Brad McMahan
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Going Green Tips

Instead of relying on disposable styrofoam or plastic cups at work, take in your own ceramic or china mug so you can sip with a free conscience!

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