



Pleasant Retreat UMC

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Each Week @ PRUMC

SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

12:15 p.m. Youth Group

12:30 p.m. Confirmation

TUESDAY

10 a.m. L.A.M.B.S.

WEDNESDAY

6:45 p.m. Prayer in the
Chapel

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

8:00 a.m. Bacon, Bull and
Blessings (Men's Group)

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**WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO
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AND SAVE POSTAGE TOO??**

Just send an e-mail to
ministerterry@hotmail.com
with PRUMC Newsletter as your
subject to receive your newsletter by
e-mail.

January 1, 2012

R.G. Lyons of The Community Church Without Walls, on the west side of Birmingham, Alabama, shares his thoughts about church membership:

I explain membership something like this: "Membership is not about belonging. Everyone belongs; everyone is welcome. Membership is not about gaining special privileges...becoming a member does not mean you get something that non-members do not get. Rather, membership is about a commitment that you believe God is calling you to serve him by serving the church." Something like that.

Membership is about a commitment... It is about a commitment to serve *this* church, *this* congregation, through your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service, and your witness. It is a promise to participate fully in worship every Sunday morning you are able. It is a pledge to pause each day and pray for the church, the pastor and members, especially those with special needs and concerns. It is a decision to give intentionally and regularly to the ministries of this church. It is a commitment to serve this church, using your God-given gifts to the best of your ability. Finally, it is a vow to share God's redeeming love and grace with your family, neighbors, strangers and friends, remembering that the very reason we exist is to help transform the lives of individuals, our community, nation and the world.

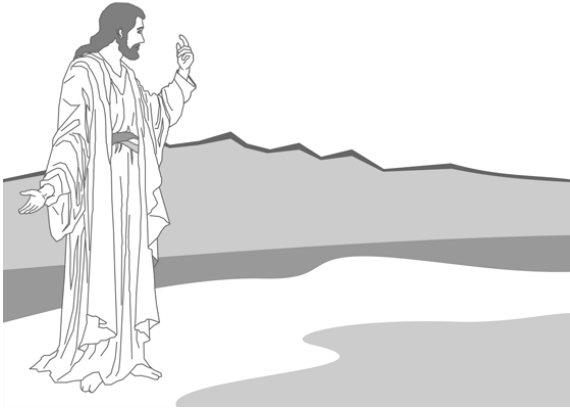
Let us take the opportunity a New Year brings to make a commitment to be an active member of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, not for our own sakes, but for the benefit of those who need to witness the ways that God uses his church to be a visible and tangible agent of God's amazing grace in this world.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Looking forward to the Season of Lent...

Lent begins on February 22 with Ash Wednesday. It would be a good time for a small group (or two) to form for the purpose of deepening our relationship with God and with one another. Are you willing to host a small group in your home one Sunday evening during Lent? We will gather for a simple meal (supplied by participants) and Bible study. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in participating in and/or hosting a group.

SUNDAY SERMONS



January 1 – New Year’s Day
2 Kings 23:1-3—Renewing Our Covenant

January 8 – Baptism of the Lord
Mark 1:4-11—Affirmation and Assurance

January 15
John 1:43-51— Come and See

January 22
Mark 1:14-20—Follow Me

January 29
Mark 1:21-28—On the Job Training

THANK YOU!

*Dear PRUMC Friends,
Thank you for the yummy cookie plate,
and for the very generous Christmas gift
from the church. Most of all, thank you
for allowing me to celebrate Christmas
joyfully with all of you. I am looking
forward to many, many blessings in the
coming year as we work together to serve
God and those whom God loves.
Blessings,
Pastor Terry*

In Our Prayers



Grace Hall
Darlene Biehle
U.S. Armed Forces
Betty Nutt/Rose
Brian Roger/Kovar
JerryBrown/Lucas
Bob Scarborough

Glen Anders
Charlene McDaniel
Pioneer Mission
Michael Deutsch
Beverly Scott/Pritchard
New Tribes
Caregivers

David Pritchard
Shirley Ling
Jerry Hill
Sue Rogers
Berdie Gambrell
James Dawson/Hobbs
John Michaels/ Dougherty

Current Prayer Concerns

Amy Nordhousen
Graham Dickerson
Barbara Rogers/Kovar

Michael Goldman
Smith Family
Bruce Hendricks

Nancy Foster
Client Murphy
Fire Victims

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hannah Delacerda	1/2
Loreli Hall	1/2
Jerry Coffman	1/3
Diane Mead	1/3
David Clawson	1/10
Rhett Hairston	1/10
Ruth Smith	1/10
Jennifer Drumm	1/16
Matthew Goetz	1/16
T A Beard	1/18
Shirley Ling	1/19
Brenda Pritchard	1/26
Jonica Taylor	1/28
Keith Sowers	1/31



No Anniversaries in January

In Bethlehem Inn—Christmas 2011



THE CONGREGATIONAL EXCELLENCE TEAM Invites You To:
L.E.A.D. INSTITUTE - 2012

Featuring Workshops that will:

- Inspire You** **Inform You** **Empower You**
And Send You Forth with Ideas

for ministries your church **CAN DO** to share the Good News
and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

DATE/TIME: Sunday, January 29, 2012 — 3 p.m.

PLACE: Christ UMC – College Station



Lay Speaking School 2012

Dates: February 11th and February 18th

Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Christ UMC - College Station

Registration forms are available at the District Office

Or **CONTACT:** Scott Atnip at 281-728-4593

Email: scottatnip@yahoo.com

Reasons to Attend!

Are you:

- Leading a Sunday School class, Bible Study/Small Group?
- Serving as a liturgist in worship?
- Helping with preaching?
- Witnessing to and mentoring young people?
- Visiting nursing homes or those in prison?
- Growing in knowledge of Jesus Christ through Bible study?
- Seeking to know more about the heritage and doctrine of the UMC and John Wesley?
- Seeking to experience Spiritual growth?



On behalf of the Lay Speaking Team, I would encourage you to consider attending Lay Speaking School in 2012. This is a great opportunity for church leaders to not only be better prepared to fill in for the pastor when he/she is away, but also to learn valuable tools to serve in church leadership, lead a small group or serve the church in other ways.

Scott Atnip,
District Lay Leader



West District Mission Forum 2012

Saturday—January 21, 2012

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Forum
Location:
Christ UMC
4201 State Hwy 6 S
College Station, TX**

Schedule

9:30 am	Registration
9:45-10:00 am	The Message
10:00-11:00 am	Workshop I
11:00-12:00 noon	Workshop II
Lunch	
1:00-2:00 pm	Workshop III
2:00-2:30 pm	Sending Forth

- Mark your calendars and plan on attending.
- Registration is required—deadline Jan. 10th
- Free lunch and childcare with registration.
- Please stay for lunch and hear from Missionaries, Bill & Jerri Savuto.
- Missions 101 will give you all the information you need to start a missions program at your church.
- Attend and learn more about mission opportunities in our conference, plus domestic and international projects that need your help.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

CHILDCARE NEEDED: _____

AGES: _____

Circle 3 of the Workshops you want to attend:

+Missions 101

+Mission Journeys—Domestic & International

+Early Responder Overview

+Methodist Alphabet Soup

+Youth Missions

Send to: West District
4205 State Hwy 6 S, College Station, TX 77845

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MISSION

The mission of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church is to reach out and welcome all peoples to become disciples for Christ.

VISION

The vision of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church is to be a community of Holy Spirit inspired people providing facilities and ministries to enable us to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

We're on the web!
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DATES TO REMEMBER

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP
January 1, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
A Service of Commitment for the new year

MISSION/OUTREACH MEETING
January 8—10:15 a.m.

BACON, BULL & BLESSINGS
Men's Breakfast
January 14 — 8 a.m.

MISSION FORUM
January 21—9:30 a.m.
Christ UMC, College Station

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MTG.
January 23— 7 p.m.

L.E.A.D. Institute
January 29—3:00 p.m.
Christ UMC, College Station

COMING NEXT MONTH

LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL
February 11 and 18
Christ UMC, College Station

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
February 22—6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES. PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE BOX NEAR THE CHURCH FRONT DOOR OR BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. THESE CARTRIDGES WILL HELP OFFSET THE COST OF CHURCH OFFICE SUPPLIES. (s.a. the paper used for this newsletter!)

Remember to bring your canned goods on the first Sunday of each month to support the Food Pantry at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School class meets in the "old kitchen" area behind the Sanctuary. Class begins at 9:45 a.m.

In December the class begins a new unit "God Establishes a Faithful People." Studies in Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Galatians.

No reservations needed—just come ready to learn!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY!

LOVE FUND

Otherwise known as the pastor's discretionary fund. A fund has been established to enable the pastor to meet emergency needs of church and community members. You are invited to contribute on the first Sunday of each month with an offering placed on the Communion rail. This month we were able to assist a family with a part of their rent. Thank you for caring for our neighbors!

THIS FUND WAS USED TO BRING CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO SEVERAL FAMILIES IN OUR CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS IN CONTRIBUTING MONEY FOR THOSE WHO MAY NEED A BIT OF HELP AND HOPE.

Hope you enjoy our monthly newsletters. If you have announcements, articles or pictures that you want to submit for January 1 issue, please submit them to Pastor Terry no later than January 22th.