

SERVANTS of CHRIST

United Methodist Parish

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Making New Disciples—Transforming the World.



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Early Childhood Enrichment

Our Early Childhood Enrichment/Mother's Day Out program provides learning skills and special events for children from 18 months to 5 years of age. The registration fee is \$25 and daily fees are \$17 per day. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The fall session begins Tuesday, September 19 in the Children's Wing in the Sanctuary Building. Our teachers are bilingual, and they LOVE spending time with our children.

Registration forms are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please call 713.454.6482. We are looking forward to seeing you, your child or children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and Friends! Please tell others about our great Mother's Day Out.



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Newsletter



We Are Gonna Be Friends

"As long as earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat.
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease."
—Genesis 8:22



"Fall is here, hear the yell,
back to school, ring the bell."
—The White Stripes

I can remember arriving in Boston at the start of school in September.... I was like, "This isn't North Carolina; this is cold!" And so it would be until the following June. I still get goose bumps thinking about it.

As a child fall was my favorite season. New clothes, seeing old friends, Sundays watching NASCAR with Dad, football on the holidays. The leaves changed before our eyes. A new world of comfort food and chopping wood for the winter. A lot of people see spring as the time for new life, but not for me—for me it's fall, all the way.

God has given all His gifts in due season. God is like an artist with open paint cans creating masterpieces. Sometimes our seasons have some pain: a new school year might mean a change of schools and a loss of friends; sometimes an illness can mean a season of discomfort, lack of control, and fear of the unknown. But God is still dancing in the leaves. Other times our seasons contain the memories that still want us to go to all the trouble of putting up the Christmas tree... and the lights...again.

I know in Houston there are two seasons: hot and hotter with a week of sweater weather. Those colors are God's gifts. Even our hot and hotter are God's gifts.

In this new season at Servants of Christ, be on the lookout for how God is dancing, what God is creating, what gifts he is showering. We will have a new music ministry in many ways. We will have new singers sharing their gifts. We will participate fully in the Vibrant Church Initiative, which will help us see God's will in ways we haven't before. We might let go of ministries that have run their course and we will find energy in the ministries to which God is calling us. But make no mistake: the God who paints the double rainbow and the fall leaves also paints our lives. Always creating. Always redeeming.

It's a new school year. A new church year. I think we're gonna be friends.

Already pulling out my only two sweaters,
Pastor Chris and Alice

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Sunday Schedule

- ◆ 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School/Small Groups (Classrooms)
- ◆ 10:30 a.m.—Celebration Worship (Sanctuary)



VIBRANT CHURCH INITIATIVE Consultation Weekend.

Servants of Christ is participating in the Vibrant Church Initiative to help us in our endeavor to grow our congregation. We encourage **you** to be a part of this project. **Your** participation will enable **your** church to benefit from this program.

To prepare for this project, you are urged to read *Simple Church* by Thom S. Rainer and/or *Renovate or Die* by Bob Farr. Copies of these books are available in the Narthex. Also, please view a Ted Talk titled "Start with Why" by Simon Sinek. To view, Google Ted Talk

United Methodist Women Invite You to Join Our Community



Tuesday, September 5—10 am, parlor—meeting

Program: "A Community United by Giving"

Margaret Goodson, Treasurer,
Texas Conference UMW

Tuesday, October 3—10 am, parlor—meeting

Program: "What in the World is the Church?"

Pastor Chris McNeill

Saturday, October 7 — 10 am, parlor

Crazy Cards Tickets \$10 includes light lunch

Proceeds benefitting local missions

www.gofundme.com/medical-fund-for-dental-surgery

Fundraiser by Arlinda Turner



Our beloved member Annie Gaspar needs our help. She needs a new kidney so that she can stop having to go to dialysis three times a week. Although she is on the transplant list, Annie cannot receive a kidney until she has dental surgery. Arlinda Turner has established a Go Fund Me account to raise the \$2,200 for the surgery. So far, she has collected about \$500. You can help by giving on

WE INVITE ALL CHILDREN
TO COME AND ENJOY



10:30 a. m. Sunday
in the sanctuary

Getting to Know You...Charles Jager



Charles Jager is the new Director of Music here at Servants of Christ United Methodist Parish. Born in Houston, Charles grew up in Alvin, TX. Mr. Jager has always had a passion for Art and Music. He started his college career at Alvin Community College, then transferred to Houston Baptist University, where he earned his degree as a Vocal Performance major. Charles has been trained in acting, conducting, opera, and vocal pedagogy. God has helped this young man through school with many vocal scholarships and grants. While attending school, Baptist Church. In the future he wants to attend Southwestern Seminary in Houston to get his masters degree.



Crossroads Corner: **Free to Restore my Dignity**

"Do you remember all those times you gave me a bus pass to go see my caseworker?"

As a child growing up in Houston's inner city, I was privileged to have access to public transportation. I never had to walk to school in the cold and rain. I never had to fear stray dogs.

When I became a teenager, I wanted to ride the bus. Riding the bus was a source of freedom.

I learned 17 years later, when I became Executive Director of Crossroads, that access to public transportation is vital to accessing resources and services necessary to restoring one's dignity. Early one Tuesday morning Sidney Frazer handed me the lease to his new apartment. After expressing his gratitude for the bus passes, Mr. Frazer said how thankful he is for all the other Crossroad services that gave him confidence to keep pursuing housing.

Jarvis Taylor, Executive Director, Crossroads at Park Place

Memorials & Honorariums

Given in memory of Jody Thames

Given by Doris Grauerholz

Given in honor of Edna Henry's 104th birthday

Given by Ann Hallmark, Bernice Steele

Given in honor of Wilma Beverly's 100th birthday

Given by Ann Hallmark, Virginia Jackson, Emile & Mary Landry

Carroll & Bobbie Latham, Charles & Eleanor Robinson, Bernice Steele





Servants of Christ United Methodist Parish
Church Family Prayer Calendar

In honor of the church members who either are active, or have been active, in ministry in the church, this calendar has been created to solicit your prayers. Please pray for everyone, but specifically, for each person listed on a specific day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Rev. Chris & Alice McNeill	11 Monday Morning Bible Study Group	12 Ruth & Bob Allen	13 Eleanor & Charles Robinson	14 Annie Gaspar	15 Bernice Steele	16 Mary & E'mile Landry
17 Pastor Reggie Nelson	18 Patsy & Walter Welsh	19 Bobbie & Carroll Latham	20 Carolyn Dean	21 Alsine Ryan	22 Wanda Arnold	23 Dennis King
24 Charles Jager	25 Ann Hallmark Julie Stuckey	26 Winna Bjornaas	27 Virginia Hardwick	28 Ghyslain Gentle	29 Carol Siler	30 Anne Wofford

I feel it is far better to begin with God, to see His face first, to get my soul near Him before it is near another. —E. M. Bounds



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1 Rev. Chris & Alice McNeill	2 Monday Morning Bible Study Group	3 United Methodist Women	4 Gloria Rae	5 Edna Henry	6 Velma Beard	7 Epworth Parker Game Day
8 Pastor Reggie Nelson	9 Nadine Bishop	10 Joyce Lindler Hale	11 Jeanette Cernosek	12 Pat & Gene Calvert	13 Eleanor & Charles Robinson	14 Patsy & Walter Welsh
15 Charles Jager	16 Nancy & Bobby Malek	17 Wilma Beverly	18 Madeline & Paul McKneely	19 Doris Grauerholz	20 Bobbie & Carroll Latham	21 Phyllis Maddox Rogers
22 Ann Hallmark Julie Stuckey	23 Virgina Jackson	24 Mary & E'mile Landry	25 Brenda & Ross Doyle	26 Bertie Jo & Oscar Bewley	27 Ruth Scales	28 Mary Crawford
29 Annie Gaspar	30 Justine Baly	31 Dennis King				



Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 (KJV)