



The Marker

January 2018

St. Marks United Methodist Church
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From the Pastor's Desk

I praise and thank God for the blessing of New Year and for the clear vision that we have as a church. ***We seek to share a family of faith where church home means everyone and caring is a way of life.*** I am excited to continue my journey with you with this same vision in mind. We will continue all our best ministry practices and explore and adapt new ways and approaches to carry on the vision of our church. We will pray together, work together, face all the challenges together and enjoy and celebrate our ministry together. May God be with us and continue to inspire us all.
Come, let us journey together.

A Blessed New Year to All!

Dates to Remember

Communion Sunday	Sunday, Jan. 7
UMW Sunshine Circle Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 4 10 am
Food, Fun, and Fellowship	Wed, January 10
UMW Birthday Luncheon	Thursday, January 18 11:00 am
Admin Council Meeting	Wed, January 24 5:00 pm

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Weekly Schedule

Tuesdays
7-8 pm—Boy Scouts

Wednesdays
6:30 pm—
Choir Rehearsal

Sundays
9:45 am—Sunday School
11 am—Worship



Holiday Boxes



St. Marks United Methodist Women concluded the 2017 Hoodie drive with a donation of over 50 hoodies. The winter hoodies went to elementary age boys and girls in seven MISD schools. The schools receiving jackets this year were very grateful. The UMW wishes to thank each person from our church and community for their generous contributions.





Church Member Helen Halliday



Helen Bernice (Watson) Halliday was born to Joe and Zula Watson on June 13, 1930 near Dierks, Arkansas.

I am a country girl. My dad loved to train horse. He also taught me to love horses and ride well. My mom was a homemaker and gardener. I love to work in the house, but not the garden...LOL. I was very fortunate that my grandparents on both sides also lived in the same community. My mom, dad and I attended Green's Chapel Methodist Church. I became a member at the end of a revival when I was 13 years old.

After high school, I moved to Dallas for a job. I met a handsome young man by the name of Phil Halliday who was getting out of the service at the same time. We found jobs, started dating and married in a little Methodist Church in Oak Cliff, Texas. Phil was born and raised in a little town called Horatio, Arkansas, which just happened to be 30 miles from my hometown of Dierks, Arkansas. We lived in Oak Cliff in a duplex house and in 1959 we purchased our new home in Mesquite, Texas with our then two children, Gary and Charlotte and this is where I still live today. Our last two children, Liz and Cindy, were later born and we raised all of them there. We had a wonderful life!

In 1964, we were looking for a church home when we found out that St. Marks UMC was being built. This made us very happy. I was at the first service, but didn't join the church until early 1965. Our four children grew up at St. Marks and became Christians while attending there. All the youth activities were great and they still talk about them today and the friendships they made. One of our family's fondest memories at St. Marks is during the Christmas season and going to the Candlelight service on Christmas Eve. During this time of year, we also loved decorating our Christmas tree at home while listening to Christmas music. On Christmas morning we would gather around the tree and celebrate the birth of Jesus by reading the Christmas story from the bible before opening presents and had a feast. Even after our children married, they would come back home on Christmas morning and carrying on our family tradition. We continued doing this until Phil became ill with MDS. After a lengthy illness, he went to heaven on July 7, 2011. Since then, Cindy and her husband, Dale, hosted Christmas morning at their house. Liz and her husband, Mark, host Thanksgiving at their house.



Phil and I have 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. We are so blessed!! After I retired from Mesquite ISD in 1996 and Phil retired a year later, we loved and enjoyed going to Phil's home place in Horatio, Arkansas with our whole family. Phil loved fishing in the family pond with the older grandchildren and catching crawfish in the creek with the younger ones. I enjoyed every moment and taking pictures of the memories we were making. All of our children and grandchildren also learned how to play 42 (an old domino game) during this time. In the last six months, my health has prevented me from attending church service and activities at St. Marks. I really have missed seeing and worshipping with my church family. Please keep me in your prayers.

My love, Helen



UMW December Luncheon




The UMW gathered on Thursday, December 14 for their annual birthday/Christmas luncheon at Tastebud Temptations.

🎀 Sama Sama Celebration 🕯️



St. Marks' Announcements

Birthdays:



1-James Dover, Shirley Mills
2-Jerra Price, Shirley Weddle
4-Mary Stewart
8-Bob McReynolds
10-Saro Zarate
10-Claire Connolly

11-Edna Fields
15-Anita Bennett
18-Andy Barton
22-Paula Holder
26-Lloyd Gorospe
31-Jim Perry

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for our St. Marks family unable to worship with us today

Shirley Beathe, Gladys Cupp, Linda
Heath, Don Bragg, Edna Fields, Bob
McReynolds, Janice Barton, Mazelle
Ross, Eileen Mark, James and Vicki
Folks

Requesting prayers

Jane Kennon, Stan Little, Keith Mumaw,
Tom Marks, Chris Mumaw, Barbara
Holland, Virginia Spurger, Nelda
Walker, Pam Connolly and family on the
death

of Lance Carnal, Gayle Jones, Mary
Grigar-Brown, the family of Kay Perry,
Helen Halliday, Mary Ellen Handel, the
family of Ben Robertson, Mark Connolly,
Mazelle Ross and family on the death of
Don Ross, Ken Hassell, Sandra Pugh's
husband Elmer, Nancy Good



A NEW CREATION

Metro District Leadership Training

Sunday, January 28, 2018 | 2-4 p.m. at University Park UMC



METRO DISTRICT LAY LEADER: ERIC MARKINSON

Community Care | Grace UMC

After a twenty-five year career in high schools, Eric earned a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology. He has been a member of Grace UMC since 2011 and presently oversees Community Care as a staff member. Eric served as a Chaplain Resident at Parkland Hospital. Eric is a Certified Lay Servant, and serves as the Lay Leader of the Metro District of the North Texas Conference. He's also a proud spiritual mutt, embracing a variety of religious practices.



KEY NOTE: REV. MARTI SOPER

Director of the Center for Leadership Development

Marti Soper attended Boston College majoring in Finance. After receiving her MBA in Marketing from UCLA, she worked at IBM before hearing a call to ministry while working with the youth group at her church. She received a Masters of Divinity at Perkins School of Theology in 1998. Since that time Marti served as Youth Minister, Associate Pastor and Pastor of area congregations before being appointed to the Bishop's Cabinet as the Director of the Center for Leadership Development in 2013. She has responsibility for Conference programs that help form Children, Youth and Young Adults into disciples for Christ. She also has responsibility for Camping and Campus Ministries, and ministries that recruit, equip and sustain transformational leaders for our churches. Marti is married to Rev. Jack Soper and they have four children and five grandchildren who live

in the Boston area. Marti enjoys finding the presence of God in unexpected places and people, and in her hobby of creating stained glass artwork.

WORK SESSIONS

SPRC: Led by Rev. Cammy Gaston (Metro District Superintendent) and Rev. Marti Soper (Director - Center for Leadership Development)

Trustees: Led by George O'Reilly - Director of Administration & Development; University Park UMC

Finance: Led by Russell May - Member of Lake Highlands UMC & Member of Metro District Trustees/Finance Committee

Lay Leadership: Led by Eric Markinson; Metro District Lay Leader

Church Council: Led by Dwight Harry; Member of Hamilton Park UMC and Certified Lay Minister

INFO SESSIONS FOR MINISTRY GROWTH

NTC Strengthening the Black Church Initiative

Led by Rev. S. Dianna Masters; Associate Director - Center for New Church Development and Congregational Transformation; SBC21

NTC Hurricane Relief Team Outreach

Led by Rev. Andy Lewis; Director of Missional Outreach and Assistant to the Bishop

Lay Servant Integration & Empowerment Workshop

Led by Susan Grant; District Director

Lay Servant Ministries Assessing and Shaping the Ethos of your Church

Led by Matt Temple; Associate Director for Church Planting - Center for New Church Development and Congregational Transformation



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 10 am UMW Sunshine Circle Meeting	5	6 8am UMM Breakfast
7 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Communion Sunday	8 7 pm Boy Scouts	9	10 6:00 Food, Fun, Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 11am UMW Birthday Luncheon	12	13
14 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	15 7 pm Boy Scouts	16	17 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal Check Out Day at Hamilton Park UMC	18 11am UMW Birthday Luncheon	19	20
21 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	22 7 pm Boy Scouts	23	24 5:00 Admin Council Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 9:45 Sunday School 11 am Freestyle Worship 2-4 Lay Leader Training at University Park UMC	29 7 pm Boy Scouts	30	31			