

# WEB PRESS

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## Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Picture this: You arrive to the bright smiles and friendly greetings of your hosts. You look around, you know the room but it's different. Soft lighting and colorful settings, dinner tables and chairs elegantly decorated. There's movement and energy as people welcome one another, seeking out old friends and making introductions to new faces, all to the rhythm of an inviting musical score. You join the lively conversation at the table you choose, and the genial wait staff ensures your dining experience is nothing less than enjoyable.

The table is served: the opening salad with rolls is followed by the main course of Muenster chicken, roasted new potatoes, and sautéed spinach. This culinary delight is crowned by the serving of an exquisite dessert.

As the meal ends, the evening's music moves to the foreground at the deft direction of one of the finest DJs in the Houston area. You are drawn to the floor, unable to resist the call – all tastes are available. You make a small request to the DJ, turning to find the eyes that are your joy and take the hand of the one . . . and you think "there is no better Valentine than this evening."



Come join this picture. Purchase your tickets for this year's Sweetheart Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 p.m. And the cost is only \$20 per person, with the funds raised going to support our Youth's summer trips and conferences. Child care can be provided by making reservations when you purchase your tickets. But you must act by Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. So, come join the picture.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

# Family of Faith

## **Christmas International House: A WHIRLWIND OF LOVE AND HOSPITALITY**

By Bud Allison

Thank you for caring and sharing . . . your hearts, homes, and your Christmas with nine international college students!

Many of you worked to ensure that these young adults learned about American culture and traditions while they were with us. A special thanks to the host families: Dick & Pat Brackett, Janet Harreld, Dian Grok (Dickinson PC), Tony & Pam Billingsley (CLPC), Valerie Horn (CLPC), Danny & Teresa Abrego (CLPC), and Tomoko Olson & Steve Smith. The WPC Sewing Circle provided hand-sewn Christmas stockings; Cathy Black, Florence Sell, and others provided stocking stuffers. CLPC provided a van that Dick Brackett and Mike Stearns drove so our group could visit sites such as the Texas City Railroad Museum, the Galleria, Galveston, the Space Center, the National Weather Service (hosted by WPC's Dan Reilly), Armand Bayou, West Columbia for a taste of the Texas "outdoors" hosted by Bethel PC, San Jacinto Battlegrounds, the Battleship Texas, the Houston Ship Channel, Toyota Center and a Rockets basketball game, the George Historical Ranch, a drive through the Bayou Wildlife Park, and a host of other activities. And the group ate very well: dinner at St. Stephen PC, at the Koester home, an International Dinner cooked by the students, lunch at Webster PC, dinner at Clear Lake PC, dinner with the Timmons to include a look at their antique auto collection, pizza and square dancing at WPC, and, well... you get the idea! The visit closed with games, fellowship, and a toast to the New Year at a party hosted by Jackie and Carl Allen. It all came to a close with a final dinner hosted by Dick & Pat Brackett.

A good time was had by all, and it was hard to say good-bye to our great group of students: from Malaysia and Michigan State: Sing Ling Ng, Zheng Xiang Ong, & Yin Ya Lam; from Japan and SE Missouri: Natsumi Kurata; from Japan and Coe College: Kanako Kishi and Hiroki Moriguchi; from China and Trinity U: Yake (Vera) Zhou and from Taiwan Hein Ye Yeo (Elly); from China and U of Southern California: Ying (Cathie) Zhang.



## **FEED MY SHEEP: A FOOD DRIVE FOR HUNGRY KIDS**

For most of us Spring Break means days at the beach, gardening, vacation trips—fun. But for students at McWhirter Elementary School who depend on free breakfast and lunch programs, Spring Break may mean being hungry. To help offset this problem, the Mission Committee has adopted a new project—a Spring Break food drive, "Feed My Sheep." The goal is to collect money earmarked for food to give to the Communities-in-Schools Program at McWhirter. This money will then be used to buy groceries to carry the families through the week. With her ability to buy in bulk and to stretch a dollar, Hillary Gramm, CIS Coordinator, will be able to supplement the bags of groceries she already sends to 70 families each weekend.

In addition, we are widening our reach to include Francisco Coll, the school at the dump in Guatemala City. Pastor Helen has shared with us the great need there. So, for every dollar you give for McWhirter, we are asking for an additional 25 cents for Guatemala. This is truly an opportunity for us to follow Jesus' command to "feed my sheep."

You may place your check made out to WPC with a notation for "Feed My Sheep" in the offering plate February 19 or 26, or you may place it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary or in the narthex.



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## NEW BOOKKEEPER

Welcome Joy Timmons, who has joined our church staff as a bookkeeper on a part time basis. She spends most of her outside time raising her children and as a private music teacher. Joy is a member of University Baptist Church. She has enthusiastically taken on the job as our bookkeeper starting on January 9<sup>th</sup> and, after training with Pat Koester, will help Stewardship and Finance keep us on track. Please stop by and say hello.



January 6, 2012  
Webster Presbyterian

I wanted to send our deepest gratitude for the students you helped through Gifts of Joy! What a blessing you all have been to so many children at Brookside Intermediate. We have many kids who would not have had Christmas gifts without you. Your congregation helped children who did not have winter coats, who needed new shoes, and even some who don't always eat three meals a day. They were so excited to receive their Christmas gifts. Thank you for your generous hearts. 😊

Sincerely, Diana Cobb  
CIS Coordinator  
Brookside Intermediate School



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## Covenant Group Demonstrates Caring for One Another

The Monday night covenant group that meets at Diane Kane's house stepped up to care for member Debbie Schulz and her family in a unique way--making and selling raffle tickets to purchase *The Patriot's Quilt*.

Honoring Stephen Schulz for his service to his country in the Marines, and Debbie for her commitment to getting care for medical benefits veterans and their families, the eagle-themed quilt was pieced by Joyce Sens and quilted by Kitty Marquardt. The winning ticket was sold to Lisa Williams of Friendswood by Martha Wilson. Lisa gave the quilt to the Schulz family because, she says, "It really belongs to that wonderful family as a thank you gift from all of us." On January 9, Diane Kane presented Debbie with a check for **\$2,260** on behalf of the group.



## Young at

*Tutankhamen: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs* proved to Young-at-Heart members that the Age of Excess is not limited to the present time. On January 19, a group visited the exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts. We were awed by the artifacts associated with 30 Egyptian dynasties spanning 2000 years, ranging from larger-than-life statues to a coffinette to hold Tut's stomach.

Watch for information concerning our next trip, which may be to the Hill Country to locate some spring flowers. We are hoping that the lack of rain will be a forgotten memory by then! Everyone over the age of 50 is encouraged to join us for these regular trips to explore our area together.



# Children's Ministry

## Happenings in February

### Sundays –

Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Lesson: "Worship"  
Children's Chapel, 11:15 a.m.–noon, after the Children's Sermon  
Child Care, 8 a.m. - noon

### Wednesdays –

Children's Bells, 6:15-7 p.m., Children's Choir, 7-7:30 p.m.  
Parents Covenant Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weeks, 6:30–8 p.m.  
Child Care, 6:30-9 p.m.  
Feb. 19 – Children lead Worship, both services  
Feb. 19 – Children's Choir & Children's Bells in both services  
Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday, Evening Worship Service  
Feb. 26 – First Sunday in Lent, Lent Sunday School begins

### Children's Sunday – Worship with Us

On February 19 our WPC children will lead the congregation in worship that they have thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared during Sunday School, Children's Bells, Children's Choir and Children's Chapel. At both services, the congregation will have the opportunity to experience worship with our kids leading us through the prayers, hymns, scripture, music, affirmations and message in the Reformed tradition. We invite you to "Come Worship with Us"!

### Coming During Lent

Preschool/PreK Sunday School: The Pray and Play Bible for Young Children  
Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday School: "Jesus in the Garden."  
Preteen Sunday School: Faith4Life "What's a Christian?"



### We're Changing Rooms!

Children's Chapel is moving to Room 105 in the Education Building! We need more room for our growing group of kids in Children's Chapel, and Room 106 just isn't big enough anymore! In our new room we'll have space for Godly Play Worship and all of the materials we need for the kids to explore and *live in* God's Word.

*Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. –Matthew 18:20*

Godly Play is Biblical storytelling for kids. We tell the stories through word and action, moving through each story purposefully, taking all the time we need. Then we move into time for "wondering" about the story. "I wonder...what Moses and God talked about?" "I wonder...how a Samaritan could be a neighbor?" "I wonder... where you are in the story?" After the wondering time, we work ("play," to the kids) with the stories of God. The kids *experience* God while *learning* about God.

Stay tuned!



## What's Happening for Youth in February?

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| February 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Super Sub Sandwich-Making  |
| February 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Sr. Highs – Delivery of Super Subs after Services<br>Jr. Highs – Souper Bowl of Caring Collection/Shopping |
| February 11 <sup>th</sup> | Sweetheart Dinner Dance Setup and Event  |
| February 12 <sup>th</sup> | No PYC Activities  |
| February 19 <sup>th</sup> | Youth and Parents – Summer Trips & Conferences Info/Signup   |
| February 26 <sup>th</sup> | Youth Yak, Your Chance to Talk Back  |



## Super Sub Sandwich News

We will start up the production line on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to craft all those sub sandwiches that folks have ordered. Lots of bread, meats, lettuce, tomatoes, black olives, condiments (what?), and more come together to form one tasty sensation . . . and getting there is half the fun. So plan to join us! We should be done before Noon.

On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> the Sr. Highs need to help at the Youth Booth in the Narthex as “runners” to retrieve those sub sandwiches from cold storage for delivery to their new owners.

## Jr. High's Souper Bowl of Caring

The Jr. High Youth will collect donations for Souper Bowl of Caring on **Sunday, February 5th** after both worship services to help those in need in our area. The youth and sponsors will use the monies received to head out (after grabbing some lunch, so bring some money for that) and shop for food and supplies needed at the ICM Food Pantry. We'll have a great time and do something really Super for others!

## Sweetheart Dinner Dance

We will be selling tickets at the Youth Booth through Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, so check by to see how you can help. Then on the morning of Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., all the Youth will meet at the church to transform Bouton Hall into an elegant dining and dancing venue for that evening. We should be done with the setup by Noon. At 4:30 p.m. everyone returns for the big event – dinner will be provided for the youth, and dress for the evening will be white shirts and black/dark bottoms. This is much more than serving “customers”; it's an opportunity for great fun with your friends and the members of your faith family who are supporting your trips and conferences. It's a sweetheart of an event you don't want to miss.

## Summer Trips and Conferences PYC for Youth and Parents

PYC on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> will be a chance for all our Youth and their parents to hear about plans for this summer's Sr. High Mission Trip, Synod Youth Workshop, Jr. High Jubilee, and more. We'll cover information about dates, activities, costs, and kickoff signups for youth participants and adult sponsors. The Youth lunch that follows the second service will be available for everyone in Bouton Hall. Mark your calendars to come find out about the opportunities that are planned for both groups this summer.

## Youth Yak

What do you want to see in Youth? What are things that are working, and where could things be better? What's needed for a strong commitment to Youth? If you want something for Youth here at WPC, be sure to come to PYC on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for your chance to tell the leadership what it is and why it's important to you. Pastor Helen will be joining us too, and we all want to hear from you. We don't want to just keep our Youth program going; we want it to be growing. So, don't pass up this chance to share what's on your mind!

## Jr. High Souper Bowl of Caring

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 5) watch for our Jr. High Youth in the Narthex after each worship service with their “soup pots” to hold donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This annual national effort to fight hunger, which started as a grass roots movement, seeks to remind us amid all the flash of the “Big Game” that there are people close by who are in need, and that we all can do something “Super” to help. The money collected will be taken by the Jr. Highs to an area store to purchase foods and supplies needed by the ICM Food Pantry. So be sure to support our Youth – they're a team you know will be Souper Bowl Winners!



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## February Birthdays

- 02/01: [Barbara Morris](#)  
[Stacey Menard](#)  
[Marco Balletto](#)
- 02/03: [Alice Sell](#)  
[Megan Scott](#)
- 02/04: [Melissa Moede](#)
- 02/05: [Hope Harreld](#)  
[Chloe Pillow](#)
- 02/06: [Peggy Armstrong](#)  
[Martha Griffith](#)  
[Freeman Gregory](#)
- 02/07: [Katy Rendon](#)  
[Anthony Cianchetti](#)
- 02/08: [Earl Barnett](#)  
[Heather Hartig](#)
- 02/09: [Karl Schaefer](#)  
[Sarah Fixel](#)
- 02/10: [Christy Wilcox](#)
- 02/11: [BC Whigham](#)  
[Anthony \(Tony\) Hearn](#)  
[Britney Gillespie](#)  
[Sarah Harano](#)  
[Ethan Bihm](#)
- 02/12: [Edie Armstrong](#)  
[Elizabeth East](#)  
[Pam Carter](#)
- 02/13: [Julia Holland](#)  
[Jeanne Camp](#)  
[Charles Ward](#)  
[Rebekah Spivey](#)
- 02/14: [Coco Motley](#)  
[Karla Bradley](#)
- 02/15: [Sarah Cravens](#)

- 02/16: [Chelsea Hindman](#)  
[Rogge Marsh](#)  
[Sharon McCann](#)
- [Janet Harreld](#)  
[Zackary Rendon](#)
- 02/17: [Bill Kibikas](#)
- 02/18: [Susan Stearns](#)
- 02/19: [Will Kibikas](#)
- 02/20: [Gannon Allen](#)
- 02/21: [Dick Mills](#)
- 02/22: [George Brazzel](#)
- 02/23: [Clay Anderson](#)  
[Wendy Koenig](#)
- 02/24: [Lou Fox](#)  
[Mark Luedde](#)  
[Katie Allison Luedde](#)
- 02/25: [Sutton Anderson](#)
- 02/26: [Shelby Sheppard](#)
- 02/27: [Aidan Grady](#)
- 02/28: [Mary Goeckler](#)  
[Vince Guajardo](#)
- 02/29: [Lynn Snowden](#)  
[Paula Nelson](#)





**Wholy Grounds  
Java Spot**  
**OPEN EVERY SUNDAY**  
**Rain or Shine!**

Coffee, Lemonade and Cookies served every Sunday between services and for 30 minutes after 2nd service. Join us!  
**PS: Cookie bakers, if it's your birthday month please bring cookies! We have run out of goodies.**

**EARLY RISERS' VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST**

We are going to have a special menu for the Early Risers' Valentine's Breakfast you are not going to want to miss! It will be in Bouton Hall, Sunday February 12th, from 9:30-10:30. There will be a delicious breakfast buffet plus take-out items for those of you going to Sunday School. Come hungry and please bring a friend or guest.



Happy belated birthday to Jane Markley—January 14!!



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## From Palms to Crowns Lenten Happenings

Wednesday February 22 – 6:30 pm, Ash Wednesday Service

Tuesdays February 28 – April 3, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Lenten Service followed by Soup and Bread Lunch

Wednesdays February 29 – April 4, 6:15 pm – 6:45 pm, Communion Service

If you would like to provide Soup or Bread for our Lenten Lunches, please contact Nina Moede

