

The Evangel

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church May 12, 2017 Volume 22, No. 10

Sunday, May 14:

Fifth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday Mother's Day Food Pantry Sunday

Celebration Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 9:40 am

Traditional Worship 11:00 am

Sunday, May 21:

Sixth Sunday of Easter Recognition of High School Graduates

Celebration Service 8:30 am

> Sunday School 9:40 am

Traditional Worship 11:00 am

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OUR MISSION is to know God and make God known!

A Message from the Pastor

Honor Your Mother



In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

In the midst of great grief, Anna Jarvis, decided to honor her mother Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis who had died May 9, 1905. Ann Marie Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

Therefore, she started a dedicated letter writing campaign to declare an official Mother's Day. And on May 10, 1908, the first Mother's Day was observed at Andrews Methodist(!) Church in Grafton, West Virginia, as a memorial to her mother and all mothers. In 1910, her home state of West Virginia was the first state to observe the holiday.

Owing to her relentless efforts, by 1911 every state of the Union observed the holiday. Finally, on May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

As part of her effort to standardize the wording of the holiday, Anna Jarvis also trademarked the phrases "Second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day", and created the Mother's Day International Association in 1912. She specifically noted that "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor its own mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world."

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

Grace and peace,

Kovin



Mother's Day and Youth Sunday



Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day and Youth Sunday at St. Stephen's! Our youth will help lead the worship services, including special musical performances and a video featuring members of our youth group sharing what <u>Iohn Wesley's 3 General Rules</u>: <u>Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God</u> mean to them. We will also recognize all the mothers. You won't want to miss these special services!



Moms and their children are invited to join us during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. for a special time together at "Muffins with Mom" in the fellowship hall. Enjoy breakfast and making a craft!



Our Texas Annual Conference Bishop, Scott Jones, is inviting everyone to participate in our Mother's Day Appeal this Sunday, May 14, to benefit the Methodist Retirement Communities (MRC) Foundation. The MRC's mission statement reads, "Inspired by the Wesleyan tradition of Christian faith and wholeness, MRC is committed to faith-based, quality living for senior adults." MRC is part of our connectional ministry, serving those

who once cared for us. Your offering supports those with limited or no financial means and provides special resources for those with Alzheimer's. MRC does not have an endowment to lean on, so it must count on donations each year. Please plan to participate in this very important service ministry. It is through such generous contributions from donors that MRC is able to serve so many in the Texas Annual Conference. Thank you in advance for participating in this year's appeal.

Attendance and Contributions at St. Stephen's:

	8:30 am	11:00 am	Sunday School	<u>Operating</u>	Building	Missions/ Communion	<u>Other</u>	<u>Fundraiser</u>
April 30	57	127	121	\$4,814.50	\$362.50	\$20.00	\$280.74	_
May 7	60	149	120	\$23,088.50	\$20,287.50	\$915.00	\$13,950.88	_

From the St. Stephen's Foundation Committee

Heartspring

Honoring Your Mother on Mother's Day

Celebrated this year on Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day is a time to recognize all mothers and the important role they play in our lives. This year, consider honoring your mother with a memorial or honorarium gift to the church endowment. Or consider setting up a new permanent endowment fund in her name to support a cause close to her heart. For more

information about honoring your loved ones, contact Heartspring Methodist Foundation at 713-533-3780 or 1-800-521-9671, or by email at office@heartspringmethodist.org.

Milestones



In Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Wilma "Doodie" Thompson, who passed away April 29. A memorial service was held for Wilma on May 6 at Klein Funeral Home in Spring, Texas.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Hubert "Hugh" Smith, Jr., husband of Suzanne Butterwick Smith, and step-father of John Butterwick, who is the husband of Johnson Memorial School helping teacher, Dawn Butterwick. Hugh passed away May 3 at Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital. Visitation with his family



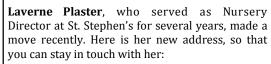
will be held Friday, May 12, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pat Foley Funeral Home, 1200 West 34th Street, Houston, Texas, A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Hugh Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m., also at Pat Foley.



Please pray for the family of Maria Garcia, who passed away May 7. A memorial service will be held for Maria at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 23, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception following the service in Room 101.



Address Update





10110 Kempwood Drive, Apt. #1155 Houston, Texas 77055

Congratulations, Christie!

Congratulations to Christie Fisher, Oak Forest Elementary Teacher of the Year! She has also been nominated for the HISD Fan Favorite Award because of her status as a "teacher of the year". Christie is pictured below volunteering at St. Stephen's Fine Arts Camp last summer.



St. Stephen's Softball Team

St. Stephen's Softball Team celebrated a 13-9 win this past Sunday, May 7! Way to go, team! (Visit our Facebook page for more photos.)





Evangel Deadlines

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Send articles to maryellen@stsumc.org or call the church office.

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St. Stephen's UMC—Calendar of Events

Friday, May 12:

Boy Scout Troop 604 Campout at Pecan Park

6:00 am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's @ W 34th & 290)

5:00 pm—Visitation with the family of Hugh Smith (Pat Foley)

Saturday, May 13:

7:00 am—Garden Angels Dirt Diggers Workday (Work on flowerbeds.)

9:00 am—Spring Artisan Market (West Sanctuary Parking Lot)

10:30 am—Celebration of Life for Hugh Smith (Pat Foley Funeral Home)

8:00 pm—Narcotics Anonymous Support Group (Scout House)

Sunday, May 14:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday/Mother's Day

Food Pantry Sunday

Troop 604 Returns from Campout

7:30 am—Sonrise (Celebration Service) Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

8:30 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)

9:40 am—Sunday School for Children, Youth & Adults (Education Bldg)

10:00 am—Muffins with Mom (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am—Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 15:

7:00 pm—Boy Scouts Troop 604 Meeting (Scout House)

Tuesday, May 16:

9:00 am—Johnson Memorial School Classes (Education Building)

9:30 am—Line Dancing Class (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 pm—Johnson School Dance Class (Room 106)

6:30 pm—GriefShare Grief Support Group (Room 201)

7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting (Room 101)

7:30 pm—Sea Scouts Ship 24 Meeting (Scout House)

Wednesday, May 17:

6:00 am—Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 am—Johnson Memorial School Classes (Education Building)

9:30 am—Senior Games (Fellowship Hall/Bring a sack lunch.)

9:30 am—Hope Mission Group Meeting (Room 112)

11:00 am—Johnson School Chapel/Movin' On Ceremony (Sanctuary)

11:30 am—Johnson School Reception (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 18:

Johnson Memorial School Splash Day/Last Day of Classes

10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (Room 112)

1:00 pm—Johnson School Gymnastics (Fellowship Hall)

1:15 pm—Office/Program Staff Meeting (Room 101)

6:30 pm—SEAL Security Meeting (Church Library)

6:30 pm—Girl Scouts Brownies/Jr.'s Meeting (Room 108)

Spring Artisan Market



St. Stephen's will host the Spring Artisan Market, benefiting the Animal Justice League, **this Saturday**, **May 13**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in our west sanctuary parking lot. The Animal Justice League is a

501(c)3 tax exempt dog and cat rescue organization with a focus on the Oak Forest and surrounding neighborhoods of Houston. Like the Fall Artisan Market hosted at St. Stephen's this past October, this outdoor market will include vendors, food trucks and fun! This Sunday is Mother's Day, so here's an opportunity to do some shopping for Mom!

Mother's Day Schedule



The United Methodist Women, the Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group and afternoon Bible studies will not meet **this Sunday**, **May 14**, so that everyone can spend time with their families on Mother's Day.

Food Pantry Sunday



This Sunday, May 14, is also Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring donations of non-perishable food for needy families to the basket in the Narthex (sanctuary foyer) marked MANNA (Ministry Assistance of the Near Northwest Area).

Thursday, May 18 (cont.):

7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, May 19:

6:00 am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's @ 34th & 290)

11:30 am—Solitaires Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm—Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 20:

8:00 pm—Narcotics Anonymous Support Group (Scout House)

Sunday, May 21:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Graduating High School Seniors Recognition

7:30 am—Sonrise Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

8:30 am—Celebration Service (Sanctuary)

9:40 am—Sunday School for Children, Youth & Adults (Education Bldg)

10:00 am—Graduating Seniors Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am—Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm—Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Meeting (Youth Room 205)

12:30 pm—Adult Bible Class Luncheon (Offsite)

12:30 pm—COVENANT Bible Study Luncheon (Room 101)

Monday, May 22:

11:30 am—Fun4Seniors Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

12:00 pm—Deadline to turn in articles for May 26 Evangel

(Send to maryellen@stsumc.org or call the church office.)

7:00 pm—Trustees Board Meeting (Church Library)

7:00 pm—Boy Scout Troop 604 Meeting (Scout House)

Tuesday, May 23:

Johnson Memorial School Parent/Teacher Conferences

9:30 am—Line Dancing Class (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am—Memorial Service for Maria Garcia (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm—Memorial Reception (Room 101)

7:30 pm—Sea Scouts Ship 24 Meeting (Scout House)

Wednesday, May 24:

6:00 am—Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am—Senior Games (Fellowship Hall/Bring a sack lunch.)

Thursday, May 25:

Last Day of Classes for HISD Students

7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, May 26:

6:00 am—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's @ 34th & 290)

Hope Mission Group

The Hope Mission Group welcomes ladies of all ages to join us for our monthly meeting on **Wednesday**, **May** 17. We gather in the fellowship hall for refreshments



at 9:30 a.m., followed by our meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Room 112. Inez Brewer will present the program this month on the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

Solitaires Luncheon

The Solitaires are a ministry offering support and friendship to all who have lost a spouse. We welcome you to join us for our monthly meeting and fellowship **Friday, May 19**, at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$8 for a catered meal. Please RSVP to Betty Brashear at 281-787-1403 if you are not already on a call list.

High School Graduate Recognition

We will recognize our graduating high school seniors during the worship services on **Sunday**, **May 21**. The Hope Mission Group will host a special breakfast for them in the fellowship hall. Read more about how you can support and encourage our high school graduates in the Children and Youth News on page 5.



Mission and Volunteer Opportunities



Mission Moment Update

Yes, I'm back from **Lord's Mountain Orphanage** Zambezi, Zambia, Africa. Thank you, St. Stephens UMC, for your prayers during that time. I'm excited and looking forward to sharing my story with you very soon at church service. Stay tuned for details of the date. Praise God. Kwalisa Kalunga (Luvale language).

Elizabeth Jackson



UM ARMY

St. Stephen's will host a UM ARMY Camp from the Woodlands United Methodist Church in our church building the week of June 4-10. During their stay here with us, they will assist homeowners in need in our area with yardwork and simple home repairs such as carpentry and painting (no plumbing or electrical repairs). If you or someone you know could use some help, please contact the church office.

Hungry campers appreciate having plenty of treats to snack on during the week. While the UM ARMY team from The Woodlands UMC is staying with us, let's make them feel welcome by planning to bring homemade sweets and other snacks. You may bring the treats to the church kitchen any day during the week of June 4-10.



Notes from the Music Minister





Mother's Day is just around the corner. It can be a wonderful time of celebration, and it can also be incredibly painful for those who have lost their mothers or their children. There are others who suffer silently through the holiday who do not have children, but desperately want them. Others choose not to have children and are happy with that choice, but on holidays like this one, they are confronted with society's judgement of that choice. Still others had or have strained relationships with their mothers. Needless to say, this holiday (like many others) comes with a lot of emotional baggage for many people. The same can be said for Father's Day, which is why we often focus on God as our Father. Many people are more hesitant to make the comparison of God as our Mother. However, throughout the bible we are presented with images of God as a Mother: God gives us birth (Duet 32:18), God is a mother giving comfort (Isa 66:13, Isa 49:15, Ps 131:2), Jesus describes himself as a mother hen in Matt 23:37 and Luke 13:34, and there are more!

Have you ever thought of God as your Mother? This may be a new way to engage with God in your holy imagination. God doesn't fit inside a box, and meets us all where we are. This may mean that feminine language for God is a beautiful gift to you, or it might be cumbersome for you. Each of us experience God in deeply personal ways (which means that our experiences aren't always identical!). I believe that music and poetry can open us up to the holy mystery. Poetry helps us put words and images with our innermost thoughts and feelings, and music helps us when words fail to express the depths of what it means to be human. One of my favorite hymn writers, Ruth Duck, envisions God as Mother in the hymn "Womb of Life." I will share the first and last verse with you here, and can find the whole hymn in The Faith We Sing:

Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart, In your arms the world awakened; you have loved us from the start. We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare. Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son: We would praise your name forever, One-in-three, and Three-in-one. We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new, Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.



Lindsay Smith

Prayer Concerns

Ed & Claytie Abrahams, Dianne Alexander, Jim Alsup, Edie Anders, Chappie Ashburn, Ruth Austin, Betty Babin, Lanny Baker, Robert Baldwin, Carolyn Belk, Peggy Bickel, Anita Bishop, Joan Booth, Bill Borum, Tyler Bothmann, Ed Bradley, Paula Brady, Phyllis Briggs, Nancy Buck, Patrick Burns Jr., Chappie Collins, Earl & Gloria Collins, Dorothy Cox, Patricia Creed, Margaret Demuth, Wyatt Devilbiss, Elva Duncan, Gerald Dupree, Camryn Eaton, Walter Ebelt, Stephen & Brenda Edrozo, Cameron Elliott, the Emerson family, Florence Epperson, Jack Ford, Penny Gadmer, Bill & Mildred Gandin, the family of Maria Garcia, Kendel Green, Linda & Bob Guggia, Carol Hamilton & family, Dorothy Haschke, Kathleen Hearn, Kathleen Heath, Tripp Hensley, Elizabeth Hickerson, Edison Hicks, Tammy Hicks' daughter, Jamie; Ann Hill, Betsy Hill, Rev. Tom & Florence Holcomb, Elizabeth Huebner, Nancy Hunt, George & Betty Jackson & son; Damian Janacek, Cathy Johnson, Diane Johnson, Thelma Jones, Jeannette Klemola, Lee Kruse, Lucinda Kurtas, Jim & Dianne Latham & family; Angus & Virginia Lewis, Penny Loy, Carol Luce, Lavon Mahon & family, Bonnie Maple, Ginny Martin, Marsha Massey, Steve Mattison, Michelle Maurizi, Frances Mayberry, Charles Meyer, Ed Mills, Bill Moan, Mary Nelle Moore, Nina Myers (hospice), Michael Niederhofer, Donna Oliver, Gary & Dian Parker, Jody Parker, Betty Parks, Jean Parks, Margie Perron, Paulette Price, Gloria Powell, Billy Raines, Milton & Noni Ray, Bob & Gladys Reeve, Betty Roberts, Rogers & Jane Roberts, Kathleen Saathoff, Donna Schmidt, Abigale Smith, Barbara Smith, Lura Smith, Suzanne Butterwick Smith & family upon the death of her husband, Hugh Smith; Cindy St. Lawrence, the family of Inez Stacey, Billy Stephens, Hazel Swearingen, Danny Thomason, Hazel Thompson, the family of Wilma "Doodie" Thompson, Rosalie Turner, Ronnie Vance, Bitsy Vilven, Virginia Wells, Margaret White (hospice), Paul Wieting, Jay Wilburn, George Wood, Gay Woods

In Our Prayers

In the Military

Dirk Ray Jr., Allen Troth

In the Hospital

Colonial Oaks Westchase—Anna Ruth Putnam (hospice)

<u>Legend Oaks Northwest</u> — Elizabeth Dennard (rehab)

Children and Youth News

From the Director of Student Ministries



Youth Led Worship - The youth will be leading worship on May 14 based around John Wesley's 3 Rules: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. Since we wanted to model doing good and not just talk about it, the youth dropped off the diapers at the Star of Hope that were collected during our Wesleyan Way church-wide Bible study.



Muffins with Mom - We are hosting our Muffins with Mom on Sunday, May 14 starting at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. We especially encourage mom's with little ones to go to the breakfast and make a craft with your child.

Graduating Senior Breakfast and Boxes - We have four seniors who are graduating this year: Michael Sackett, Avery Hicks, Nick Eads, and Max Ward. The Hope Mission Group is hosting a breakfast for them in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 21. We will recognize the seniors in their preferred service and pray over them in worship. The church is also collecting cards (and other small gifts) for the seniors in their boxes in the Narthex. Please help us send our young people out to college or their next step in life.



Eagle Scout Awarded - Congratulations to Max Ward for receiving his Eagle Scout Award for successfully planning and completing the painting of the youth room at St. Stephen's.

Big House Help! - Our junior high students are going to St. Matthew's for Big House, July 6-9. We would love your help in caring for our students since they will be so nearby. Big House is suggesting that camps now have "Shower Homes" for work teams. This means that church members decide to open their homes on Friday and Saturday of camp from around 4-6pm to let a group of about 5 youth and one adult shower. Other groups might include adult volunteers who need to shower during the day. If you would like to open up your home to short term missionaries, are okay with a messy shower, and live relatively close to the church, please let Mary Gossett know. Mary will make sure that you are Safe Sanctuary certified and background checked before passing your name along to the camp director. If you or your Sunday School Class would like to donate a meal, snacks, or other items that would be useful at a camp, please let Mary Gossett know.

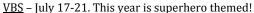


Summer Dates - It's already that time of year to mark your calendars for the summer events! This includes all volunteers. You are always welcome and encouraged to volunteer.

<u>Summer Camp at Lakeview</u> – June 11-16. Grades: going into 3rd- graduating seniors. The cost is \$400 (but we have scholarships available.) Activities include: swimming, fishing, archery, giant water slides, canoeing, paddle boats, gaga ball, human foosball, a giant pillow, and worship and small group time.

<u>UM ARMY</u> – June 25-July 1. Grades: 8th-12th grades. The cost is \$250. We are going with our neighbor church, Terrace, so we will have lots of fun. UM ARMY is all about fixing hearts and homes, so you'll be doing house repairs, yard work, painting, etc. It's a great experience.

<u>Big House</u> – July 6-9. Grades 5th-8th. The cost is \$125. This year, we are going down the street to St. Matthew's! (So they would be open to local donations of food, so if you cook, this is a great volunteer opportunity.) This is a great chance to give back to the people around us. Even though we'll be down the street, we will be going to camp, sleeping at the church, etc. The projects Big House does aren't quite as intense as UM ARMY, but you can expect to do painting and scraping, yard work, and light home repair.



<u>Fine Arts Camp</u> – August 6-10 at St. Stephen's. The cost is \$100. This year's theme is Arts Through the Ages, and it is open to those entering Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Mary Gossett



Johnson Memorial School News



On May 12, 1967, Robert A. Johnson died in combat at a Special Forces camp in South Vietnam. The members of St. Stephen's UMC and our special preschool will always grieve the loss of this young man who grew up in this church. Robert Johnson exemplified the best the youth of our nation could bring forth.

Memorials in Robert Johnson's honor were sent to this church, and at the request of his parents and two younger sisters (Ginny Martin is still a very involved member of our JMS School Board!), these gifts were directed to establishing a school for little children.

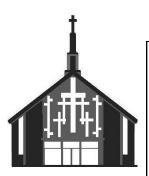
Thursday, May 11, JMS students celebrated Military Appreciation Month and honored the 50th anniversary of Robert Johnson's passing by creating artful thank you notes for deployed soldiers. As a school, we have joined the Soldiers' Angels organization and plan on sending art and notes to deployed chaplains every month. If anyone would like to contribute a letter or assist in off-setting our shipping costs, please contact the JMS Director, Candice Croker, at jms@stsumc.org



Teacher Appreciation Week last week - Luncheon by parents in honor of staff. What a treat! Thanks to Kathleen Orr, Traci Riley, Ashley Andrew and so many others who prepared food, decorated and monitored classrooms during the event.







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Fun4Seniors Luncheon



Adults age 50+ are welcome to join us for a "Very Berry Good Time Luncheon", Monday, May 22, at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Hosted by Harris County Precinct 4, tickets are \$10 per person and include a meal

catered by Ben's Chuck Wagon, and live, musical entertainment. The lunch menu will include fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, homemade bread, dessert and iced tea. Please RSVP to Precinct 4 at 281-893-3726. Checks should be made payable to Fun4Seniors and mailed to 1731 Hugh Rd, Houston, Texas 77067.

Texas Annual Conference



The 2017 Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place May 28-31 at The Woodlands United Methodist Church, 2200 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas. Our Minister of Music, Rev. Lindsay Smith, will be ordained at a service of ordination on Tuesday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. She has been asked by the Assistant to the Bishop to lead

the sending forth at the end of the service. A pre-service concert begins at 6:30 p.m. The service is open to the public, so everyone is invited to come out and support Lindsay, and celebrate this important moment in her ministry. You are also welcome to come and hear St. Stephen's handbell choir play at the Conference on Monday, May 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Holiday



The church office will be closed **Monday**, **May 29**, in observance of Memorial Day. Pastor Kevin and members of the program staff will be attending the Texas Annual Conference. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day holiday!

VIPs Trip



The VIPs travel group will be going to Liberty Opry on Saturday, July 8. The bus will leave St. Stephen's at 12:15 p.m. and will return by 8:15 p.m. We will eat a late lunch/early dinner at Mike's Barbeque, Catfish and Steaks in Dayton. This restaurant has a large buffet and is highly rated by its clientele. After our meal, we

will proceed to Liberty. The show, a Gospel Night featuring "The Singing Saints", will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The evening of food, entertainment and good fellowship will only cost \$25 per person. Contact Brenda Paulk to sign up at 713-686-8000. The deadline to sign up is June 26.

Save the Date for the Golf Tournament!



Our annual Bill Hardwick Memorial Golf Classic will be held this year in the fall, on Saturday, October 21, at Jersey Meadow Golf Club in Jersey Village. Watch for more details in future newsletters and worship bulletins.