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A Message from Don Meador

Happy New Year! Yes, a new year is upon us with all of its promise and possibilities. We welcome 2011! Have you made your resolutions yet? I remember a story that was told about a high school principal who decided to post his teachers' New Year resolutions on the bulletin board. As the teachers gathered around the board, a great commotion started. One of the teachers was complaining. "Why weren't my resolutions posted?" She was throwing such a temper tantrum that the principal hurried to his office to see if he had overlooked her resolutions. Sure enough, he had mislaid them on his desk. As he read over her resolutions he was astonished. The teacher's first resolution was not to let little things upset her in the New Year.

Well, you may or may not make resolutions. But may I share some quotes someone gave to me that may give some guidance as we consider how we'll live in the New Year:

A family altar can alter a family.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.

Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

"Pray" is a four letter word that you can say anywhere.

We are too blessed to be depressed.

Worry is the darkroom in which "negatives" are developed.

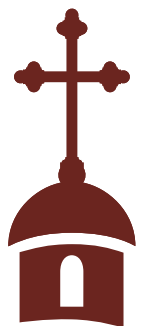
The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Whether or not you practice doing New Year resolutions, the important thing is how we approach a new year. Do we approach it with anticipation and expectation or with anxiety and worry? Do we approach it with fear or with faith? What do you see as you look into this new year God has given us? I hope you believe God is still in the business of creating great and wonderful things for His children. We are blessed. We do believe that all things work together for good for those who love the Lord. That should make all the difference as we move into a wonderful new year.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Your friend, Don

Pastor to Senior Adults



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY CALENDAR – January 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	8:45 - 1:00 p.m. The Gathering Place (AG) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Camera Club (JL)		9:30 a.m. Games 11:15 a.m. lunch Prime Timers (WH)			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch (Landry's Seafood House 1212 Lake Robbins Drive)			6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Friendship Class Game Night (AG)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		noon - 2:00 p.m. Peggy's Book Club (AG) 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Goldenaires Rehearsal Resumes (MS)	1:30 p.m. OK Quilters (AG)	noon - 2:00 p.m. Sarah Circle (JL) 2:00 p.m. SAM Planning Meeting (DC)		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Goldenaires Rehearsal (MS)			2:30 - 5:00 p.m. An Afternoon at the Movies <i>The King and I</i> (MS) 6:45 - 11:00 p.m. Senior Day Trip	
30	31					

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – 9:30 AM

Friendship Class (AG) Believers (AH) Lamplighters (D207) Perspectives (D209)

Location/Legend: **Loft** – Craft Circle Rm. **JL** – Jones Library **MS** - Music Suite **WH** – Wesley Hall **DC** – Dunnam Conference Rm.
AG – Aldersgate Hall **AH** - Asbury Hall **RC** - Robb Chapel **GC** – Galloway Conference Room

COMING EVENTS

THE GATHERING PLACE - MONDAY, January 3

The Gathering Place is an outreach program for adults who have early to moderate Alzheimer's or dementia. Volunteers arrive at Aldersgate Hall at 8:45 a.m. and our guests arrive at 10:00 a.m. The theme for the day will be "Snow Fun". Dress warmly and bring mittens and a scarf! **Big reminder that it is the FIRST MONDAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY!!!!** For more information, contact Connie Norton at 281.292.3875.

CAMERA CLUB - MONDAY, January 3

The Camera Club is open to everyone who owns a camera! Gathering time: 7:00 p.m.; the meeting starts promptly at 7:15 p.m. in the Jones Library. For more information, contact Jean Drummond at 281.367.7641.

PRIME TIMERS - WEDNESDAY, January 5

Games will be held at 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:15 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Congressman Kevin Brady will speak. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, January 3 to Joyce and Ken Nesmith at 281.367.5519. The cost is \$7. Checks preferred, payable to The Woodlands UMC.

THE LUNCH BUNCH - TUESDAY, January 11

Join us at 11:30 a.m. at Landry's Seafood House (1212 Lake Robbins Drive). Lunch is dutch. Reservations are due by January 9. For more information, contact Bill & Barbara Scott 281.651.4444 or Richard & Barbara Fulmer 936.273.4893.

FRIENDSHIP CLASS GAME NIGHT - FRIDAY, January 14

Join us from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall for a night of fun, fellowship, games and light refreshments. Games include Mexican train, bridge, hand and foot, and rummy cube. Cost is \$1. For more information, contact Richard & Barbara Fulmer at 936.273.4893 or Judi Bonds at 281.292.4971.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES PLANNING MEETING - THURSDAY, January 20

Make suggestions for programs, day trips, studies and other special events at the next meeting in Dunnam Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. Any senior is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Derle Lindner at 936.321.9160.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES - FRIDAY, January 28

Playing on the big screen this month ... *The King and I*. Meet in the large choir rehearsal room at 2:30 p.m. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. For more information contact Dee & Dave Megee at 281.364.7114

The following groups will not meet this month:

- Shepherd Care

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

GOLDENAIRES CHOIR

The Goldenaires Choir is a group of folks who like singing together and providing music for various functions such as Prime Timers, funerals and visits to senior facilities. Rehearsals will resume Tuesday, January 18. Rehearsals will be January 18 and January 25 in the large choir rehearsal room. For more information, or to get involved, contact Louise Kramer at 281.297.5903.

PEGGY'S BOOK CLUB

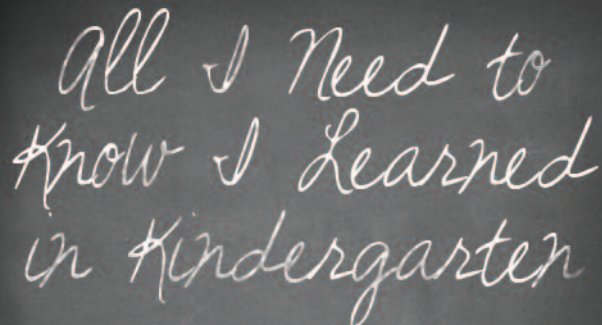
Bring a brown bag lunch to Aldersgate Hall from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18. The book to be discussed is Laura Bush's, *Spoken from the Heart*. Coffee will be provided. Contact Lois Ramey at 936.856.7063 for more information.

OK QUILTERS

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, to work on quilts and other projects for shut-ins in Aldersgate Hall. For more information contact Joyce Nesmith 281.367.5519 or Lela Smith 936.273.2545.

SARAH CIRCLE

On Thursday, January 20, bring your lunch and join us in Jones Library from noon to 2:00 p.m. Coffee/tea/dessert will be provided. Julie Adcock, Director of Women's Ministries, will speak. For more information, contact Lois Ramey at 936.856.7063.



All I Need to
Know I Learned
in Kindergarten

Join us on **Friday, January 28**, to see the play, *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, at the Houston Family Arts Center.

We will leave church at 6:45 p.m.

Cost is \$17, checks payable to The Woodlands UMC.

For more information contact
Neil and Phyllis Johnson at 936.321.4008

SPOTLIGHT: The Gathering Place

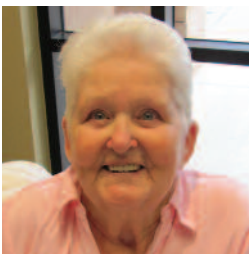


The Gathering Place is an ecumenical ministry at The Woodlands United Methodist Church for adults who have been diagnosed with mild to moderate Alzheimer's and related dementia. It is provided in partnership with Interfaith CarePartners®. We give caregivers an opportunity to find respite without worry and to make a positive difference in the lives of families facing the challenges of caregiving. The caregivers are welcome to stay or leave to run errands or just to have some alone time. We also provide a caregivers support group, Common Ground which meets from 11 a.m. until noon on the day of The Gathering Place.

The Gathering Place is held the first Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and includes games, crafts, exercise, music and social time. Lunch is provided and there is never a charge to attend.



If you are interested in The Gathering Place for a family member or as a volunteer, contact Care Ministries at 281.297.5900 or TheGatheringPlace@twumc.org.



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