



# THE KIRK NEWS

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## Lenten Pot-Luck Dinners

Starting February 21, we began our Sunday evening Pot-Luck Dinners and Lenten Study. We meet at 6:00 for our meal. Note that we don't instruct people in what to bring, but truly eat what is brought.

After our meal we adjourn to the Sanctuary for a Lenten reading and discussion. We are finished around 7:30. Our theme for these Lenten studies is "Returning Home." Through dramatic first-person readings we are looking at the Prodigal Son story in depth.

When you hear the story of the Prodigal Son, you can't help but identify with one or more of the main characters. To whom do you relate in this great story. Are you the wild younger son who wasted his father's money, practically his life, but received a second chance? Do you personally know something about second chances?

Or are you more like the older son? Industrious, practical, steady, reliable, but maybe with just a hint of jealousy, just a touch of feeling that you're taken for granted? Or do you relate more to the father in the story? Maybe you have a child who has kept you up more than one sleepless night?

Come join us for this interesting series as we hear from the Prodigal Son, the Eldest Son, The Father, The Mother, and The Servant.

## Maundy Thursday

On April 1, we will gather for our Maundy Thursday evening time together as we contemplate the Sacrifice of our Lord.

We return this year to have a simple meal before our program. Tim McNutt will provide our dinner, and we will sit at tables in groups of eight to share a simple meal, a dramatic presentation, and communion.

Our time begins with the meal at 6:30, and we will be finished by 8. If you have been in attendance for one of our more recent Maundy Thursday services, you know how powerfully moving the drama prior to communion is. This year we expand the experience to include a church family gathering at tables to share a meal, just as Christ sat at a table with his family of friends.

Come join us on Thursday, April 1.

## March Lectionary

### March 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent – Communion Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;  
I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

### March 14 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;  
II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### March 21

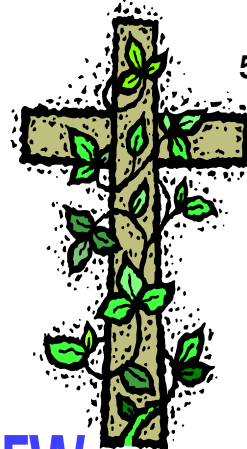
#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21;  
Psalm 126;  
Philippians 3:4-14;  
John 12:1-8

### March 28

#### Passion/Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9;  
Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11;  
Luke 22:14-23:56



**NEW LIFE  
IN CHRIST**

## Good Friday

Our Good Friday gathering will have a presentation from our choir, plus readings from Scripture, and a dramatic presentation.

Beginning at 7 on Friday April 2, we will begin our preparation for Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary will be striped of the colors of Lent, and our Chancel Celtic Cross will be draped in black. During the evening we will hear again of the Passion Story as told by St. Matthew.

This is a solemn evening of worship. As we gather we are reminded that without death, there is no resurrection. Come join us for this evening of worship.



I'm going to ask for a show of hands. (Be sure you are alone when you read this, people will wonder why you are raising your hand while you are looking at the computer.) How many of you are the first born child? For those firstborn children, how many of you thought, "My younger brother, my younger sister – they get away with murder!"?

Another show of hands: How many of you are the youngest son or daughter in your family? Now, for those who raised your hands, (and don't you feel silly for having done so?), how many of you younger children thought, "I never get to do anything!"?

Several studies indicate that parents do grow more lenient, the more children they have. They're more protective with the first, more demanding of the first. I've personally observed parents in various congregations. With their first child, if that first child picks up something and puts it in his or her mouth, it is a national health care crisis. With a second child, they let the child eat dirt and call it fiber. Some wise person remarked that with the third or fourth child, "You let them juggle knives!" Parents loosen up.

As we continue in our journey with Jesus to the cross, I want to ask three questions: To whom do you relate in the story of the Prodigal Son? Is it possible to get lost at home? And, is it really possible to return home?

The Good News is that God holds you in the palm of His hand and loves you to death, whether you're in a far land, or lost at home. God offers you forgiveness, offers you a second chance, and offers you the power through Christ always to return home.

God bless. Bill

## Calling All Speedsters!!

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, the deacons will be hosting the quarterly Speedsters Lunch following the 10:45 service in the banner room. We will be grilling burgers and will have baked beans, potato salad, chips and delicious dessert made by Shari Sobek. We may be blessed with an appearance from the Serving Wenches and most importantly, you should know that Mike Reeves is in charge of brining tomatoes!! We always have a good time and we hope you plan to join us. Got questions? Call Tiffany Wylie at 972-418-0277.

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## Second Saturday Sisters

In keeping with our Nor'kirk Men's regular BYOB gatherings ..... the Women of The Kirk would like to invite you to our first **Second Saturday Dinner**. Just like the men, our locations and hosts will vary, but we will gather on a regular basis for fellowship, fun, and food! At our first gathering we will decide just how often we want to meet (monthly, quarterly, etc), and the possibility of meeting at restaurants from time to time, too.

And just to prove how very flexible we are, our first Second Saturday will actually be held on the FIRST Saturday of March this time, **March 6th at 6:00pm at 1512 Derby Run** (Diana Farrar-hostess). We may even end up watching "Calendar Girls" – a wonderful movie depicting what friendship combined with service to others can accomplish.

Please bring a salad to share and invite another Nor'kirk woman to attend with you. Dessert will be provided.

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## Preschool News

Miss Nancy and Rev. Parr shared February Chapel time and asked our 4-5 year olds "Who do you love?" The children eagerly replied: "Mommy, Daddy, sister, cousin, uncle, teacher, Rev. Parr, Miss Nancy and my dog"

The Bible tells us Jesus said "love one another". Valentine hearts remind us to love each other and the cross means God loves you. Chapel time ended with a prayer and singing Jesus loves you, with sign language.

During February our preschoolers had great fun during our own Olympics. Relays and an obstacle course kept little feet busy on our Olympics for Team Fox day Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Our 4-5 year olds held an Olympics Day on Feb. 25 Preschool style cross country, luge, ice hockey and skating were fun in large south yard.

During March we will learn about farm life, enjoy Spring Break: March 15-18 and celebrate Easter. Please share our preschool phone # 972-395-3707 with your friends so they may register for our Fall fun. Diane Haist

## The Nor'kirk Session 2010

A photo of the Session appears here in the hard copies of the Newsletter, but would not transfer to the PDF file. The picture is posted on the church bulletin board.

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### SHYC 2010 WRAPUP

Another Senior High Youth Connection (SHYC), the annual event for high school students held at Austin College in Sherman, is behind us, and another Nor'kirk group of SHYCers had a great time, got very little sleep, and returned home with stories to tell and new friends to find on Facebook!

Our group of 15 students and three sponsors left Carrollton on a cold, rainy Friday afternoon and experienced a weekend that included "the bridge" (if you've been to SHYC, you know what bridge) being closed due to weather, a chance to shop at the Austin College bookstore for hoodies and souvenirs, breakfast waffles, and keeping the 15-passenger van clean!

Many thanks to our three sponsors, Susan Hopper, Bette Morris, and Matt Heflin. Both Susan and Bette filled in at the last moment, and Matt drove up from Austin to attend with our group.

We'll return to SHYC next January for another great weekend. If you are in grades 8-11, plan to attend!

### CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Misty Baptiste's family;  
Shirley Cline;  
Roy Gardner;  
Victoria Hines;  
Rynn Lombard's father, Bob Doan;  
Bernie Manley;  
Jan Mattson's friend, Averi Moya;  
Ryan Mattson;  
Margaret McCartney;  
Gayla McCown's mother, Joan Smith;  
Jerry Miller's family;  
Jane Moellering;  
John O'Connell's cousin, Terry Earle and family;  
John O'Connell's mother, Nellie O'Connell;  
John O'Connell's friend, Chili Robinson;  
Nellie O'Connell's friend, Quincy Johnson;  
R. C. Peacock;  
Bill & Sylvia Simonsen's family;  
Tiffany Wylie's father.



**Come celebrate our  
Kirk Orchestra's 10th season  
of Music Ministry**

**Sunday, April 11th at 6pm  
The Nor'kirk Presbyterian Sanctuary**

In the spring of 2000, a small but committed group of Nor'kirk Musicians began rehearsals in Price Hall. Little did we know that 10 years later we would have grown so much, both musically and in numbers. So it is with great appreciation for the support we have received from The Nor'kirk and our surrounding community, that we invite you to help us celebrate TEN YEARS with TEA and TCHAIKOVSKY.

Our program will be comprised from a myriad of styles and composers – there will be something for everyone! And, as is our tradition, we will enjoy a reception following the concert - this one in the form of a High Tea. Various teas with scones, biscuits, shortbreads and cakes will be provided for all those who participate and attend.

The orchestra is bringing back some of our favorites, and would like to invite any interested orchestra alums to come join us for this very special Anniversary Concert. Please contact Director Charlotte Moellering if you would like to get some music and prepare to join the group.

Charlotte Moellering, [orchmo1@verizon.net](mailto:orchmo1@verizon.net)  
214-796-4086

## **HEY, KIRK CARNIVORES OF THE MALE PERSUASION!!**

Yes, just as your innards have recovered from the February BYOB, time for another meaty feast! Come join all your brothers for another BYOB on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the fantastic estate of Jim Davis, 2301 Queen Morgan, Lewisville, TX 75056. The gathering will commence at 7:00 p.m., and last as long as the last man is standing and awake (around 9:30). So, bring your meats, bring your favorite sides (if ya want), bring your favorite beverages – most important, bring yourselves!! Rsvp asap to John Bara at 214-724-3089 or [jbara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbara@sbcglobal.net). See ya at the Davises!!

## **Officers Enthusiastic and Excited**

The All-Officers Retreat, held January 9, 2010, generated enthusiasm and excitement in the 2010 Nor'kirk deacons, elders and trustees. At the retreat we discussed how to best lead the spiritual growth of our congregation and serve our community. From this discussion, we charted a course for 2010 that will help The Nor'kirk meet the needs of our congregation and reach out into our community.

The following events are planned for 2010 at the Nor'kirk:

### **Highland Games \* – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Blood Drive – April 11<sup>th</sup>

Murder Mystery – April 24<sup>th</sup>

Flea Market – June 12<sup>th</sup>

Family Camp – June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

VBS Dinner – July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Blood Drive – August 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Round Up \* – September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Fall Festival \* – October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Blood Drive – November 14<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Dinner – November 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Christmas Program \* – December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**\* Major events with which we hope to get everyone in the Congregation to participate and bring in a large number of non-members/visitors.**

Please check The Kirk News, Worship Bulletins and the Nor'kirk website for additional information and details as we get closer to each of these events.

The Nor'kirk officers will meet quarterly to monitor the progress of action items from the retreat, evaluate the success of such actions on the life of the Nor'kirk and coordinate efforts of combined groups for upcoming events.

Scott Cherry, Clerk of Session



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**CALLING ALL NORKIRK ADULT SLEUTHS!!**

We're hearing that dastardly deeds may occur on **Saturday, April 24, 2010** at the wedding reception of the daughter of a local celebrity.

Yes, we are talking.....**MURRRRRRRRRRDERRRRRRR!!**. Knowing the bumbling nature of the local staff police detectives, there is only one way the perp of such a caper can be apprehended.....and that is with the help of this august congregation! So, all you Kirk adult sherlocks mark this date on your calendars, as you once again will be called to solve this **MURRRRRRRRRRDERRRRR MYSTERY!** Much detail to follow in the usual places (Sunday bulletin, April Newsletter, e-mails), so keep an eye on proceedings.....and on your neighbors, cuz you never know who may be planning such a terrible atrocity.....