

12955 Memorial Drive UMC Single Vision Ministry
Loving God, Loving Neighbor
“Creating Adventures to Share Together”

In the Know for Mar. 8, 2018

Ours is a Mid-Singles Community Ministry for singles 45+. Everything we offer is open to the community. **In keeping with the Book of Social Principles of the UMC, all our activities are alcohol-free.** Please note that all event prices include a transportation fee unless otherwise stated. For more information, go to www.mdumc.org.

Mar. 8 – Today is International Women’s Day, sponsored by the United Nations. It is also the birthday of Mickey Dolenz, actor, singer, and “Mickey” of ”The Monkees”.

Coming Up

- Mar. 10 – Asian Heritage Tour & Lunch
- Mar. 10 – Walk in the Park
- Mar, 11– Single Vision Council Meeting
- Mar. 18 – *Eighth Day of the Week*

Please Note

We ask people to RSVP when planning to attend any of our events and outings. By having this information, we can better prepare for all who will be attending. **Please always RSVP.**

Wednesday Night Dinner at MDUMC

Dinner & Dr. Robbins’ Bible study continues on March 22 at 5:30-7 PM after a 1 week Spring Break. Meal for **Mar. 21** will be Fried Catfish, red beans and rice, Okra gumbo, remoulade salad, and desserts. The meal is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and maximum \$25 per family. The Singles Bible Study continues its study of *Hebrews: Race to Glory* at 7:30 PM in Room D101.

March for our Lives

On Sat., **Mar. 24**, transportation will be provided to downtown Houston for those who want to participate in this march. After the recent mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas, students of the school have organized a nationwide protest including Houston, TX to plea for a strengthening of gun laws. The march starts at 9 AM at Tranquility Park, so we’ll probably leave at or before 8 AM. If you would like to save a seat on the bus, contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org.

Learning & Support Opportunities

Adam Hamilton in Houston – On Thurs., **Mar. 15**, at 7 PM at St. Luke’s UMC, one of our favorite Methodist ministers and prolific author is coming to introduce his new book entitled *Unafraid*. Each ticket comes with a hardcover copy of UNAFRAID. Tickets are \$24.00 plus tax to admit one person. You must purchase a ticket through Brazos Bookstore to attend. [Purchase tickets here.](#) Transportation by church bus will be provided by reservation for \$2 per person. Contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org to reserve a seat on the bus.

Sunday Morning Small Groups

- **Kindred Souls** – 9:30 AM in the upstairs office conference room. All single and married women welcome (ages 40 and up.) The class focuses on study and fellowship.
- **Singles in Action** – 9:30 AM in the Dance Room. Participants are single adults 45+. This class is very involved in the studies, mission work, and fellowship opportunities that are sponsored by the Singles Ministry. The new series for Lent begins 2/18 and is called *What Makes a Hero?*

Singles Community Bible Study – This group is meeting on Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45 PM in D101. The current study is *Hebrews: Race to Glory* Contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org.

DivorceCare and Grief Share – at 6 PM on Thursday in D205 and D206, respectively. There is a one-time fee of \$20 for the workbook. Registration is open to the community. The next series in each group will begin on Feb. 1. Contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org to sign up.

Caring Support Groups – <http://mdumc.org/support-groups>

(DIG) Dining Interest Group

R.S.V.P. to Kathy at kathy4609@att.net

Mar. 25 – Fadi's, 10403 Katy Frwy., suite 150

Mar. 29 – Olive Garden, immediately following the Holy Thursday worship service

Apr. 15 - State Fair, 947 Gessner

Apr. 29 - Good Company Cantina, 9005 Katy Frwy

May 6 - Nirvana Indian Restaurant, 14545 Memorial Dr.

May 20 - Sweet Tomatoes, 8775 Katy Freeway

(DTIG) Day Trippin' Interest Group

Payment is expected ASAP when tickets are reserved. We also request that interested participants not wait till the last minute to make reservations!

- **Mar. 10 (Sat.) Asian Heritage Tour and lunch** 9:45 AM -3 PM Save your money on an expensive trip to Asia! Instead, hop on a bus and discover the rich cultural offerings of Southwest Houston with this 5-hour guided tour across Bellaire, Harwin and Hillcroft Boulevards. We will visit a wide variety of tour locations including religious temples, restaurants, Asian grocery stores, cultural locations & a unique specialty shop. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Williams at 713-498-3074 or paw7655@gmail.com by the February 24th deadline. The cost will be \$45 (which includes lunch). After notifying Patricia, please send a check to Sheri Kelley to reserve your spot. (waitlist only)
- **Mar. 24 (Sat.) Tomball German Heritage Festival** 10 AM – 3 PM Are you ready for some “oom-pah-pah”? This festival boasts 4 music stages, 200+ vendors, street performers, souvenirs, arts and crafts, and ethnic and festival food. It's a great time of year to be outside and it promises to be a whole lot of fun! Free admission but bring money for food and \$2 transportation fee. Church bus will leave the church around 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Patricia Williams at 713-498-3074 or paw7655@gmail.com by March 10th deadline. Transportation fee can be paid on the bus. (8 seats remain on second bus)
- **Apr. 14 (Sat.) George Observatory** Join us for an evening under the stars at the Houston Museum of Natural Science's George Observatory located in Brazos Bend State Park. We'll leave the church at 5pm and enjoy dinner along the way. We'll get to the observatory after dark and as stargazers, we'll marvel at the night sky through the George Observatory's telescopes, far away from the light pollution of the big city. (Weather permitting) We'll blast into outer space no matter the weather at the Discovery Dome Planetarium that shows a different full-dome adventure every half hour on Saturday nights. Cost will be \$20 per person plus cost of dinner. Contact Lisa at texlejeune@gmail.com to attend. We will return to the church between 10 - 10:30 pm.
- **Apr. 28 (Sat.)** Lunch and tour of Houston Museum for Contemporary Craft. Tour groups view the current exhibitions, interact with resident artists at work in their studios, and visit HCCC's Craft Garden to learn about plant materials used in craft making. The tour is free, only cost will be \$2 transportation fee and lunch. Details are still firming up, but please contact Janet at smo701@yahoo.com to sign up.
- **May 5-6 (Sat.-Sun.) Weekend trip to Corpus Christi**. We had planned this trip for October last year, and a bad storm got in the way! We are planning it now to try and recreate the same activities. Look for details soon, but mark your calendars! If you'd like to join, please let Lisa know at texlejeune@gmail.com.
- **May 19 or 26 – Blueberry Picking**. Details will be forthcoming.

Fabulous Fridays

April 6 (Fri.) Our next Fabulous Friday will be Games Night. Make plans to join us at 7 PM for an opportunity to learn Canasta or join in playing a host of other games! Bring a snack to share to The Gate.

(FAIG) Fine Arts Interest Group – Payment is expected ASAP when tickets are reserved. We also request that interested participants not wait till the last minute to make reservations!

- **Mar. 18 (Sun.)** – Fifteen tickets have been purchased for the Ensemble Theater's presentation of **Eighth Day of the Week to** be presented at 3 PM. The cost is \$20 per ticket which includes transportation by church bus. The play is *a serious story infused with a little humor to bring awareness to a condition that affects so many families around the world. This story will give a glimpse into the lives of a family discovering, accepting, and learning how to cope with Alzheimer's.* To claim a ticket, contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org.
- **Apr. 7 (Sat.)** 7:00 PM University of Houston presents **An Italian Girl in Algiers**. When you are shipwrecked far from home and taken prisoner by Algerian pirates, you can either surrender to a cruel fate, or you can do what our heroine does: waste no time single-handedly conquering the entire nation! Culture clash takes on a whole new meaning in Rossini's funniest opera. Tickets are only \$17. Contact Doug Nelson at dougbee13826@aol.com to sign up. This should be a great one to sample opera for those of us who have not been!
- **Apr. 21 (Sat.)** 7:30 - AD Players presents **Lilies of the Field**. Homer Smith sets out to travel the country alone following his Army discharge, content to go where the spirit moves him. When he encounters a group of immigrant nuns and agrees to fix their leaky convent roof, he gets more work—and community--than he ever bargained for, eventually building a chapel for the insistent Mother Superior. Tickets are \$22. Contact Lynn at lynncorazao@sbcglobal.net or 713-906-3572. (4 tix available)
- **Apr. 22 (Sun.)** – Chancel choir concert at 7 PM in the sanctuary
- **May 20 (Sun.)** - Museum of Fine Arts presents **Michelangelo & the Vatican**. Tickets are \$20. Masterworks by Michelangelo, Raphael, Titian, and Tintoretto highlight the artistic legacy of Pope Paul III and the vital role that drawing played in art production throughout Europe in the late 15th and 16th centuries. We will leave the Church about 12:30 pm, go to a restaurant for lunch, and arrive at the Museum before 2:00 pm. We will return to the Church by 5:00 pm. Contact Harvey at Texasxx52@yahoo.com.
- **May 16 (Wed.)** – **Tom Jones** – 8 PM at Smart Financial Center; Eight tickets have been purchased for this event. The cost is \$66 each. The event date was changed from Oct. 3. Contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org. (waiting list)
- **May 18 (Fri.)** – 8:00 PM Houston Symphony presents **Emmanuel Ax and the Rites of Spring**. Experience Stravinsky's revolutionary *Rite* like never before when Andrés teams up with Klaus Obermaier and Ars Electronica Futurelab for a performance featuring innovative dancing and 3-D visual effects. World-renowned pianist Emanuel Ax offers the perfect contrast to Stravinsky's wild score with Mozart's refined Piano Concerto No. 27, his final work in the genre. To open the concert, Ax joins Houston Symphony musicians for some lively chamber music. Special pricing for mid-orchestra seats - just \$38. We have reserved 10 seats for what promises to be a sold-out performance. Contact Lynn at lynncorazao@sbcglobal.net or 713-906-3572 to reserve your seat now. (5 tix available)
- **May 26 (Sat.)** – 7:30 PM **The Replica** - In the near future, a woman with a terminal illness volunteers for an experimental procedure that would allow her memories, mannerisms and personality to live on in her "Replica". But what was created as a duplicate soon takes on a life of its own. This World Premiere sci-fi thriller is penned by Mickey Fisher, creator of the television series *Extant* and *Mars* and the upcoming series *Reverie*. Tickets are \$27. Contact Lynn at lynncorazao@sbcglobal.net or 713-906-3572. (5 tix left, but more available at \$31)
- **June 2 (Sat.)** 2:30 PM. Alley Theater presents **Picasso at the Lapin Agile**. Paris. 1904. Picasso and Einstein walk into a bar. Humorous, contemplative and wholly imaginative, comedian and film star turned playwright Steve Martin's play surprises and provokes. Jumping off from the notion that these two great men were close in age and in Paris at the same time,

Martin leaps into a fantastical contemplation of what they might have discussed and who else might have joined them at the *Lapin Agile* bar. Ticket cost is \$25. Contact Lynn at lynncorazao@sbcglobal.net or 713-906-3572. (6 tix available)

- **June 2 (Sat.)** – **Paul Simon** at 8 PM at Toyota Center. Tickets are \$75. Contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org (3 tickets available)
- **June 10 (Sun.)** 7:30 PM **Maroon 5** in concert at Toyota Center. Tickets are \$123. Contact Sheri at sherikelley@mdumc.org (waiting list)
- **July 1 (Sun.)** Lone Star Symphonic Band presents **One Nation...Our Heritage**, a program of patriotic music featured outstanding instrumental music and choir. Tickets are \$9. Contact Lynn at lynncorazao@sbcglobal.net or 713-906-3572
- **July 7 (Sat.)** 2:30 PM. Alley Theater presents **Holmes and Watson**. Three years after the mysterious death of beloved detective Sherlock Holmes off Reichenbach Falls, Dr. John H. Watson receives a telegram that suggest his old friend may still be alive. The mysterious wire was sent from a doctor who states that three patients in his asylum's care have each claimed to be the late Sherlock Holmes. Watson embarks on a journey to disprove these claims. Could Sherlock Holmes really be alive after all this time? A riveting new adventure from award-winning writer Jeffrey Hatcher. Tickets cost \$25. Contact Lynn at lynncorazao@sbcglobal.net or 713-906-3572. (6 tix available)
- **Dec. 9 (Sun.)** 8 PM **Sir Elton John** in concert at Toyota Center. All our tickets are currently sold, but contact Sheri to get on waitlist. Ticket is \$129. Contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org. (waiting list)
- **Would you be interested?** – Several concerts have come up on our radar. If you'd be interested in attending any of these, contact ian.goepfert@yahoo.com.
 1. Jean-Michel Jarre (synthesizer music) – Apr. 10
 2. Chicago & REO Speedwagon with M. Tolcher – June 30
 3. Daryl Hall & John Oates & Train – July 26

(LGPIG) Let's Get Physical Interest Group - Payment is expected ASAP when tickets are reserved. We also request that interested participants not wait till the last minute to make reservations!

Participatory Sports

- **Tennis – Mar. 13, 20, 27 (Tues.)** - meet at 6 PM at Plaza Oaks courts on Brittmore; contact Carol at cajohns30@hotmail.com
- **Walking Groups**
 - Mar. 12, 19, 26 (Mon.) - Street Hikers** – meet at 7 PM in the Rummel Creek Elementary School parking lot to walk ~2.5 mi. in the neighborhood; contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org
 - Mar. 10 (Sat.)** – Walk in the Park; Meet at Terry Hershey contact Vickie at vwarz@yahoo.com
- **Zumba classes** – SheriKelley@mdumc.org; \$5 per class per person
 - Mar. 12, 19, 26 (Mon.)** – 5:30 PM in the Scout House
 - Mar. 14, 21 (Wed.)** – 5:30 PM in the Scout House
- **Classical Yoga** - contact Janice at jrer532@gmail.com; \$5 per class per person
- **Mar. 14, 21 (Wed.)** – 12-1:30 in the Youth lounge; bring yoga mat/beach towel
- **Mar. 8, 15, 22 (Thurs.)** – 6:30-8 PM in C206; bring yoga mat/beach towel

MDUMC Jobs Ministries

Texas HR Pros in Transition – This group meets every Wed. at 6:30-9:30 PM at The Gate, 13194 Memorial Dr. There is no charge. For more information, contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org.

Reoccurring Activities

Thurs.	Grief Share at 6 PM in Room D206
Thurs.	DivorceCare at 6 PM in Room D205
Fri.	Fabulous Fridays at 7 PM
Sat.	Walk in the Park at 8:30 AM
Sun.	Singles Sunday Lunch
Mon.	Zumba at 5:30 PM in the Scout House
Mon.	Street Hikers at 7 PM in the Rummel Creek Elem. parking lot
Tues.	Tennis at 6:00 PM at Park Plaza courts

Wed. Zumba at 5:30 PM in the Scout House
Wed. Texas HR Pros jobs ministry at 6:30-9:30 PM at The Gate

The Church Has Left the Building **Volunteer Opportunities**

Food for Thought Book Culling

Mar. 23 (Fri.) 5:30 PM The next *Food for Thought* book sale is Mar. 25. We need to meet Friday afternoon and cull through all the donations. We had a great sale last month so we need to keep the momentum! After we finish we can grab a bite of dinner. Meet outside Wesley Hall where we set up the book sale.

Food for Thought Book Sale

Mar. 25 (Sun.) –Come help finish any set up at 8:30 AM. We will also need help selling before and after Sunday School. Please let Susan know if you can help and what time at slmsunshine@icloud.com.

Make a Child Smile!

For OGDOS, our goal is to assemble 200 goody bags for critically ill children in Texas Children's Hospital. Each bag costs about \$10. If you would like to be a part of this campaign to brighten a child's day, you can make a financial contribution by writing a check to MDUMC and mailing it to Sheri Kelley's attention at MDUMC, 12955 Memorial Dr., Houston 77079. Please write TCH in the memo line of your check.

Save Those Pop Tabs!

We're collecting aluminum (not plastic or steel) pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. RMH Houston receives a donation for the aluminum which supports our daily operations costs. Drop off your pop tabs at the Singles Table in Friendship Court on Sundays or in Sheri's office during the week.

Save Travel-Size Toiletry Items

We're always collecting travel-size toiletry items for the various agencies at which we serve. Drop them off at the Singles Table in the Friendship Court on Sundays or in Sheri's office during the week.

Needed: Caring & Friendly People!

The Second Family Care Team is looking for more people who would like to be part of a Care Circle for members of our church who need a little more attention and caring. The extent of involvement can range from weekly phone calls to driving people to appointments or taking them to lunch, etc. You and your Care Partner work out your own system. We have several Care Partners who need Care Circles NOW! To find out more or to sign up, please contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org.

Focusing on Romans 14:19-21, we try to provide a safe, hospitable, alcohol-free haven for Houston area singles. All approved email communications from MDUMC maintain confidentiality by not exposing recipients' addresses.

You do not need to be a MDUMC member to attend any of our activities, classes, or events!

SheriKelley@mdumc.org, 713/468-8356, ext. 119

Local church: www.mdumc.org

MDUMC Singles - www.mdumc.org/ministries/single-vision-ministry

Caring Ministries

If a contact person is not listed, please contact Rev. Jim McPhail at jimmcp@mail.mdumc.org or Sheri Kelley at sherikelley@mdumc.org or call 713/468-8356. Our Parish Nurse, Linda Jenkins, can be reached at LindaJenkins@mdumc.org or 713/468-8356, ext. 256.

A.A. “Helping Others Group” – every week on Tues. at 7:30 PM in D208 (Sheri)

A.A. Roll Call Group – meeting for 1st responders; Thurs. at 7 PM in D208; call Allen at 832-352-0709 (Sheri)

ADDults – 3rd Thurs. at 7 PM in D200; contact Martha Class at marthacla@me.com (Sheri)

After the Storm support group – 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 6-7:30 PM at The Adult Learning Center (Sheri)

Al-Anon “Keep Coming Back” – every week on Tues. at 7:30 PM in C111 (Sheri)

Al-Anon “Town & Country discussion AFG” – Thursdays at 8 PM in D206 (Sheri)

Alzheimer’s Support Group and Respite Care – 2nd Wed. at the Adult Learning Center at 1 PM, contact Sandra Eshelman at 713-952-1772 (Jim)

Alzheimer’s Gathering – 4th Wed. at the Adult Learning Center at 10 AM-1:30 PM; Sandra Eshelman at 713-952-1772 (Jim)

ASPIE – support for person with Asperger’s; 4th Thurs. at 7 PM in D100, contact Grayson Miller at mgraysonmiller@gmail.com (Sheri)

Blood Donor Ministry – quarterly blood drives at the church (Jim)

CanCare – support for persons diagnosed with cancer and their families, contact 713-461-0028 (Sheri)

Chronic Pain & Illness Support – contact Sheri to get resource information (Sheri)

DivorceCare – Thursdays at 6 PM in D205 (Sheri)

Family & Friends/Open Hearts, a reconciling community of MDUMC for families & friends of gays & lesbians - 7 PM in D101 on the 2nd Thursdays of the month, contact Norma at 281/920-9555 (Sheri)

Grief Share – Thursdays at 6 PM in D206 (Sheri)

Home Bound Communion – delivering the elements to those who are physically unable to attend worship (Jim)

Jobs Ministry - Texas HR Pros in Transition – meetings for job seekers every Wed. at 6:30-9:30 PM at The Adult Learning Center; contact Eric at 713-459-1045 (Sheri)

Krist Samaritan Counseling - 281-480-7554 and ask for the counselors at the MDUMC campus

Medical Equipment – provides medical equipment as long as needed, contact Denise Herbers at the Adult Learning Center at deniseherbers@mdumc.org (Jim)

Medical Transportation – provides rides for members to doctors’ appointments and hospitals (Jim)

National Alliance on Mental Illness - contact NAMI Greater Houston at 713-970-4419 (Sheri)

- **NAMI monthly meetings** - 3rd Mon. at 7 PM in Wesley Hall
- **NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group** - 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:30 PM in D101; for Young Adults dealing with diagnoses; Olivia Hudson 832-398-2000
- **NAMI GH Family Support Group** - 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:30 PM in D100; for family members of those diagnosed; bilingual facilitator; Angelina Hudson 713-970-4489

Neuropathy Support Group – beginning in Jan. on the 4th Sat. at 1-2:30 PM in D101 (Sheri)

Prayer Ministry - The MDUMC Covenant Prayer Group offers prayer for those from whom they receive a request. Requests may be left in the collection plates on Sunday mornings or received on our website at www.mdumc.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - The Prayer Shawl Ministry lovingly creates prayer shawls to be given to persons who may be ill, experiencing a crisis, or celebrating a joy. Join the knitters on the 2nd Tuesday at 1-3 p.m. in D203 or on the 4th Thursday at 7-9 PM in D200. All skill levels are welcome!

S.A.A. – weekly meetings on Mondays at 7pm in C201 (Sheri)

S.A.A. – weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:15 PM in Room D100 (Sheri)

SOBR – support for individuals dealing with substance abuse; call 713-270-6753 (Sheri)

Second Family Care Team – a circle of caregivers who support & encourage church family members on an as-needed basis; contact SheriKelley@mdumc.org or call 713/468-8356, ext. 119 (Sheri)

Special Needs Ministry – contact AllysonGeorge@mdumc.org or call 713/468-8356, ext. 111

Stephen Ministry - Trained Stephen Ministers are available for those who, during a stressful time, may need a caring, confidential supportive relationship. (Susan Wiley)

Stroke Support Group - meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM at the Adult Learning Center; contact Nancy Radecki at rjadecki@sbcglobal.net (Jim)