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## Serving opportunities abound in our community

In serving ministry we get a lot of questions about a variety of topics regarding mission, service, and spirituality. It is our hope in 2012 to try to answer some of those questions and guide you in taking part in the mission of God. So many good things happen within the walls of this church, but God's Spirit is also alive and in full bloom in other places in our community and around the world. In exposing the congregation to those places, partnerships, and opportunities, we hope to connect the dots from our personal faith journeys to the mission of God in the wider world.

### Are there opportunities for my family to be involved in service?

Yes, there are several opportunities to be involved in mission as a family. In 2011 we hosted our first ever Family Day of Service. This event will be happening again on February 25; sign up beginning on Sunday, February 5, in the Fountain Hallway. For more information, go to [www.chapelwood.org](http://www.chapelwood.org).

Chapelwood is taking a team to Lineville, Alabama, March 11- 15, to work with our partner SIFAT (Servants in Faith and Technology). For more information about this organization, go to [sifat.org](http://sifat.org). This first-ever Chapelwood family mission experience is created for families with children as young as three years of age.



**Packing rice and beans is a popular project on Family Day of Service.**



**Nina Hanks (right) receives backpacks from Erica Moon (center).**

Consider some things that you might be able to do that could benefit your community:

- Set up a lemonade stand to raise money for a local charity;
- Pick up trash in the park and at kids' sporting games;
- Prepare a meal for neighbors who have newborns or have been ill;
- Offer to mow a neighbor's lawn or rake his yard.

Maybe your family would like to do something for homeless persons and families in our community. There are many ways to help out the Westside Homeless Partnership. These include preparing backpacks with school supplies, "birthdays in a bag," baskets with cleaning supplies and paper goods, and personal hygiene kits. Also, hats, gloves, and coats are always needed. Contact Nina Hanks for more information, [nina@westsidehomeless.org](mailto:nina@westsidehomeless.org), or (713) 973-8083.

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## *Does God play favorites?*



The results of some of recent religious surveys amaze me. People seem to believe there is a correlation between church attendance and disasters. In other words, if you want to avoid bad stuff happening, you'd better improve your church attendance.

Just think of the implication of these surveys on back-sliding Methodists. I can see it now – church pews would be packed. Chapelwood members would be scampering into church to avoid heart attacks, cancer, hurricane damage, automobile accidents, etc. Insurance agents would insist on their clients attending worship. And preaching would be a blast. I could easily scare the heaven into folks!

I wish it were that easy. But unfortunately these surveys are overturned by a higher authority – Holy Scripture. God does not play favorites. God sends both good and bad on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45). The story of Job is about a good man who had some very bad stuff happen.

Some Christians find this lack of advantage uncomfortable. They would rather believe that God provides immunity to them.

We can't count on filling our church by announcing a Christian "disaster insurance plan." If people come they will have to opt to walk in the way for nobler reasons. They will have to find attractive the Christ who promised only a cross and his eternal presence through the Holy Spirit.

Sorry, folks, God doesn't play favorites.

### **Join the Jacksons in Greece and Turkey**

Consider making a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey

with Jim and Susan Jackson this September 7-22.

The events recorded in Acts through Revelation occurred

primarily in Greece and Turkey.

This trip is an opportunity for rich fellowship and gaining

a better understanding of history and Scripture.

Contact Angie Schwartz for more information,

[angie@windsortravel.com](mailto:angie@windsortravel.com).



## Lenten devotional material coming this month

Almost 15 years ago, I decided to try my hand at poetry, both reading then writing. I had always been a prose-guy, but something inside told me that there were riches to be mined from reading poetry, so I gave it a try. I can't say that I had a real appreciation for poetry until later in that season of life, when an acquaintance gave me a cassette tape of a contemporary English poet reading and interpreting poems.

The person who handed me the tape did so apologetically. She said, "These poems don't mention Jesus or God, so you may not like them. But I find them very spiritual. They give me life. If you'd like to listen to them, here they are."

I have to admit that I wasn't too excited about the gift at first. But from the first time I popped that tape into my cassette player, I was hooked. I wore out that little cassette, playing it beginning-to-end in my Toyota Corolla, then rewinding and playing it again. I listened to that tape over and over, amazed at how deeply some of the poems touched me and how they stirred something within me that had lain dormant for years and years.

Reading poetry has become an important spiritual practice for me. It is one of my main contemplative practices, because to really hear a poem you have to read it slowly, and then you have to go back and read it again. Poetry can't be rushed. It must be listened to lovingly and attentively.

Further, a good poem connects with us at soul-level, even if it doesn't mention Jesus or God. And a good poet creates, in word pictures, many different windows and doors through which the reader or listener can enter the poem. Thus, we all hear the same poem differently, and with reference to how our own life-experience is caught up in it.

Sure, there is some poetry that is more obscure,

poems at which you have to work harder. But there is plenty of poetry that isn't written as a riddle; rather, it simply invites you into it so that you can see your life through a different lens.

So I'm really pleased this Lent to share some great poems and poets with you. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) and goes through Holy Week toward Easter. Our Lenten Devotional material this year will feature a different poem for each day of Lent. I've put together some wonderful poems and have included a prayer point for reflection after each poem.

The really unique part of this guide is that it will be online and will include an audio component. Each day of Lent you will be able to find the poem for the day online. At the Web site you can read the poem and reflection material.

In addition, the Web site will have an audio link that will allow you to hear the poem being read (many people find poetry more meaningful as they listen to it read, rather than reading it themselves).

Only a limited number of printed devotional books will be available this year. Primarily, this will be an online guide, and you are encouraged to use both the digital and the audio resources online.

There will be an opportunity to receive the daily poems, reflection material, and audio link by e-mail. We will publicize that information as soon as the process is in place.

I think you'll find some poets who give life to you, and I believe your experience of Lent will be more soulful as we make this journey together with some great poems.

*Jerry Webber*

## SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 4

FEBRUARY 11

**MERCY STREET**

5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall \*

## SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 5

FEBRUARY 12

**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
AT CHAPELWOOD**

8:25, 9:45, 11:10 a.m.

Sanctuary \*

**CONTEMPLATIVE  
SERVICE**

Meditation, Communion,  
and Healing Prayer

8:45 a.m., Chapel

**ESPERANZA**

Family Service in Spanish  
10:30 a.m., 3911 Campbell Road

**UPPER ROOM**

11:15 a.m., Upper Room \*

**THE TABLE**

5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

\* Services are broadcast  
live on the Web.

**BOOKSTORE AND  
COFFEE SHOP**

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(1:00 p.m. on Second Sundays)

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. - Noon;

5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturdays: 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Contact Kris Jodon,

kjodon@chapelwood.org.

**SECOND SUNDAY  
CHICKEN LUNCH**

February 12

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

## Singing Through the Life of Jesus

**Sunday, February 26, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Led by Tom Jaber, the Chancel and Wesley Choirs, Voices of Grace,

Childrens Choirs, and Bell Choirs

will present a stirring program which will follow the life of Jesus Christ.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend with friends and families.



# Living the Questions: building blocks for a radical spirituality

February 22 – April 4, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., LC201

In one of the great spiritual masterpieces of all time, a 16th century Spaniard named Ignatius of Loyola wrote a guide for prayer, spiritual discernment, and growth that we know today as *The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius*. In his introduction to the Spiritual Exercises he wrote *The Principle and Foundation*. In a sense, it was Ignatius' statement of what was truly important to understand before beginning the exercises themselves. His preamble laid a foundation that helped persons do their spiritual work in a healthy way.

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, Jerry Webber will offer seven pillars that are important foundations for the Christian spiritual life. He will frame the seven movements in terms of questions; thus,

the class will be called, *Living the Questions: Building Blocks for a Radical Spirituality*.

These questions will form Jerry's "principle and foundation." In other words, from Jerry's personal experience, both as a pilgrim and as a spiritual guide, these are the important stances that those who undertake a life of the Spirit are invited to step into.

In a sense, this will be "Spirituality 101," the very basics of a more intentionally spiritual approach to life. It is the kind of spirituality that sees God, self, others, and all of life differently and in a radically transforming way. The questions are about who God is, who we are, and what life is all about. Most of all, we will each be encouraged to find our own questions and to live into them faithfully, in order that our spirituality might be radically

transforming in the world.

The class will introduce Christian spirituality in a way that is accessible for everyone who participates; thus persons at all levels of interest and experience are encouraged to participate. The class will be especially helpful to those who are new to Christian spirituality.

The class will be offered during the seven Wednesdays of Lent and Holy Week, from February 22 – April 4, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., in LC201. The classes also will be streamed live online and archived for later viewing.

There is no charge for the class, but if you plan to attend, please register with Nancy Sterling, [nsterling@chapelwood.org](mailto:nsterling@chapelwood.org) or (713) 354-4458, so we can provide adequate seating and handouts.

## Women's Ministry



# Women's Retreat to usher in Holy Week

The Chapelwood Women's Retreat offers women of all ages from all of our worship communities the opportunity to come away on retreat during Palm Sunday weekend, March 30 – April 1. At beautiful Camp Allen, our retreat leader Rev. Wendy Miller and musician Nancy Fauber-Hoh will invite us to cross the threshold into Holy Week by focusing on four women from the Bible who invite us to cross the threshold into their homes.

As we read the Bible, we journey along roads, into villages, and sometimes across deserts. We are invited into the tent dwellings and homes of women who offered hospitality in a time when welcoming the stranger was a spiritual discipline – a matter of life and death, because no other sustenance was available.



The women who will host us and whose stories we will hear are: Sara, who leaves her home to live a life on the move, in a tent; Elizabeth, in her home in the hill country of Judea; Mary, in her house in Bethany; and Mary Magdalene, where she is staying in Jerusalem.

Each of these women hears and responds to the call of God, learns that offering hospitality to God will change her life forever, faces the impossible, and discovers how God is present to

her. Finally, each one arrives in the place of promise and blessing.

In addition to the sessions, there is ample time for recreation, visiting with old and new friends, rest, craft-making, and enjoying the outdoors. Also, the food and accommodations at Camp Allen are excellent. Registration continues online until February 29.



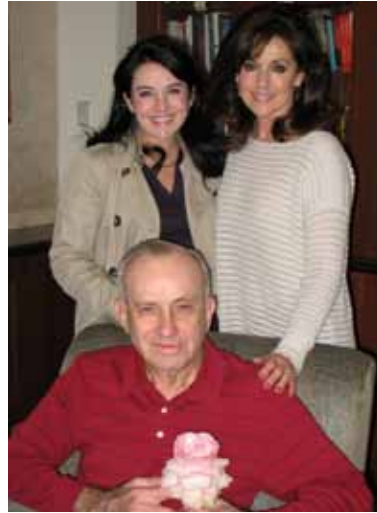
## Three generations of volunteers help at Spring Thing

### Family builds legacy for “Betty’s Tea Room”

Jim Sullivan isn’t sure whether it was 1982 or 1983 that his wife Betty first helped with the annual Spring Thing Market luncheon. However, Jim and his daughter, Sherry Menger, do remember the market and the luncheon being a lot smaller in those days, but not easier. With no Kitchen Ministry, luncheon volunteers had to boil the chickens themselves and make the chicken salad they served.

Today, the lunch is a huge operation, with as many as 800 delicious meals served over the two-day period. Sadly, Betty passed away on August 4, 2011. But her family legacy of volunteering lives on. Daughter Sherry has taken responsibility for the luncheon; Betty's husband Jim will continue helping with selling luncheon tickets at the door and checking in vendors.

Jim and Sherry said Betty built the luncheon volunteer brigade and décor over those 30 years, insisting on a theme featuring pink roses. “She didn’t want other pastel colors,” said Sherry. When signage started pointing guests to the “gym,” Betty promptly made large banners to the “Rose Room,” where dining would obviously be so much



**Granddaughter Misty Morales and daughter Sherry Menger join dad Jim Sullivan as volunteers for Spring Thing Market.**

more enjoyable.

Many of the waitresses were friends whom Betty asked to help – and they still are eager to serve. “It is such a loving group of ladies,” said Sherry, who helped with waitressing (and as luncheon co-chair) for many years. “Everyone’s been so sweet; they are so loyal to my mom.”

Betty coordinated everyone and everything,

one year adding a trellis for decoration, then pink trees. Last year, ill as she was, she and Sherry made 160 pink organza sashes for the backs of all the chairs.

She also was unfailing in thanking all who help make the luncheon a success: Building Superintendent Frank Jeffers and his hardworking staff; Director Ivan Rhone and his Kitchen Ministry; pianist Nelda Sims, who with son and daughter are the “band”; vendor lunch volunteer Charlie Brown; and Carol Timmons and daughter Lisa Wood, who do flower centerpieces with greenery donated by Katie Payne.

Granddaughter Misty Morales is the third generation to help with Spring Thing although she won’t have a huge role this year because her baby is due in mid-February. And there’s one more sign of Betty’s legacy: the former Rose Room will now be named “Betty’s Tea Room” in her honor. Please join us there.

Spring Thing Market takes place Wednesday, March 7, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., with lunch served both days from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$10. The Preview Party is Tuesday, March 6, from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

## Spring Thing silent auction needs donations

Spring is near and so is Spring Thing. Help the United Methodist Women help others! The Silent Auction Committee is looking for donations such as vacation homes, tickets to sports and entertainment events, airline tickets, antiques and collectibles, golf, tennis, or fishing sponsorships and of course monetary donations and gift cards are always accepted. All proceeds from the silent auction go directly to charities that benefit women and children.

If you would like to support the silent auction with a donation, or if you would like us to follow up on a potential donation, please contact Stephanie Dickinson, [stephdickinson@comcast.net](mailto:stephdickinson@comcast.net) or Johanne Washington, [swainwash@gmail.com](mailto:swainwash@gmail.com). All silent auction items need to be confirmed by February 10. Donors will be acknowledged in print in the Silent Auction Guide and on auction-item signage and displays.



### All women invited to UMW meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 11:00 a.m., FHI-2

The United Methodist Women will host a “lunch and learn” meeting to hear about how the Newspring Center mentors, promotes, and develops art students into financially independent, stable citizens in the Spring Branch area.

A light lunch will be served for \$7.



## Team prepares for pilgrimage to the Philippines

On March 17, a team of seven will travel from Chapelwood to the Philippines to assist the Southern Philippines Methodist College (SPMC). Chapelwood teams have worked for the past three years to help this college prosper and grow, creating a successful and self-sufficient college for the region. There is no other college in the southern islands that can help those who live there to grow in their Christian faith. We will be working with and training teachers and staff at the college, hosting Vacation Bible School

for the children of the local church and community, and working on renovations for the dormitories and classrooms. Imagine attending college where the dormitories have no running water, and many of the classes are held in outdoor facilities. Additionally, we are very fortunate to be able to attend SPMC's graduation ceremony, and Melissa Maher will lead a one-day seminar with a local ecologist about the church's response to caring for the environment.

We believe that mission is a community

call. We are calling for you to join us in mission by being a prayer partner. Your prayers are needed for each team member on this pilgrimage as we seek to share God's love and hope with our brothers and sisters in the southern Philippines. Team members are Dave Luther (team leader), Melissa Maher (staff leader), Marian Bates, Bob Lassalle, Kathie Luther, Susan Patterson, and Marsha Haas. If you are interested, please contact Marsha Haas at [fred\\_haas@comcast.net](mailto:fred_haas@comcast.net).

## Serving opportunities abound in our community

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### How is Chapelwood involved in addressing healthcare issues?

Chapelwood is involved in helping address issues of healthcare in our community and city through organizations such as Good Neighbor Healthcare (watch for more information in a future edition of the *Chimes*) and Shalom Zone. Shalom Health Ministry is a nonprofit charity clinic that provides accessible primary and preventative healthcare to the medically underserved/uninsured individuals and families in Southeast Houston and surrounding areas in two primary areas:

**Primary care services** include things like physical exams and lab work, patient and family education, immunizations and flu shots, management of minor injuries, and free or low-cost medications.

**Preventative care services** include breast health/screenings, diabetes and heart disease prevention, asthma and allergy treatment, and checkups for all ages. In 2011, Shalom Zone:

- Saw 870 new patients, an increase of 16% from the previous year.
- Provided more than 5,080 patient contact visits.
- Provided 428 free mammograms for uninsured women through M.D. Anderson Mammography Unit & The Rose Mobile Unit.
- Formed a new community partnership with the University of Houston College of Optometry and started a mobile eye-screening program.

There are opportunities for clinical and non-clinical volunteers who have the heart to serve, including administrative support (answer phones, prepare documents and patient forms, etc.), clinical support



(medical assistants, RNs, FNPs, and MDs), and outreach support which helps with community health fairs. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Shalom clinic at (713) 900-2750. Check out their Web site at [www.shalomhealth.net](http://www.shalomhealth.net).

The word “shalom” is a Hebrew word that is translated into English simply as “peace.” This is not just a peace that equals the absence of conflict and distress – it’s a word that means the presence of fullness, healing, and wholeness. Through the ministry of Shalom Zone these themes are becoming reality.

*Chris Archer*



## Spring retreat theme: G-Harmony Weekend

A weekend date with God, February 24 - 26, Trinity Pines Conference Center

One sure sign of a relationship going to a new level is the first time a couple decides to spend an entire weekend together. The weekend date is an intentional opportunity to really get to know one another without distractions and time restrictions. The G-Harmony Weekend is an invitation to spend quality time:

- Speaking to God
- Hearing from God
- Singing with God
- Doing Fun Activities with God
- Relaxing with God
- Sharing Life with God.

G-Harmony Weekend is designed to be a multi-sensory experience focused on cultivating an intimate relationship with God. A life of harmony with God is the firm foundation for the two other vital relationships: “Relationship with Self” and “Relationships with Others”

Come ready to invest some time with God to ask important questions, seek divine guidance, and release the weights that hinder your relationships.

The retreat cost is \$125 and includes two nights lodging, five meals plus lots of comfort snack food and an optional zip line thrill. Space is limited so register online early.



**Put on your dancing shoes and come join in the fun at the annual Boot Scootin' Boogie Dance. Enjoy free dance lessons featuring Damon & Lisa D'Amico teaching West Coast Swing. With great food, fellowship, and lots of dance mixers provided by our DJ Tommy Kennedy, this promises to be one of the best church dances in the city. Proceeds benefiting Spring Branch food pantries.**

# Student Ministry



## Students lead and serve at SUMMIT

At the end of January, more than 40 Chapelwood students & adults will have an overnight retreat in the youth building to begin plans for our sixth year of SUMMIT. This year's SUMMIT is June 17-22 in Bullard, Texas. We were honored to receive an invitation from the Mayor and City Council to return to Bullard for a fifth year of service.

This year's student leaders were chosen at the end of SUMMIT last year by their work team adults and other adults on the trip. Our leaders are hard workers, problem solvers, creative thinkers, faithful disciples, and have a heart for service. These student leaders make up a smaller part of the larger SUMMIT team, which will be close to 250 participants.

On Friday night of the planning retreat, the large group shares dinner and worship. Then we roll up our sleeves and get to work. We spend almost three hours developing the theme that will shape our entire week. The theme is centered in Scripture and it is used in worship, decorations, on T-shirts, and to keep everyone motivated. On Saturday, students break into smaller groups to plan our menu, evening activities, worship and other aspects of camp life. We reconvene for lunch and sharing ideas.

Even though SUMMIT is months away, this group of leaders is laying the groundwork for our week of service in Bullard. Together they are learning what it means to serve and to lead in the name of Jesus.

The SUMMIT experience is for students in grades six through 12, college students, and adults. Registration is open at [www.chapelwoodstudents.com](http://www.chapelwoodstudents.com). Questions about SUMMIT may be directed to Lori Anderson, [landerson@chapelwood.org](mailto:landerson@chapelwood.org).



**Two hardworking teams combined their efforts for a large project at SUMMIT last year.**



## Conference will ignite oneness in your marriage

Give your spouse a Valentine's gift he or she will always remember and treasure. Ron Deal has great passion to help couples experience the kind of physical intimacy God intended for them. This conference is designed to enhance healthy marriages and help couples who are wondering if there isn't more to sex. Come ignite spiritual, physical, and emotional oneness in your marriage.

Almost one hundred Chapelwood Couples came to Ron Deal's marriage conference in 2009. Here's what some of them said:

- "Don't let your discomfort hold you back, just go!"
- "Time well spent! Attend the seminar. It was fantastic."
- "Loved the speaker (Ron) -- he was knowledgeable and funny."

- "He really put us at ease; tastefully done."
- "Thank you for addressing a 'taboo topic'; it was encouraging to normalize some of the the things we face. It opened lines of communication for us!"

This frank but practical presentation will have you talking and romancing for months.

The cost is \$50 per couple which includes dinner on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. Register online at chapelwood.org. Childcare is available for members who make reservations by Sunday, February 5. Please e-mail [nursery@chapelwood.org](mailto:nursery@chapelwood.org) to make childcare reservations for children three months to seven years old.

Contact Tim Roth [troth@chapelwood.org](mailto:troth@chapelwood.org) (713) 354-4479 with questions.

### Passionate Sexuality Marriage Conference

Friday, February 10

6:00 p.m., dinner

6:30 - 8:30 p.m., presentation

Saturday, February 11

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Register online,

[www.chapelwood.org](http://www.chapelwood.org).

# Learning Ministry



## Call Sunday School classes what they are – missional communities

If you think Adult Sunday School classes meet mainly for fellowship (coffee) and learning (Bible lectures), think again. This snippet excerpted from The Cornerstone class e-mail dated January 13 is typical of many of our 20 classes and reveals a much broader picture.

### Support of a local mission

The class is teaming up with Martha UMW Circle to support Gracewood, an independent, Christian ministry assisting single-parent mothers and their children. Now through February 12, they are collecting dry goods for things that the residents' food stamps cannot purchase. Also, Gracewood has been given the house next to their Spring Branch location that they plan to use as a thrift shop. It will need a washer and dryer. The class is trying to get one at cost. On January 15, the class collected \$111 toward their goal.

### Serving as families

Chapelwood's Family Service Day will be held at the church on Saturday, February 25, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This morning of service for your family (kids ages five - 12) will give you the opportunity to serve as a family. You will be able to sack rice and beans for Fair Haven UMC Food Pantry, sack dog/cat food for a pet shelter, make snack bags to keep in your car to give out to the homeless, make PBJ sandwiches for Kids' Meals, or maybe work offsite at Gracewood or Westside Homeless Partnership.

### Helping at church-wide events

Two class members are Hostess Co-Chairs for Spring Thing, March 6-8. If you'd like to serve the church by serving some lunches and drinks to the Spring Thing vendors and shop at the same time, please contact Dawn Powers at [dawnpowers@comcast](mailto:dawnpowers@comcast). This is a fun and easy job! Keeping our vendors refreshed

keeps them coming back to Spring Thing, which benefits the UMW charities.

### Social events

The women in the class meet for a monthly luncheon. This month will be a Valentine's Lunch at the home of Julie Treadwell. You can come in your workout clothes if you wish; we just ask that you bring some of the dry goods needed by Gracewood.

### Men's Bible Study

The men's study is using John MacArthur's book *Acts* and meets in the classroom at 6:30 a.m. each Thursday morning.

*All of Chapelwood's Adult Sunday School classes are described on our Web site. Check them out online and visit any Sunday. You will find welcoming and supportive friends in each group.*



## Good things happen when you make a will

Are you putting off making your will, or updating an old will? You are not alone. Over 50% of adult Americans do not have a will.

I recently spoke with several Chapelwood members whose 2012 resolutions include updating their wills and estate plans. As an incentive to encourage others to do the same, I am including a list of some of the many benefits of having a current will:

- You can direct the division of your property the way you choose, not the way the state decides.
- You can make special financial arrangements for family members who are

minors, disabled or unfamiliar with money management.

- You can provide vitally needed support for your favorite charitable institutions.
- You can select an executor (personal representative) who is well qualified to settle your estate promptly and economically, with careful attention to your wishes.
- You can devise an estate plan, with the help of a qualified attorney and other advisors, to minimize any taxes.
- You can (if needed) name a proper guardian for your minor children.
- You can have peace of mind knowing you have secured a legacy that matches your life's

goals. You will be remembered for the good you did and the impact you make on the future.

The Chapelwood Foundation, along with your advisors, will be happy to help you structure your charitable intentions. Consider joining the Chapelwood Foundation's Legacy Circle by including the Foundation in your will. All inquiries will remain confidential. Mark Twain stated, "Gifts to charities are vehicles to speak for the deceased."

For more information about the Foundation, please contact Teresa Cannon at (713) 354-4485, or [tcannon@chapelwood.org](mailto:tcannon@chapelwood.org).

## BOLD Adult Ministry



### Travel to Louisiana on mission

#### UMCOR Depot

The BOLD adults will travel to Baldwin, Louisiana, and serve with the folks at the United Methodist Committee on Relief Sager Brown Depot, packing and checking supplies, working in community food distribution, and having the opportunity to do home repair in the community.

The depot reaches out to the community of Baldwin and the world from southern Louisiana. The depot is the headquarters for UMCOR's relief supply operations from which about \$4 million in supplies are shipped each year. More than 2,000 volunteers who come through Sager Brown each year make these shipments happen.

Locally, UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to the Baldwin community through a housing rehabilitation and food distribution, engaging volunteers in projects that help families and the elderly.

**Departure:** Sunday, April 1, 11:00 a.m.

**Return:** Thursday, April 5, late afternoon

**Cost per person:** \$210 includes all meals, transportation by church van, and lodging. A \$50 deposit is due immediately.

Please send checks to Chapelwood, Attn.: Judy Jones. Make checks payable to Chapelwood UMC and include "Sager Brown" in the memo line.

Contact Noël Denison with any questions, [noel-denison@att.net](mailto:noel-denison@att.net).

## JET Ministry



### Branding Yourself Workshop

#### A Joint Venture between JET and Birkman

In partnership with Chapelwood's Job Encouragement Tools (JET) Ministry, Birkman International is pleased to offer to JET candidates a customized Career module. Once you complete the online questionnaire, Birkman-certified consultants from Chapelwood will volunteer their time and expertise for a unique two night workshop, "Your Personal Brand in Career Transition" on Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15, 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

For sixty years, the Birkman Method® has been used worldwide in the corporate realm for executive coaching, career alignment and team building. The JET Ministry and Birkman are making this available at a heavily discounted price (\$70.00 for the entire package\*) because we believe that this personalized career information provides valuable data for the jobseeker. This is core information for you to use during job interviews. This workshop will validate your job strengths as well as guide and assist you as you transition to your next career or job position.

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, March 6 with online registration available at [www.chapelwood.org](http://www.chapelwood.org), search: branding myself. If you have questions or need to request a scholarship, contact Gloria Mounger at [gmounger@chapelwood.org](mailto:gmounger@chapelwood.org) or (713) 354-4465.

(\*) If you have already taken the The Birkman Method®, we can provide your report from the Birkman database and you will be eligible to attend the workshop for only \$35. Please contact Gloria Mounger for the discounted workshop, [gmounger@chapelwood.org](mailto:gmounger@chapelwood.org).



## Support for families with special needs

On February 11, Family Connections will begin a 12-week Saturday class from 10:00 a.m. to noon in LC211-212. The class is taught by volunteers and designed for family members who have a loved one suffering with Borderline Personality Disorder.

The class focuses on teaching better understanding of the disorder, improving ways to communicate with your family member, coping and problem-solving strategies. Those interested in attending should contact James Hall at (281) 533-9887.

## Quarterly Blood Drive

Sunday, February 19, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Courtyard Room. Representatives from M. D. Anderson Blood Bank will collect your donations. Cancer patients need more blood components than do patients with any other disease because cancer often impairs the bone marrow where blood cells are produced. Consider giving 20 to 30 minutes of your time to give a pint of blood. Walk-ins are welcome. Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age and a minimum of 110 pounds. You need to bring your driver's license and Social Security number to donate blood. For more information, contact Anne Kadlecek at (713) 354-4447, akadlecek@chapelwood.org

# Calendar



FOUR WEEKS AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 5 Souper Bowl of Caring Upper Room, 11:15 am The Table, 5:30 pm	February 6	February 7 UMW General Meeting, 11 am, FHI-2	February 8 Supper, 5:30 pm Studies, 7 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	February 9	February 10 Passionate Sexuality Marriage Conference	February 11 Mercy Street, 5:30 pm
February 12 Second Sunday Chicken Lunch, 11 am - 1 pm Upper Room, 11:15 am The Table, 5:30 pm	February 13	February 14	February 15 Supper, 5:30 pm Studies, 7 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	February 16	February 17	February 18 Mercy Street, 5:30 pm
February 19 Blood Drive, 8 am - 1 pm, Courtyard Room Upper Room, 11:15 am The Table, 5:30 pm	February 20	February 21 UMW Circle Meetings	February 22 Ash Wednesday Worship, 7 am, 12 noon, 7 pm Supper, 5:30 pm	February 23	February 24 Singles Retreat	February 25 Family Day of Service Mercy Street, 5:30 pm
February 26 Singing through the Life of Jesus, 5 pm, Sanctuary Upper Room, 11:15 am The Table, 5:30 pm	February 27	February 28	February 29 Supper, 5:30 pm Studies, 7 pm Chancel Choir, 7 pm	March 1	March 2	March 3 Mercy Street, 5:30 pm

Visit our Web site at [www.chapelwood.org](http://www.chapelwood.org).



## **CHURCH-WIDE FOOD COLLECTION**

**Sunday, February 5, 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

Chapelwood Scouts are joining forces with area churches in this citywide food collection sponsored by the Houston Food Bank.

Please bring non-perishable food items to collection points in the Sanctuary Narthex, the Fountain Hallway, and the large ball fields behind the Smith building.