



# The Powerline

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Dallas United Methodist Church

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**LYDIA'S Lydia's Love Fundraiser** Lydia's Love was founded in 2011 after two lifelong friends, Daphne Greer (a member of Dallas UMC) and Jamie Ralls, each suffered the loss of a child. The goal of the Lydia's Love is to make sure every child feels special and celebrated and to recognize the value of each child's life. Lydia's Love provides birthday celebrations and child sponsorship programs for homeless children living in the Willamette Valley. Currently, Lydia's Love is an outreach program affiliated with Dallas UMC.



**A fundraiser to benefit Lydia's Love will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 5:30-7 pm at Orchard Heights Winery.** Tickets are \$20 per person. To purchase advance tickets, contact Sheronne Blasi at 503-428-2187.



## Think outside the (Christmas) box with Alternative Giving!

How are you preparing for Christmas this year? Think outside the usual Christmas box. Let us reclaim and celebrate the revolutionary love present in Christ's amazing birth: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, and Love All! This is the message of the Advent Conspiracy (adult study last Advent). By spending less at Christmas we have the opportunity to join Jesus in giving resources to those who need help the most. We are called to use our time to make love visible through relational giving – among friends, family, and the stranger knocking at our door – rather than getting sucked into the season's rush and stress.

Last year I heard inspiring stories of how people in our congregation enter into this spirit of the Advent and Christmas seasons. One member intentionally does not buy a Christmas tree and sends the money saved to the Union Gospel Mission for meals for homeless people. Another member of our congregation meets up with her sibling to shop together for items for the food bank as their gift to each other. Another member chose to gift her nephew a Heifer Project book instead of another toy. How do you celebrate the birth of the poor and vulnerable Christ-child?

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## Children's Sabbath

**featuring John Nilsen on piano!**

On Sunday, November 13 we will be blessed with a special "Children's Sabbath" worship in which we celebrate the children in our midst and renew our commitment to nurture and protect all children.

**The children's choir will sing, there will be a special skit involving the children, and pianist John Nilsen will bless us with his wonderful gift of music.** This will be an especially meaningful celebration of worship. Hope to see you there!

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Whoever decided that worship should last one hour? On more than one occasion I've heard the remark, "Way to go, preacher! You ended on time." Did I miss something? Did Moses receive an eleventh commandment that got lost or broken that read, "Worship shall not last more than 60 minutes."? Is there something about our brains that we can't take in more than an hour's worth of worship? Or is it because there's something else more important we'd rather be doing—like watching football?

I know some folks in our congregation were raised in churches where worship lasted not just one hour, but *hours*—as in two or more. And other people in our congregation were raised in churches that worshiped twice on Sunday *and* on Wednesday evening, too! Even today, there are Christians who are not so mindful of the clock in worship—from Roman Catholics to Pentecostals, from Eastern Orthodox to the Amish, there are Christians whose worship is not dominated by the clock so much as devoted to worshiping God faithfully, however long it takes.

I must confess to you that, sometimes, when our worship goes past 12 noon I wonder if anyone is feeling irritated that our worship time has lasted longer than an hour. I suspect that there are at least a few who feel this way. I myself have been a worshipper at churches where I wondered if worship would ever come to an end! But, for me, there is a critical question to ask myself: "Was I irritated simply because worship lasted more than 60 minutes? Or was I frustrated because the *content* of worship had not captured my attention, imagination, or heart?" That's a big difference! Because while I've been at worship services that seemed to drag on endlessly, I've also been at worship services that went much longer than an hour but I didn't even notice because I was so swept up by the Holy Spirit in what was happening in that time of worship. If anyone were to come to me to complain about the length of our worship service, there are at least two questions I would ask: "When in that time of worship did you truly feel drawn into worshipping God? And when did you feel like looking at your watch to see when it would end?" Responses to these questions can be very helpful and revealing! As we strive to *authentically* worship God as a community of faith, my hope and prayer is that it would be rare for someone to fixate on the clock in worship—and much more common for them to focus on God.

And in the grand scheme of God's realm worship doesn't last an hour. Worship is a 24/7 endeavor, as we live our lives seeking to glorify God in all things through our faithfulness to the way of Jesus Christ.

See you in church!

Blessings,

*Jeremy*

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One way to spend less and give more is through supporting Heifer Project International. Our Sunday School children have already started collecting offering money to purchase Heifer animals. You can participate, too! Give a lamb in honor of a new baby. Pick a chick. Foster a fish farm. Buy a bunny. Go great galloping goats! Since 1944, Heifer International has worked with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By empowering lives of self-reliance and hope with gifts of livestock and training, they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.



Look for the Alternative Giving booth at the Church Bazaar on November 12th and information in the Fellowship Hall from November 13th to Christmas. See Allison Hajdu-Paulen with any questions. And check out these great websites to learn more: [www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org) and [www.heifer.org/catalog](http://www.heifer.org/catalog)



## All Church Conference set for November 21

On Monday, November 21 at 7 pm our annual All Church Conference will be held in the chapel. Everyone is invited to come celebrate the ministry of our church over the past year and to look forward with excitement and hope about what God will do with us in the future. **The Rev. Kate Conolly, our District Superintendent, will lead this meeting for the last time as her term as a D.S. comes to an end**

**next summer.** Though there is business to conduct, it will be kept to an absolute minimum so that we can hear Kate's reflections on her 7 ½ years as a D.S. and engage in conversation with her. **Let Pastor Jeremy know if you have any questions. Childcare will be provided.**

## "Saving Jesus" Adult Study Continues



Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left? *Saving Jesus* is "Living the Questions" popular 12-session DVD-based small group exploration of a credible Jesus for the third millennium. Upcoming class topics include:

- Nov. 6— Jesus' Ministry of Compassion
- Nov. 13—Killing Jesus, Part One: Who Killed Jesus?
- Nov. 20—Killing Jesus, Part Two: The Atonement
- Nov. 27—The Resurrection of Christ

**The Adult Class, facilitated by Pastor Jeremy, meets at 9:30 am in the Chapel. All are welcome—regulars and newcomers alike! Childcare is available.**



## Church Potluck and Team Meeting Night

All-Church Potluck Supper and SPRC Team Meeting will be Monday, November 21. Bring a dish to share and join your friends in the congregation for a wonderful meal. No time or energy to bring a dish? Gather the family and come anyway. There is always plenty of food, good fun and great company!

**Potluck begins at 5:45 p.m.  
SPRC team meeting at 6:30 p.m.**



## NEWS FROM YOUTH GROUP

Thank you all so much for supporting our youth group! We are meeting regularly, every Sunday at 2 in the youth room and it has been incredible to watch our little group grow as the youth are reaching out to their peers and forming a great community. Thanks to your support, we have been able to do a lot of fun things together, such as going to the movies and a pumpkin patch. A special thank you to Debbie Baker, Leanna Deters and Mary Anna Enderle for serving as our parent chaperones. If any one would like to be added to our email list , or if you would like to chaperone a youth group meeting, please email me at [hpeplins@willamette.edu](mailto:hpeplins@willamette.edu). All middle school and high school students (6th grade and up) are always welcome to join us! Thank you again for your support and prayers.

CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR



## CHURCH BAZAAR AND LUNCH

**November 12th 9am - 5 pm**

**Lunch will be \$5 per person  
\$20 per family**

Bring your gifts, new or gently used Christmas items, and baked goods. Set up will be **Friday, Nov. 11.**

We are also seeking those willing to help with the lunch by making or donating soup, bread, salad, and pie or other dessert for the lunch. We are in need of people to help serve lunch from 11:00-2:00.

Contact Leanna Deters if you can donate or help.

503-831-3303 or email [lldeters@msn.com](mailto:lldeters@msn.com)



**November 13 - Children's Choir Performance during worship**

**December 11 - Choir Christmas Cantata during worship service**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Service - 7 pm**

**December 25 - Christmas Day Worship Service - 10:55 am  
(No Sunday School)**



## ALL CHURCH RETREAT RECAP.....

What a great retreat at Camp Magruder. We had 50 people attend:) A special thank you to Carolyn Chapin for planning crafts, Jeanne Berry for help with

check in and set up, Kellie Parry for providing photography opportunities and birthday stuff, Kathlynn Northrup-Snyder for birthday cake, Allison Hajdu-Paulen and Kim Conolly for planning the "get to know you" games, Melia Deters and the youth and friends of the youth for leading campfire, Halie Peplinski for staying up late with the youth :), Steve Martinelli and Judson Baker for supervising "the big swing", and Pastor Jeremy for being our spiritual guide and "big swing" supervisor.

# NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## November Birthdays

3 ..... Marge Fredrickson  
 4 ..... Ellie Carson  
 6 ..... Miriam Hajdu-Paulen  
 11 ..... Pat Connors  
 13 ..... Nick Nichols  
 13 ..... Debbie Good  
 17 ..... Paul Wood  
 17 ..... Mary Gaither  
 17 ..... Joyce Garland  
 17 ..... Diane Rolph  
 21 ..... Pam Esparza  
 22 ..... Rev. Dr. John Nastari  
 22 ..... Sadie Greer  
 24 ..... Sheryn Christian  
 26 ..... David Brinker  
 27 ..... Seth Reimer  
 27 ..... Joseph Beltz  
 30 ..... Russ Davenport



### Fellowship Time

6 **Kim & Jason Conolly**  
 13 **Karen Hays**  
 20 **OPEN**  
 27 **Betty Rogerson**

## Anniversaries

11 ..... Nancy & Joe Petterson  
 11 ..... Ellie & Frank Carson  
 12 ..... Karen & Russ Davenport  
 21 ..... Linda & Gary Medsker  
 27 ..... Phyllis & Paul Wood  
 29 ..... Donna & Jerry Moss

### Altar Flowers

6 Gale Carruthers  
 13 Dolah Olsson  
 20 Worship Team  
 27 Congregation Poinsettias



## Serving Our Church in November

### October

### Hospitality


### Acolyte

6 Sue Fletcher, Dick Formhals,  
 Moy Midkiff  
 13 Ora Shutt, Ken Brown, Roy Rogers  
 Dorrene Brown  
 20 David Knaupp, Donna Weld,  
 Pauline Parmenter, Sheryn Christian  
 27 Karen Hays, Sharon Boyd,  
 Deb Baker and Joshua Baker

Raelyn Martinelli  
 Madelyn Baker  
 Jace Martinelli  
 Mason Deters  
 Caroline Conolly  
 Amity Deters  
 Miriam Hajdu-Paulen  
 Katie Reimer



# November

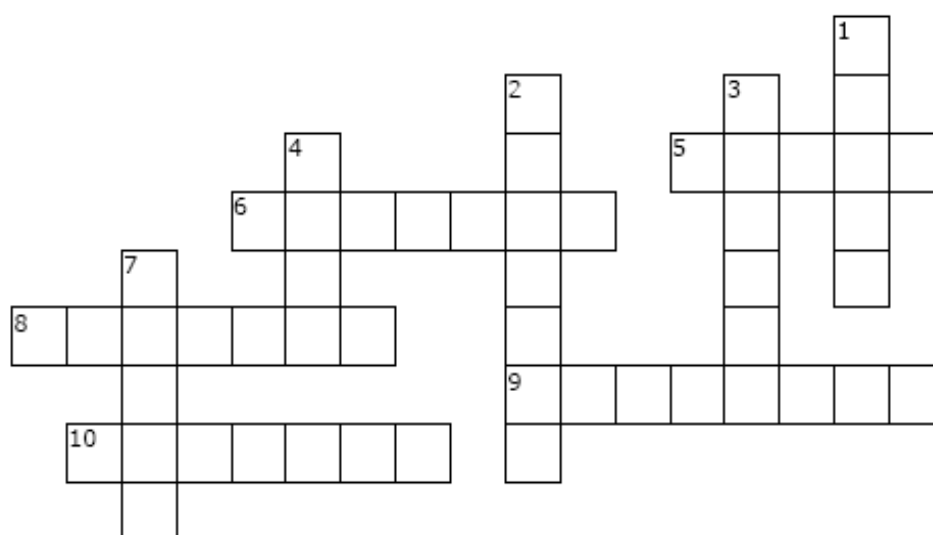
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Bible Study 8:45 am	2 Art Group - 1 pm Birthday Club 1 pm  Choir - 6:30 pm	3  Girl Scouts 6:30 pm	4  <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	5 Lydia's Love Fundraiser 5:30 pm Orchard Heights Winery
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday School 9:30 am All Saints & Communion Sunday Worship - 10:55 am Fellowship - 12 noon Youth Group - 2 pm	7	8 Bible Study 8:45 am	9 Art Group - 1 pm  Choir - 6:30 pm	10	11 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>  Veterans Day	12 <b>CHURCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR</b> 9 AM - 4 PM 
13 Sunday School 9:30 am Children's Sabbath Worship - 10:55 am Fellowship - 12 noon  Youth Group 2 Ppm	14	15 Bible Study 8:45 am	16 Art Group - 1 pm  Choir - 6:30 pm	17 Sewing Group 1:30 pm at Sharon Smith's  Girl Scouts 6:30 pm	18 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship - 10:55 am Fellowship - 12 noon  Youth Group 2 pm	21 <b>CHURCH OFFICE OPEN</b> 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM All Church Potluck 5:45 pm SPRC Team Meeting 6:30 pm <b>ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE</b> 7 pm	22 Bible Study 8:45 am	23 Art Group - 1 pm  Choir - 6:30 pm	24 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  Happy Thanksgiving	25 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship - 10:55 am Fellowship - 12 noon  Youth Group 2 pm	28	29 Bible Study 8:45 am  Ad Council 6:30 am	30 Art Group - 1 pm  Choir - 6:30 pm			



## JUST FOR KIDS

## My Thanksgiving List

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)



## ACROSS

5. The Son of God
6. An area of land that has its own government; a nation, the USA
8. A person whom you know well and like a lot
9. The person who gives instruction at school
10. Things such as dresses, pants, shirts, and blouses

## DOWN

1. A building in which people live
2. A person's mother and father
3. The condition of the body and how free it is illness; Are you in good \_\_\_\_\_?
4. What people and animals eat to keep them alive
7. The holy book containing God's Word

COUNTRY  
TEACHERS

PARENTS  
BIBLE

CLOTHES  
FOOD

FRIENDS  
HOUSE

JESUS  
HEALTH

## Around the Church

### Many THANKS to Many People!

- A huge thank you to **Leanna Deters** for all her efforts to coordinate an extremely successful church retreat at Camp Magruder. There were 50 people from Dallas UMC for the retreat, including 25 children and youth under age 16! And many thanks to **all those who assisted with the fundraising and planning** for the retreat. It was a blessing to us all!
- Many thanks to the faithful workers who came and cleaned up the grounds around the church once a month over the summer growing season. They had their last work day in October. Stay tuned for when they regroup and get back to work in the spring!
- Huge thanks to Jean Rogers, Roy Rogers, Carolyn Chapin, Eric Olsson, Sharon Boyd, Dorothy Langdon, Craig Howlett, Olivia Wilhite, Sharon Smith, and Leanna Deters, who were our volunteers at **Foster Parents Night Out** on Friday, October 28. The 10 children ranging in age from 2 to 11, were happily entertained with Wii games, a Halloween cookie decorating contest, and an auction of games, stuffed animals, toys, books, and clothing. Blessings on the people in our community who generously donated the auction items.



### Pledge Thank You

Many, many thanks to everyone who took the time to make a pledge to the ministry of our church in 2012. It is too early to announce the results yet, but our Finance Team will go to work creating a budget for 2012 that allows our congregation to "produce Kingdom fruit" for God as we pursue the ministry in our community that God has called us to.

### THANK YOU

Special thanks to Dallas UMC for allowing the Dallas United Soccer U14 Dragons to hold their team dinners in the multi-purpose room during this past soccer season.

U14 Dragons say "Hooray! for DUMC!"



## Stewardship Update

### SEPTEMBER 2011 - General Fund



<u>September Expenses/Transfers Out:</u>	\$ 12,657.45
<u>September Income/Transfers In:</u>	\$ 9,872.58
<u>Difference:</u>	\$ - 2,748.87

<u>As of end of September 2011 Expenses:</u>	\$ 104,673.26
<u>As of end of September 2011 Income:</u>	\$ 101,085.32
<u>Difference:</u>	\$ - 3,587.94



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Health Concerns:** Connie Biddinger's grandson, Grant, who is struggling with OCD; Marge Hilts; Sandy McPherson; Neoma Robertson; Bruce Moore, Karen Hays' husband, undergoing cancer treatment; Dorothy Langdon's brother, James; Elizabeth Gillander; Dick Midkiff; Jeannie Berry; and Steve Christensen.

**Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving:** For Halie, our youth director and our wonderful youth group; for fun activities like harvest parties and trick-or-treating.

**Others to Keep in Prayer:** Moy Midkiff's 5 year grandson, Xander; and children in elementary school facing pressures that children did not face a generation ago.

**Our Country and World:** For Libya; for healing in divisions in our country; for city of Dallas officials and public servants.

*If you have a prayer request or would like to have a name removed, please contact the church office.*

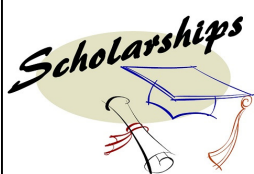
**DISCIPLE**

BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Want to Become More Familiar  
With the Bible?  
Consider the *Disciple* Bible Study

Several people in our congregation are interested in starting a *Disciple* Bible study. The group will meet every other week and will delve deeply into the Bible from the beginning to end--from Genesis through Revelation. Each session includes a brief video segment by a Biblical scholar as well as an opportunity to engage in learning with other group members. The goal is to familiarize participants with the Bible, but even more, to allow the Bible to shape faith and practice.

If you would like to learn more or have questions, speak to Leanna Deters (503-831-3303).



**Endowment Scholarships Available**

Scholarships of up to \$500 are available to individuals connected to Dallas UMC. These scholarships are funded by the Dallas UMC Endowment Fund. They are intended for traditional students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. But they are also available to non-traditional students or other adults who are retraining for a new career. The application process involves submitting a letter outlining educational and career goals, plan of study, and how the scholarship will help advance these goals and plans. If already enrolled in school, a transcript is also required. For more information, call the church office at 503-623-2481.



**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6th 2 AM**

**Remember to set your clocks back one (1) hour!**

# November 2011

## Worship Schedule

November 6, 2011 (All Saints Communion)

Scriptures: Psalm 34 and Revelation 7:9-17

Message Title: "The Great Multitude"

November 13, 2011 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Children's Sabbath)

*The Children's Choir will sing and we will be joined by the fabulous musician John Nilsen!*

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Message Title: "The Least of These"

November 20, 2011 (Last Sunday after Pentecost)

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and Luke 17:11-19

Message Title: "A Simple Thank You"

November 27, 2011 (First Sunday of Advent)

*"Outside the Box: The Gift That Can't Be Contained" Advent series begins*

Scriptures: Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37

Message Title: "Open Up...Expectation"



WORSHIP AND SERMONS

Check out our church website! [www.dallasumc.qwestoffice.net](http://www.dallasumc.qwestoffice.net)

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