

MADISON SQUARE MESSENGER

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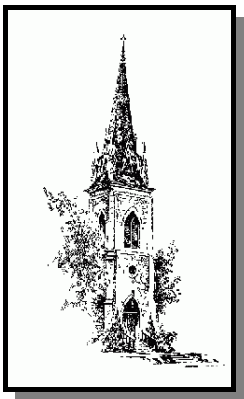
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What We Believe

We believe that Jesus welcomed all people, embraced each person with love.

Refusing none, He loved all men, women and children.

We believe that the gospel calls us to spread the good news of God's love, to deal honestly with each other and to practice openness and inclusiveness in the name of Jesus Christ.



Welcome 2007

Happy New Year

From Madison Square Presbyterian Church



MADISON SQUARE MESSENGER GOES DIGITAL

Madison Square Messenger, the monthly newsletter of Madison Square Presbyterian Church, will, starting next month, become a digital publication, appearing on the church's website, MSqPC.org.

The mailed printed version will cease publication with this issue.

Those church members without Internet access can request special copies to be sent to them. Please contact Betty in the church office at (210) 226-6254 for this service.

This move is part of a new improved website redesign to debut sometime this month.



Under the direction of local photographer and designer Ansen Seale, MSqPC.org has been expanded and improved to include an online church directory, detailed church information and updated announcements on nearly a daily basis.

The website is also the first place the church's

new logo, also designed by Seale, will be introduced.

With the world moving at a faster pace, the World Wide Web is where more and more people are getting their information, and Madison Square is joining this trend with its new website. Church members will now be able to find current information about events and news on members delivered faster and easier than the traditional monthly mailed newsletter.

Look for the new improved MSqPC.org — and the new Madison Square Messenger — on a computer near you very soon.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Greetings from the children's center:

The year is coming to a close, and with it, all the wonderful blessings we received in 2006.

- Chapel time with Kenny
- We purchased more computers for children's learning time
- Staff computers added for resources
- Educational Schol-



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Indoor and
Outdoor equip-
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The list contin-
ues to
grow . . .

We look forward to 2007. Already in progress is a new website for our children's center. We are starting a brand new year

with opportunities to provide even more enriching and exciting experiences for all of us here at the children's center. All this could not be possible without your prayers, donations and support.

God Bless from all of us at the children's center.
Happy New Year

Olga

"All the wonderful blessings we received in 2006."

BISHOP SPONG TO SPEAK IN FEBRUARY

Dr. John Shelby Spong, Episcopal bishop and noted author, will be the featured speaker at the Roley Lecture Series Feb. 9 through 11, 2007.

Bishop Spong will discuss material from his forthcoming book, "Jesus for the Non-Religious."

Feb. 9 - Friday evening, 7:30 p.m.: Separating History from Myth

This lecture is free and open to the public. Reservations are required.

Feb. 10 - Saturday



morning seminars, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.:

"Did He Die for My Sins?"

"Jesus - A Man for All Seasons"

Registration \$35.

Scholarships available.

Feb. 11 - Sunday Adult Education (9:30 a. m.) and Worship (10:50 a. m.)

Dr. Spong preaching: "Why I am a Christian."

To reserve a seat for Friday evening or to register for Saturday morning, please e-mail the church office at bmadison-sqpres@satx.rr.com or phone (210) 226-6254.

WANTED: USHERS FOR 2007

Hello and Happy Holidays! It is that time of year again.

My name is Sally Hertzberg and I am looking for ushers for the year 2007.

If you are already on my list I would like to leave you on the list, and just add new ushers to the vacant spots that I have. I am always in need of ushers, and would love to have any

of you help me. This does include new and old members.

It is not hard to usher, but there are a few simple things that we do that would be explained to you when it is your turn to usher.

If you cannot have me put you on the calendar full-time but would like to be a substitute, I would be happy with that also. You can either e-mail my granddaugh-

ter at sherri_lynn_tx@yahoo.com or call me at (210) 732-5924 HM or (210) 215-6666 CELL.

As soon as I have the calendar completed I will see that everyone receives one that is on the list.

Thank you very much in advance for volunteering to help with the Sunday Worship Service.

NOTES FROM MADISON SQUARE

New Lunch Group Formed

A group of Madison Square women is meeting once a month for an informal lunch at local restaurants.

The purpose of these luncheons is to form friendships among women of the church through congenial, intelligent conversation, and the enjoyment of good food.

Lunches take place on the third Wednesday of each month. Please call Patricia Oxford, at 830-981-8232 if you would like to join us.

Anniversary Event

Please make plans now to attend the final Madison Square commemorative anniversary event, on Feb. 18, 2007.

The worship service that day will include a performance of the special an-



them commissioned for the 125th anniversary of our church.

The anthem, to be sung by our sanctuary choir, is composed by nationally acclaimed composer Randol Bass.

Following the worship service a catered lunch will be served inside large, heated tents, to be erected on the church parking lot.

Among the visiting dignitaries will be Judge Peter Sakai, who will be the featured speaker at the lunch-

eon.

Information about lunch reservations will be available in next month's newsletter and through membership e-mail messages.

SAMM Says Thanks

The families, single men and women at the SAMM shelter wish to thank the members of Madison Square Presbyterian Church for the warm clothes, hundreds of towels, sheets, toilet articles and prayers that help us stay clean and presentable as we look for employment or just try to survive and look after our children and ourselves.

Please remember us as winter begins on the streets.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AT MADISON SQUARE

1	Patrick Fite	10	Hung Si Lam George Page	18	Sharon Fite
3	Sylvia Washer Kris Biedenharn	12	Missie Lanham Ellen Werckle	21	Rolando Ocanas
4	Kevin Marafioto	13	Boug Boyd Tom Davis	23	Nathan Lytle David Royalty
6	Rick Mild	14	Eddie Guerrero	24	Stacy Hillegas Diane Stallings
7	Norma Brown Gay Abigail O'Connor	15	Al Thurk	29	Hugh Morris Rob Shaw-Meadow
9	Peg Gates Cate Weber	16	Yolanda Hilliard Ken Harvey		

FROM HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICE

This year you will have collectively sold just under \$300,000 worth of HEB gift cards through the Presbyterian Churches involved with selling HEB cards which has generated over \$10,000 for HNS.

We are most grateful for this contribution to our ability to serve our



neighbors and community on the west side of San Antonio that have so many

needs.

On behalf of the board at HNS, thank you all so much for your continued support of our mission.

Take care and Merry Christmas to each of you and your families...

**Perry Deckard, CPA,
CVA Treasurer of HNS**

MSQPC BOOK CLUB SETS 2007 SCHEDULE

Jan. 5: *Gilead*, Marilynne Robinson; Carol Frere's home

Feb. 2: *Digging to America*, Anne Tyler; Faye Hallford's home

March 2: *The Time Traveler's Wife*, Audrey Niffenegger; Megan Kromer's home

April 6: *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha*, Sarah Erdman; Rebecca Baker's home

May 4: *Intuition*, Allegra Goodman; Jerry Correu's home

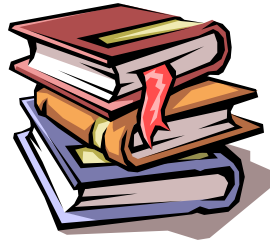
June 1: *Pretty Birds: A Novel*, Scott Simon; Jo McIver's home

Sept. 7: *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, D. K. Goodwin; Richard McLean's home

Oct. 5: *My Name Is Red*, Orpan Pamuk; Thelma Nungesser's home

Nov. 2: *Middlesex*, Jeffrey Eugenides; Katsy Murphy's home

Dec. 7: *A Spot of Bother*, Mark Haddon; Betty Lynn Allen's home



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VALENTINE'S BENEFIT ANNOUNCED

The 2nd Annual Valentine Serenade — a benefit event for The House of Neighborly Service.

A special evening of dinner and entertainment featuring "A Little Night Music" with a select group of

Presbyterian pastors and musicians.

The event will be held 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5 at First Presbyterian Church, 404 N. Alamo, Westminster Hall, with a silent auction beginning at

5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

For information call (210) 434-2301.

It's a gift of love for our HNS neighbors!

BOOK DISCUSSION AT UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN

Steve Reznicek and Ken Harvey of Madison Square Presbyterian Church will lead a study of the book "The Sins of Scripture" by Bishop John Shelby Spong at the SoL Center at University Presbyterian Church, 300 Bushnell, in

preparation for the Roley Lectures in February.

The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on four Thursdays, Jan. 11, 18, Feb. 1 and 8 (skipping Jan. 25).

Tuition is \$20. Call (210) 732-9927.



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*Newsletter deadline
is the 15th of each month.*

MADISON
at
square

on stage


Ben Tavera King

*Ben King (of Talking Tacos Recordings) will entertain with
his acoustic guitar and a program of Golden Oldies*

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007

12:05 p.m.

Madison Square Presbyterian Church
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(210) 226-6254 or www.msqpc.org

Lunch will be available after the performance—\$5 per person

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 13: *Sinful Sisters and Fallen Floozies*

(A spoof about some of the more disreputable women in the Bible)

March 13: *Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Boru, our favorite Irish band*

ON STAGE AT MADISON SQUARE is supported in part by a grant from the Music Performance Fund.