

### What's Your Passion?

*Have a mission that you're passionate about?*

**Bring it to the table!**

*Have a suggestion on how to improve serving our community... our world... through all seasons?*

**Tell us!**

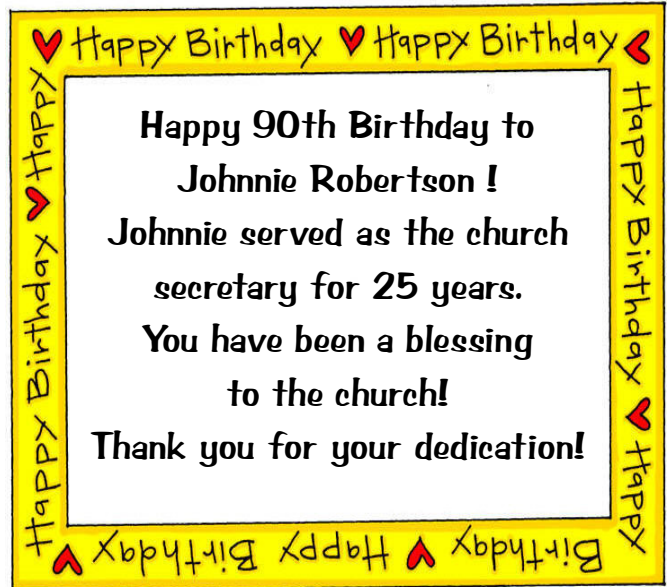
Join our new staff liaison, Marc Corazoa, and the Serve ministry team to finalize our goals and activities for 2011.

**When:** Monday • February 7 • 5:30 to 6:30 PM

**Where:** College and Young Adult Class Room

**Questions?** Contact Angela Roberts at

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### CONNECT CORNER by Ladonna Patterson



Hospitality and Greeting people on Sunday mornings is an important part of how we **connect** with one another. Nancy Doughty is currently working on a calendar for hospitality, so be expecting her to tap you on the shoulder or give you a call about helping with coffee and refreshments. I will be asking people to be greeters to openly welcome those who come through our doors. The Connect Team thanks you in advance for your service to our Mission of making people feel at home at church. Your Connect team is dedicated to **connecting** people to people and people to God, simply as Jesus did.

## NEWS FROM THE WESLEYAN

*Your source for Wesleyan Campus Ministry Updates*

In addition to the ministries happening each week (including *FYI Lunches* and *Regener8 Bible Study*), here are some great opportunities coming up...

**First Friday Flicks (aka F - F - F):** A gathering every first Friday of the month at 7:00 pm to de-stress from all of that class work and relax with friends with popcorn and a good movie!

**Super Bowl Party at the Wesleyan:** This Sunday, February 6 at 5:00 pm! A time for food, friends, laughs... Oh, and I think there's a game on or something.

**All Wesley Retreat:** Friday-Sunday, February 18-20! College students from United Methodist campus ministries, colleges, and churches from across the South Central Jurisdiction are converging on Crosspoint Camp on Lake Texoma for an awesome weekend of worship and fellowship. Worship leaders include Bishop Scott Jones of Kansas and Bishop Robert Hayes of Oklahoma.

**Time for a Roof Rethink:** No, this is not an event, but it is an important issue staring us all in the face as the ongoing ministry of the Wesleyan Campus Ministry is... well, threatened. Rather than waiting any longer, please help us act now to repair and replace the Wesleyan roof once and for all. During February (and beyond), we will be accepting donations to open a new era of ministry with our students!



**THE CONNECTIONS BAND**  
with their Tribute to Billy Joel and Stevie Wonder  
**Friday, February 11th @ 6:30 PM**  
**at North Lamar High School**  
3201 Lewis Lane Paris, TX 75460

Based in Dallas, Connections is a unique "cover-band" that performs "tribute" shows to artists we love. We have now played shows for tens of thousands of listeners, and raised more than \$100,000 for worthy charities. The shows are free, and are always fundraisers for a missional cause related to the United Methodist Church.

One thing that makes Connections unique is that its membership includes ten United Methodist ministers serving churches in the Dallas area. Two dozen more lay members join them (from even more churches) to fill out the roster of this unique band. Most of our shows feature a full band of more than 20 members on stage. Our name has rich meaning for anyone in the UMC, and we feel that through this music we are living out the "connection."

We'll sing Billy Joel favorites like "You May Be Right," "Piano Man" and "Uptown Girl. But faithful Billy fans will also appreciate beloved lesser known songs like "Summer Highland Falls," and "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant."

The Stevie Wonder set has selections from throughout his career, from early hits like "Signed, Sealed Delivered," to later classics such as "I Wish" and "Sir Duke." You'll be singing along on every song and once again be pleased by our most ambitious concert yet. More than 25 musicians, including full brass and strings, will provide the music for the night. To date Connections has raised more than \$100,000 for worthy charities. We hope to see you there!

Our beneficiary for these shows is "Imagine No Malaria." Imagine No Malaria is a partnership between the United Nations, the United Methodist Church, and the NBA and others, that provides mosquito nets for families in Africa, thereby helping to fight malaria and other diseases. [Click here](#) to learn more about Imagine No Malaria.

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