

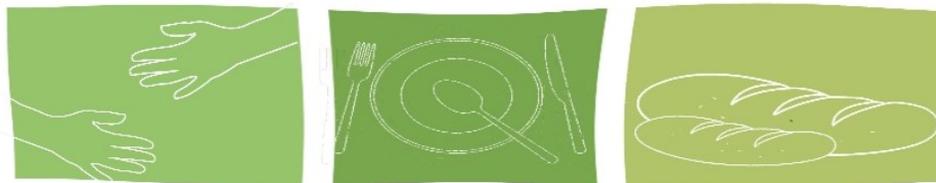
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October 2016

Eules First United Methodist Church

Lord's Acre



LORD'S ACRE 2016 - OCT. 15 9AM-3PM
EULESS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
106 N. MAIN, EULESS, TX 76040
EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO GIVE. ROMANS 12:12-14

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Lord's Acre at Eules First United Methodist Church has a long history of providing fun and fellowship for a cause. The 2016 Lord's Acre is based on Roman's 12:12-14- we understand that "Everyone has something to give."

What will you give this year to help support Eules First? October 15 will be a full day! The morning will have the silent auction in the Swor Parlor, with items usually under \$50 in value. These are great Christmas gifts, or a treat for yourself. There will also be a Children's Area with fun and games for kids. This area will be outside if weather permits! These activities will end at noon, when we start serving lunch. The Preschool staff will be serving lunch this year. Purchase Lunch Tickets for \$4 Children / \$6 Adults

Looking for a dessert to finish your meal? The United Methodist Women will be selling treats for all of us. You can get a full pie, or just a cupcake, but come check out

all that they have.

During all of these activities there will be the Village Market with handmade crafts and gifts. Looking for the perfect little gift for a school teacher at Christmas? This is the place. There will be jars of our favorite treats and beautiful handmade gifts! You can also enjoy entertainment in the Family Life Center all morning. The Preschool will be performing as will other acts from around the community.

Following lunch is the big Live Auction. These are large ticket items. Last year there was yard art, dinners for groups (get your Sunday School class or Bunko Group ready), divinity by Rita Ray and more. These items usually go for more than \$100. If this is too steep for your pocket, you could get some friends together and make a plan.

We will also have church t-shirt's for sale.

In conjunction with the Lord's Acre, there will be a Flower Sale on October 22. Preorders

will be taken and can be picked up that morning.

This year we will also have a special new attraction with a History Booth. As we look at changes in our buildings and congregation and continue to dream of where the future will take us, this is a time to remember our rich history. Purchase a memento for the day and help us celebrate all that we have, all that we have done, and the dreams for where we are going!

The Lord's Acre weekend will be capped off with a Stop Hunger Now Event on Oct. 16. We will be in a giving spirit as we pack over 10,000 meals for those hungry around the world.

The Lord's Acre is such a wonderful time in the life of our congregation. If you can help, with a donation of new items, something homemade, your time before hand, or at the event please join us. We all have something to give. Join us in giving so that we can support and help others.

Prayer List

We are praying for...

New Concerns:

2016 Election
 Accepting Changes
 Aeva Gamble, Layla Coat' friend
 Betty Sue Barnet, Judy Mulholland's cousin
 Charlee Mendoya
 Christine Stalfort, Charlotte Everett's sister
 Clara Kelnor, Ric and Shelly Grant's granddaughter
 David Gordon- Praise, Doug Graham's family friend
 Debbie Latham
 Don Wilson
 Doug Mulholland, Judy Mulholland's husband
 Doug Mulholland, Jr. Galina Hall
 Hugh Hamm, Buddy Hamm's father
 Iris Elliott
 Isabel Family
 Jackie Robinson & Family
 Jackie Robinson and family (Praise)
 Jacob Rhymer, Sally Rhymer's son
 Jeremy Jones
 Julie Freeman, Linda Martin's friend
 Katelyn Mallett
 Kevin Voise, Vic and Judy Torres' friend

Kim and Jeremy Jones' families
 Kimberly Jones' co-workers
 Kristen Hammit
 Lester Lawler, Charlotte Everett's son in law
 Mark Rust, Dottie Rust's son
 Mary Esping, Amber Hawthorne's Mom
 Men and women with active addiction
 Michael Bergeron, Candy Klasen's cousin
 Michael Greig
 Mimi Maloney Praise
 Pat Gaeddert, Jo Kemp's sister
 Patricia Beall, Linda Martin's Friend
 Reed Mallett
 Rex Gehrels, Mike Springer's brother
 Safety for those traveling
 Steve Bray, Judy Mulholland's friend
 Teachers, Coaches, Students
 Thanks for blessings received and blessings yet to come
 Vicki Burkart, Janet Ledbetter's friend
 Vickie Denne
 Vicky Baker Weiss, Judy Mulholland's friend
 Victims of flooding, earthquakes, and war...especially children

Willie Mitchell, Dottie Rust's friend

Continued Strength and Healing:

Ann Burns
 Ann Keller
 Baker and Michelle Ingram
 Bobby Trainham, Billie Bradford's friend
 Bobette Banks, Billie Bradford's friend
 Burton family
 Cameron Mode and family
 Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter
 Charlotte Everett
 Cheryl Bowie, Billie Bradford's friend
 Denise Foley
 Donna, Denise Foley's sister
 Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister
 Doug Graham
 Ed Zachow
 Glada Rose
 Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends
 Greig family
 Honor Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's mother
 Janice Vernon, Don Wilson's sister
 Joe Brown, Jackie Robinson's brother
 John Lewis
 Judy Mulholland
 June Ivey

Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter
 Kevin Maines
 Landon Power
 Lilia Olvera and her family
 Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law
 Marlene Hill, Vic and Judy Torres' friend
 Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend
 Mike Sprague, Stephen Sprague's brother
 Miss Johnnie, Patsy Brown's friend
 Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends
 Nolan Fisher
 Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father
 Ollie O'Sallis' family and friends
 Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister
 Pierre Tshimanga's family
 Rev. Bud Sprague, Steve Sprague's father
 Richard and Sue Morrow
 Rita and Brian Webb
 Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend
 Rose Marie, Patsy Brown's friend
 Stan Clarke, Sue &

Richard Morrow's friend
 Sue Martin
 Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece
 Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece

Comfort in a Time of Loss:

Family of Cecil Alford, Vera Farmer's brother
 Family of Dany Joe Wilderson, David Davis uncle
 Family of Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother
 Family of Nettie Marie Baker, Shane Mullin's grandmother
 Protection:
 All Police Officers and Firefighters
 Colton Hardaway (Army) and Zack Pulver, Michael and Lore Osborn's son and son-in-law
 Daniel Collier (Air Force), Bob Collier's grandson
 Gavin Haubrich (Air Force)
 Jim Orsund, Ellen and Aaron Garcia's friend
 Josh Crow (Navy), Annette Kelleher's son

Justin Knighton (Army)
 Kayla Brown (Army), Jackie Robinson's niece
 Kevin Balentine (Army), Cindy Balentine's son
 Koki Fuimaono (Air Force) Leland Brown's friend
 Mason Vaughn (Marines), Stephen and Teresa Sprague's nephew
 Matthew Lee (Air Force), Michelle Barker's brother
 Sam Weatherby (Army), Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
 Stephen Tate (Army), Janet Ledbetter's son
 William Crowder (Air Force), Yvonne Rohlfling's son
 Eric Sheer (Marines), Vic & Judy Torres' grandnephew
 Allen McClelland (Army), Vic & Judy Torres' grandnephew

If your prayer request has been left off, please resubmit it. All requests are for 30 days only and will need to be resubmitted after that time.

Birthdays

October

01 -Laura Henderson	10 -Craig Richey, Mistie Taylor	19 -Angela Ferguson
05 -David Lansana, Mary Gwen Foust, Jack Rose, Judy Tribble	13 -Dannie Sloan	22 -Rachel Van Vleet, Fay Stapleton
06 -Ian Haddock	15 -Michelle Barker, Charlotte Halleck	24 -Pat Hoover, Genesis Ramirez, Arabella Hurlbut
07 -Joe Tindel	16 -Ryane Barker, Max Haddock	27 -Betty Vowell, Rob McMillon
08 -Joshua Bowers, Steve Heyduck, Bob Collier	17 -Al Hankins, Bob Menton	28 -Mac Ledbetter
09 -Sylvia Bardin	18 -Michaela Thomas, Elizabeth Hurlbut	31 -Khiah Lara-Turner

Anniversaries

October

01 -Jim & Lauralee Arnold	13 -David & Susan Downey
05 -Jill & TimSchaneberg	19 -Jimmy & Helen Payton
10 -John & Jenni Elder	
11 -James & Judith Putnam	
12 -G.A. & Linda Cox	

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Loved Ones/General Budget:
The Friendship Class



Food Pantry

October Food Pantry Volunteers:

- 07 –Phyllis Augustus, Darlene Carter, Dottie Rust, Hedy Taylor
- 14 –Nancy Bickel, Doris Brown, Gloria Daves, Georgia Hill
- 21 –Darlene Carter, Brenda Hurlbut, Linda Lewis, Jill Schaneberg
- 28 –Doris Brown, Georgia Hill, Judy Torres

Our pantry needs:
Spaghetti Sauce, Ramen Noodles, & Canned Soups

The Food Pantry is gearing up again for Thanksgiving Baskets beginning October 28. This date will ensure that we have a full month to get every client a Thanksgiving Basket. Please help us make putting food on the table one less worry for families during the holidays by donating by October 23rd. We appreciate all of your donations. Giving to others really does make your life better.

Thanksgiving Basket list of items are as follows:

- 1-small box tea bags
- 1-2 lb. bag sugar
- 1-cake mix
- 1-frosting mix
- 1-can evaporated milk
- 2-cans whole kernel corn
- 2-cans green beans
- 2-cans fruit cocktail
- 2-cans chicken broth
- 2-boxes chicken stuffing mix



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women have inherited the vision and toil of women's missionary societies of eight denominations since 1869. Its 140-year legacy started when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India.

In 1869 UMW started with 8 women, now it has 800,000 members. The UMW of Euless First takes

a Sunday each year to share this vision, hope and rich history. This year, United Methodist Women's Sunday will be October 9th .

I hope you look forward to this day as much as we do. We are so excited to have our very own Katie Lewis bringing us the message of Planting Seeds. Following the service you are invited

to stay for a short luncheon and awards ceremony. We will be awarding our Special Mission Recognition Awards for 2016 and we will hear a speaker from the UCC, United Community Center.

Come and see all that Euless First UMW does for your community and beyond. This is such a great day for us and we are excited to share it with you.



Lord's Acre Instruction Manual



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Fresh Start Sunday School class is spearheading the 2016 Lord's Acre, but many members and organizations help make this a great day!

Should you have questions

-- please contact Dave Lewis at david.lewis1614@gmail.com or call the church office. Thank you for your help and support!

I thought an Instruction Manual by week might be helpful:

End of September:

- Look through your "Goodie" or "Surplus" Closet for items valued at \$10-\$50 to donate to a silent Auction that need a good home.
- Make smaller craft items for "Marketplace Holiday Shopping"
- Strategize what craft, gift card, or item purchased you can donate as a family that is \$50 and above for a live or Silent Auction
- Mark on your calendar to attend the Lord's Acre from 9am to 3pm
- Pick up an official donation request letter to request donations from local merchants. (also available online)
- Pray for your church and the many ministries its

staff and laity serve in

- Attend some crafting workshops as announced to make marketplace wears!

First Week of October-

- Invite Friends and Neighbors to join us on Lord's Acre day!
- Visit the Abundance Café on Sunday morning to see items donated and available at the Lord's Acre
- Purchase Lunch Tickets for Lord's Acre Day \$4 Children// \$6 Adults
- Consider "Re-Gifting" new items you have received but never used.

Second Week of October:

- Drop off items you have secured by Friday October 14th in the Preschool office
- Order Fall Flowers for planting to be delivered Sunday October 22nd

Lord's Acre Day, October 15:

- Arrive and park on grass if your mobility allows to leave space for guests to park closer to doors
- Secure a bidder number at the front door
- Attend Silent Auction 9AM opens---tables close at 2:30 p.m.
- Bake Sale Tables 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Shop in the "Market Place" in the Family Life Center
- Children can enjoy activities --10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Enjoy Coffee and snacks

from the moment you arrive in the Family Life Center

- Make a Historic Coaster to commemorate our rich history and the day
- Buy Homemade Casseroles from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Eat Lunch from 11-12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Enjoy entertainment from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center
- Receive your official Live Auction Directory of items for sale
- Attend Live Auction--1pm - 2:30 p.m. in the family Life Center
- Check out and pay-- with cash, check, or credit card 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sunday October 16th:

- Participate in the Stop Hunger Now food Packing event beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- Celebrate in worship the great success of Lord's Acre 2016.

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						10:00 Al-Anon District Fall Fellowship
2- World Communion Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:30 Abundance Cafe 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 E1ement Students	6:30 Boy Scout Troop Meeting 7:00 AL-Anon & AA 7:00 Trustees Meeting	10:00 UMW Harmony Hope 10:30 Shadow of a Doubt 3:00 Beach Club 6:30 Alpha 7:00 Shadow of a Doubt	6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir Practice	6:30 Men's Coffee 7:00 AL-Anon & AA	9:00 Food Pantry Open	10:00 Al-Anon
9	10-Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Important Church Dates

October

- 2-** World Communion Sunday
- 3-** Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 4-** United Methodist Women Harmony Hope Group 10:00 a.m. in the Swor Parlor
- 9-** United Methodist Women Sunday, Katie Lewis preaching, Luncheon with guest speaker and awards following the 11:00 a.m. worship service
- 10-** Columbus Day– Office Closed
United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor
Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 13-** United Methodist Women Thoughtful Friends at 6:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor
- 15-** Lord's Acre 2016 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
- 16 -** Stop Hunger Now packing event 8:30-11:00 a.m. All Sunday School Classes are asked to participate
Blood Pressure Screening between services in the hall next to Swor Parlor
Food Pantry Open 5:00-7:00 p.m.
"God Takes Our Little & Makes it Much" Bible Study begins with Pastor Beverly 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Library
- 22-** Alpha Day Away at 9:00 a.m. starting in the Family Life Center
- 23-** "God Takes Our Little & Makes it Much" Bible Study 5:00 p.m.
- 25-** United Methodist Men's Dinner and Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Swor Parlor
- 30-** "God Takes Our Little & Makes it Much" Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

Regular Events:

- Sundays–** Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Abundance Café at 9:30 in the Family Life Center Café | Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. | E1ement Students at 5:00 p.m. | Food Pantry on the 3rd Sunday evenings 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Mondays-** Al-Anon meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Library, and AA meets in Rm 203 at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays-** Alpha 6:30 in the Family Life Center
- Wednesdays–** Handbell Practice at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room | Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room/Sanctuary
- Thursdays–** Men's Coffee at 6:30 a.m. | Al-Anon meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Library, and AA meets in Rm 203 at 7:00 p.m.
- Fridays–** Food Pantry from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. except 5th Fridays
- Saturdays-** Al-Anon meets Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Discipleship Journey

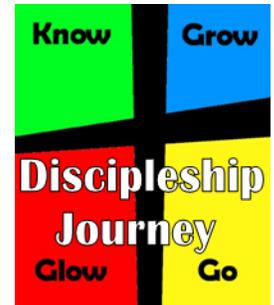
Here at Euless First it is our desire to do all that we can do to nurture, encourage, and challenge people on their lifelong spiritual journeys. To help accomplish this, we have established what we call the Discipleship Journey, a pathway offering many opportunities for persons to come to know God, to grow in their relationship with God, to go forth with God serving others, and to glow for God by witnessing to their faith.

Here is a coming Bible Study this October for you to continue your journey here at Euless First United Methodist Church. "How

God Takes Our Little and Makes It Much" is a small group study which focuses on scripture passages that will encourage and inspire us to put our faith into daily practice. The common theme is that when we join forces with God - together we can do incredible things. This six week study will meet on Sunday evenings, October 16 through November 20 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Library and will be facilitated by Pastor Beverly.

You are invited to come, hear, and discuss stories of Moses, Esther, Peter,

and others that will help us examine our lives and grow as faithful, fruitful followers of Jesus. The cost is \$11.00 for materials. Please register by signing up on the connection sheet attached to your bulletin or online at fumceules.org/ registration. Deadline to register is October 2.



Euless First Kids

Change is good, and there are changes in the Children's Ministry! The Lord's Prayer is being implemented into class every Sunday. Curriculum is changing for our 3rd-6th graders, as they are diving deeper into the Word with Submerge. The kids get to express themselves with their classmates, as well as privately in their own personal journals. Christian Gale is leading this class. The Kinder-2nd graders are seeing a new face in Annette Kelleher,

and even the nursery is seeing changes as curriculum is being taught in that class. New story Bibles are being used in the Nursery and Preschool classes, and Bible usage is increasing across the board. We also welcomed a new Kid's Connection leader: Matt Kelleher! While we are very sorry to have Audrey Coats step down, we appreciate her service, and she is not totally leaving us. And, as if that isn't enough, there is something new on the

horizon ...we cannot wait to debut the children's choir! Stay tuned for more details.

Trunk or Treat is happening in conjunction with the City of Euless on Saturday, October 29. We have 4 parking spaces this year, and are going to do photo booths. Please consider helping out as we go into the community.

-Jamie Nalley



E1ement Students

E1EMENT STUDENTS

BE. LOVE. SERVE.



One of the things we are most excited about for E1ement Students this school year is our flourishing connection with several other UMC youth ministries (events listed with an asterisk are joint events/ventures with other UMC Churches) - in October alone we are living into our connectional United Methodist identity with four shared events!

Additionally, something else new we are doing this year is devoting one Sunday each month to learning important "life skills" like doing laundry, and basic vehicle maintenance. We are pairing this each month

with a time of worship so we can be reminded that God invites and delights in our worship in even the most ordinary of tasks. This new event also provides an opportunity for you, church family, to get involved with our teenagers on a deeper level - maybe you could even suggest a life skill that you would be willing to help teach or lead... That would be awesome, because we love spending time with you! Come spend some time with us!

Looking Forward:

October 2 - LOVE. | God in the Movies

October 2 - SERVE. | Mission Trip Meeting

October 9 - BE. LOVE. | Tie -Dye art event *

October 11 - BE. LOVE. | Trinity v. Bell Community Tailgate *

October 15 - SERVE. | E1UMC Lord's Acre

October 16 - SERVE. | E1UMC Food Pantry

October 19 - LOVE. | 'Destination Unknown' Bible Study *

October 23 - BE. LOVE. SERVE. | Life Skills & Worship *

October 29 - LOVE. SERVE. | City of Euless Trunk or Treat

October 30 - BE. | Fun Stuff
Shane Mullin- Youth Ministry Director

Euless First Preschool

Angel News:

Preschool was off to a booming start with another record enrollment of 165 students on the first day of school! We are wearing our color of the week each week and the first week we wore polka dots to celebrate International Dot Day. In Chapel we used the story, *The Dot*, about a little girl who makes her mark on the world. The Mary Lib Saleh Euless public library visited and read Back to School stories for story time. Finally, we sold **KidStuff Coupon Books** to raise money for an expansion of our playground after we relocate it.

In other news, September 22

is the **North Texas Day of Giving**. If you would like to make a donation for the new playground, please go to: northtexasgivingday.org and find Euless First United Methodist Preschool. You may make a donation of any amount.

Looking ahead, the preschool will be singing at the Lord's Acre on October 15, and the preschool staff will be serving at the lunch. Be sure to give them a big thank you for loving so many wonderful children!

Finally, October will also have our annual Pumpkin Parades Thursday, Oct. 27 and Monday, Oct. 31. Each

class will perform for their parents and parade around in their costumes. This is just one of the many different events we have for parents to see the great education they are receiving, and to see how adorable their sweet kids are. Stop by and see our sweeties. If you are looking for a trick or a treat, the Preschool is definitely a sweet treat!



New Members

Eules First United Methodist is excited to welcome our newest members David and Augusta Lansana (pictured right) who joined August 21, and Heath Israel (not

pictured) who joined September 4.

When you see these folks on Sunday, let them know that with them in our presence we will never be the same again!



Stewardship Moment

FROM MARK BROOKS, OUR STEWARDSHIP COACH

Wealth Demands Responsibility

Few of us would consider ourselves wealthy. If you are like most of us you live pay check to pay check. Yet when we compare our lifestyle to our fellow Christians around the globe we truly are wealthy. Consider these astonishing facts...

- There is a lot of talk about the 1% in our country. The 1% level starts at \$380K income a year. How much do you need to earn to be in the top 1% globally? \$34,000
- The typical person in the bottom 5 percent of the American income distribution is still richer than 68 percent of the world's inhabitants.

Wealth is not simply amassing a pile of money. Nor should wealth be determined by how much stuff you possess. True wealth is being free from financial concerns. While we might struggle to make ends meet few of us miss a meal. The same cannot be said for others around the globe.

When they look at us, they see wealthy people.

While we might argue that we are not wealthy the truth is we as Americans have been blessed. Despite our recent economic setbacks we still enjoy so much that others in the world don't have access to. Jesus said in Luke 12: 48 that, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Paul wrote to Timothy in I Timothy 6: 17-19 the following, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

One way we can do good deeds and be generous is

through our weekly offering. Your gift through this church goes for much more than simply paying our bills. It funds all the ministries that we do here. It helps us spread good throughout not only our area, but our state, nation and even around the globe.

Giving at the time of our offering is one way you can pay back the blessings that God has given to you and your family.

We have been given much. While we might not have all we want we have what we need. Have you ever considered that one reason God has given you so much is that you might be able to return a portion of that to others? When our ushers come forward for our offering let's think about how we can share the wealth God has given us.



Online Giving Link

Highway Update



After almost 34 months of focused prayer and preparation and planning and discussion, we are seeing and feeling real change now due to this project known as Midtown Express!

Since our last newsletter, the state has taken possession of the land up and down Main Street and about one third of the lawn in front of our Administration Building. Effective October 8th, they will take possession of the remainder of the land that has been acquired. This includes the Administration Building, the playground, the van

covering and the dumpster enclosure.

You may have noticed our sign on Main Street has been removed. Our highway sign will be removed before October 8th. In the meantime, we are working with the City of Euless toward temporary replacement signage. We want everyone to know the highway expansion is not shutting us down! Even better than signs, for this is, of course, you telling everyone you know that we, your church, are still open for the business of serving God and our community!

Negotiations are ongoing toward a final settlement with the state for the land they are taking. We anticipate this settlement being complete before the end of the calendar year.

We are in the final stages of negotiation on leasing some office space for the interim period, located at 157 and Hwy 10 in the Chase Bank Building. There are too many ministries going on our campus to simply take up office space in the Heyl building. We will be moving the first week of October. Come visit us at our new office!

From the Pastor

I have some sad news to share with you all, and I realize I share it on the tail end of a sermon series that was dedicated to the premise that "Change Is Good." Centro Familiar Cristiano is a church based in Duncanville. Their ministry is predominantly in Spanish. For more than 3 years now they have been holding a worship service in our Family Life Center on Sunday afternoons. Jaime Andrade, CFC's pastor, approached me almost 3 1/2 year ago with a request. They had several families from Euless who were driving to Duncanville every Sunday for worship. Would we consider allowing them

to meet here and try to launch a Spanish speaking congregation closer to home for these folks? We responded, you responded with a resounding "yes!" and we have mutually enjoyed the partnership. This partnership, effective last month, has either come to an end, or, at least, has been put on hold. Several months ago Pastor Andrade asked if we would consider allowing them to use the space earlier on Sundays. (that's right - it is hard to find people who want to attend a worship service at 2 p.m.!) After much discussion with our leadership, I had to decline. We wanted to

make it work. We tried many different ideas. The real challenge we faced was that, due to the highway project, we don't know enough about what our future looks like to be able to offer to share space on Sunday mornings. It is with sadness that we said goodbye to our brothers and sisters, but the bonds we have formed have been good for us, and made us stronger. This part of the change doesn't seem so good, but the change this season had made in us has, I am confident, opened us more to the incredible possibilities God has in store for us!

Wesley's Questions

Part of John Wesley's genius, as the founder of the Methodist Movement, was the way he organized to make disciples. He established small groups everywhere he went. When these small groups met, they would go through a list of questions at each meeting. The questions were designed to guide the group members into a deeper walk with God. Here is the seventeenth question: 17. Am I proud? This one feels tricky. It is, therefore, the perfect kind of question to deal with in a small group of people where the trust level is high and the ability to speak honestly and truthfully is valued. First, a clarification. According to Wesley's design, the answer to the

question "Am I proud" is supposed to be "no." Our challenge today is to find a middle road because sometimes pride is used in this way, as in the proverb "Pride comes before disaster" (Proverbs 16:18). But sometimes pride is used in a positive way, to refer to an acceptance of some particularities of one's being. In the language of our "Change Is Good" sermon series, "pride" may be a word used in the sense of being able to say, "I am enough." But, clearly, the negative version of pride is the one the question refers to. Am I proud? Do I, like the Pharisee in Luke 18, say or think things like, "God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks,

evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive."? Do I measure any aspect of my own righteousness or goodness against that of others in order to feel better about myself? That's the kind of pride that comes before disaster. My guess is that all of us feel this way at one time or another, in some settings and situations. That's why it is such a good question to ask in a small group setting, especially when that small group is composed entirely of people who are all trying to follow Jesus a bit better today than yesterday.



Stop Hunger Now

For more than 17 years, Stop Hunger Now has been creating a movement to end hunger. More than 180,000,000 meals have been packaged and distributed, along with other aid, to 65 countries, impacting millions of lives. The organization is driven by a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary

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The Stop Hunger Now meal packaging program was created to give dedicated individuals the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief program and to become educated, engaged advocates for the world's poor and hungry. In 2014, Stop Hunger Now and its global affiliates packaged 50.6 million meals.

Eules First's next meal packing event will be the

Sunday after Lord's Acre, October 16, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00a.m. Set up begins at 8:00 and volunteers are needed for that, too. We need your help to pack 10,000 meals! Mark your calendars and visit www.stophungernow.org, for more information. Register to help at www.fumceulless.org/ registration.





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Mission: Eules First United Methodist Church strives to follow Jesus Christ a bit better today than yesterday. Through these efforts we develop a relationship with Christ and thus transform people, their lives, our community and the world.

Purpose: We seek to follow Jesus better by moving people from knowing God, to growing in relationship with God, to going forth with God to serve others, and finally, glowing for God by witnessing to their faith to others.

Vision: Our vision is to be a community of God's love and grace so that the larger community and world see God by our actions and outreach.

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