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ASANTE



Eules First is blessed to have the Asante African Children's Choir here for a concert on January 30th, at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free, but a love offering will be taken.

Asante Ministries is a family of individuals and organizations caring for children in need from some of the poorest communities in

Africa. The Asante Children's Choir includes children from East Africa, a region recovering from years of civil war and genocide. These wars have claimed millions of lives leaving thousands of children and women as orphans and widows. The Choir is dedicated to spreading love, hope and joy while raising awareness for the desperate plight of orphans and other vulnerable children. Their colorful clothing, pounding drums and sweet voices demonstrate their hope and dream for a brighter future. Their inspirational stories of

resilience have instilled hope in the hearts of all those who have seen them perform. Their performances are the true testimonies and living "Thank-You" notes sung to everyone who has invested in their lives, giving them great pride and hope for a brighter future. The group will also need to have host families to house children and sponsors for potentially two nights. If you are able to host part of this group, please let the church office know.

CHILI/SOUP CORNBREAD COOK-OFF

The year has just begun and it may seem like summer and summer mission trips are far away. Yet it is time to begin preparing for the summer!

A Eules First United Methodist tradition is to participate in Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission trips.

Adult sponsors are always needed. CTCYM is a wonderful experience. Students and adults from various churches come together for a week of worship, fellowship and some hard work. During the week participants will work in teams of approximately 5 students and 2 adults on a home that is need of care. The great thing about this trip is that we are serving others

just because God has called us to serve.

To begin to prepare for these wonderful adventures, there was a Mission Trip Retreat on Sunday, January 18 and 19. Youth experienced a small sample of these powerful trips. Sign-up today to join us. Registration for the summer trips are now open at www.ctcym.org. If you have more questions, contact Shane Mullin, Director of Student Ministries at 817-283-4421, shane.mullin@gmail.com.

It is also time for another favorite Eules tradition, and first fundraiser to raise funds for CTCYM and all of Eules Element Student Ministries mission and service projects, the annual Chili Cook-Off. It has expanded over the years to



include any soup as well as cornbread. Please consider submitting your recipe, and regardless join us as a church on January 25th following the late service, to vote with your dollars for the best recipe.

Come and join us in support of mission and service for young people as well as prayerfully consider participating in a mission trip this summer.

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CHILI COOK-OFF

What: People submit their Chili, Soup or Cornbread to raise funds for Youth in mission and service.

When: Sunday, January 25 at 12:00 p.m.

How: Vote with your \$ to support our young people in mission

PRAYER LIST

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.

All who are dealing with Ebola	Family of Ernest Millican, Reta Ray's brother	Joe Roberson, Preschool student's grandfather	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Ray Warren, Betty Vowell's brother	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Alton and Reta Ray		John Dendy, Lee and Sandy Swann's neighbor	Micheleen Watts, Johnny and Teresa Watts' friend	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Amanda Mayer and Rob Richards,	Family of Kay Washer	John Lewis	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Sandy Swann	Dirk Van Ingen, Katie Lucas' friend
Andrea Miguel, Ollie O'Sallis' daughter	France	Judy Lynch, Mike McGehee's son's mother-in-law	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Arthur Schirmer	Frankie Pate, Randy Pilney's friend	Kaitlyn Coats	Mike Sprague, Stephen Sprague's brother	Sheri Gibbs, Tami Polenz' sister	Gail Worofka
Audrey Bradford, Jay Bradford's mother	Gena Mahon, Shelly Grant's friend	Kandi Stewart and Melissa Knights, Sara Taylor's friends	Milford Roop	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Brenda Jones, Denise Foley's friend	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Karen Andrews, Kaye Best's sister	Muslims living in peace in the U.S.A.,	Susan McGehee	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Bruce Meek, Kent Polenz' friend	Greg and Marlene Avery	Kathy Hooten, Lucille Link's niece	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Justin Knighton
Burton family	Hank O'Neal, Brenda O'Neal's husband	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Cameron Mode	Harriet Roop, Milford Roops mother	Kevin Bell	Olander Barker, Ryane Barker's father	Tim Roop, Milford Roop's brother	Stephen Tate
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Honor Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's mother	Kevin Maines	Ollie O. Sallis, Christopher, Sean, Steven, Latoya,	Trey and family, Leesh Ellsaesser and Joseph Cummings' friends	Travis Thomas
CHHS community	Hutchins Kairos #19	Kim McClain	Our Children's Ministry	Vince Basset	William Crowder, Yvonne Rohlfing's son
Cindi Rodriguez	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Lillian DePue, Linda (Larry) Lewis' mother	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Warner Muirhead	
Cindy Gravely	James and Ila Gravely	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law	Paula Brown		
David Stewart	James Thompson	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Pierre Tshimanga's family		
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Jeanette Jentsch and family	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker			
Donna Smith, Denise Foley's sister	Jeremiah Anderson				
Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Jim Richter, Caro Kenyon's friend				
Dottie Rust	Joe Brown, Jackie Robinson's brother				
Douglas Stevanelli					
Elida Schirmer					
Family of Charleen Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother					

Deaths:

- Welton "Bill" Bailey 1/1
- Ernest Millican 1/3

Military:

- Charles Everett, Charlotte & Larry Everett's nephew
- Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson

MEMORIALS

In Honor of Mike Springer/ Media Designated:
Preschool Friends

In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baker/ Apportionments:
Preschool Friends

In Memory of Deceased Loved Ones/ Pastor's Emergency Fund:
Friendship Class

In Memory of Charlene Colson/Pastor's Emergency Fund:
Rob & Toni McMillon

NEW MEMBERS

We are excited to welcome our two newest members to Eules First UMC. However, we do not currently have a picture of either. Please be sure to welcome **Crystal Grace and Denise Foley** to our community. With their presence we will never be the same and are so grateful for that!

BIRTHDAYS

January	Richard Morrow, Clay Smith	McMillon, Nick Best
21 –Emily Tarrh, Donna Bertram		3 –Richard Worofka
22 –Nancy King, Isaac Putnam, Vera Bohnet-Farmer	28 –Daniel Arnold	
23 –Lauralee Arnold	29 –Jo Kemp	
24 –Barbara Collier	30 –Larry Lucas, Dale Miller,	
25 –Merideth Sparks, Mitchell Elliott	31 –Alex Maloney, Jerry Waldrup	
26 –Robert Nail	February	
27 –Joe Jordan,	1 –Sheri Roberts	
	2 –Lauren Gilby, Robert	

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

January

23 –Doris Brown, Dottie Rust,
Jill Schanenberg, Judy Torres

February

6 –Brenda Hurlbut, Linda Lewis,
Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

13 –Darlene Carter, Kathy
Chapman, Gloria Daves,
Maggie Lucas

20 –Phyllis Augustus, Marie

Bean, Sheri Roberts, Doris
Brown

27 –Dottie Rust, Jill
Schanenberg, Judy Torres,
Trish Franklin

Food Pantry needs: Boxed
Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,
canned Ranch Style Beans.

This months Tarrant County Area
Work Day was January 21st.
Please join us on February 18th
for our next workday.

During 2014, our Food Pantry
helped 1,490 Families, which
turned out to be 5,913 people
and we gave them a total of
4,207 bags of groceries. With
this great demand, we need more
volunteers, both for the pantry
and for Food Bank work
days. This also means we could
use more food donations to
better serve these families. Let's
all work together and make 2015
a record year.



RUSSIA VOLUNTEER VISIT

Eules First member, Carla Fink,
has attended several mission trips
to Russia with an organization
called Allies in Youth
Development. Carla is excited to
announce that a group of Russian
volunteers will be in Central
Texas at the end of January,
through the beginning of
February.

The Eules First United
Methodist Women wish to invite
you to a lunch on February 1 to
hear from our Russian friends

about life and ministry in their
area of the world. Please join
them immediately following the
11:00 a.m. service in the Swor
Parlor.

There will be a short presentation
about Allies in Youth
Development and specifically
about the volunteer activities in
Omsk, Siberia. Most of the
visitors are university professors
or teachers and speak very good
English, so we want to have
plenty of opportunities for Q&A

and personal interaction. We
would love to allow people to
submit questions prior to the
event so that our volunteers will
have time to think over some
answers. Questions can be
emailed to Carla Fink at
thephynques@sbcglobal.net or
call her directly at 817-291-
4887.

Come and support missions
around the world and our
member's continued endeavors.

BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Do you know.....

that when our pastor baptizes any
child younger than one year of age
that the family is presented with a
blanket that is lovingly crocheted
by the gifted and gracious ladies of
the Harmony Hope group of

United Methodist Women?

These ladies are requesting
assistance with this project and the
coordinator is Myna Moody. If you
already know how to crochet,
contact Myna for pattern and
thread requirements.

Also, if you are interested in
learning how to crochet, Myna is
also willing to provide
instructions. You can contact her
at 817/685-7609.

UMW INVITATION

Hello ladies of the congregation of
Eules First UMC.

We would like to extend a
personal invitation to everyone
who would like to come and see
what United Methodist Women is
all about.

Come and join us on either

the First Tuesday of the month
at 10am in Swor Parlor or the
Second Thursday of the month
at 6pm in Swor Parlor (Childcare
provided).

Come and meet the ladies; see
what it is that we are doing for
community and mission work.

We would love to meet you and
have you meet us. If you wish to
have more information about us
please contact Sandy Swann,
President,
at sswann46@verizon.net or 972/
257-1149.

YOUTH MINISTRY



remind you that the annual Chili, Soup, & Cornbread Cook-off fundraiser to support the mission and service projects of E1ement Students is **THIS SUNDAY**, January 25th! It's a great time to

We wanted to take a moment and

eat, fellowship, and financially support our students as they pursue mission and service projects, including CTCYM each summer. If you would like to enter, please register at fumceless.org or speak with Shane.

Also, we wanted to let you know about our other fundraisers coming up this Spring. We're still

finalizing the dates, but there will be a chance to help us out at:

- A Rummage Sale (March)
- A Car Wash (April)
- Arbor Daze (April)

We're excited to see what God has in store for all of us this summer at CTCYM in Louisiana!



PRESCHOOL

Eules First UMC Preschool celebrated Team Spirit Days January 15 and 16. It was great to be back to school and enjoy fun and singing with our little ones. Classes have also been studying winter with a "Hibernation Days." Students wore their slippers to school, brought their teddy bears and participated in bear songs, games and activities.

January 22 and 23 will be the Pajama days, and Pony Pictures will be taken January 27 and 28. That same week our oldest students will be having their annual Rodeo.

We started a new Tuesday/

Thursday PK1 class (three year olds) to accommodate those on the wait list, with Mrs. Critchfield as teacher. It, along with several other classes still have space available. If you have friends who are interested, please let us know.

Finally, the Preschool Family Dinner and Silent Auction is Saturday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We could use everyone's help. This is how:

- We need people with home businesses to provide vendor tables. The cost is \$20 per space
- Re-gifted items. If you received a present that's not

quite right for you, please consider donating it to our auction. There is a box next to the Preschool office to place donations in.

- Donations of food products. Our menu will be hot dogs, hamburgers and grilled cheese.
- We would love for everyone at the church to come out and support the ministry of the Preschool. Join us for lunch and stay for the auctions. Tickets are \$6 and \$3 for kids. What a powerful ministry here at Eules First, your support is greatly appreciated!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

There are a lot of fun things planned this spring in the Children's Ministry. Lots of opportunities for your children to fellowship together outside of regular Sunday worship, as well as a few dates for everyone to spend time together as a church family! Coming up in February is the Preschool Silent Auction on February 21 starting at 10 a.m. On Saturday March 7, come to the Swor Parlor at 12pm with your family's favorite board game

and join us for Family Game Day! Saturday March 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center, we will be putting Easter bags together for Eggvangelism and taking them to the surrounding community. Join us for a time of fellowship and help us spread the good news and share the love of Eules FUMC! And on Palm Sunday, March 29, bring your kids for an egg hunt after the Palm Sunday Luncheon! Be sure to bring a bag or an Easter basket!

Vacation Bible School will be June 22! We are now in the planning stages, it will take the week of June 22! If you are interested in decorating, shepherding, or leading a group, please email me (children@fumceless.org) for more information on how you can get involved! This year's theme is "G-Force: God in Action." I'm very excited to get this started! Please consider volunteering!



FROM THE PASTOR

We are now two weeks into our sermon series on Forgiveness. Here is a list of the titles and scriptures for the remaining weeks in the series:

January 25: You Don't Get It! Matthew 18: 15-22; 23-35

February 1: The Hardest Part of Forgiveness. Jonah 4, John 20:19-23

February 8: Forgiveness & Family Genesis 50:15-26, Romans 12:9-21

February 15: Hurt & Love PS 130, 1 John 2:7-11

Though this sermon series will total six weeks, I can tell you now we won't answer all your questions.

I hope the calendar and this series don't end our discussion and study of forgiveness.

Perhaps more than any other single topic, forgiveness draws our attention, curiosity, and

desire. We want forgiveness: to receive it, and even to be fully able to give it.

Looking for more about forgiveness? Here are a few resources you might like.

Simon Wiesenthal's book The Sunflower. Wiesenthal shares the story of his experience as a Concentration Camp prisoner being asked, by a dying SS soldier, for forgiveness for his part in the Holocaust.

"As We Forgive" is a documentary about life in Rwanda after the genocide. The Rwandan prisons could not hold all those convicted of mass murder, so the decision was made to release any of those convicted whom would confess their guilt and remorse. This is a beautiful story of how communities worked through a horrible time in their history and learned again to live side by side.

Desmond Tutu's book No Future



Without Forgiveness.

Donald Kraybill's Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy.

What are your favorite or most helpful books, movies, articles, exercises that have helped you with forgiveness?

HIGHWAY UPDATE

While we have no new news from Southgate Mobility Partners, the developer responsible for the highway expansion, we cannot say nothing is going on.

You can't walk very far onto any of our Church property before you feel surrounded by pink paint and little flags marking various wires, pipes, and easements. These are not all lines where dirt

will be moved or buildings or parking lots taken. Before the highway construction can begin, they'll have to identify where all these things are because all the services we rely upon will have to be maintained during and after the construction.

With every stripe of paint or little flag you see planted in the ground, then, we are reminded of how

complex a highway expansion is. Which also reminds us of how complex life is.

Which always makes me thankful that God is with us, and will carry us through tough times.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 SONRISE CAFE 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:00 UMW HOSTED LUNCH WITH RUSSIAN GUESTS 12:00 FINANCIAL PEACE PREVIEW 5:00 EIEMENT STUDENTS	2 7:00 TRUSTEES MEETING	3 10:00 HARMONY OF HOPE 2:30 BEACH CLUB	4 6:30 CONFIRMATION 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	5 6:30 MEN'S COFFEE 10:00 COVENANT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 VBS MEETING	6 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	7
8 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 COVENANT BIBLE STUDY 5:00 EIEMENT STUDENTS 5:00 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY	9 6:00 UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7:00 FINANCE MEETING	10 2:30 BEACH CLUB	11 6:30 CONFIRMATION 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	12 6:30 MEN'S COFFEE 10:00 COVENANT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 THOUGHTFUL FRIENDS	13 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	14
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22 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 EIEMENT STUDENTS 5:00 COVENANT BIBLE STUDY 5:00 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY	23	24 2:30 BEACH CLUB, TREASURE DAY	25 6:30 CONFIRMATION 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	26 6:30 MEN'S COFFEE 10:00 COVENANT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	27 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN 6:00 CONFIRMATION RETREAT	28 9:00 LAUNDROMAT MINISTRY

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Raising Cheerful Givers

Part 1 of 7 –

INTRODUCTION

Today's kids will need all the help they can get to thrive financially in this world, while fully understanding the connection between faith and finance. Our children and young people are under assault with messages to spend, be greedy and grab immediate gratification wherever possible. Our culture is teaching our kids how to handle money. It is not God's way. Helping our children understand financial principles will not only help them manage their money but also become good stewards.

In these next few issues, we will look at what parents can do to help grow generous, joyful givers who will continue to impact Christ's kingdom for years to come.

Teaching our kids good financial values while they are still under our authority will give them the tools they need

to do well in the real world. The goal is to establish a strategy for independence so they can handle their own finances successfully before they leave home. It will also provide a rich opportunity to share with them the important understanding that everything we have belongs to God, and we are to handle our possessions in a way that is honoring to Him.

It is important to provide our children with the proper environment to practice the discipline of handling finances, to monitor their activity so that we can maximize teachable moments, to help them set attainable goals, and finally, be sure to offer them encouragement and praise for their effort.

Of course, teaching kids good financial values can begin at any age, but the younger we start, the better. Research has found that children ages 7 and younger remember about 90 percent of what they do, but less than 10 percent of what they hear. They learn best by doing, feeling,

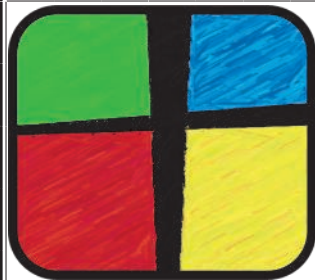
hearing and seeing. Older children also learn best by doing, but have the capacity to begin making personal decisions and learn from them. Teens are able to think abstractly and logically, but are heavily influenced by peer pressure. They are beginning to integrate attitudes and behavior with the principles we have taught them. If by this time, we have not taught good financial values, it is unlikely that those values will win over the values of contemporary culture.

Our kids need to learn about stewardship, and what better place to learn these lessons than at home, right here and right now.

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