

Church Matters

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February 2016

Eules First United Methodist Church

Lent

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and ends on Holy Saturday, (the day before Easter) March 26.

Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten", which means "spring." The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming

This year for Lent, instead of giving something up, consider this:

Take on love

Sermon Series: February 10-March 27

Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

This year, for Lent, we are "Taking On Love." Christ's incarnation, death, and

of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of

resurrection are the ultimate love. Yet, do we really live out this love in our relationships with others?

Once again, we will have a variety of opportunities for you to explore love. For a full list of events during Lent, please refer to page 6.

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Ashes to Go



Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: **our**

sinfulness before God and our human mortality.

The worship service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During Ash Wednesday

services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins. This act is called the imposition of ashes.

If you have ever wished to receive ashes on your way to work so that others can see this outward sign of your sorrow and repentance for sins all day, drive through the church parking lot, Ash Wednesday, February 10 for Ashes To Go between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Please invite our community to join us for ashes in the morning. We will also have an Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer List

We are praying for...

New Concerns:

Arnold Murdock, Marla Williams' brother
 Arthur Schirmer
 Barb Moore, Carla Fink's aunt
 Bonnie Williams, Jerrie Keller's grandmother
 Brandi King
 Carl Frear, Ellen Garcia's dad
 Carla Miller
 Carolyn Decrane, Irene Argroves' sister
 Cathy Giessen, Rachel Heyduck's step-mom
 Clara Klasen, Ken Klasen's mother (Joy)
 Clyde Doty, Stephen Pilney's friend's father
 David Noyola
 Doug and Judy Mulholland
 Dylan Whitten, Robin Biles' nephew
 Ellen Garcia
 Family and Friends that lost loved ones in the Rowlett and Garland tornados.
 Fern Abbott, Anjalie Gilby's mother
 Francie Baurer, Thomas Alvarez' friend
 George Brown, Mike Springer's friend
 Gerald Maloney

Glada Rose
 Innocent Syrians
 Iris Elliott
 Jackie Robinson's sons
 Jeanette Frank, Diane Barnett's co-worker
 Joe Loftin
 Johnnie and Don Perry, Dodie Davis' parents
 Johnny Watts
 Julia K. Smythe's family
 Kim and Steve, Kent and Tami Polenz' friend
 Kimberly Jones' family and friends: Roger and Charlotte Martin, Tim and Janna Martin, Becky and Woody Kemp, Paul Jones, Amber and Jeff Boshier, Jeremy Jones, Mason Boshier, Tucker Boshier, Katelynn Mallett, Reed Mallett, and Jolie Martin.
 Laura Bounds' daughter
 Laura Grieg
 Lee Swann
 Lewis Moore
 Lillian Depuy, Linda Lewis' mother
 Linda Kemp's mother
 Linda Martin's friend
 Lisa Bynum, Ellen Garcia's friend
 Mary Esping, Amber Hawthorne's mother
 Mary Heyduck, Steve Heyduck's mother
 Mike Sprague, Stephen Sprague's brother

Pat Gilby, Lee Gilby's step-mom
 Ray Pittman, Rita young's friend
 Rev. Bud Sprague, Steve Sprague's father
 Rev. Chris Sage, Brenda Hurlbut's sister
 Ric Grant
 Richard Morrow
 Robbie Rodgers and family
 Ruby Stevenson
 Safe travel for family and friends who travel for work
 Safety of the church and members
 Shafford and Maria McKinney
 Shirley Billingsley, Rita young's friend
 Thomas Alvarez
 Tom Baker, Shane Mullin's step-dad
 Tornado victims' families
 Tricia Beall
 Upcoming elections
 Vanessa Stewart

Continued Strength and Healing:

Ann Burns
 Ann Keller
 Baker and Michelle Ingram
 Billy Smith and family, Jackie Robinson's friend
 Bobette Banks, Billie Bradford's friend

Burton family
 Cameron Mode and family
 Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter
 Cassie Sumner, Sally Rhymer's friend
 Charlotte Everett
 Cheryl Bowie, Billie Bradford's friend
 Cristi Honea, Bill Farmer's friend
 Donna, Denise Foley's sister
 Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister
 Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends
 Greig family
 Heather Capshaw
 Helen Davies
 Honor Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's mother
 James and Cindy Stewart, Janet Ledbetter's friends
 Jerry Angel, Janet Ledbetter's friend
 Joe Brown, Jackie Robinson's brother
 John Lewis
 Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter
 Kevin Maines
 Leah Bennett
 Lilia Olvera and her family
 Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law

Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother
 Marlene Hill, Vic and Judy Torres' friend
 Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend
 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: Christopher, Steven, Sean, Latoya, Pat, Janice, Clara, Gwen and daughter Rosa, and Gertrude
 Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister
 Pierre Tshimanga's family
 Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend
 Rose Marie, Patsy Brown's friend
 Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend
 Sue Martin
 Susan McGehee
 Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece
 Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece
 Warner Muirhead

Comfort in a Time of Loss:

Family of Alton Ray, 1/8
 Family of Roger Ivey, 12/31
 Gustavo Leal and Family, Nancy Bickel's friend

Protection:

Chris Maxson (Army), Billie and Jay Bradford's friend
 Colton Hardaway (Army) and Kayla Davis (Navy), son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
 Daniel Collier (Air Force), Bob Collier's grandson
 Eric Sherrer (Marines), Justin Sherrer (Army), and Alan McClelland (Army), grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
 Gail Worofka
 Jim Orsund, Ellen and Aaron Garcia's friend
 Josh Crow (Navy), Annette Kelleher's son
 Justin Knighton (Army)
 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 Rohlfin's son

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

February

01 - Sheri Roberts	07 - Gail Worofka, Leah Worofka	Adcock, Jo Tarrh	24 - Katie Lucas, Michael Sparks
02 - Nick Best, Lauren Gilby, Robert McMillon	08 - Jim Arnold	17 - Lincoln Hurlbut	25 - Linda Lewis (Dave)
03 - Richard Worofka	11 - Michael McGee, Dylan Rattliff, Faye Stinneford	19 - Kellsey Abbott, Shelly Grant, Michael McGee, Ellena Moss	26 - Barbara Borland, Adam McMillon
05 - Caitlin Kramer	12 - Shane Mullin	21 - Laura Halleck, Noah Marlow	28 - Kathy Streetenberger
06 - Gloria Daves	13 - Zachary & Zoey	22 - Lori Francis	

Anniversaries

February

05 - Jim & Beth Gathings	25 - Vic & Judy Torres
14 - Stephen & Teresa Sprague, Bob & Barbara Collier, Lee & Anjie Gilby	



Memorials & Honorariums

**In Memory of Roger Ivy/
General Fund:** Vic & Judy
Torres, Jim & Beth
Gathings

**In Memory of Alton Ray/
Pastor's Emergency Fund:**
Mac & Janet Ledbetter

**In Memory of Alton Ray/
General Budget:** Vic &
Judy Torres, Rex and Paula
Wood, Curtis & Barbara
Borland, Gary & Christi
Wren

Food Pantry

**Food Pantry Volunteer
Schedule:**

February

- 5 -Kathy Chapman, Linda
Lewis, Brenda Hurlbut,
Hedy Taylor
- 12 -Doris Brown, Darlene
Carter, Gloria Daves, Jill
Schaneberg
- 19 -Phyllis Augustus,
Marie Bean, Brenda
Hurlbut, Bill Farmer
- 26 -Darlene Carter, Gloria

Daves, Brenda Hurlbut,
Dottie Rust

December was the last
time that our FOOD BANK
VOLUNTEERS will be
going to the Tarrant
County Area Food
Bank. This is in part
because it no longer
offsets out food bank bill.
After our last volunteer
day, a group of us went to
a Christmas luncheon at
Cheddars Restaurant. We

want to thank everyone
for their years of service
at the Tarrant County
Food Bank. You made a
big difference.

We are working on a
luncheon for our Food
Pantry Volunteers. We
will let you know as plans
are confirmed.

The Food Pantry Needs:
Ramen Noodles, dog and
cat food.



Thank You

Thanks from the family of
Alton Ray. God is great!
Our family has been so
blessed by God creating a
church family at EFUMC.
The Church staff, the
wonderful musical
preparations with the
addition of the choir was
perfect; just as we had
envisioned.

To all of you who were
present and have been
supporting us, with your
prayers and inquiries
during the long journey

we have been traveling.
We cannot say enough
about the abundance of
food prepared for us at
the end of our day. Food
is healing and good for
the soul. The abundance
of cards I have received is
overwhelming. They have
given me strength each
day. Alton was a quiet
man; never needing
praises for what he did for
others. All of the sincere
statements about him told
me how much you really

care.

God Bless You, Reta Ray

Charlotte and friends, I
wanted to let you know
that we are so blessed to
have people like you in our
community. Thank you for
helping sort and organize
on Christmas Day. You took
time from being with your
families to come and serve
those in need. I want you to
know that you are
appreciated. **Rachel from
Arlington Life Shelter**

United Methodist Women

It's that time again! United
Methodist Women are
having their first Bake Sale
of the year on January 31,
starting at 9:30 and will
continue till sold out. We
would like to invite all of
you bakers to bring a
family favorite to share,
and purchase other
bakers' specialties like

Lee Swann's shortbread
or Kathy Chapman's
lemon bars. This year we
will have 4 bake sales to
support ministries that are
close to our church's
heart. The first one is to
be designated for our
own youth family to
provide scholarships to
ensure no one is

prevented from
participation in youth
mission trips due to
financial concerns. So look
for us Sunday, January 31
and watch for these future
Bake Sales to help Allies in
Youth Development (April
24), Waco Children's Home
(July 31) and 6Stones
(November 13).



“Did you know that nearly 1 in 4 women have experienced violence by a spouse or boyfriend?”

Lenten Bible Study

Love is patient; love is kind. At least that is what the bible tells us. Yet, our family's lives often do not reflect this. We say mean words to those that we say we love. There are even those that go way beyond just a mean or degrading word. Yet we say we love each other.

Did you know that nearly 1 in 4 women have

experienced violence by a spouse or boyfriend? That 7 million children live in families in which severe partner violence occurred? But we are good Christians right? So this is not happening in *our* church, right? As part of our Lenten season of *Taking on Love*, join us for four Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the library for a look at love in our lives, families, and our

world. We will look at how we love ourselves as well as how we love those around us. We will particularly look at family violence and a future without violence, as we explore what it really means to love your neighbor as yourself.

Join Pastor Rachel as she leads, *I Wanna Know What Love Is*, February 14, 21, 28 and March 6th.



Abundance Café

Back by popular demand--the Abundance Café will continue each week in 2016. Many thanks to the Sunday School classes that take turns hosting this fellowship breakfast in the Café area from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Donations are welcome, and all proceeds benefit church apportionments. More Sunday School classes are asked to volunteer and support. Contact Dave Lewis if you can help, and be sure to join us for breakfast!

The schedule is on a 6 Week Rotation: Biscuit Babes, Fresh Start, Genesis, New Beginnings, more groups to make breakfast are still needed

If your group can help, please contact Dave Lewis.

Allies in Youth Development

I'm heading over to Moldova on February 19 to visit several orphanages, and am excited about getting 2016 off to a great start! The UMW would like to host a **"sorting-and-packing"** party January 30, 10:00 a.m. -2 :00 p.m. at the church for donations that will be sent to the orphanages in Russia and

Moldova this winter. It will be a come-and-go event in the Swor Parlor. We have a few boxes of donations, but these need to be sorted and repacked according to specifications that I will provide. Of course, we would welcome additional donations of items listed

here: <https://alliesyouth.org/donate-items.aspx>

It will entail some lifting of heavy (<45 lb) boxes, so some muscle will be appreciated. There are also plenty of non-lifting jobs for the rest of us.

Blessings- Carla Fink



Stop Hunger Now

We are delighted to announce that the meals from our meal packaging event on Oct. 18, 2015 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Dallas/Fort Worth warehouse. The meals will be

received by our in-country partner Convoy of Hope in El Salvador.

This is exciting news! But we need your help. Our next *Stop Hunger Now* event is scheduled for March 20, Palm Sunday. What a beautiful way to

celebrate the beginning of Holy Week- by serving others. Join us, and remember each meal cost \$.29- so any donations are welcome to make this a great event.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts 7:00 AL-Anon & AA 7:00 Trustees Meeting	10:00 UMW Harmony Hope 3:00 Beach Club 6:00 CTCYM Leadership Training 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 6:30 Charge Conference in Sanctuary	6:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Choir Practice	6:30 Men's Coffee 7:00 AL-Anon & AA	Mid-Winter Retreat 9:00 Food Pantry Open	Mid-Winter Retreat 8:30 AL-Anon 12:00 Cub Scout Pack 407 Pinewood Derby
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:30 Abundance Cafe 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Centro Familiar Cristiano 4:00 Handbells 5:00 E1ement Students	6:00 UMW Executive Board Meeting 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts 7:00 AL-Anon & AA 7:00 Finance Meeting	3:00 Beach Club 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 7:00 Choir Practice	7:00 Ashes to Go 6:30 Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship	6:30 Men's Coffee 6:00 UMW Thoughtful Friends 7:00 AL-Anon & AA	9:00 Food Pantry Open	8:30 AL-Anon 9:00 God's Grand Plot 5:00 Sweetheart Dinner
14- Valentine's Day	15- President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Centro Familiar Cristiano 4:00 Handbells 5:00 I Wanna Know What Love Is Bible Study 5:00 E1ement Students	6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts 7:00 AL-Anon & AA	3:00 Beach Club 6:30 Girl Scout Troop	6:30 Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting 6:00 Communion 6:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Choir Practice	6:30 Men's Coffee 6:00 UMW Thoughtful Friends 7:00 AL-Anon & AA 7:00 Daughters of Abraham Meeting	9:00 Food Pantry Open	8:30 AL-Anon 10:00 Preschool Silent Auction and Family dinner
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:30 Blood Pressure Screening 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Centro Familiar Cristiano 4:00 Handbells 5:00 I Wanna Know What Love Is Bible Study 5:00 E1ement Students 5:00 Food Pantry Open	6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts 7:00 AL-Anon & AA 7:00 Church Council	3:00 Beach Club	6:00 Communion 6:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Choir Practice	6:30 Men's Coffee 7:00 AL-Anon & AA	9:00 Food Pantry Open 6:00 Boy Scout Troop Lock-In	8:30 AL-Anon 8:45 Boy Scout Troop Lock-In
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Important Dates

February

- 1** Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- 2** United Methodist Women Harmony Hope Meeting in the Swor Parlor at 10:00 a.m..
CTCYM Group Leader Training 6:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor
Called Charge Conference to decide on East Property settlement 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
- 5** CTC Mid-Winter Retreat
- 7** Super Bowl Sunday
- 8** United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting
Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 10** **Ash Wednesday– Ashes to Go 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot**
Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 11** United Methodist Women Thoughtful Friends Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 13** God's Grand Plot
United Methodist Men's Sweetheart Dinner (by invitation)
- 14** I Wanna Know What Love Is– Bible Study in the Library at 5:00 p.m.
- 15** President's Day
- 18** Daughters of Abraham meeting at Eules First 7:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. All Women invited.

- 20** Preschool Silent Auction and Family Dinner
- 21** Blood Pressure Screening between our two worship services
Food Pantry open from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
I Wanna Know What Love Is– Bible Study in the Library at 5:00 p.m.
- 22** Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor
- 28** I Wanna Know What Love Is– Bible Study in the Library at 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.; Handbells at 4:00 p.m.; E1ement Students at 5:00 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–** Beach Club at 3:00 p.m. at South Eules Elementary School
- Wednesdays–** Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.; Confirmation Class at 7:00 p.m. in Rm 220
- 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 8:30 a.m. in the Library;

Lent Schedule:

- February 10:** Ash Wednesday – Ashes to Go 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot
Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- February 14, 21, 28, and March 6:** I Wanna Know What Love Is– Bible Study 5:00 p.m. in the Library.
Join Pastor Rachel as we look at the ways that we love, healthy and unhealthy. How can we fully love?
- Wednesdays During Lent:** 6:00 p.m. we will have a simple Eucharist in the Sanctuary. This will be a quick communion service to help us all stay focused during the season.
February 17, 24, & March 2, 9, 16.
- Palm Sunday:** March 20. Join us for the *Stop Hunger Now* Meal Packing event beginning at 9:00 a.m.–
Then stay after worship for Potluck Lunch and Egg Hunt.
- Holy Week:** Lunch Devotionals Monday– Friday 12:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor
- Maundy Thursday Worship March 24– 7:00 p.m.** **Good Friday Worship March 25– 7:00 p.m.**
Easter Sunday March 27– Easter Cantata 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

2016 Lay Leadership

2016 is a new year and thus we have new leadership for our congregation. Here is a list of all the people serving Euleless First this year.

LAY LEADERSHIP - 2016

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Chairperson- Dave Lewis
Vice Chair- tbd
Secretary -tbd

Lay Leader- Alan Moffatt
Youth Representative- tbd
Finance Chair- Thomas Hawthorne
UMM President- Larry Lewis
Staff-Parish Relations Chair- Ann Wilson
UMW President-Sandy Swann
Trustees Chair- Clay Smith
Preschool Board Chair- Rachel Heyduck
House & Grounds Chair- Ron Coats

COORDINATORS:

Faith Development Chair:-Mike McGehee
Generosity Chair- tbd
Hospitality Chair- Glenn and Kaye Best
Classic Adults-Jerry Maloney, Sr.
Mission & Service Chair- Lynne Moffatt
Young Adults-Shanna Roggow
Worship Chair- Mike Springer
Prayer- tbd

LAY MEMBERS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Mike McGehee, Bob Menton, Tami Polenz
Alternate Member of Annual Conference: Carol Bolton
Members-at-Large
2016 Jim Arnold
Teresa Sprague
Susan Downey

2018 Matt Kelleher
Nancy Pilgrim
Judy Mulholland
Gwen Manjoe
Toni McMillon
Lee Swann

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

FINANCE:

Thomas Hawthorne, Chair
Dave Lewis, Church Council Chair
Candice Beduhn, Financial Secretary
Bill Byers, Treasurer
O. D. Lively, Treasurer
Bob Collier, Treasurer
Diane Weyer, Treasurer
Alan Moffatt, Lay Leader
Clay Smith, Trustees Chair
Ann Wilson, SPRC Chair
Members-at-Large
2016 Kaye Best, Matt Taylor
2017 Larry Augustus, Carol Kramer, Donna Bertram
2018 Audrey Coats, Karl King, Mike Brown

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Ann Wilson, Chair
2016 Jared Deisinger
Ellen Garcia
2017 Ann Wilson, James Putnam, Rita Young
2018 Janice Kasten
Shanna Roggow
Kent Polenz

TRUSTEES:

Clay Smith, Chair
2016 Kathy Knowles
Clay Smith, Joe Tindel
2017 Kent Polenz, Jenni Elder, Matt Taylor, Robert McMillon
2018 Chuck Foust, Carol Bolton

LAY LEADERSHIP:

Steve Heyduck, Sr. Pastor
Beverly Springer, Assoc. Pastor
Alan Moffatt, Lay Leader
2016 Carla Fink,
James Putnam
2017 Mike McGehee, Larry Augustus, Michelle Barker
2018 tbd

PRESCHOOL BOARD:

Rachel Heyduck, Chair
Church Representatives- Steve Heyduck, Sr. Pastor, TBD, Children's Director
Dave Lewis, Church Council Chair
Thomas Hawthorne, Finance Chair
Parent Representatives- Amanda Nicholls, Alicia Gentry, Kathy Knowles
Preschool Staff- Linda Lewis, Director
Brenda O'Neal, Secretary
Dawn Critchfield, Teacher

HOUSE & GROUNDS:

Ron Coats, Chair
Sherwood Abbott, Barbara Collier, Barbara Borland

LORD'S ACRE:

Fresh Start Class, Dave Lewis

HEAD COMMUNION

STEWARDS:

8:30 a.m. Faye Stinneford
11:00 a.m. Charlotte Everett





Eules First Kids

Eules First Kids are in a time of transition and adjustment. We are currently working on a few of things:

1—Communication— we have started to send out a weekly email with a schedule and tips on interacting with kids. Volunteers and parents are invited to subscribe so that you can keep up with what is happening. On our website, go to children, in the

"Connect" menu to subscribe.

2 –We are seeking volunteers to help with Kids Worship Connection on Sunday Mornings. This is a time for kids to learn about worship so that when they are able they can sit and worship God with their families. We understand that young kids have difficulty sitting still and need to learn

the importance of worship. Together we are teaching our children to have their own relationship with God.

3– We have posted the job of Director of Children's Ministry and are looking for persons that might be interested in leading this ministry at Eules First. If you know of anyone who might be called to serve, please send them our way!

E1ement Students



BE. LOVE. SERVE.

We need you! There are a ton of events coming up in the approaching months that really need the presence of additional adults. In

particular, we are in need of adults to accompany our teenagers on their CTCYM Mission Experience in June (6/12 to 6/18), so if you have ever participated with us on a mission trip or if you are interested in seeing what all the 'hubhub' is about, please visit with Shane before he shows up on your doorstep with a sad teenager who

won't be able to attend because we don't have enough work team adults to go with us to accomplish our work in Arkansas this summer. :)

In February

February 5 - 7: BE. LOVE. | Midwinter Camp

February 7 - BE. @ The E1ement Table | Super Bowl Party

February 10 - BE. LOVE. | Ash Wednesday Worship

February 14 - LOVE. @ The E1ement Table | God in the Movies

February 21 - SERVE. @ The E1ement Table | E1UMC Food Pantry

February 28 - BE. LOVE. @ The E1ement Table | Worship

Coming up March:

Fundraisers and Easter - Easter is kind of a big deal!

For more details on any of these events or to see photos, please visit our website:

e1ementstudents.com.

Shane Mullin- Youth Ministry Director

Eules First Preschool

Angel News:

The **27th Annual Eules First UMC Preschool Family Dinner and Silent Auction** is Saturday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please plan to come and bid on auction items in the Family Life Center, visit vendors in the Swor Parlor and have lunch with us: Hamburgers/ Hot Dogs/ Grilled Cheese, Chips, Salad, and Drink for \$6/ adult and \$3/children (12 and under). Desserts will be sold separately.

If anyone is interested in

helping in the children's area, has items to donate, or wants to participate in our vendor fair, please contact Linda Lewis at preschool@fumceules.org or call the preschool office at (817)283-0129.

Registration for Fall 2016 starts Feb. 24 for church members and preschool families. Registration will open to the public on February 29. Registration is \$50 until April 1. Then it will go back to its normal price of \$60. We offer programs for 18 month olds to 5 year olds. We have 2-day (TTh), 3-day (MWF) and 5-day (M-F)

classes available. Our core program is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.. *Enrichment Classes* and *Lunch Bunch* are available to extend your child's day until 2:00 p.m. *Enrichment Classes* include: Animal Kingdom, Science Sense, Math Mania, Story Sparks and Fun Fridays. To schedule a tour or for more information, call the preschool office at (817)283-0129. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Help us grow and share the love of Christ with these little angels!



Word from our Lay Leader

I've got good news and bad news. The good news: we are debt free! We've worked hard and been faithful as a congregation and have paid off all the debt on our buildings and property. This puts us in a great position for the upcoming challenge of replacing some of our campus that we will lose in the long-expected expansion of Airport Freeway. In addition, we paid off 100% of our Connectional Mission Giving (apportionments) thanks to your faithfulness, and together we gave more than \$1,000 to the Methodist Children's Home with our Christmas Eve offering. We met

needs and helped God fulfill dreams for people in and outside of our church, locally and connectionally, throughout 2015.

The not-so-good news is that we started 2016 with several large, unpaid 2015 expenses which are now due and payable. When we add that to our normal, budgeted January 2016 expenses – such mundane things as staff salaries, benefits, and property taxes, we are short of cash. As of mid-January, it looks like we are approximately \$19,000 short of meeting our obligations this month. I want you to know that as the Finance Committee wrestled with this they, amongst themselves, pledged almost \$7,000

toward this shortfall IN ADDITION TO their regular monthly commitment, and all before the end of January.

We humbly invite you to prayerfully consider how you might join them. This Committee has worked hard and presented a balanced budget to the Church Council – but you know that balancing over the year doesn't mean every month works out smoothly. This is one of those months.

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Highway Update

A short drive east on 183 is all one needs to know this project is underway! The construction plan includes demolition and replacement of the Main Street bridge. This is anticipated to take up to 18 months to complete, beginning January 2017 at the earliest. Many of us will have to make different plans for driving to and from church, but we can do that!

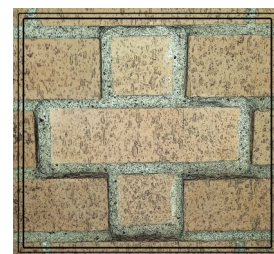
Our Building Committee is in the process of choosing an architect to help us navigate the process of replacing the space we are

losing and developing a master plan that looks 40-80 years into the future.

We also want to announce a special called Charge Conference on Tuesday, Feb 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We have an agreement in principle on the sale of the portion of the eastern property that will be taken. This parcel begins in the new parking lot and continues east. The total taking, off the north side, is a bit less than 9/10 of an acre.

With all the change set before us, we believe this

is a great opportunity to seek God's vision for, as some of you put it, "who God wants us to be when we grow up." This year we celebrate 140 years as a congregation. We look back and remember. We are thankful for all God has done for us and through us! But we look back so we can move forward in the direction God is leading us today.



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Stewardship Moment

10 FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES THAT ARE BIBLICAL part 3 of 10

Rushing Through Life

It seems as if we are always trying to find a better way to *organize our time*. Time flies! It escapes us and passes us by. How true for all of us.

Before we know it, it is the end of a day, a season, or a year, and we are still planning to get organized and learn better time management. The real question is are we filling our days with things that are important? When was the last time you took inventory of the things that take up your time?

Principle #3: ALLOW FOR MARGIN

When we live in a world where the phone is always ringing, the cell phone is always with us, e-mail needs to be answered, a myriad of duties at home need to be handled and school and church-related activities need to be attended, it becomes harder to set aside time to renew and recharge ourselves. Unfortunately, most of us take few precautions in our lives to protect against our own hectic schedules. It's the internal resources we have that run out first when it comes to marriage, child-rearing, decision-making and life priorities. It's very difficult to be a person who is inwardly peaceful if we do not carve out for

ourselves at least a little quiet time everyday.

The starting point during that "quiet time" is God. He is the One who gives us our directions. We need to take time to listen to God's voice. Then we need to sort out the meaningless and less important things that are cluttering our lives and stealing our time. We need to reprioritize.

Does your schedule for last month reflect the priorities you feel are most valuable?

The secret to time management is not learning how to save time or get more of it – the secret is knowing how to use it.

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Online Giving Link

From the Pastor

I read a fair number of blogs, articles, and books about church leadership. I don't know about leadership in the rest of the world, but in the church world there are a lot of pretty good perspectives out there!

One I read today really made me think. The title was "What you need to stop doing to make more Disciples."

That got my attention. Our commission is to make disciples. The mission statement of The United Methodist Church is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the

world." If there is something we should stop doing in order to make disciples, I want to know. Here is the short answer. We should: 1) stop having Bibles Studies and start acting on what we already know the Bible says we should be doing; 2) we should stop having small group meetings because these too often end up inner-focused self-help groups; and 3) we should stop planning service projects because we are called to lives of service, not to planned and organized hours or days of service. I hope you see the point

here. Nowhere in the Gospels do we have Jesus training the disciples on methods of Bible study, small group formation, or planning for mission trips. He led them to live lives formed by scripture, lived in community, and constantly seeking to serve others on God's behalf. Let this serve as a reminder that for our life as a church, it is not sufficient to plan and carry out meetings, studies, etc. Our life as a church always has to be about following Jesus first.

- Steve Heyduck

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. Wesley had 22 questions for small group meetings. We will stretch these almost through the year. One will appear in each monthly newsletter through November, and another mid-month through the email weekly update.

Here is the third question:

3. Do I confidentially pass onto another what was told me in confidence?

I think another way to put this might be, "Can I be trusted?" Whether or not trust is harder to find now than it used to be, I don't know. But I do know this: we are bombarded in ways our parents and ancestors could not have imagined with opportunities to betray trust.

Secrets are challenging. We ought to feel honored whenever we are trusted enough to be allowed into someone else's confidence. But this is an honor we dare not boast about else the temptation will dramatically increase.

Before one can answer this third of Wesley's

questions, one must first answer this question: does anyone tell me anything in confidence? If the answer is "no," then your challenge is to build trust. If the answer is "yes," then give God thanks for the ability to hold trust and the privilege to have people share their inner possessions with you.

How does one build trust? The easiest way is to trust others. Carefully identify a few people you know you can trust with your own personal things, and share. In addition to trusting others, work on being reliable in every way: be on time to your commitments, make only promises you can keep (and keep them!), and learn to express your feelings.

Discipleship Journey

Eules First United Methodist Church strives to follow Jesus Christ a bit better today than yesterday. We seek to do this by offering Discipleship Journey opportunities which help guide people from KNOWing God, to GROWing in relationship with God, to GOing forth with God serving others and

GLOWing for God by sharing one's faith. Here is the next upcoming Discipleship Journey event:

God's Grand Plot, a one day retreat event, tells about the Bible's historical overview, its organization, and how God's story affects the human heart. The class will meet

Saturday, February 13 – 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Swor Parlor and be facilitated by Mike Springer. There is no cost. But registration is required by Thursday, February 11 so we know how many participants to prepare for. Childcare is provided by request. Register online, at fumceules.org/



New Members

Eules First United Methodist is excited to welcome our newest members Josh Bowers (picture pending) and Craig and Ann Richey (members

again). Stop these folks this Sunday and let him know that we are so grateful that we will never be the same again!





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