EULESS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH MATTERS

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EGG-VANGELISM

This year, we are going to spend time together in service and fellowship. On Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. we are going to come together and create Easter bags to hand out to residents in the surrounding community. The bags will contain information about Euless FUMC, Easter, and



10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Soul Tending

will also contain a few treats and goodies. The goal of this time is to bring our church to those who may not be able to come to us.

Egg-vangelism Following our time of putting together bags, we will go out and deliver them. Hope you will join us. For more information, contact Aubree Marlow, Director of Children's

Ministries.

Great Day of Service

The Great Day of Service (GDoS) is a conference-wide opportunity for churches and ministries of the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church to serve in their local community.

Who is my neighbor? Technically everyone, according to Matthew 22:36 -40. The part that states we should "love [our] neighbor as [ourselves]" is the very foundation upon which the Great Day of Service is built. So the GDoS is a way to show love for God and neighbor by engaging in ministry with others to improve their life and ours. It is also a time in which thousands of Methodists across the Central Texas Annual Conference area will be united in ministry to simultaneously make a holy impact.

This year, the Great Day of Service, the Texas Trash Off, and 6Stones CPR (Community Powered Revitalization) are all happening on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

The Texas Trash Off is a wonderful way for us to support the great city we are located in. We need your help to support this city, by volunteering your time and effort. Grab a friend and meet us here at Euless First. When you arrive you will receive a trash bag, plastic gloves, and bottled water, everything that you will need for this event. Afterwards, you are invited to meet at the Villages of Bear Creek Park for a free hot dog lunch including chips and a drink. Please call the church office to sign up.

6 Stones Community Powered Revitalization

(CPR) is a joint effort between 6 Stones, Hurst, Euless, Bedford, various businesses, nonprofit organizations and churches, to help struggling homeowners make necessary home repairs. Mobilizing community volunteers, we aim to strengthen, grow and revitalize our community, one house and one family at a time. To volunteer, go to www.http://6stones.org/ cpr.

There is no limit to the ways Euless First UMC can offer the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Whether it is picking up trash or volunteering with 6 Stones, if you have all day or just a couple of hours, be ready to work on April 5th and share God's love.

EGG-VANGELISM

What: Opportunity for young and older to get together to share the message of Easter with our community

When: April 12, 2014

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Who: Anyone that wishes to share the message of Easter with others.

Where: Family Life Center

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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.

Al Mathews, Pat Hoover's neighbor All the hungry people Alton Ray Amy Monsalve, Ron Coats' sister Ann Burns Archie Miller, Dale Miller's father

Audrey Bradford, Jay Bradford's mother Becky Wyatt

Bej Svatek Bill Roach Billie Ray, Charlotte

Everett's friend Braden, Les and Denise Foley's grandson

Brent Young, Paula Wood's brother

Cameron Mode Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father

Caro and Pierre Kenyon -Praise.

Carol Hail. Dale Cox's aunt

Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter

Charlene Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's

David Bundrick Family David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin

Don Mode

Donna Thorsell, Lauren Thorsell's grandmother Dot Prestwood, Ryane Barker's greatgrandmother Dottie Rust

Doug Mulholland, Judy Mulholland's husband

Dovie Pilney, Mark, Stephen, and Randy Pilney's mother

Edna Utesch, Johnny Watts' mother

Evelvn Coutoumanos, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's friend

Family of Madeline Wermuth

Family of Ronnie Jones, Sharon Menix's friend

Family of Sister Marietta Rourke, Nancy Bickel's

Flight attendant school attendees

Gordon and Linda Roberts Nancy Bickel's friends Haley Knighton

Heather Maxson, Billie and Jay Bradford's friend James Thompson

Jamie and Julie Taylor and son Samuel, Kristi Abernathy's cousin and newborn son

Janet Kohler, Milford Roop's ex-wife Jason Knighton and wife Jena Mitchell's mother

Judy, Michael, and Doug Mulholland

Justin and Mandi McGehee on the birth of their son, Hudson, Mike McGehee's son and daughter-in-law

Justin Knighton and family

Kari and Lee Carter, Kaitlin Coats' mother and step-dad

Katy Ott, Kathy Knowles' grandmother Kellsey Abbott,

Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter

Kevin Maines Kimberly Knighton

Kimberly Knighton's dad Kimberly Massey and Shawnee Zelis,

Milford Roop's stepsister and brother-inlaw

Leah Bennett Lillian DePuy, Linda (Larry) Lewis' mother Linda Lett

Linda Sargent, Janet Ledbetter and Cindy Balentine's friend Loretta Santos, Linda and

Don't Martin's friend Lori Goodrich

THANKS

Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend

Jim and I want to

Marilyn Parker, Larry and Phyllis Augustus' friend Marlene Hill and John

Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker Maxine and Bill Wallace,

Kimberly Knighton's friends

Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend

Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sisterin-law

Michelle and Baker Ingram Michelle Miller Mike and Jill Eagleston

and family, Mike Watts, Teresa Watts' friend Marianne Schmidt's brother-in-

Milford Roop, Morgan Long, Sharron Hine's granddaughter

Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron

Coats' friends Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father

Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister Pierre Tshimanga's family Rich Harris

Rios family

Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend

Robert Cheek Robin Biles

Rose Everett, Charlotte Everett's daughter

Roxanna Berg Safety and peace for all the Olympians and

spectators Seth, and Alex Newsom

Shayla Hangar Sherry Smith, Rachel

Heyduck's aunt Shirley, Derexa

Wooley's mother Shirley Andrews, Ron Coats' mother

Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend

Steve, Michael and Lore Osborn's friend

Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece Terron Muller, Les

Foley's niece The Dauphine and

Thibodeaux families Those in active addiction

TJ Pepper Tom and Jayne Alvarez

and family, Sylvia Newsom's son

Travis Lusk, Sharon Menix's grandson Vickers triplets, Kent and Tami Polenz's friends Vicki Smith Vinece Carlisle, Eileen Mode's friend Warner Muirhead

In the Military:

Carl Miller Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson

Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and

Lore Osborn Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend

Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McCleland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres

Gail Worofka

James Fiaccone, Sue Fiacone's grandson

Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew

Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son

Justin Knighton Stephen Tate

Travis Thomas

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Iva Nail/ **Memorial Fund:**

Trudy Thompson Rice, Jeana Shambeck, Billy and Carrie Phillips, Dennis & Emily Burk, The Family of Frances Hodo

In Memory of Frances Hodo/ **Apportionments**

The Family of Frances Hodo

In Memory of Nellie Lewis/ **Pastors**

Emergency Fund: Rob & Toni McMillon

thank everyone for all the loving care and concern expressed in the form of food, cards, calls, prayers and caring thoughts during my recent recovery from a

We have been so touched and humbled by all your care and encouragement. Our special thanks

to our Together

Sunday School class and Harmony Hope UMW circle for the wonderful meals. What an awesome congregation we have at Euless FUMC. Love in Christ, Beth & Jim Gathings

BIRTHDAYS

March-

- 20 Tara McMillon, Helen Payton, Rita Young
- 21 Joe Roberts
- 23 John Elder
- 25 -Nathan Tribble
- 26 Joyce Humphrey, Matt Kelleher
- 28 Jim Loveless, Genavieve Luttrell

29 - Tara Mullin,

- Shanna Roggow
- 30 -Mike Springer, Jennifer Tindel
- 31 -Evan Elder, Bill Farmer
- March Corrections:
- 5 -Hailey Adcock
- 6 -Amanda Mayer

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

There are still many Lenten activities before Easter: We hope you will join us as we together prepare our hearts for the Resurrection of Christ.

- Tuesday Lenten Brown Bag Lunch Devotional at 12:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor.
- Wednesday Evening Worship with Communion and

Intergenerational Activities, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

- Egg-vangelism 2014 April 12 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Palm Sunday Services April 13 Easter Services April followed by a Pot-luck lunch and Egg Hunt
- Holy Week Daily Lunch Devotionals April 14-18

- Maundy Thursday Service April 17, 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Service April 18, 7:00 p.m.
- 20, 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.







Rangers Baseball

The annual church outing to the Rangers Baseball game is set for May 18, when the Rangers take on the Toronto Blue Jays. First pitch is set for 3:05 p.m. The

Fresh Start Sunday school class will host a family tailgate party beginning at noon in the southwest corner of the parking lot. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$9 for students/children. Big thanks to Larry Lewis for securing 125 tickets. To purchase tickets, find Larry Lewis or Dave Lewis.

UMW BAKE SALE

Is your sweet tooth calling out for something good to munch on? **Euless First United Methodist** Women are hosting their first Bake Sale of the year on

March 30, 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Hallway outside the Swor Parlor.

So come look for us and get your home made treats for

Sunday School, or get dessert to take home to enjoy. See you then. Funds for this event go toward Mission support.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Remember, the third Wednesday is the Tarrant County Area Food Bank Work Day. The next one is March 19th. Meet at the church at 8:15 if you can come help, or contact Sharon Menix for more information.

Needed Food Items:

- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned soup

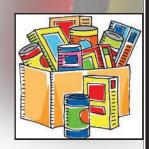
Here is the volunteer schedule: March:

- 21 –Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Marie Bean, Sheri
- 28 Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Judy Torres

April:

4 - Phyllis Augustus, Brenda Hurlbut, Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

- 11 -Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Maggie Lucas, Sherri Roberts, Judy Torres
- 18 Marie Bean, Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Brenda Hurlbut
- 25 Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg



KIDS BEACH CLUB

Kids Beach Club is a new ministry adventure that Euless First has become involved in at South Euless Elementary. While Kids Beach Club is not new to the school, it is new to us.

What is Kids Beach Club? Kids Beach Club desires to provide every 3rd - 6th grade boy and girl a Jesus experience within the culture of his or her public

elementary school. Kids Beach Club is an innovative ministry established to mobilize the Church; to go outside its walls to elementary schools; to take the message of Christ into the heart of the community.

This is how it works. Each Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. volunteers gather at the school with students for scripture,

message, music, games, and small group time.

This new venture is in need of your help. Volunteers are needed. If you can come and help share the gospel beyond our walls and with our community, please contact Pastor Beverly at the church office, 817-283-4421.

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PRESCHOOL

Angel News:

The Euless First Preschool and Kindergarten took a much needed break March 10-14. School is back and the Spring is busy.

Registration is now open! If you register by March 31, you could save money. The early bird registration fee of \$50 is good till April 1. If you register prior to then you will be entered into a drawing for

\$100 off September tuition.

Also, if you refer a friend you earn \$10 in Referral bucks per person and are entered into a drawing for \$100 off September tuition.

March 20 and 21st is the Cherub and PK1 Classes *Under the Big Top Circus* at 10:45 a.m. This fun event will be in the family life center, and all are welcome.

Finally, let your kids join us for

a camp-out at our next Parents' Night Out, Friday, March 28 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per child. Space is limited so register now! Children should wear their PJs and bring their sleeping bags. They will play at centers, do a craft, share a snack and watch a movie. We will take children 6 months and up. This is open to the public, so please feel free to share with friends and neighbors.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This year instead of
Eggstravaganza, we will be
doing something called
Egg-vangelism. What is that?
Well, we are all going to spend
a few hours together in the
Family Life Center on

April 12 starting at 10 am. We are going to be putting together close to 100 goodie bags filled with information about Euless FUMC and Easter and a few goodies. Once the bags are put together, we will

be taking them out to people in the surrounding homes or apartment complexes. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Saturday April 12th will be the delivery date for our 2014 Spring Flower Sale. We will be selling geraniums, marigolds, vincas, petunias, impatiens, zinnia's, portulaca's, begonias,

coleus, caladiums and hibiscus.
Special thanks to Bonnie
Rieman who works with
Ruibals Greenhouses to
provide flowers. Please
consider ordering all your

flowers from us (and get orders from neighbors/friends). All proceeds will support the Hospitality Events of the church. Spring is almost here!

Youth Ministry



11 E1ement students and 3
adults attended a
Midwinter Camp at the
Echo Valley Campsite
near Leakey, Texas
February 21-23. Here
are a couple of pics from

their great weekend.





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FROM THE PASTOR

Lent can begin as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. Lent depends, of course, on when Easter is. For most Christians, Easter is set as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the start of Spring.

This means that Lent always includes the first day of Spring. This is part of the reason for our gardening motif for Lent: Soul Tending. Like tending a garden, tending one's soul is something that takes time, effort, patience, and more patience.

Healthy, productive, vibrant gardens do not happen by

chance; neither do flourishing souls. I suppose that even if sin had never entered the picture for humanity, becoming the resplendent souls God had in mind would have taken work.

Lent is only 40 days. 40 days is hardly enough time to complete a garden much less a soul.

They say, though, that it takes 21-30 days to make a habit. What kind of habit could you start and commit yourself to that would help you grow your soul?

Here is one Rachel and I started years ago, in anticipation of having

children. At meals, we have committed to ignoring our phones.

We realized that someday we would have to limit our children's use of their phones, and that the best way to do that would include setting an example.

This habit took some effort. We had to be very intentional. I believe it has already paid off in our parenting. I believe it has also paid off in our souls.

What kind of habit could you start and commit yourself to that would help you grow your soul?

SOCIAL MEDIA CLASS

Fifteen years ago there were more and more of us obtaining cell phones. We were unsure of what it would be like to have phones with us all the time. Regardless, we had no concept of what we call "social media," or how influential it is to our lives and world.

Today there are many different forms of social media, and for many of us, we are unsure how to navigate all the different social media platforms. If you are someone who would like to know the basics or even some more advanced questions of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,

Pinterest, and more, we have the class for you. This two-part class will be held on March 23 and 30 at 12:15 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. Please join us as instructors, Pastor Rachel, Perkins Intern Stefani, and Laura Henderson for two Sundays of information.

DINNERS FOR 8

Dinner for 8 groups have been selected and you will be called upon to schedule your first dinner out in the next couple of weeks.

It's not too late if you still want to jump in. The idea is 8 adults join together and share a dinner out at a local restaurant and enjoy each others' company once a month for 3 months. What a wonderful fellowship opportunity. If you want to join in, please contact the church office to sign up.

Alpha Dinners

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity for participants to explore their faith. Help is needed to support these persons as they grow. Each week a dinner is provided for the group. Sunday School classes and other groups are asked to support Alpha by providing meals. Please sign up. We ask that you prepare enough food to serve approximately 40 people.

Feb. 11— Genesis: Mexican Casserole, Salad, and Dessert

Feb. 18— Unity: Taco Salad and Dessert

Feb. 25 —Fresh Start: Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Dessert

Mar. 4 –New Generation: Baked Potatoes/Dessert

Mar. 11-Together

Mar. 18 –Rejuvenation: Sloppy Joes/Dessert

Mar. 25 -Fresh Start

April. 1 -New Generation

April 8– New Beginnings

April 15 – (Celebration Dinner)

To sign-up, please contact Gloria Daves at 817-267-4806.

April 2014

CHURCH MATTERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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HIGHWAY EXPANSION UPDATE

Here is the latest on the highway project:

Committees met for the first meeting on March 6 for a dinner and time to get acquainted. It was a great meeting where each subcommittee was given time to discuss who are the chairpersons, and what issues are before each group, as well as what is before the entire church.

One discussion point was: "How

do we answer when someone asks about the impact of the highway expansion?" The answer: "God is presenting us with many opportunities and we do not know what all the future holds. We do know God will lead us. We will move forward in faith, trusting that God will lead us."

If you have a question about what is going on with Euless

First UMC, please ask Pastor Steve, Rev. Rachel, Dave Lewis, or other committee members. They are more then willing to answer

any of your questions for which they have answers. They will also help with any concerns you may have.



Stewardship Moment

Excerpts from: Closing the Holes in Your Pockets and Maintaining the House of God by Melvin Amerson

Growing up, I would often hear my elders using the phrase: "You are going through money like there are holes in your pockets" or "You cannot seem to keep any money." Those two phrases have remained with me over the years. It appears to me the believers in Haggai 1:2-6, possessed similar thoughts when it came to keeping money in their pockets. Today, we struggle with the same issues about priorities, saving money, and maintaining the House of God.

Perhaps the people in the Haggai text had misguided financial priorities as do those of us today who live in and are influenced by a consumer-driven culture. Like people today, the people of that time were employed and had more than adequate incomes, but seemed unable to save any money. Setting priorities and establishing a personal budget helps us manage and focus on the things we value. What we value or treasure is often recorded in our checkbook register or credit card statements. Reviewing those documents provides a glimpse of our priorities. Have you had a check on your values and priorities lately?

The church in Haggai suffered because its members failed to make the church a priority. As a result of their neglect, the members could not manage to save and create personal financial reserves. Their failure to make the House of God a priority became their downfall.

Ultimately, the House of God

fell into ruins due to lack of support and misplaced priorities.

A remedy for this issue lies with a re-evaluation of personal finances. Place in your personal budget/spending plan your tithe or proportionate gift. Set aside a percentage or dollar amount for personal savings, emergencies, or retirement. This will allow you to establish priorities, help you to manage your financial resources, and "repair the holes" in your pockets and pocketbooks.

Remember, all that we have belongs to God. If we seek God first, maintain the House of God, and prioritize the rest of our provisions, we will have more than enough to live on.

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (I Corinthians 4:2, NRSV).

NEW MEMBERS

Euless First United Methodist is excited to welcome our new member. Michael Mulholland joined March 9. Be sure to stop and welcome him to our church family.



With him in our presence, we will never be the same.



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