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MinistrySafe

Eules First United Methodist Church loves all people. We care about protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults, and in order to best protect them, we have implemented specific abuse prevention policies known as "Safe Sanctuary." These policies have met appropriate standards for helping to prevent the abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We want to do more. Thus, in conjunction with the requirements outlined by the Central Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, we are implementing MinistrySafe. MinistrySafe is an abuse prevention system that offers a comprehensive system of resources to assist in the design and implementation of safety systems, this will reduce the risk of sexual abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Implementation of the MinistrySafe abuse prevention system requires all current and new staff members and volunteers working with children or youth (and other vulnerable populations) to complete 4 SAFETY STEPS in order to continue or begin working with these groups.

1. Completion of Sexual Abuse Awareness Training.
2. Completion of a Screening Process that includes: a safety application, a face-to-face interview, and providing references.
3. Completion of a review of Policies & Procedures.
4. Completion of a Criminal Background Check.

We must ensure that all staff, volunteers, and other appropriate parties comply with these policies by June 1, 2015. To be clear, this new training is mandatory for anyone who

works with children, youth, participates in the choir, work with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and helps or intends to help with VBS.

Although some of the training may be completed online, we will be hosting three training events to make this process easier:

- Wednesday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.;
- Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.; and
- Sunday, May 17, at 12:30 p.m.

If you would prefer to complete **Step 1** online, we can send you an email to get it all started. Working to prevent abuse is an essential way our congregation can and should care for children, youth, those with special needs, and all families. Please pray for this new venture, as together we ensure the safety of everyone.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-26, 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. This is a free event for children ages 3 thru 4th grade.

This year our theme is **G-Force: God's Love in Action!**

Join us for a great week where kids will look at

these daily themes: Move! Act! Care! Follow! and Share!

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, We still need a Science Instructor, Drama Leader, and Group Leaders or Helpers. Check our job descriptions online and

register at:
fumceules.org/mission/children.vbs.

Kids have already started to register. Invite your friends, and come for a great time learning about God!



Prayer List

All God's children Alton and Reta Ray Arthur Schirmer Baby Thomas Humiston Bruce Meek Burton family Cameron Mode Carla Miller, Susan Downey's mother Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson Crystal Frier, Janice Kasten's niece Dee Anne Erhart, Candy Klasen's friend Delayne Thomason Dodie Davis Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister Elida Schirmer Family of Darren Thomas, Linda Bishop's niece's husband Family of Jim Favorite, Doris Brown's brother Franny Springer, Mike and Beverly Springer's daughter-in-law	Friends and family of Paul Miltenberger Gene Bergeron, Candy Klasen's uncle Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends Helen, Faye Stinneford's friend Honor Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's mother Jake Shoope, Jo Kemp's friend James and Ila Gravelly Jamie Saunders, Judy Mulholland's sister-in-law Jenifer Hurlbut John Lewis John Russo, David Davis' friend Judie Morris Julia Smythe & family, Eleanor Toweh's friend Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter Kevin Maines Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law	Lois Birdwell, Paula Wood's friend Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother Lori Goodrich Lori Outlaw, Dodie Davis' friend Marla Williams' customer Marlene Hill Martha Wells Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends Michael Sprague, Steve Sprague's brother Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend Michelle and Baker Ingram Michelle Nasstrom, Tami and Kent Polenz' friend Mimi Maloney Neal Draper, Patsy Brown's son-in- law	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends Nita Soape, David Davis' friend Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father Ollie O'Sallis and her family and friends: Mardell, Christopher, Steven, Sean, Latoya, Andrea, Urias, Jackie, Jay, Gertrude, Gwen, Tina, Janice, and sister Rosa and family Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister Phil Mulholland, Judy Mulholland's brother-in-law Pierre Tshimanga's family Rebecca , Sarah Miller's friend Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend Robin Putlin, Johnny Watt's friend Ron Gray, Charlotte Everett's friend Ronnie Pepper, TJ Pepper's brother	Roxanna Berg Ruby Stevenson, Susan Downey's grandmother Ryane Barke Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend Stephanie Snell, Dottie Rust's friend Stephen, Carolin Kenyon's neighbor Susan McGehee Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece Tisha Burke, Hedy Taylor's friend Vicki Smith Warner Muirhead	Military: Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn Daniel Collier, Bob Collier's grandson Dirk Van Ingen, Katie Lucas' friend Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres Gail Worofka James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son Justin Knighton Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew Stephen Tate Travis Thomas William Crowder, Yvonne Rohlfling's son
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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

May	12 -Beth Gathings	20- Eliza Heyduck, Emily Knowles	28 -Nevaeh Lara- Turner, Kyle Lewis
1 -Chuck Foust	15 -Pat Bailey, Jim Gathings	21 -Milford Roop, Emily Peters, Chris Grimm	30 -Marilyn Long
3 -Joyce Nance, Gary Turner	17 -London Menton	22 -Charlotte Everett	
4 -Mary Lib Saleh	18 -Ken Klasen,	24 -Katie Rohlfling	
5 -Jill Schaneberg, Ron Coats, Janna Hamm	19 -Leland Brown	26 -Jake Bowen, Julie Ratliff	
8 -Johnny Watts			
11 -Heather Grimm			

Anniversaries

May	26 -Sherwood & Cheri Abbott, Alan & Lynne Moffatt
16 -Dale & Ginger Miller	30 -Johnny & Teresa Watts
20 -Karl & Nancy King	31 -Michael & Kathryn McGee
23 -Ken & Betty Vowell	
24 -Gary & Carol Turner	

Easter Memorials

Unfortunately we missed publishing all those that gave to apportionments on Easter morning. Here is a list of gifts given. Thank you for all that you do and give!

In Memory of Brian Gilby,
by Rob & Toni McMillon

In Memory of Brian Gilby,
by Lee & Anjalie Gilby



Food Pantry

Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule:

April

24 –Doris Brown Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg

May

1 –Doris Brown, Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

8 –Phyllis Augustus, Darlene Carter, Gloria Daves, Brenda Hurlbut

15 –Kathy Chapman, Brenda Hurlbut, Jill Schaneberg, Judy Torres

22 –Marie Bean, Doris Brown, Darlene Carter, Trish Franklin

The Food Pantry will not be open on May 29th as it is the 5th Friday of the month.

The Pantry is in great need of small cans of chicken. We have a large supply of chicken helper and now need a supply of canned chicken to make a meat meal for our clients.

We will need some help on Fridays this summer. Our Volunteers will be taking some well deserved time off so we will be needing some help manning our pantry. Please call Sharon Menix at 817-581-9144 if you will be able to help.

Tarrant County Area Food Bank Work Day is May 20th. We will leave the Church parking lot at 8:15 AM and will return around 12:30 PM. We need you and want you for this mission. For every hour each person works, the Euless Food Pantry receives credit on our monthly food bill.

Keep your eye out for Allen Wholesale Meats. We have submitted dates to the city of Euless for their approval. If approved they will be in the parking lot May 11-16 and 18-23. Please, come and support Euless ministries with your purchase!



Staff Highlight

As part of our new newsletter format, we would like to take a chance to highlight a staff member at Euless First so you have an opportunity to know who is serving you.

This month we will be highlighting the nursery staff. Amanda Torres has

been working at Euless First for about a year now. Amanda is currently a student at Fortis Institute working toward her LVN. She hopes to be finished in December.

Jenny Grossman is a masters student at Amberton University in

Family Studies. She is currently looking at getting a job through Child Protective Services.

Even if you do not have children, stop by and say hi, welcome them to our community, and thank them for caring for our youngest ones.



Amber Torres and Jenny Grossman



Eules First Preschool

Angel News

Arbor Daze is just around the corner. Again this year, the Eules FUMC Preschool students will be performing at 10:20 a.m. on the Community Stage at Arbor Daze on Saturday, April 25. Please come out and support the preschool and our community. The youth will have a food booth and you can enjoy some Rita's Italian Ice for dessert, too!

The Preschool's spring

program will be May 13 and 14 and is entitled "Where did the Dinosaurs Go?" It will be at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come and see all the sweet children and their fun songs about dinosaurs.

The Preschool's annual Wheels Day St. Jude Fundraiser was a great success once again! We don't have the total funds raised yet, but we are expecting it to be another great year!

We are currently registering for summer camp. June 1-5 will be *Fairy Tales* and June 8-12 will be *Camping*. Registration is \$10 and cost is \$75 per week or \$150 for both weeks. There is a 10% discount for multiple children. Children must be 2 (and potty trained) through just completed Kindergarten. We'd love to have you, your friends, or your grandchildren join us!

"Our sale on June 12 garnered over \$300 to go toward local missions."

United Methodist Women

The Eules First UMW wishes to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of the folks who supported our Bake Sale on April 12. Those who BAKE, those who BUY, and those who DONATE

monies. Our sale on April 12 garnered over \$300 to go toward local missions.

Our next Bake Sale is scheduled for May 31st- a fifth Sunday. We hope you will once again come and support all the missions

locally that we support.

Our God is an awesome God who has such marvelous folks that attend His church here in Eules.

Holy Conversations

The East and North District Clergy and Lay Members to Annual Conference are invited to come together to engage in a Holy Conversation around the issue of Human Sexuality and our United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 26 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Hurst at 521 W Pipeline Rd, Hurst, TX 76053.

At our last Annual Conference in June 2014, we decided as an Annual Conference to engage in a time of Holy Conversation around the issue of Human Sexuality and our United Methodist Church. To honor these conversations, the members of Annual Conference, lay and clergy from our local churches, to engage in our Holy Conversation. During this time, we will engage in worship and conversation,

listening to each other, and discerning our way in a time of openness to each other's voices, and the leading of the spirit. We are not gathering to vote or make a corporate decision. We are joining in a Holy Conversation in the spirit of loving and listening to God and each other. To register please call District Office (254-776-8740).



May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00 Food Pantry Open	2
3 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 Tailgate at the Rangers Game 2:00 Rangers Baseball Game 4:00 Handbells 5:00 E1ement Students 5:00 Covenant Bible Study 5:00 Financial Peace University	4 7:00 Trustees Meeting	5 10:00 Harmony Hope 3:00 Beach Club	6 7:00 Choir Practice	7 6:30 Men's Coffee	8 9:00 Food Pantry Open	9
10- Mothers Day 8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:45 Children's music 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship- Senior Sunday 4:00 Handbells 5:00 E1ement Students 5:00 Covenant Bible Study 5:00 Financial Peace University	11 6:00 UMW Exec Board Meeting 7:00 Finance Meeting Meat sale through the 16th, pending city approval	12	13 6:00 MinistrySafe Training 7:00 Choir Practice	14 6:30 Men's Coffee 6:00 Thoughtful Friends	15 9:00 Food Pantry Open	16
17 8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:30 Blood Pressure Screening 9:30 Youth Car Wash 9:45 Children's music 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 MinistrySafe Training 4:00 Handbells 5:00 E1ement Students 5:00 Food Pantry Open 5:00 Financial Peace University 5:00 Covenant Bible Study	18 7:00 Church Council Meeting Meat sale through the 23rd, pending city approval	19	20 8:00 Tarrant County Food Bank Work Day 7:00 Choir Practice	21 6:30 Men's Coffee	22 9:00 Food Pantry Open	23 2:00 Eules First Kids End of School Party
24- Pentecost 8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:45 Children's music 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 District Conference 4:00 Handbells 5:00 E1ement Students 5:00 Covenant Bible Study 5:00 Financial Peace University	25- Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26 6:30 UMM Dinner & Meeting	27 7:00 Choir Practice	28 6:30 Men's Coffee	29	30
31 8:00 Library Opens 8:30 Worship 9:30 UMW Bake Sale 9:45 Children's music 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Handbells 5:00 E1ement Students 5:00 Covenant Bible Study 5:00 Financial Peace University						

Important Dates

- 3** Sonrise Café
Rangers Baseball Game at 2:00, Tailgate at 12:00 in the SW corner of the parking lot
- 4** Trustees Meeting
- 5** Beach Club at South Euless Elementary (last one of the year).
Harmony Hope
- 10** Mother's Day
Senior Sunday
- 11** UMW Executive Board Meeting
Finance Committee
Allen Wholesale Meat Sale April 11-16 (Pending City Approval)
- 13** Tarrant County Area Food Bank Work Day meet at the church at 8:15 a.m.
MinistrySafe Training at 6:00 p.m.
- 14** Thoughtful Friends
- 17** Blood Pressure Screening
MinistrySafe Training at 12:30 p.m.
District Conference 3:00-5:00 p.m. at St. John the Apostle at 5450 Mansfield Rd. Arlington 76017
- 18** Church Council Meeting
Allen Wholesale Meat Sale April 18-23 (Pending City Approval)
- 23** Euless First Kids End of School Party at 2:00 p.m.
- 24** Pentecost
- 25** Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 26** United Methodist Men's Dinner in the Swor Parlor
- 31** UMW Bake Sale

Regular Events:

- Sundays-** Handbells at 4:00 p.m.
Element Students at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays-** Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays-** Men's Coffee at 6:30 a.m.
- Fridays-** Food Pantry from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. except 5th Fridays

Glen Lake Camp

Glen Lake Camp has provided a Christian Summer Camp experience for kids and youth since 1939. Kids come from all over our state to learn about God and enjoy activities such as: zip line, rock wall, waterpark, archery, hiking, fishing, volleyball, basketball, and more. Camps for grades 6-8 are

scheduled for June 9-14 at a cost of \$375. Camps for grades 4-6 are scheduled for July 14-19 at a cost of \$375. And camps for grades 3-4 are scheduled for July 21-24 at a cost of \$225. Family camps and day camps are available for Kindergarten-2nd graders throughout June and July. As you make your plans

for summer, please contact Shane Mullin, Director of Student Ministries at shane.mullin@gmail.com if you need scholarship help or would like to go as a group.

You may look at full camp schedule and find more information and prices at www.glenlake.org.



Rangers Baseball Game

The annual church outing to the Rangers Baseball game is set for May 3, when the Rangers take on the Athletics. The first pitch is set for 2:05 p.m. The game will be followed by a Casting Crowns Concert! The Fresh Start Sunday

School Class will host a family tailgate party beginning at noon in the southwest corner of the parking lot. Ticket prices are \$15/adults and \$10/kids.

We'd like to give a big thanks to Larry Lewis for

securing 125 tickets. To purchase tickets, find Larry Lewis or Dave Lewis. Make checks out to Eules First and payment it is due by April 26. Get ready to root for the Rangers with all the fun the ballpark brings!



Highway Update

For almost a year and a half now, we have made every effort to keep you informed on what is actually happening with regard to the expansion of Airport Freeway and consequent loss of our property.

Each newsletter for at least the last year has had a section titled "Highway Update," even when the content is "we have no new news."

As a matter of fact, we have no actual news to

share this time either. We are awaiting the initial offer from SouthGate Mobility Partners. It should come between now and early June.

In the meantime, we know that rumors are surfacing and circulating. For this reason, Pastor Steve invites you to join him at one of three meetings, at where, he will share "all that we know," and will be happy to answer any questions to the best of his ability.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m

Sunday, April 26, at 9:45 and 12:30 (Don't skip SS to come to the 9:45 session!)

Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Each of these gatherings will be in the Swor Parlor. If you cannot attend any of them, please feel free to contact Pastor Steve to set up another time.





Eules First Kids

The school year is almost over! Summer is on its way. Saturday May 23 from 2:00-4:00 p.m., we will be welcoming summer with a party! Prepare to get wet and messy, and have tons of fun in the sun!

Sunday, May 3 at 9:45 a.m. in the Swor Parlor, the children's ministry is teaming up with the youth to celebrate our volunteers! Please come by the reception on your way to Sunday School to say thank you to our dedicated group of teachers for all that they do. The children have been asked to make a special card or gift for their teachers and bring them by May 3. If you have a special volunteer you would like to thank, or even better, would like to thank

each of them with something special, please do so! Our volunteer's are vital to our children's growth and they are amazing at what they do! If you would like to bring a special dish or would like to help set up, clean up, or hang out with their classes during the reception, please let me know before May 3.

In other news are implementing a new policy called Ministry Safe. It is an upgrade from our current policy, Safe Sanctuary. Anyone involved in the children's ministry, vacation bible school, nursery, or anyone hoping to participate in any of these activities in the future is required to complete the training.

There are three dates available for you.: Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 13 at 12:00 p.m., and Sunday May 17 at 12:00 p.m. in the Library. Please let me know which date you would like to participate or if you have any questions via email: children@fumceules.org. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School starts on Monday June 22. There are plenty of opportunities for you to be a part of G-Force: God in Action. I have openings for a science teacher, a story teller, and group leaders. Check out the webpage to see exactly what is needed. -Aubree Marlow

E1ement Students



BE. LOVE. SERVE.



By the time you read this, we will have washed your cars (Yes, we know they look good!). Thank you so much church family for your ongoing support of the E1ement Students in their efforts to help fund their mission and service work - it's hard work preparing for hard work, and we appreciate your support! Keep up the support, because coming up this weekend, April 24 & 25, we will be at Arbor Daze selling hotdogs, Frito pies, and nachos. Thanks for helping create a chance for us put our faith into action through our mission work.

Looking Forward:

May 2 - Project-44 Workday - We're heading back to farm! Let's go serve together!

May 3 - BE. @ The E1ement Table: All Church Ranger Game and Casting Crowns Concert

May 7 - Absolute Final Day to register for CTCYM

May 10 - NO E1ement Table (Mother's Day)

May 17 - SERVE. @ The E1ement Table: E1UMC Food Pantry

May 24 - LOVE. @ The E1ement Table: God in the Movies

May 31 - Worship @ The E1ement Table

June 14-20 - CTCYM Mission Project in Bossier City, Louisiana.

For further details on any of these events, please visit our website e1ementstudents.com. Also, be on the lookout for more about our upcoming plans for this summer!

One final note for parents and other adults: Please make sure to begin completing the required steps for complying with the new MinistrySafe abuse prevention program. For more information, check out the article on Page 1.

From the Pastor

"Remember, this is God's story!"

This simple statement, offered by our own Anicia Brown, were the words that led our choir into their glorious presentation of the Easter Cantata.

Hundreds of hours. Quite a bit of sweat. Coordination and teamwork. Patience. As the choir, and all their technical and mechanical backup, began preparing for this performance that stretched across Holy Week. I'm sure they knew that it would stretch them. It challenged them! Some of them may have considered walking away.

What kept them at it? I am convinced that three things held the choir

together and brought us one of the finest collective presentations of Holy Week and Easter you've ever witnessed. Here are the three things:

Passionate leadership: the leaders of our music ministry are passionately committed to the Kingdom of God and to drawing as many people toward it as possible.

Love: even if you have no desire to sing in a choir, I want to invite you to witness our choir together during one of their practices. These folks genuinely love each other!

Seeing the bigger picture: this is where Anicia's insight was such a blessing - this is God's

story!

We often need to be reminded that this work we do together; all this "trying to follow Jesus a bit better today than yesterday;" the good and bad, highs and lows of our own personal stories all work within the larger story, God's big story!

And remember, God's story is about the redemption and healing of all of creation!

When you get tired, when you aren't sure you can go on, when you feel like the biggest loser (and not on a reality show), remember that you are a part of God's story!

Confirmation

Congratulations to our five Confirmands who were confirmed on April 12, 2015. It was a wonderful Sunday with the students helping serve communion for both services.

Confirmation was the act of these young people publicly stating their declaration or profession of faith. In this sense they confirm their faith. Isaac

Putnam was also Baptized. These five young people are now full members in The United Methodist Church.

I know their families were so proud of these young people taking on faith as their own. Pledging their commitment to the church and Euless First.

Please, stop and give these young people a big congratulations and welcome.

We have expectations for all members of Euless First and feel it is a great responsibility. We look forward to the church they will lead!



Isaac Putnam, Dylan Pepper, Amelia Coats, Meredith Sparks, and Cameron Barker

Stewardship Moment



Online Giving Link

Raising Cheerful Givers Part 7 –
MODELING FINANCIAL FAITHFULNESS

This is the seventh and final article in our series on "Raising Cheerful Givers". Helping our children understand financial principles will not only help them manage their money, but also become joyful stewards. Have you ever heard the saying, "We can teach what we believe, but we only reproduce who we are"? The most powerful tool we can use to teach our children is how we conduct our lives everyday. When we do this intentionally, we follow the Lord's instruction in Deut. 6:6-7: These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Notice how the Lord suggests not only talking about his commandments but also modeling them. It is our responsibility to teach, talk and model. As we've discussed in this series of articles, today's kids need all the help they

can get to thrive financially in this world, while fully understanding the connection between faith and finance. Helping them understand financial principles will not only help them manage their money but also become good stewards. As Nathan Dungan states in his book *Prodigal Sons and Material Girls*, "You are your child's best hope for growing up resistant to the consumer culture. Parents have great influence in shaping their kids' values, priorities and habits. And the sooner you realize that virtually every message your child hears about money promotes spending, the more prepared you will be to counter with messages on the value of saving and the joy of sharing." When we are looking for it, life brings countless opportunities to model to our children an eternal perspective on life, money and possessions. Some ways to do this are: Show an attitude of thankfulness at all times. • Get children involved in your giving activities. • Be honest with your children. Let them know that giving isn't always easy but that it

shows how much we value what God values. • Show children how to save as a family for special activities such as vacations or other items. • More is not always better. Just because you can afford it, doesn't mean you need to have it. Let your children witness contentment in your life. The most important thing we can do is to pass our faith in Christ to the next generation. As parents (and grandparents), we have a great responsibility to share practical biblical truths to our children. In many ways we are in a race against time. Unless our children learn and understand God's financial principles of sharing, saving and spending, they will not be financially able or have the motivation to support the Lord's work in this world. Our prayer is that every parent and grandparent reading this article will clearly model financial faithfulness to future generations. May God bless us in this task.

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Come, Enter the Kingdom

Pastor Steve has been taking a deeper look at the Kingdom of God. Here is a look at what Pastor Steve will be preaching through May 24:

April 26 - Acts 4:5-12 - "In Christ Alone." How do we understand Jesus being the only way to the Kingdom? Does God love everyone? Can we thwart God's love?

May 3 - Acts 8:26-40 - "'The Kingdom of God is like weeds..." This is the story of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. It tells us the breadth of God's love. The eunuch asks, "What would keep me from being baptized?"

Law? Past decisions or actions? God is interested in our spreading the word, the Kingdom. Could the Kingdom be like weeds? They grow without preparation or effort, and would take over a whole yard easily.

May 10 - Acts 10:44-48 - "Love isn't just a verb. It's a command," (Mother's Day and Senior Sunday). We will explore the story of Peter. Peter was out of his comfort zone as he visited Cornelius, but followed God's command in doing so. What does God expect or want from us?

May 17 - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 - "Seeking God in the

face of Uncertainty." Before Pentecost, the disciples (Apostles) did what they knew to do. There were (we learn here) many others besides the 12. You and I are, like them, part of the "rest of the story."

May 24—Acts 2:1-21 "How do we get there from here?" How do we actually accomplish the great things the early Christians accomplished? Dare we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, too?

Join us for this series and see how you might understand the fullness of the Kingdom, here and now!



Summer Giving

Are you making summer plans yet? Have you already made all of your plans for the summer: trips, vacations, family outings, etc.? How far ahead are you required to give notice at work to get the week off you want off?

These and so many more questions bombard us this time of year. I try to deal with all of these questions later. Now is later.

I want to invite you to remember Eules First United Methodist Church, your church home, as you make your summer plans.

Do you know we have quite a bit planned for this summer? We have youth and adults going on a

mission trip. We have adults and youth working together to put on a Vacation Bible School for more than 100 children. These children are from our church, and from outside our church. We will be having Book Club again this summer. The Food pantry will maintain its normal schedule. This just scratches the surface of the ministry we will be doing this summer. We cannot possibly know all that God has in store for us this summer! But we can plan accordingly, and we are.

Here is another important thing to remember about our ministry this summer: it will continue to cost money. Even though some activities lessen during the summer, we will still be

doing the ministry to which God is calling us.

I want to invite you to remember your church in your summer planning. Do you know you can set up automatic giving through our website? Did you know you can give to Eules First UMC online, and even through Paypal?

I hope and pray your summer plans come together and that God blesses your efforts to rest, to strengthen family bonds, and to serve God and others in the midst of the summer months. And thank you for remembering Eules First United Methodist Church with your support!



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Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Learning to Follow Jesus a Bit Better Today than Yesterday

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