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UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



I am calling this summer's sermon series "Summer School." Don't think of it like you failed regular school. Think of it as getting

a head start on next year. I like school. OK; I have been out of school for a long time, so that's not exactly fair. I like learning. In fact, I

love learning. I am excited and amazed by new things. New to me, anyway. A wise man once wrote that "there is nothing new under the sun." You and I are a long ways from having it all figured out.

I want to invite you to continue to learn with me throughout this summer, beginning June 2nd for 11 weeks. As followers of Jesus, we have a lot to learn, and there is much we can learn from one another.

HAMBURGER HOT DOG LUNCH

Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission (CTCYM) trip is June 16-22. Eules First will be going to Shawnee, OK at Wesley United Methodist Church with Colleyville FUMC and LifePoint UMC!

We are excited to send the youth off for a great week. There are 16 students registered and 10 adults. Four of these adults are going as leadership. Rachel Heyduck will serve as Center Director, Steve Heyduck as Program Coordinator, Linda Lewis as Administrative Assistant, and Judy Tribble as

Assistant Worksite Coordinator. We are so proud to have such strong leadership. There will be a fundraiser on June 2 to help pay for the trip's expenses. Buy your ticket now for the Hamburger or Hot Dog Lunch. Tickets are \$6 for adults/ \$4 for children 10 and under. Advanced tickets are to

help us get a preliminary meal count. Food donations are also needed. Contact Charlotte Halleck or Michelle Pepper if you can help.



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BURGER/DOG LUNCH FACTS

What: Burgers or Dogs as a fundraiser to support CTCYM

When: June 2—ToGo Meals ready by 9:30 a.m.

Where: Family Life Center Cafe

Cost: \$6.00/Adults

\$4.00/Children under 10 years

Purchase Tickets now to help us prepare enough food.

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.

Andrews family, Amelia Coats' great uncle passed away	Christine Sanders, Ginger Miller's friend	Gordan & Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Lawrence Haydel, Rachel Heyduck's uncle	Nate Taylor	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece
Annie and Perry Gravely	Cindy, Vickie's friend	Helen Davies, on death of her friend Reda	Lillian De Puy, Linda Lewis' (Larry) mother	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Terry and Erika, Mark Pilney's friends
Bazie Pryor	Cody	Hubert "Tiny" Spurlock	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Those struggling with their monthly bills
Beth Jordan, Joyce Humphrey's friend	Cooper family	Hulin "Hoot" Smith, Buddy Hamm's friend	London Menton Carter, Bob & Brenda Menton's granddaughter	Our government leaders	TJ Pepper
Bette Hayden, Patsy Hoover's niece	Cyndi Martinez and family, Amelia Coats' cousin	Ida Burke, Rita Young's co-worker	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Pat, Kate Allred's sister	Tyler Dennis, Mistie Taylor's God-son
Betty Hawthorne, Thomas Hawthorne's grandma	Darian Aeri Brown, Kaitlyn Coats' friend	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's friends' father	Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Warner Muirhead
Beverly Springer	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	James Massey	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Paul Brown, JulieAnn Brown's husband	In the Military:
Billy and Lindsey Miller	Dennis Cavin, Alan Moffatt's friend	Jason Sikes	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Paula Brown	Carl Miller
Bobby Francis	Dewayne Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's brother	Jim Aikin, David Downey's uncle	Meredith Stone, Richard Stone's friend	People affected by the recent tornados	Gail Worofka
Bree and Miranda, Mark Pilney's friends	Don Cox, JulieAnn Brown's father	John Lipp, Linda Martin's brother	Michael Mulholland	People of Boston	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Brenda Reeder, Mimi Maloney's friend	Dorothy Lamb, Doug Graham's friend	John Martin, Tami Polenz's cousin	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	People of Syria	Jason Knighton
Buddy Mowles and family (former members)	Ed Lewis, Linda Martin's friend	Jonathan Skinner, Heidi Graham's cousin	Michele and Baker Ingram	Perry Bynum's mother, Tim Stinneford and Mary Lib Saleh's friend	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Burnam family	Edward Glen, Adam's friend	Julia McFarland, Billie Bradford's friend	Mimi Maloney	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Justin Knighton
Burton Family	Family of Dave Hott (member who moved away) who passed away	Kathy Jackson, Kelsey Carter's mother	Monroe Baggett, Sharon Menix's brother-in-law	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Michael Carrigan, Brenda O'Neal's son-in-law
Caden Boyle	Family of Margarie Mayfield	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's grand-daughter	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Sam Byers, Mallory Levey's friend	Stephen Tate
Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father	Fran McKenzie	Kemp Ingram, Lauralee Arnold's brother	Nancy King and family on the death of her mother, Ruby	Sarah Miller	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Carol Francoise	Gaby and Javier Castaneda, Caro Kenyon's sister and brother-in-law	Kevin Maines		Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Garrett, James, Dawn, and Lauren, Mark Pilney's friends	Lance Clayton, Russel Hurt's friend		Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Charles and Judy Gravely		Larry Cody, Randy Pilney's friend		Ted Foley, Audrey Coats' friend	
Charles Farris, Charlotte Everett's son		Larry Harris, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's husband			
Charlotte Everett					

MEMORIALS

- Helen Voss' Bunco group/In Memory of John Voss

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May-

12- 304

19- 285

ANNIVERSARIES

May-

23- Ken & Betty Vowell

26- Sherwood & Cheri Abbott
Alan & Lynne Moffatt

30- Johnny & Teresa Watts

31- Michael & Kathrynn McGee

June

1- David & Charlotte Ellis
Mike & Beverly Springer

BIRTHDAYS

May

22- Amy Laney, Charlotte Everett

26- Julie Ratliff

28- Kyle Lewis

30- Marilyn Long

June

1- Chris Arnold
2- Linda Martin, Travis Thomas

3- Julie Crawford

4- Mariah Maddox

SOCIAL MEDIA

Have you heard yet of Pinterest? Pinterest is a pin board-style photo-sharing website that allows users to create and manage theme-based image collections such as events, interests, and hobbies. Users can browse other pin boards for images, 're-pin' images to their own pin boards, or 'like' photos. Pinterest users are a little older than Twitter users with 65% of users being 35 and older.

Eules First United Methodist is utilizing Pinterest with boards that focus on Children and Youth Ministries as well as one for our five areas of focus: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Extravagant Generosity, Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Intentional Faith Development. While Pinterest is used more by women than men in the United States, is a great place to look at anything one has interests in.

Persons on Pinterest tend to look for longer than on Facebook. The more followers, "re-pins," and "likes" that our pins receive the more that the word about Eules First UMC gets out. Please take a moment to check out Pinterest and search for your favorite things, then begin pinning to your own boards!



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FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry is still being blessed by two ladies, Johnnie Girod and Brenda Dacus. These ladies bring groceries 1 or 2 times a month to our Food Pantry to help feed the needy in our area. Johnnie helps with the prayer blankets, also. They have been doing this on a regular basis for about 3 years or more. Relay For Life at Southlake made our Food Pantry the recipient of the food they collected during their Relay. Judy Tribble made it all happen by running the Relay and coordinating the food pickup. Our truck drivers and dockworkers were Sherwood

Abbott, Bill Byers, Larry Lewis, Daniel Mafileo, Robert McMillon, Cole Payton, and Jimmy Payton. They picked up 2 pickup loads and brought them to our Pantry on May 4th after the Relay. On Thursday after the event, the other volunteers counted, weighed, and stocked the shelves with 1,137 cans that weighed 999 lbs. total. The Assembly Workers were Sherwood Abbott, Phyllis Augustus, Darlene Carter, Pam Jagen, Lucille Link, Sharon Menix and Judy Torres. These two groups of God's Workers are a blessing to our Church and to

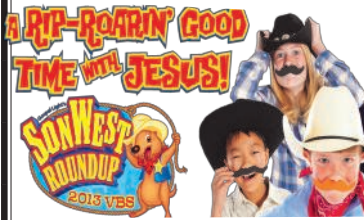
the hungry in the HEB Area. Yet more volunteers are always needed!
June volunteer schedule:
 7- Larry Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Torres, Judy Tribble
 14- Kathy Chapman, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies
 21- Phyllis Augustus, Darlene Carter, Dottie Rust
 28- Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Jill Schanenberg
Food needed: canned soup

BAPTISMS

God is crashing heaven into earth all around us! 2013 is a good year at Eules First UMC. We have received almost 20 new members to date, and have Baptized 8. Pastor Steve has never baptized 8 people in one year in his nearly 25 years in ordained ministry. Two of our seven Confirmands this year were Baptized by immersion at

Linda and Dave Lewis' home . It was a wonderful event with other Confirmands, family, youth, mentors, and other supporters present. Thank you to all who support these young persons. There was one more Baptism on Sunday, along with confirming seven. What a great time in the life of the church!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Out in the wide-open spaces, we'll discover a colorful old town where all the excitement of the Wild West awaits! In **SonWest**, we'll celebrate all the fun of being buckaroos—so grab a sarsaparilla and join in the jamboree! There'll be food, games, music, crafts, and amazing true stories that point you and your kids to Jesus! Ride with us under the

deep blue skies. Feel the breezes rise through the shady purple canyons as we head out through this bright wilderness. We're traveling down the trail through the Old Testament stories of Moses to discover God's ultimate plan of salvation in Jesus, because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). So come on! Rustle up your

kids and head on over to **SonWest Roundup 2013 VBS** at Eules First UMC for a rip-roarin' good time!

Children ages 3 (by September 1, 2012) thru the 5th grade are invited to join us **June 24th – 28th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**. Student and volunteer registration is available online at www.fumceules.org!

**Our life as a
congregation is
moving
somewhere...**

FROM THE PASTOR

Summer is almost here. For those still in school, their parents, or who work with schools, this makes more difference than to others. Yet whether school is still a part of your life or not, this time of year reminds us of the cycles that are a part of all of our lives.

Every day is a cycle: morning, noon, afternoon, evening, night. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Wake, work, relax, sleep. Worship, work, work, work, work, work, rest. Our lives are made of cycles of many durations. Sometimes we think of life as linear; as though we are moving in some direction from birth to death, making

progress over time. Within a Christian worldview, we do understand that life, time, history started somewhere and is going somewhere. But even within this progress, or growth, or maturity, our lives are made up of cycles. It's like we are moving in a spiral towards eternity rather than merely a line.

The same thing is true for churches as for people. Our life as a congregation is moving somewhere, going in a certain direction, but it is also going through cycles. One of these cycles we go through as a liturgical church is the church calendar. The Christian year begins with

Advent, moves through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and, of course, Easter. Several weeks after Easter we observe Pentecost. The rest of the year, as much as 26 weeks, is called Ordinary Time.

We have just begun Ordinary Time. In our culture, "ordinary" is not usually taken as a good thing. I think, though, that ordinary is a very, very good thing. I believe most of us live most of our lives in spaces and situations that are, well, ordinary. May you find God present in your ordinary time as well as our Ordinary Time!

STAFF CHANGES

The youth are getting excited about welcoming their new Youth Pastor June 9th! Shane and Tara Mullin have moved their possessions up to the area with the help of the youth. Shane and Tara have

returned to McAllen to finish up responsibilities there. Shane's first Sunday will be June 9th with a reception for him between services in the Café area.

Another exciting staff addition is a Perkin's intern that will begin in August. Stefani Reed has just finished her third year at Perkins. She grew up in this conference, and met Pastor Steve as a youth in leadership.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Eules First United Methodist has had a great year so far! And it is only mid May. We still have seven months of ministry and are gearing up for new staff to start.

Because ministry is flourishing, our Church Council, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved a budget for 2013 that represented a real step out in faith. While contributions are up this year, they are not quite up to pace with our projected

needs.

As we enter the summer, we are reminded that in most churches activity and giving declines through the summer months. This would be extremely counterproductive for all the great things that are happening here at Eules First UMC.

To help counteract the stereotypical summer slump in giving, Pastor Steve has sent a letter, along with quarterly giving statements, to the

congregation. The letter is to thank you for your financial support for the work of our church. Because of your faithfulness, we are able to seek God's direction as we pursue the Kingdom! And we can make sure our giving records are in line with your records.

Please prayerfully continue to give and also see where else you can give to support Eules First UMC!

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NURSERY BABY SHOWER

Come and celebrate the youngest members of our church family, as well as acknowledge their loving caregivers at a baby shower benefitting our nursery.

Many of our gently used toys, have been used for long enough. It is time for a fresh up date of the nursery. This will insure that young children feel welcome, are safe, and are ready to learn.

The church is registered at Target. You can access the registry at any Target Store or online. Our registration is listed as Eules First UMC. Target gift cards, cash and donations of AA batteries are also welcomed.

Please join us for our Nursery Shower in Swor Parlor, June 9th from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. This will be a great time to meet our Nursery

Coordinator, Elyssa Specht and our Childcare Professional CeCe Cobb. Drop by to offer these ladies encouragement and have some refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you!



ALL TOGETHER CHRISTIAN CHILDREN

The Central Texas Conference is excited to have Kenda Creasy Dean as their speaker this year for Annual Conference at Arborlawn United Methodist in Fort Worth June 9-12.

In conjunction with this annual event, the Conference is inviting all parents, grandparents, youth workers, and children workers to come and hear Dr. Dean on Sunday

June 9, 3:30-5:00 p.m. at First UMC Fort Worth. She will be speaking on raising all together Christian children in an almost Christian world.

Please join us for this wonderful speaker. Dr. Dean is a speaker, author, professor at Princeton, and an Ordained Elder. This will be a great event for anyone that loves children and has a passion for them knowing God.

A group will be meeting at the church at 2:30 p.m. to load up the church van and head over to the event. If you would like to join them, please call our church office and let us know at 817-283-4421.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2013						1
2 7:45 SONRISE CAFE 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:30 YOUTH HAMBURGER/HOT DOG LUNCH 5:30 DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY	3 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 TRUSTEES MEETING	4	5 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	6 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	7 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	8
9 ANNUAL CONFERENCE 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:30 NURSERY SHOWER 9:45 RECEPTION FOR SHANE MULLIN 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 3:30 KENDA CREASY DEAN EVENT AT FUMC FORT WORTH 5:30 DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY	10 ANN. CONF. 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR	11 ANN. CONF.	12 ANN. CONF. 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	13 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	14 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	15
16 CTCYM 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:00 CTCYM LUNCH	17 CTCYM 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR	18 CTYCM 6:00 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	19 CTYCM 9:00 TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK WORK DAY 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	20 CTCYM 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	21 CTCYM 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	22 CTCYM
23 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES	24 9:00 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 LORD'S ACRE COMMITTEE MEETING	25 9:00 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	26 9:00 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	27 9:00 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	28 9:00 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	29
30 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 UMW BAKE SALE 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES						

EULESS FIRST UMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

Angel News:

WOW!!!! Time sure flies when we're having fun! Our school year is coming to a close. Friday, May 24 is our last day of school, and we will end that afternoon with a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in the Swor Parlor.

We had our spring programs - "Going to the Zoo." The students were adorable and each student had created their own animal costume. Kindergarten had the

starring roles. We had a Year in Review slideshow followed by a reception that included refreshments and an art show featuring the students' artwork from throughout the year. We recognized our alumni at the end of the evening and had them gather for a picture. We have several previous students that have returned with their own children to our school. Our school is rich in traditions. We are blessed to have a wonderful

school family between church, school and staff! Thank you for your support! Please continue to save **Labels for Education and BoxTops**

throughout the summer. They can be deposited in the big "soup can" next to the Preschool office.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The Youth will be leaving for their summer mission trip on June 16th. They will be commissioned at the 11:00 am worship service! There will be a lunch for the missionaries and their families in the Family Life Center Café at 12:00 p.m.

Following lunch, youth will pack the vans, load up and head out for a week of work in Shawnee, OK.

Students will be working on homes that are in need of repair. In years past, students have roofed, built decks, and wheel chair ramps, put in flooring, and so much more all to serve in the name of Christ. The only requirement to receive home repair is that individuals have to own the home. What a witness of God's unconditional love!

If you would like to help send us

on our way, there are a couple of items that we need. Here is what we still need:

- Boxes of Cereal
- Band Aids
- Travel Toiletries
- Paper Towels
- Art Supplies
- Cards with words of encouragement— Look for a list of participants coming

BOOK CLUB

In addition to our "Summer School" sermon series, I have selected a variety of books we can read together this summer. Yes, we are having a Book Club!

I will have several different tracks with each reading a different book. Tracks are: Leadership, Academic, Evangelism, Youth & Children, and Spirituality.

These are the books: Christianity for the Rest of Us by Diana Buttler Bass as the Leadership Track, Almost Christian by Kenda Creasy Dean as the Youth & Children Track, Resident Aliens by Stanley Hauerwas and William

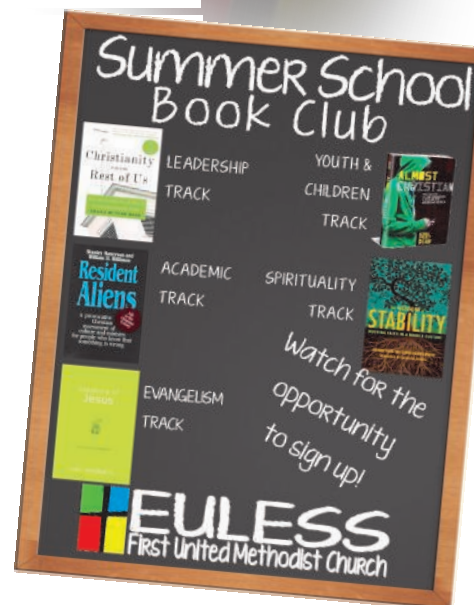
Willimon as the Academic Track, The Wisdom of Stability by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove as the Spirituality Track, and Speaking of Jesus by Carl Medearis as the Evangelism Track. If you are interested in joining in this time to read and reflect on God and the Church, stay tuned as the opportunity to sign up is coming soon.

Yes, I have already read each of these books. I can honestly tell you that each and every one of them was significant enough to me, and well written enough, that I believe they are worth reading

again.

I look forward to long and deep conversations as we read these books together this summer!

-Pastor Steve





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