

# CHURCH MATTERS

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## CONFERENCE EVENT

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 and children's 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 (including a book on Pastor Steve's Summer Book Club list), 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 our 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.



## STAFF CHANGES

In the life of a church, just as in life, there are times to say hello and times to say goodbye. We all have times when something new is before us while letting go.

First, letting go. Pastor Steve announced this past week this message:

“This message comes to you with a strong sense of sadness. It is my responsibility as Senior Pastor to share with you the news of a staffing change here at Eules First United Methodist

Church. Effective May 31st, Julie Ann Brown has resigned her position as our Director of Children's Ministries. We deeply appreciate her three years of service to our church and especially to our children. Our congregation and our community have benefitted from her commitment to and passion for children and providing them a safe place to grow up in the presence of God. We invite you to share your appreciation of her work

here at Eules First UMC a farewell reception in her honor Sunday, June 9th, in the Café.”

Second, a new adventure ahead. Shane Mullin, our new Youth Minister, will be joining us for his first Sunday, June 9th. To welcome him and his wife, Tara, join us for a reception in the Swor Parlor.

Please drop by both. Give your best wishes and warm welcomes. For where a door closes, a window opens.

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## STAFF RECEPTIONS

**What:** Receptions to say farewell and hello

**When:** June 9

**Where:** Shane Mullin-Swor Parlor

Julie Ann Brown—  
Family Life Center  
Café

## 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	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	London Menton Carter, Bob & Brenda Menton's granddaughter	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece
Annie and Perry Gravelly	Dennis Cavin, Alan Moffatt's friend	Jason Sikes	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Our leaders of authority at all levels	Terry and Erika, Mark Pilney's friends
Bazie Pryor	Ed Lewis, Linda Martin's Friend	Jim Aikin, David Downey's uncle	Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother	Pat, Kate Allred's sister	Those struggling with their monthly bills
Beth Jordan, Joyce Humphrey's friend	Edward Glen, Adam's friend	Joe Jordan	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	TJ Pepper
Betty Hawthorne, Thomas Hawthorne's grandma	Elizabeth May Family of Dave Hott	Joe Tindel	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Paula Brown	Tyler Dennis, Mistie Taylor's God-son
Beverly Springer	Family of Eugene Bergfeld, Mark Pilney's friend	John Lipp, Linda Martin's brother	Richard Stone, Richard Stone's friend	People affected by recent tornados	Warner Muirhead
Bobby Francis	Josh Perry, Richard and Sue Morrow's friend	Julia McFarland, Billie Bradford's friend	Michael Mulholland	People of Syria	<b>In the Military:</b>
Brenda Reeder, Mimi Maloney's friend	Julia McFarland, Billie Bradford's friend	Katy Ott, Kathy Knowles' grandmother	Michele and Baker Ingram	Perry Bynum's mother, Tim Stinneford and Mary Lib Saleh's friend	Carl Miller
Buddy Mowles and family	Family of Penny Best, Mark Pilney's friend	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's grand- daughter	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Phyllis Murdock, Marla Williams' sister	Gail Worofka
Burnam family	Mark Pilney's friend	Kemp Ingram, Lauralee Arnold's brother	Mimi Maloney	Pierre Tshimanga's family	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Burton Family	Faye Stapleton	Kevin Maines	Monroe Baggett, Sharon Menix's brother-in-law	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Jason Knighon
Caden Boyle	Fran McKenzie	Lance Clayton, Russel Hurt's friend	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Sam Byers, Mallory Levey's friend	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father	Gaby and Javier Castaneda, Caro Kenyon's sister and brother-in-law	Larry Coday, Randy Pilney's friend	Nevaeh Lara-Turner	Sarah Miller	Justin Knighton
Carol Francoise	Garrett, James, Dawn, and Lauren, Mark Pilney's friends	Lillian De Puy, Linda Lewis' (Larry) mother	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Stephen Tate
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Helena Davies Hubert "Tiny" Spurlock	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Charles and Judy Gravelly	Hulin "Hoot" Smith, Buddy Hamm's friend				
Christine Sanders, Ginger Miller's friend	Ida Burke, Rita Young's co-worker				
Cindy, Vickie's friend	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother				Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Cody	Iva Jordan, Mark Pilney's friend				

## MEMORIALS

- Bob & Cinda  
Habgood/Memorial  
Fund/In Memory of  
A.J. Morgan
- Dale & Derexa  
Wooley/Pastor's  
Emergency Fund/In  
Memory of Nancy  
King's Parents
- Mike Eagleston/  
Memorial Fund/In  
Memory of A.J.  
Morgan
- Carl Cooley/  
Pastor's Emergency  
fund/In Honor of  
The People of  
Euleus FUMC
- Deborah Reiss/  
Pastor's Emergency  
Fund
- Nancy King's Co-  
workers at  
American Airlines/  
Food Pantry/ In  
Memory of Ruby  
Henning
- James H & Betty  
Fuller/Parking Lot  
Fund/ In Memory of  
John Voss
- Karl & Nancy King/  
Food Pantry/ In  
Memory of Ruby  
Henning
- Friendship Class/  
Pastor's Emergency  
Fund

## ANNIVERSARIES

- June**
- 7- Skip & Charlotte  
Halleck
  - 8- Bob & Brenda  
Menton, Howard  
& Leara Miles
  - 11- Clay & Vicki Smith
  - 14- Kate & Dave  
Allred
  - 17- O.D. and Norma  
Lively, Alton &  
Reta Ray, Mac &  
Janet Ledbetter

## BIRTHDAYS

- June**
- 2- Linda Martin,  
Travis Thomas
  - 3- Julie Crawford
  - 4- Mariah Maddox
  - 6- Christofer Gray,  
Nancy Thomas,  
Amber Williams
  - 7- Rose Everett
  - 8- Andrea Seman
  - 9- Harry Reiss,  
Dustin Walton
  - 11- Amber
  - Hawthorne,  
Thomas  
Hawthorne
  - 12- Marianne  
Denmer
  - 14- Gavin Haubrich,  
Helen Voss
  - 15- Nancy Bickel,  
Stephen Pilney
  - 16- Russell Hurt
  - 17- Brenda Menton,  
Sarah Miller
  - 18- Warner  
Muirhead

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Carla Fink and Brenda Hurlbut for completing a recent ten-week CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course

conducted by the Bedford Fire Department. Carla and Brenda received education and training in basic disaster response skills. For more information about

CERT, please visit <http://bedfordccc.net/>. Thanks Carla and Brenda for your community involvement!

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS



The Food Pantry has gone paperless! May 1 was the beginning of all clients' information and data being accessed through the computer. This will allow volunteers to make changes to personal information much quicker and easier. To complete this update, a couple of items were necessary. The laptop computer was purchased by Jimmy and Helen Payton, a couple of years ago, at

the Lord's Acre Sale Live Auction. Mike Springer and Victoria Codispoti spent hours writing the software, and volunteers were trained and entered client data for over 20 hours. A big thanks for their effort and help: Cheri Abbott, Sherwood Abbott, Phyllis Augustus, Doris Brown, Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Trish Franklin, Pam Jagen, Linda Lewis (Larry), Marie Lusk, Sharon Menix, Dottie Rust, Jill Schanenberg, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble and Judy Torres.

All of their efforts helped us get ready for the big day! Since we began, everything has gone great! The Food Pantry is expanding into more much needed storage space. The Preschool gave up a

closet, in close proximity to the Food Pantry, so that the pantry could grow. Sherwood Abbott, Robert Bietz and Sharon Menix swept, mopped and painted the floor and walls. Jimmy Payton volunteered to purchase the shelves and shelving for the space and Sherwood put the shelves together and painted the shelving. We are expecting to complete the move by June 7, 2013. This will give us a greater opportunity to help our neighbors in the HEB Communities. Thank you GOD and Thank you Eules First Preschool and Kindergarten!



## CHURCH WIDE MISSION

Help us help those in our community who are homeless or otherwise displaced or disadvantaged. We are collecting travel size soaps,

shampoos, toothpaste and brushes, mouthwash and lotions. Items can be purchased or collected on summer travels. Your donations are greatly

appreciated. Items can be placed in the large white receptacle in the Swor Parlor.



## CONFIRMATION

Pentecost is a wonderful celebration in the life of the church. 2013 was no different. May 19th we celebrated the birthday of the Church as well as welcomed seven young students who confirmed their faith and became full members of Eules First United Methodist Church. These young people spent a year in confirmation class learning

about God, the Church, the United Methodist Church, the Bible, as well as looking at their own personal beliefs. What a wonderful day! Welcome Ashli Briggs, Marlo Levey, Emily Halleck, Nicolas Greeves, Jordan Graham, Matthew Sprague, and Brianna Davis!

Special thanks to their teachers JulieAnn Brown and Michelle Pepper.





## NURSERY SHOWER— POSTPONED



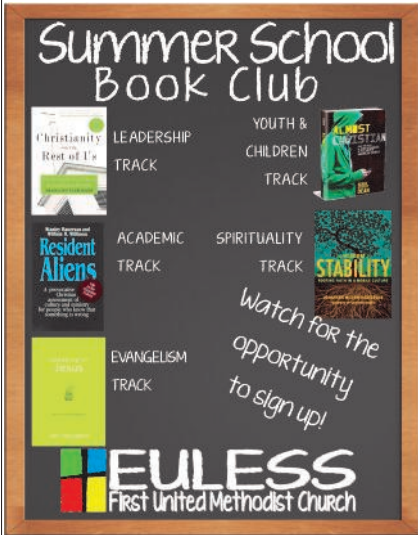
Oops! We got a little ahead of ourselves. We scheduled a Nursery Shower and ran into a scheduling conflict. We have postponed this

exciting event for now. Please keep an eye out for when we reschedule.

In the meantime, remember the church nursery is registered at Target. You can access the

registry at any Target Store or online. Our registration is listed as Euless First UMC. Target gift cards, cash and donations of AA batteries are also welcomed.

## FROM THE PASTOR



I am thrilled at the response I have already received to our Book Club this summer. I realize it isn't exactly like other book clubs, but I have never actually been part of a book club before! There are 5 books, and you are invited to read any or all of them. We will meet on the final Sunday of June and July and on the 3rd Sunday of August. No matter which book or books you have read, or are reading, come for discussion. After a light lunch, we will split up according to book and discuss. John Wesley, the father of Methodism, called himself a "man of one book." That one book was, of course, the Bible. This did not mean he only read the Bible, though! Wesley read almost constantly. He even had a

special saddle designed that would hold a book open in front of him so he could read as he rode from town to town. Reading all those other books helped Wesley better understand both the Bible and the people with whom he worked. I fully believe these five books offer us the same kind of opportunity. Some books are entertaining, some are interesting, some aren't worth the paper they are printed on. Some books change lives. Each of these books has changed my life and ministry, so I am eager to share them with you. Here are the 5 books, and a brief description of each one. All are available through Cokesbury and Amazon. Some can be found at Half Price Books.

- *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass. A crucial book for anyone who interested in being part of a thriving neighborhood church.

- *Speaking of Jesus* by Carl Medearis. Medearis is a leader in Christian-Muslim relations, and shares a very readable style of evangelism that you can adopt, live out, and enjoy.
- *Resident Aliens* by Will Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas. Over 20 years old, but still "A provocative Christian assessment of culture and ministry for people who know something is wrong."
- *Almost Christian* by Kenda Creasy Dean. Help for raising and empowering fully Christian young people in an almost-Christian culture.
- *The Wisdom of Stability* by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Living today is so full of motion. Aspects of monastic life offer insights for finding, developing, and living lives of stability.

## 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 Euless 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.fumceuless.org](http://www.fumceuless.org)!**

## EULESS FIRST UMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Angel News:

Euless First UMC's Preschool and Kindergarten finished their school year Friday, May 24. The day was marked with a wonderful breakfast for our Kindergartners and their parents followed by a Patriotic Graduation ceremony. We wish all our students a safe and happy summer! Preschool is having 2 weeks of summer camp for children ages 2 through 6. The theme for the first

week, June 3-7, is Pirates. Join us as we search for buried treasure and practice "walking the plank!" The second week, June 10-14, we will uncover the layers of the Rainforest and discover the beautiful creatures that live there. After that, we will be off for the summer! Read what one parent had to say about us: "I want to thank you for the wonderful care you've shown for my son this past year! I have always struggled with

leaving him somewhere. I still remember the day I came to visit FUMC. Teachers and children were engaged. It was unlike any place I had visited before. It felt like I had found home! I knew it was where I wanted him to be and I've never looked back once! Thank you for creating such a warm, professional and educational environment. I love your preschool and will continue to bring my children here as long as I can."

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Youth are less than two weeks from working in Shawnee, OK. We want to thank everyone for all the help. The Tool Tree was cleared in one Sunday! The

Hamburger and Hot Dog Lunch was a big success. The last thing needed are encouragement cards and agape gifts. Please take cards from the table outside the Swor

Parlor and write a note for participants. Cards, along with items from the Tool Tree, need to be returned to the church by June 9th.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It has been a great year at Euless First United Methodist church. We have had over 30 new members, we have new visitors every week. In fact, we have had so many new people, it is time for a new pictorial directory.

We will be gearing up to take photos in mid-July. You can begin to sign-up now, at [www.fumceuless.org](http://www.fumceuless.org).

In preparation for this great evangelistic tool, we are asking you to make sure that the church

office has all of your information correct and complete.

Also make sure that you look for more information about coupons how you can help the Food Pantry!

### THANK YOU

Thank You! You have given me a priceless gift, the gift of prayer. Can you possibly know how it touches the heart and warms the soul.

Prayers to all at Euless First United Methodist Church. Prayer matters.

- In Christ, Sandra Clopton

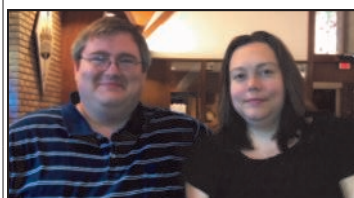
Kid's Connection collected \$208.00 that was sent to the West Texas recovery efforts.

### NEW MEMBERS

Euless First United Methodist is excited to welcome our newest

members. Be sure to stop and welcome them to our family.

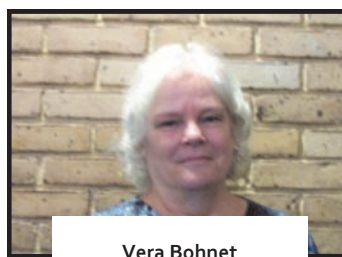
With them in our presence, we will never be the same.



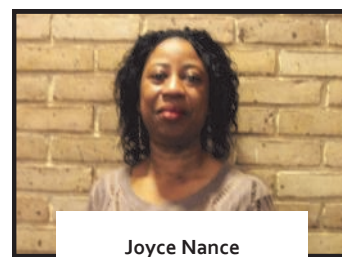
Chris Grimm and Heather Coulter



Judy Mulholland



Vera Bohnet



Joyce Nance



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