

CHURCH MATTERS

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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

The time is finally here for picture taking. We have 5 easy details to know!

1. You will receive a reminder postcard in the mail.
2. You will receive a phone call reminder the day before.
3. If you have email you will get an email reminder with a \$10 off coupon for you to print off and bring

along. If you don't have an email, Dave will have a \$10 off coupon for you.

4. A welcome team will greet you at the glass doors when you arrive. We will have 3 photographers taking pictures in the Swor Parlor for the week.
5. If you bring a small bag of Food Pantry items on the day of your picture appointment, you receive a \$5 off coupon.

Please, Please make every attempt to be at your appointment. Our response has been amazing with more than 185 families signed up for the directory. This directory is critical to the life of our congregation. It will help us all get to know each other better. Should you have questions or concerns, please call Dave Lewis @817-915-6742.

FROM THE PASTOR

In the early 4th century there was a period of great persecution of Christians. Some priests, under horrendous threat, renounced the faith. Afterwards, some Christians who had been baptized by these priests came to wonder if their baptisms had been valid. Many wondered if the Communion they had received was valid. The Church called a Council and declared that the baptisms and communion were indeed reliable. In fact, the Church determined 'ex opere operato:' that the work that happens in a sacrament - baptism and communion - depends on God and not a priest for its validity.

So, many of you are wondering, why does this matter to us? It might matter because this past Sunday, when I invited "those assisting in serving communion" to come forward, an additional person came forward as well. This person had not been contacted ahead of time or invited to help, but for whatever reason, came to help serve. I am thankful that everyone else involved accepted the involvement of the additional person. This would not have been a good time or situation to exclude someone. This reminds me a little of the time, a few months ago, someone knelt at the altar rail after receiving communion by intinction. This person was offered communion again.

Is it okay to receive communion twice? If we remember that the value of communion depends upon God and not on the people involved nor the exact form or procedures involved, then certainly we can enjoy God's presence and bathe in God's grace when we share in a sacrament. I count this principle as true in my own life as well: the grace I live in, the forgiveness offered by God, the power to transform me into the person God intends me to be depends on God, not on me. I believe this is true for you as well. Peace, Steve

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

- What:** Photos of our church family for a pictorial directory
- When:** July 16-19, 2:00– 8:00 p.m. July 20, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Where:** Swor Parlor
- How:** By appointment. Come dressed and ready with your family and a smile.

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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.

A.J., Christopher Grimm's friend	Clifton Cooper and family	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Kevin Maines Krysti , Jeanette Jentsch's daughter	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	May's great niece Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece
Al Rumpke, Madeline Church's brother-in- law	Colleen Duncan, Dana Thorsell's co-worker	Haley Knighton	London Menton Carter, Bob & Brenda Menton's granddaughter	Pansy Davis Pat, Kate Allred's sister	Tiny Spurlock
All the road construction workers	Courtney Hooper, Taryn Sharp's daughter	Herb Miller, Dale Miller's uncle	Margaret Kenyon, Pierre Kenyon's mother	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	TJ Pepper
All those on vacation	Courtney Rhulo, Yvonne Gordon's husband	Hutchins Kairos #16	Mark Baker	Paula Brown	Tony Tillman, Debbie and Rodney James' uncle
Amy Alexander, Clergy friend of Rachel Heyduck	Crystal	Jackie Lawson, Pierre Kenyon's friend	Mark Baker	People of Egypt	Viggiana Padgett
Ann Burns	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	James Massey	Mark Baker	People of Syria	Warner Muirhead
Audrey Bradford, Jay Bradford's mother	Dawnita Grimes, Heidi Graham's friend	Janis O'Neal, Billie Bradford's friend	Mark Baker	People of Turkey	
Becky Coley, Ann Wilson's father's wife	Donnie Brooks, Billie and Jay Bradford's friend	Jennifer, Jeanette Jentsch's daughter	Marlene Hill	Pierre Tshimanga's family	In the Military: Carl Miller
Bill and Pat Wells, Dodie Davis' Aunt and Uncle	Dottie Rust	Jenifer, Katy, and Elizabeth Hurlbut,	Martine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Rayanna Johnson, Linda Martin's friend	Chris Maxson
Bob Francis, Linda Fischer's friend	Dr. Ron and Mission Trip in Cambodia, Martha Well's friend	Jennifer, Jeanette Jentsch's daughter	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Boy Scouts Summer Camp in Colorado	Ed and Barbara Nonnemacher	Jim and Jannekke, Caro Kenyon's friends	Megan Davies, Rita Young's friend	Robert and Iva Nail Roberts family	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Brandy Bishop	Elder James Jones, Clifton Cooper's friend	John Lewis	Meredith Stone, Richard Stone's friend	Robin Biles' grandchildren	Gail Worofka
Burton family	Ellena Moss and family	Julie Crawford	Michael McCallum, Debbie and Rodney James' nephew	Salah Alrammah	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Carlton Elkins, Carla Fink's father	Esteban Yanes, Caro Kenyon's nephew	Katherine Mack, Mimi Maloney's friend	Michele and Baker Ingram	Sammy Hicks and family, Larry Kramer's friend	Jason Knighton
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Evelyn Taylor, Mistie Taylor's mom	Kathy Hootens, Lucille Link's niece	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Sandy Garner and family, mother of Carol Bolton's foster son, Mark Garner	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Caryn Carrasco, Tara Mullins' friend	Family of Cade Boyle, Cousin of Khiah and Nevaeh Lara-Turner	Kathy Hurt	Michelle Ingram	Sarah Miller	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Charleen Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother	Family of Emily Melton	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Miss Dicke, Marla Williams' friend	Sharon Kelly, Kathy Knowles' friend	Justin Knighton
Charles Gravely	Family of Larry Coday, Randy Pilney's friend	Kemp Ingram, Lauralee Arnold's brother	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Stephen Tate
Charles Pelt	Family of Larry Coday, Randy Pilney's friend	Ken Klasen	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Stephen Sprague	
Christine Henry, Yvonne Gordon's mother	Faye Stapleton	Ken Van Tassel		Sue Gilmore, Jo Kemp's friend	
	Firefighters everywhere	Kendra Gamble, Audrey Coats' friend		Sydney Marie Peel, Pat	
	Franny Springer, Mike and Beverly Springer's daughter-in-law	Kenneth Peltier, Jo Kemp's brother-in- law			

THANKS

-To All My Dear Friends in the Harmony Hope Group and my Sunday School Class who sent cards and delivered meals, I send my deepest gratitude. I was touched by the cards and all of the food was so very good. I really appreciate each one's thoughts and caring. I have been

blessed by your kindness.
In Christian Love, Sue Fiaccone

-If you did not notice, the carpets in the Swor Parlor, the second floor, and parts of the first floor of the Heyl building were cleaned recently.

This is thanks to the United Methodist Men! Thanks for the great summer spruce up!

ANNIVERSARIES

July
21- David & Dodie Davis
24- Jack & Glada Rose

BIRTHDAYS

July
15- Anicia Brown
17- Bernardo Schirmer, Dodie Davis
19- T.J. Pepper
20- Bailey Bufkin, Summer Kelner
22- Jason Knighton, Tim Stinneford
25- Kaye Best
27- Jeff Wadham, Glendora Waldrup, Paula Wood

29- Laura Tarrh, Michael Brown, Susan Worofka

August
1- Dave Lewis, Layla Coats, Jake Walton
3- Amelia Coats, Yazmin Payne, Alan Moffatt, Max Polenz
5- Liz Tewalt
6- Trey Elder, Jordan Blind

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN-NEED

Are you needing to get rid of a tall shelving unit or a corner desk? Don't know what to do with it?

Your United Methodist Women and church are looking for items such as these for the new craft

room. Contact Sandy Swann at 972-257-1149 to arrange pick-up or a delivery.

SPR UPDATE

Our new Director of Youth Ministry, Shane Mullin, is settling in and has hit the floor running. If you have not turned in a youth volunteer form, please get that to Shane as soon as possible. Most recently your SPR Committee has started a search for our Director of Children's Ministry. At this time we are using various forms of social media and church venues

to recruit applicants for this position. We will hopefully begin to interview applicants soon. Please pray that the right person will be sent our way soon. Our Children's Ministry is a very important part of our church and we are hoping to fill this position in a timely manner. In the meantime, we want to thank Reverend Beverly Springer for her

leadership and for those that have stepped up to help with the Children's area. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the ministry at Eules First, please contact your SPRC.

Thanks so much for your patience and support.

Janna Hamm
SPRC Chairman

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Here is the updated July schedule for Food Pantry volunteers:

19- Darlene Carter, Joe Roberts, Sheri Roberts, Jill Schaneberg

26- Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Yvonne Rohlfling

August

2- Brenda Hurlbut, Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

9- Kathy Chapman, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Sheri Roberts

16- Phyllis Augustus, Darlene Carter, Brenda Hurlbut, Joe Roberts

23- Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Yvonne Rohlfling

Also, here is the schedule for the monthly Tarrant County Area Food Bank trips in 2013:

July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20.

We are still needing volunteers for the monthly trip to the Food Bank and volunteers for our weekly Food Pantry. Feel free to call Sharon Menix at home (817-581-9144) for more information.

NEW MEMBER/REGULAR GUEST LUNCHEON

A Welcome Luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday August 4th** 12:15p.m. -2:00 p.m. Your Witness committee is preparing for this great event for new

members and regular guests in the Swor Parlor. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Pastor Steve and Pastor Beverly and learn a bit more about

Eules First UMC. Childcare is provided, upon request. Be on the lookout for your invitation!

OPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL

Eules First, in partnership with 6Stones Mission Network, is helping HEB ISD with Operation Back 2 School which assists students to start the school year off right! The goal is to supply 4,000+ children, and youth, with a new backpack and school

supplies. 54% of HEB ISD elementary students come from homes that are classified as economically disadvantaged. A \$25 donation will provide school supplies and a backpack. A donation of \$100 provides for 4 students. Please make checks out

to Eules First UMC, and put backpack in the memo line.

Volunteer to work at the event online at 6stones.org.



BOOK CLUB

Do you share with others your understanding of your religion or Jesus? Carl Medearis' discusses the difference in his book, *Speaking of Jesus*.

Speaking of Jesus is what the summer Book Club with Pastor Steve will be discussing **July 28, following the 11:00 a.m.**

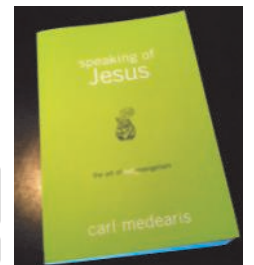
service. A light lunch is provided, and discussion will be finished by 2:00 p.m. Discussion will continue on TodaysMeet.com. Steve will provide more information during the meeting.

If you aren't able to attend, but wish to join in August 18, read

Kenda Creasy Dean's *Almost Christian*. Dr. Dean looks at youths' understanding of faith and God, all with the intent of helping churches teach Jesus in a more meaningful way.



READ FOR JULY 28



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2013				1 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	2 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	3
	4 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:15 NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES	5	6 9:30 HARMONY HOPE UNIT	7	8 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 2:00 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY APPTS.	9 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN 2:00 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY APPTS.
11 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES	12 6:00 UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:30 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 FINANCE COMMITTEE	13	14 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	15 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	16 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	17
18 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 BOOK CLUB 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES	19 6:30 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	20	21 9:00 TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK WORK DAY 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	22 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 THOUGHTFUL FRIENDS UNIT	23 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	24 9:00 OPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL
25 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:00 ROUND-UP LUNCHEON 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES	26 6:30 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 LORD'S ACRE MEETING	27 6:30 UMM MEETING	28 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	29 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	30	31

YOUTH MINISTRY

You Are Invited to a "Listening Session."

I am conducting several "listening sessions" for the parents of youth and other interested adults. These sessions are designed to give you an opportunity to share your hopes and dreams for the future of youth ministry at Eules First UMC. By attending one of these four sessions, you will give me a chance to get to know you better

as well as understand your desires for the teenagers that are a part of our Church and the larger Mid-Cities community.

Dessert and light refreshments will be served at each session, which will take place from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the listed host home on the following dates:

- Monday, July 15 @ the home of Dave & Linda Lewis
- Thursday, July 18 @ the home of

Buddy & Janna Hamm

- Monday, July 22 @ the home of Rob & Toni McMillon
- Thursday, July 25 @ the home of Kent & Tami Polenz

Each listening session will be limited to between 12 & 15 participants, so please RSVP to let me know you plan to attend and reserve a spot for you.

Blessings! Shane Mullin, Director of Youth Ministries

WHY TITHE?

The principle of tithing is just one part of stewardship as a way of life, and tithing is documented very early in the Old Testament. How early? Try Genesis; specifically, Genesis 28:10-22 "and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you" (Gen. 28:22). This is the story of Jacob. It's one of the

best tithing stories you can find, serving as evidence that stewardship is an ancient model for living; and tithing is our most ancient model for giving.

Tithing helps us worship God more in our lives. It encourages our spiritual growth and trust in God. Tithing is an important form of self discipline for both the

motivated and the non-motivated. If you're not motivated in the realm of self discipline, what you begin to do from a sense of duty will eventually become your greatest source of joy. It's all part of God's provision for our trust-based relationship with him.

OCTOBER OF OPPORTUNITIES

The term Lord's Acre comes from when people gave the proceeds from one acre of their crops to the church. Today, we still remember that God has called us to give part of what we harvest.

Our modern understanding of this old tradition is one of fun, fellowship, and fundraising events all with the intention to give part of what we have to missions. This is considered to be giving above our annual tithe. At Eules First we give to

support the Food Pantry, Pastors Emergency Fund, and the churches portion of our Conference annual giving, commonly known as apportionments. It is our portion of larger giving to local, regional, and national United Methodist ministries.

One opportunity of Eules First's Lord's Acre and October of Opportunity is the Live Auction. This is the culminating event, and the largest part of the fundraiser. Items are donated throughout the year, and are still being accepted. If

you have a nice item, say from a sports team, a trip, or a meal that you would be willing to prepare, consider donating it to the Lord's

Acre. If you have a donation, please let Rita Young, Janna Hamm, or John Elder know. They have donation forms available.

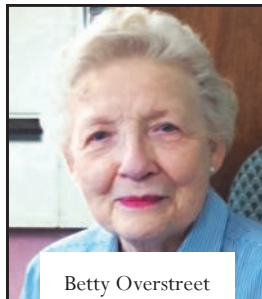


NEW MEMBERS

Eules First United Methodist is excited to welcome our new members. Be sure to stop and welcome them to our family. With them in our presence, we will never be the same.



Rachel VanVleet



Betty Overstreet



Laura Parsons



Carla Miller



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