

CHURCH MATTERS

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INVITATION TO CHOIR

Choir is such a wonderful part of worship. Here are a couple of reasons that Eules First loves having a choir in worship: **1. Visual Energy** – The choir brings us visual energy. If the person/people leading worship are visually engaging, (not distracting or for show which can sometimes be a fine line but is better hashed out in length in another post) then it engages the congregation as well. This great group of people breaks down barriers for those who might be uncomfortable otherwise.

2. Built in Group Who Know New Songs – It sure is nice to have help with those songs that we are not too familiar with.

3. Ministry Involvement – There is not a better way to get people involved in worship. No matter how you go about it, it is a great way to connect people to a ministry within the church plain and simple.

4. Vocal Adrenaline - Visual energy was already mentioned,

but there is a distinct audio energy that exists with a choir as well. Simple physics would teach us that the more people you have singing the same thing the more energy produced per note – More people = more loud!!!! There is just something powerful behind a large group of people lifting up the name of Jesus together, and it provides wonderful worship leading.



5. It is a Blessing – It is not just a blessing to those of us that get to listen to the wonderful music each Sunday, but the joy it brings the members each week is wonderful. Fellowship and community are the best part of Eules First's choir. Of all the groups at the church, the choir might be the most diverse group that laughs a bunch. Under the leadership of Mark and Vicki

Baker this group blesses us all. Choir is just plain fun. With the break of summer ending, and fall schedules getting ready to gear up, the Eules First United Methodist Music Ministries want you to join them leading us all in worship. Eules First has several different music options for everyone. On Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room on the second floor there is Bell Choir and Monday's Music for kids. Then on Wednesday's at 7:00 in the Choir Room off the Sanctuary, there is Chancel Choir Practice.

To kick off the fall practices, the Choir is inviting anyone that it is interested to join them in the Swor Parlor on Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. for a summer party. Please join us for fun, fellowship and music! If you have any questions, please ask Mark or Vicki Baker, or anyone in the choir.

CHOIR PARTY

What: Party to welcome everyone back, and welcome new members

When: August 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Swor Parlor

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FROM THE PASTOR

Let your Failures become Successes!
Have you heard the story of the invention of Post-It notes? Spencer Silver, an engineer at 3M was trying to develop a super strong adhesive. This particular time, he found that he instead had created one that barely stuck at all.

Another engineer at 3M, Art Fry, sang in his church choir and was frustrated at how his bookmarks always fell out of the sheet music during practice. He remembered having had a conversation with Silver about his "failure," and together they came up with Post-it notes. Trying to follow Jesus can be very challenging. Sometimes we

fail. Sometimes we fail miserably.

But God is bigger than we are, and God is bigger than our failures. If we learn to share our failures with one another, we may well find that your failure can help my walk with Jesus, and my failure can help yours.

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.

Anna Bolton Adams, Carol Bolton's cousin	Family of Sybil Harrell, Lauralee Arnold's grandmother	Liberia and those fighting Ebola virus	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Sherry and Joe Musselwhite, David and Dodie Davis' aunt and uncle	Zualla Dillion, Sharron Hines' sister-in-law
Barbara Bradford's daughter	Fran McDonald	Linda Sharp, Marla Williams' friend	Ollie O. Sallis, Christopher, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea	Skipper Hill, Cindy Balentine's brother	Military: Carl Miller
Beverly Brooks	Glenda Baker, Shane Mullin's mother	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Bill Bass	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Paul Aiken, Sara Taylor's cousin	Steve Townsend, the Vowell's and Ivy's friend	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Bill Roach	Greg	Mary Bowie, Shametrius Sims' grandmother	Paul Jones, Kim Jones' father-in-law	Susan McGehee	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Bruce Sare, Cindy Balentine's co-worker	Greg Koch, Madi Church's son	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	People of Israel	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Burton family	Harriet Roop, Milford Roop's mother	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Pete Shrake, Kathy Knowles' father	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Gail Worofka
Cameron Mode	Helen Davies	McClendon family	Pierre Tshimanga's family Project 44	Tim and Janna Martin family	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Men and women in active addiction	Refugee children at our border/in our care	TJ Pepper	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Cindi Rodriguez	Jack Statton	Michael Sprague, Stephen Sprague's brother	Refugees from violence and poverty,	Tracey Bounds, Barbara Ledbetter's friend	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Cody Baldrée and family, David Davis' friend	James Thompson	Michaeleen Watts, Teresa Watt's friends	Rick Johnson family, Rita Young's co-worker	Tracey Dailey, Toni and Rob McMillon's friend	Justin Knighton
Cooper Craig, Judy Mulholland's grandson	Jeff and Amber Booher family	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Traci Rice and family, Michelle Barker's friends	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Jim and Aaron, Denise Foley's grandsons	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Roger and Charlotte Martin, Kimberly Jones' parents	Tracy Provorse	Stephen Tate
Don Evans, Martha Wells' uncle	Jim Haidley, Denise and Les Foley's grandson	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Ron Hula, Stephen Pilney's friend	Transitions	Travis Thomas
Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Jo Kemp	Milford Roop	Roy Ebert, Vicki Smith's friend	Walter Kelleher, Matt Kelleher's uncle	William Crowder, Yvonne Rohlfling's son
Doyle Johnson	Joy Busey, Doris Brown's friend	Montana Silverheels, Shawnee Zelis' mother	Ruble family	Wanda Parsons, Laura Parson's mother	
End to the wars in Israel, Iraq, and Ukraine	Julie, Les Foley's friend	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Sandy Denney	Warner Muirhead	
Family of Derek Glasper, Dodie Davis' friend	Kathryne Albin	Nita Soape, David Davis' friend	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	Willie Turner Family	
Family of Garry Lee Sparks, Sr. , Merideth and Michael Sparks' grandfather	Kathy Hauk, Kathy Chapman's friend		Sheri Gibbs, Tami Polenz' sister	Woody and Becky Kemp, Kimberly Jones' in-laws	
Family of Hilda Vergara, Laura Henderson's grandmother	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter			World conflicts	
Family of Mike Watts, Teresa Watt's friends	Kevin Maines				
	Kim and Jeremy Jones				
	Lee Swann				

MEMORIALS

**In Honor of
Cindy
Balentine/Choir
Fund:**
Mac and Janet
Ledbetter

**In Honor of
Katie Lewis'
hard work and
going to
seminary/
Children's
Ministries:**
Sue and Richard
Morrow

BIRTHDAYS

August

1 –Jake Walton,
Dave Lewis,
Layla Coats

2 –Amanda
Gutridge

3 –Amelia Coats,
Alan Moffatt,
Max Polenz

5 –Jordan Blind,
Liz Tewalt

6 –Amanda
Demmer

7 –Bonnie Rieman

8 –Priscilla Toby

9 –Rex Wood,
Dylan
Hawthorne,
Lee Swann

10 –Judie Morris

12 –Sonia McMillon

13 –Ethan Sorley,
Judith Putnam

14 –Lauren Barker,
Abbie Lee,
Reta Ray

15 –Brianna Davis,
Tim
Schaneberg

16 –Marjori
Haddock,
Beverly
Springer

18 –Jannette
Jansen, Janice
Kasten

ANNIVERSARIES

August

1 –Roger & June
Ivey

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

August

- 8 –Darlene Carter, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Linda Lewis
- 15 –Phyllis Augustus, Doris Brown, Darlene Carter
- 22 –Phyllis Augustus, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Judy Torres

September

- 5 –Doris Brown, Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble
- 12 –Darlene Carter, Gloria Daves,

Helen Davies, Maggie Lucas
 20 –Phyllis Augustus, Helen Davies, Judy Torres
 26 –Marie Bean, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg
 Our next Volunteer Food BANK day is August 20th. In June we had 14 volunteers. In July we had 4. Remember August 20th and let's have a crowd.
 Our pantry ANGELS are still bringing food 1 or 2 times a

month. Johnnie Girod and Brenda Dacres are not members of our Church but have brought food, faithfully, for several years. May God Bless both of them.

Needed Food Items:

- Ramen Noodle
- Boxed Crackers
- Cereal
- Jello Gelatin
- Pancake Mix



OPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL

Did you know that 54% of HEB ISD students come from homes that are economically disadvantaged? The goal of *Operation Back 2 School* is to supply these students with a new backpack & school supplies and provide their parents with resources to help all year long. You can help a student start the year off right for just \$25 or help a whole classroom

full of kids for \$500. Eules First, in partnership with 6Stones Mission Network, is helping HEB ISD with **Operation Back 2 School**. We have already collected \$2,862.58, but it is not too late donate. To make a donation, please make checks payable to Eules First UMC and put BACKPACK in the memo line.



Volunteers are also needed at the two events August 16 & 23 where backpacks are distributed. To volunteer to work at the events, sign-up online at 6stones.org.

AED

Good News For All

At long last, and with my sincere apologies for the delay, the AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) is now in place in its wall cabinet and is ready for use when needed.

WHERE: It is located on the right side of the short hall, where the Food Pantry is. It is in a

white cabinet with a clear glass window, so you can see the bright red case of the AED. The Eules Fire Department has been notified that the equipment is available, so emergency personnel will know in advance that we have it and can use it as needed. You might have seen that the decal, that shows we have this

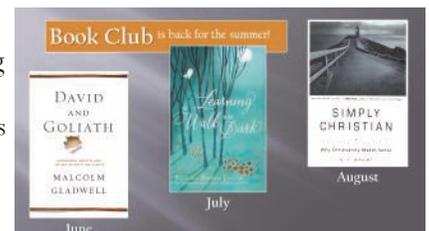
equipment, was placed on the window by the outside doors in front of the Swor Parlor. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me – through the office or my cell phone, 817-223-3777. Thank you for your patience. Marilyn Long

BOOK CLUB

The August Book Club selection is N.T. Wright's *Simply Christian*. Why is justice fair? Why are so many people pursuing spirituality? Why do we crave relationship? And why is beauty so beautiful? N. T. Wright argues that each of these questions takes us into the

mystery of who God is and what he wants from us. For two thousand years Christianity has claimed to answer these mysteries, and this renowned biblical scholar and Anglican bishop shows that it still does today.

Join Pastor Steve on August 31, following the 11:00 a.m. service to discuss this book. If you are in need of Child Care, please be sure to let the office know by August 24.



YOUTH MINISTRY



BE. LOVE. SERVE.



A new school year is upon us! The beginning of the academic year

brings with it all sorts of changes, and Eules First UMC Youth Ministry isn't any different. As the new school year begins, changes are coming – changes to schedules, changes to activities and bible studies, changes to bulletin boards and websites, changes to who helps lead certain elements of our youth ministry, and even what we want to focus on as we continue to help youth grow in their journey as followers of Jesus Christ.

Because it is important for you as a parent to hear and know about the new things going on with Eules First UMC Youth Ministry, we are kicking off the school year with a new tradition Sunday evening, **August 17th, beginning at 5:00**

p.m is Vision Night. Vision Night is an important event that will outline directions in our youth ministry, update you about existing elements, and handle some nuts & bolts issues.

As I have gotten to know you all, and learned more things about you through listening sessions,

conversations, and potlucks I didn't even know would happen, I want to reinforce that this vision for Student Ministry isn't just my vision – it's your vision. It's your thoughts and ideas and traditions and history and your dreams and passions brought together in a way that we all hope will honor God. I am grateful to be serving among you and look forward to your ongoing participation as we fulfill the vows we made at these young people's baptisms by pursuing the vision to help students discover who God is calling them to BE, LOVE, & SERVE. -Shane Mullin

UMW

Eules First's United Methodist Women are tirelessly working to serve others. Here are a couple of projects on which they could use your help.

-On Sunday August 31 between services, in the Food Pantry hallway, the UMW will be selling baked goods. Please come by and pick up something for your Sunday school class, to take to the Summer Book Club, or to take home for later. Proceeds benefit UMW missions.

So it is still summer, but it is never too early to begin collecting old coats and sweaters for those in need. Cold weather will be here before you know it. Please bring slightly used coats and sweaters to the Swor Parlor, and the UMW will make sure they get to the United Community Centers in Fort Worth. There is a white plastic basket waiting for your donations!

Eules First UMW is working with Catholic charities to assist immigrant children who have crossed the Texas-Mexico border and are in need of shelter and care. They are requesting help with Hygiene/Welcome Boxes. Items needed are: shampoo, conditioner, body wash or bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush or comb, hair tie or barrette, deodorant, small toys for either gender, and flash cards for math or Spanish/English. Items can be left in the white tub in the Swor Parlor and UMW will insure items make it to Catholic Charities.

Finally, the UMW helped take donations from Eules First to Ridglea UMC on July 26 for the immigration crisis at the border. Thank you for your donations.

Thank you for your support of United Methodist Women and missions out in our community.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer so far! I know the Children's Ministry has had a great summer with painting and vacation bible school. School will be starting up again soon, but there is still plenty of time to squeeze in some more summer fun! **The shaving cream party has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9th at 1pm. Hope to see you there!** I am excited to see what the fall holds for everyone and their families.

As you're planning your fall calendar, please keep these dates in mind:

August 8-10 is tax free weekend! Round Up Sunday is August 24, followed by a pot luck lunch! If you are looking for a place to serve this fall, please prayerfully consider helping in the Children's Sunday School classes. One Sunday a month is a great way to get to know the youngest of our church family and to demonstrate service in action.

There will also be another opportunity to serve the Children's Ministry during Lord's Acre on October 18. We have some super fun games planned and we need a few spirited people to run them! If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Aubree Marlow in the church office or email children@fumceules.org. Thank you for all that you do! -Aubree Marlow



HIGHWAY UPDATE

We have no specific news on the highway expansion at this time. The expansion of Airport Freeway presents us at Eules First United Methodist Church with a fantastic opportunity. The clarity of this opportunity sharpened in a discussion at the CTCYM Celebration Dinner the evening of July 27. Someone asked these two questions: 1- Does the United Methodist Church favor local, regional, or international mission efforts? and 2-Should we consider adding

showers in whatever building additions we have to make because of the land/building loss we are facing?

Here's the answer to both questions together. The Airport Freeway expansion is causing us, as a Church, to look carefully at who we are and how we understand God would have us live. The United Methodist Church's mission statement is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." In our context, this may mean

both local, regional, and international mission. But we know it means this: God is calling us as a congregation to share the good news of Jesus Christ as we have received it, and as we are learning to live in it. We share everywhere we go, everywhere we are. Now is the time for us to talk openly and optimistically about who we are and where God is leading us. The highway project has helped us realize this!



KIDS BEACH CLUB

Have you heard about Beach Club - a mission opportunity right here in our own backyard? Beach Club is an after school program for 3rd through 6th grade boys and girls, where children get to learn about the Bible. That's right, we get to share the gospel with children in the schools. Cool, huh?!

Eules First will be sponsoring the Kids Beach Club at South Eules Elementary School starting in September. On Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., kids will come together to worship God. They'll

learn Bible stories, sing, pray, eat snacks, receive Bibles, have fun with friends and build relationships with adults who care about them.

This is where YOU come in. To go outside our church walls and take the message of Christ into the heart of the community, we need volunteers and financial support. August's Communion Offering will go towards financially supporting Kid's Beach Club. If you missed giving on Sunday, it is not to late. Please make your donation to Eules

First UMC and note "Beach Club" on the memo line. Funds will provide Bibles, curriculum, supplies, snacks, prizes, and room rental, If your heart is tugging at you to share God's love and you can give an hour a week to make an impact on a child's life, please contact Beverly Springer. And last but most certainly not least, prayers will be greatly appreciated! Together we can make a difference for the Kingdom!



LORD'S ACRE



It is difficult to believe, but Eules First's annual Lord's Acre is just around the corner. This will be a fun day filled with fellowship, activities, and opportunities to help raise funds for missions. However, for it all to happen, we need your help! There will be many opportunities for Christian fellowship and service in preparation for and during our Community Festival Lord's Acre event on October 18th. We are reaching out to everyone for support and participation. Your

help in any one or more areas of service will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the leader of any team(s) you are interested in serving with during this church wide event.

Donation Requisition Team
Les Foley 817-201-7976

Children's Festival Team
Aubree Marlow 817-586-5254

Entertainment Team
Carla Fink 817-291-4887

Silent Auction Team
Larry Lewis 214-679-6538

Crafts/Shoppe Team
Mary Gwen Foust
214-663-4770

Bake Shoppe Team

Sandy Swann 972-257-1149

Live Auction Team

Janna Hamm 817-999-1084

Welcoming Team

Dave Lewis 817-915-6742

Check Out Team

Larry Augustus 817-283-5440

Lunch Team

Madi Church 513-314-3258

Prayer Team

Yvonne Rohlfling 817-648-8012

ROUND UP SUNDAY



Eules First's Round-Up Sunday is August 24th. Whether you have been out because of vacation, or you have not been in church in years, this is the Sunday to come back. We are Rounding Up everyone! The Sunday will have a special visitor to introduce our new sermon series on John Wesley. Worship will be followed by a Round Up Sunday Pot-Luck lunch. Different groups are asked to bring different food items to the Café prior to lunch.

Fried Chicken, BBQ Chicken, or Chicken Strips:
Fresh Start, New Generation, & Genesis Classes

Creamed Corn and 4 dozen Rolls: Together Class

Mashed Potatoes & Cream Gravy: New Beginnings

Green Beans and 4 dozen Rolls: Rejuvenation

Green Salads and 4 dozen Rolls: Unity Class

Macaroni & Cheese and Kid friendly food, and 4 dozen Rolls: Builders

Desserts: Friendship, Harmony, & any others not in a Sunday School class

Many of us have gotten out of our routines. Begin your fall off right and get ready for Round-Up Sunday. You will also get a chance to sign-up for service, outreach, and upcoming fall educational opportunities. Including but not limited to:

Alpha-introduction to Christianity

Walk Across the Room— looking at evangelism in a different light

God's Grand Plot— one day course including an over view of the Bible as well as looking at God's involvement in everyday life.

So save the date August 24, invite your friends, and we will see you there!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Why You Can't Afford NOT to Give

I can't afford to give! That is the number one reason the majority of people don't give or give sparingly. They might give something but not what they know they should give or what they truly want to give. Here at Eules First we never shy away from asking people to give. One reason why is we truly believe in the mission that God has given us. We want to change our world for good! The more money you generously give us the more ability we have to do missions and ministry.

Another reason why we encourage people to be generous is that God promises those that give will receive His blessings! In one passage where He admonishes people who were not giving, God says, "Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will

not have enough room for it!" So, we like to say, "you cannot afford NOT to give."

"If I can't afford to give how can I give?" We get that in these economic times and with growing families it is often not easy to give. This is especially true if giving has not been an established norm for you. So, let me share with you some simple easy steps to becoming a giver.

First, evaluate where your money is going. Frankly most Americans waste more money than they know. For instance did you

know that we average spending more than 5% of our incomes on fast food? The sad reality is that we give more money to McDonalds or Starbucks than we do to Jesus. So look at your spending.

Then one practical way to start giving is to make your contribution right after you get

paid. That way you are making giving to God's work THE priority in your life. Most Christians wait until they spend their money before they think about giving and is it any wonder they can't afford to give?

Finally, just give! Start somewhere. Start today. Give what you can when you can. In fact Paul once told a church to give, "according to what one has, not according to what one does not have." The point is to give something and to work toward increasing giving to where you know God wants you to be. If you start now before you know it you will be where you want to be.

Why not start right now? As our ushers come forward there is no better time than now to start on the path to gaining God's favor and blessing AND helping us reach our world for Christ. So please give today.



Online Giving link

NEW SERMON SERIES

I keep a picture on my refrigerator of my dad's family. He was the youngest of six children and in this picture he is about two.

I think Liam looks a lot like him.

There's this laugh I laugh with sometimes that sounds a lot like my dad's laugh. I cannot laugh this way on demand, but whenever I hear it, I think of my dad.

Between Liam and this laugh, I am regularly reminded of my father's influence on my life.

My dad, of course, is not the only one who has influenced the way I live. I have picked up

parenting from watching others parent. I learned sports from watching many hours of sports on television and in person, choosing favorites on whom to model my own play.

Many people have influenced the way I follow Jesus. One of these is John Wesley. He is known as the founder of the Methodist movement.

Counting the various denominations, more than 15 million people around the world are part of churches that trace their heritage to and through John Wesley.

While this is true, I'm betting not everyone at Eules First United

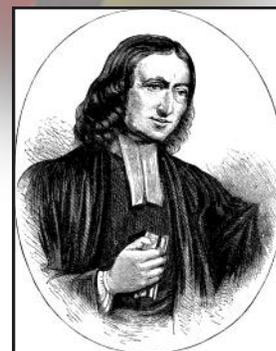
Methodist Church would know what connects us to Wesley today.

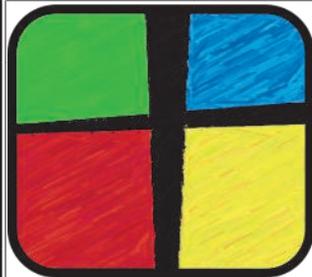
Beginning on Round Up Sunday, August 24th, I aim to change that.

Sometimes credited with saving England from the same kind of bloody revolution France had, John Wesley has, I believe, much to offer to Jesus' followers, and to the world, today.

For 5 weeks we will be looking at John Wesley, the work he did, the way he thought, and the legacy he has left us.

You won't want to miss this!





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