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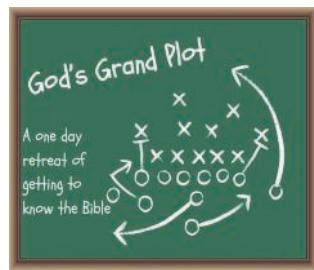


The mission of Eules First United Methodist Church is to make disciples

of Jesus Christ. Our Discipleship Plan is the Discipleship Journey; an intentional process by which we guide persons via Individual Studies, Small Group Studies and Retreat Events. The hope is to move 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. Here are two upcoming Discipleship Journey Events.

First, God's Grand Plot is a one day retreat event. It provides a view of the entire Bible as one story of God's hand on the human journey. The day includes a historical

overview of the Bible, the Bible's organization, and how God's story affects the human heart. God's Grand Plot will be Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. There is no cost, and materials will be provided, but registration is requested to ensure enough materials. Please contact the church office by Thursday, September 4, to



register at 817-283-4421.

Second, Alpha is for everyone that wants to explore life's big questions. The Alpha Course is a 10 week small group study which includes a good dinner, a pastoral video and discussion. It explores

foundational truths and beliefs of Christian faith in a caring, non-judgmental environment. There is no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

Whether you grew up a Christian or never set foot in Church, whether you are eighteen or eighty, whether you raise kids or raise cattle... Alpha is for everyone. Is Alpha for you? In a word, Yes.

Eules First United Methodist Church is beginning its next Alpha Course with a Come and See Dinner on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Weekly sessions will begin the following week, Tuesday, September 16.

There is no cost, but registration is required.



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament, hosted by Eules First United Methodist Church, is scheduled for September 13, 2014 at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Fort Worth with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. The format is 4 person scramble, best ball. The entry fee per person is \$70 which includes round of golf, cart, lunch and a chance for door prizes. Prizes and gift card donations will

be accepted and used as prizes at the end of the tournament.

Hole sponsors are encouraged at a sum of \$100 each. All proceeds will benefit the 2014

Lord's Acre.

Registration forms are available online, or from the church office. If you have questions, ask Kent Polenz or Rob McMillon.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

What: Annual Golf Tournament benefiting the Lord's Acre

When: September 13

Where: Meadowbrook Golf Course

How: Registration Form online

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.

Al Bolton, Carol Bolton's cousin	Family of Bruce Sare, Cindy Balentine's co-worker	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Milford Roop Ministry of and through the Lord's Acre	Sandy Key, Randy Pilney's friend	Military: Carl Miller
All students and teachers starting another school year	Family of Carson Thomas, Carol Bolton's grandson	Kevin Maines	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Sharon Kuebler	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Ann Burns	Family of Glenn Porterfield	Kimberly Knighton	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Bill Bass	Family of Hilda Vergara, Laura Henderson's grandmother	Kristin McClelland & Baby	Ollie O. Sallis, Christopher, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Burton family	Family of Jim Griffin, Michelle Barker's neighbors	Lavada , Judy Mulholland's daughter -in-law's grandmother	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Susan McGehee	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Cameron Mode	Family of John Criswell, Carol Turner's brother	Liberia and its people and the fight against the Ebola virus	People of Israel and Palestine	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Gail Worofka
Carla Young	Family of Lisa Little, James Putnam's friend	Lisa Moffatt, Lynn and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law	People of Syria and Iraq	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Family of Tommie Fox, Brenda O'Neal's aunt	Lisa Pilgrim, Nancy Pilgrim's daughter	Pete and Maria Shrake, Kathy Knowles' parents	Those in the twilight years of life	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Charles Farris, Charlotte Everett's son	Family of Fran McDonald	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Peter, Caro Kenyon's friend	Tim Powers, Kaye Best's cousin	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Chris Thompson	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Pierre and Caro Kenyon	TJ Pepper	Justin Knighton
Christians being persecuted in Iraq	Ian Haddock	Marty Kovacich, Tiffany Morrow's uncle	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Tom Powers, Glenn Best's cousin	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Dana Hibler	Jackie Robinson's 6-week old granddaughter (Praise)	Mary Bowie, Shametrius Sims' grandmother	Rhonie Jallah , a Methodist from Liberia	Traci Rice and family, Michelle Barker's friends	Stephen Tate
Darbie Fowler, Ginger Miller's friend	Jake Walton	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Rick Johnson family, Rita Young's co-worker	Turmoil in other countries (ebola, extremists, wars)	Travis Thomas
David Kensinger, Jerry Maloney Sr. and Jr.'s friend	James Thompson	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Vicki, Michaela Cox-Thomas' friend	William Crowder, Yvonne Rohlfing's son
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Jamie Beleau	McClendon family	Roger Chittum, Ann Burns' friend	Warner Muirhead	
Diana and Hani, Caro Kenyon's friends	Jeremy Harrison	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Roy and Bettye Hardwich, Barbara Collier's aunt and uncle	Willie Turner Family	
Don Evans, Martha Wells' uncle	Jerrie Keller	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Roy Ebert, Vicki Smith's friend		
Donna Smith, Denise Foley's sister	Jerry Maloney Jr.	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Sandy Denney, Judy Mulholland's friend		
Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Jim Richeter, Pierre and Caro Kenyon's friend				
Doyle Johnson	Joy Busey, Doris Brown's friend				
Eleanor Toweh's daughter and her husband	Judy Mulholland				
Elizabeth Thomas, Jeremy Harrison's niece	Kathryn Albin				

MEMORIALS

In Memory of our Deceased Loved Ones:
The Friendship Sunday School Class

BIRTHDAYS

September	10 –Cameron Barker
2 –Lauren Thorsell, Shelby Mayer	11 –Kathryn McGee
3 –Sandy Swann, Brook Wooley	12 –Jason Haddock
4 –Nate Taylor	13 –Doug Graham, Jenni Elder, Jason Sikes
6 –Alma Morgan	15 –Dylan Pepper
7 –Doug Stapleton, Raleigh Wren	16 –Billie Bradford, Jim Mattingly, Matthew Sprague
9 –Catherine Knowles	

ANNIVERSARIES

8 –Tim & Faye Stinneford
12 –Larry & Carol Kramer
15 –Al & Brenda Hankins
15 –Jim & Margaret Mattingly

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

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
- The next Tarrant County Area Food Bank work day is September 17. All volunteers are

needed. Remember the more that come, the more the monthly Food Pantry bill is covered.

The Food Pantry is in need of regular and standby volunteers that can make the weekly and sometimes bi-weekly trip to the Tarrant Area Food Bank to pick up food orders to stock the Food Pantry. Please contact Sharon Menix (817-581-9144) or Sherwood Abbott (817-268-0568). Our current long time regular volunteers claim to have a really great time!

A special thanks from the Food Pantry Volunteers to Sherwood Abbott, Gloria Daves, Linda Lewis (Larry), and Jill Schanenber for the weekly pickups from Kroger on N. Main and Shipley's Donuts. Sherwood, Linda and Jill are the regulars and Gloria is the backup. Kroger and Shipley's are a blessing to our Food Pantry.

Needed Food Items: Ramen Noodle, Boxed Crackers, Cereal, Jello Gelatin, Pancake Mix



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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.

Though it is still summer, 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!

-Please join us on September 6, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to support one of our very own, Carla Fink, in her continued mission adventures to Russia. We will be making bracelets for Carla to take to the Russian kids. There will also be a free dinner with silent auction on September 14th at Walnut Ridge in Mansfield for the entire team Carla works with. Contact Carla Fink if you would like to attend.

-UMW is sponsoring a shoebox ministry in support of migrant children. Boxes need to be filled with hygiene and welcome items: such as shampoo, conditioner, bar

soap, toothpaste and brushes, hairbrush or comb, barrettes or hair ties, deodorant, a small toy, English/Spanish flash cards, and math flash cards. Boxes can be left in the white UMW tub in Swor Parlor for collection and distribution.

The Eules First UMW thanks you for your help. Their goal is to keep Matthew 25:40, "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these children of mine, you have done for me,'" as the focus of their ministry. Will you join them?

LORD'S ACRE CRAFTS

We are looking for special talents to help us with Craft Creations which will be sold in the Lord's Acre Craft Shoppe during the Lord's Acre event on October 18, 2014.

We need folks who find pleasure in making crafts.

We need hot gluers, painters, designers with wire and those that can imagine a craft made out of

buttons.

We just want you to come enjoy the fellowship while you help create a craft together.

So, schedule yourself and a friend to come join us EACH Sunday at 3:00pm, meet us in the conference room and the upstairs craft room of the Church Office Building. Yes, each Sunday from now through September 28.

We have the glue; we have the wire and buttons and much more. Plan to help on any Sunday at 3:00pm.

If you have questions contact:

Mary Gwen Foust
214-663-4770 or
Barbara Collier
817-614-1360



YOUTH MINISTRY



BE. LOVE. SERVE. We Need You!



Element Students has a full year of events and service opportunities planned, and we need your help! Our teenagers both need and want your presence! They need you, and you need them - they will help keep you young! Please, when you are able, take a moment to look at the bulletin board on the 2nd floor near the

elevator to consider a place where you can help serve with us this school year, even if it's just once. Our students need you. Please help us surround them with the community of love we pledged to at their baptisms and confirmation.

You will never regret any time or love you share with them. I also wanted to remind you that I'd love to come share more about this grassroots vision with your Sunday School class, Bible

Study, or other group here at Euleess First! I'm also available for "one-on-one" conversations. I look forward to hearing from you. Blessings,
Shane

PRESCHOOL



Preschool is off and rolling!!!! God has blessed us ten-fold. We asked for more kids and He faithfully gave them to us. We opened up a toddler class serving 18 months and up (not potty trained!) and now we have 3 classes of Toddlers. WOW! We have 5 new staff members. We now have 24 staff members and

currently 140 students. Our opening theme is Outer Space because we are an OUT OF THIS WORLD preschool! Classes begin Sept. 4 and Steve and Rachel will be helping to host a BOO HOO/Yahoo Breakfast for our parents.

As a reminder, please continue to save BoxTops, Labels for

Education and Sunny D Labels. All help raise money for our school. The preschool is an active ministry of this church and for some children it's the only time they hear that "Jesus loves them" and so do we!

FROM THE PASTOR

Round Up Sunday was a great day of celebration! Thank you to Mark Winter for joining us with lively preaching. The choir blessed us with their first anthem since Summer break - with 4 new members!

It was Promotion Sunday and our third graders received Bibles. A couple dozen children came forward for Children's Time. Each worship service had quite a few visitors. A couple that first learned of our church through the Laundromat ministry became members-with one of them being baptized!

The fellowship meal following the 11 o'clock service went smoothly, and, as always, there was more than enough food for

everyone.

How do you follow such a great Sunday?

With another Sunday.

I am writing this on Thursday, August 28th. You won't read it until at least September 3. I could make some great claims about what a blessing this Sunday will be. I could make excuses for why it shouldn't be expected to measure up to Round Up Sunday.

I will not do either. I will merely claim that the Sunday after Round Up Sunday, the Sunday after I wrote and before you read this, will be a Sunday.

We will worship. We will

have Sunday School. We will sing and pray and read scripture. We will share our stories. Some will laugh. Some may cry.

But we will have a Sunday.

I make this point for a reason. Sometimes I think we get to caught up in expectations. We oversell or undersell and, when reality does not match what we had expected, we feel we have lost something.

Let's try for a while to let go of these expectations. Let's not make stuff up about how good or bad something is going to be. Let's learn just to live in God's presence day by day.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

School is officially in session! I hope everyone has had a great first week so far! Round Up Sunday was wonderful! It was so great to see everyone. I'm looking forward to a wonderful fall season!

Saturday, October 18, is Lord's Acre from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help out in the children's area

and also asking for donations! Please email Aubree Marlow at children@fumceulless.org for more information about donations and volunteer times.

Friday, October 31, is Trunk or Treat at 5:30 p.m. Bring your kiddos for an evening of fun!! Look for more information about this event!

-Aubree Marlow



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL STUDENT MENTORS

It's Back to School time for all of you who'd like to mentor a student at our HEB Adopt-A-School partner-South Eulless Elementary. Again this year the school is requesting volunteers to go and eat lunch with an assigned student. The counselor will match you up with a child and you

simply show up 1x a week (or whatever works for you) and spend 30 minutes with the student while (s)he eats lunch.

The following people are already signed up and will be assigned soon: Kathy Chapman, David Davis, Maggie Lucas, Mike McGehee, Dottie Rust, Mary Lib

Saleh, Doug Stapleton, Dianne Weyer & Ann Wilson. THANK YOU!!!

If you'd like more information or wish to join in supporting a student please call Risk-Taking Missions Chairperson Lynne Moffatt at 817-571-2420 or email her at fanintofire@yahoo.com.

KIDS BEACH CLUB

Good News! Beach Club is coming! Starting Tuesday, September 9, Eulless First has the opportunity to share the Gospel with kids at South Eulless Elementary School by partnering with KiDs Beach Club, a national ministry that desires to impact communities by connecting kids to Christ and putting Bibles in their hands.

Our volunteers are excited about sharing a fun-filled, Spirit-led

experience through this after school program with the children, that God will be bringing to us each week. We are able to do this because of your support as a church, and we are truly grateful.

We ask for your prayers for the kids and their families, the volunteers, and the school faculty and staff. In addition to the prayers, the sponsoring church body supports this ministry financially to provide snacks and

supplies, and serve as substitute leaders on occasion. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED! The more the merrier.

For more information or inquiries about how you can help at our Beach Club at South Eulless, contact Pastor Beverly at beverly@fumceulless.org or call the church office (817-283-4421).



FLOWER CALENDAR

Each Sunday we are blessed to have beautiful flowers in our sanctuary. They remind us of the beauty of God's creation, as well as allowing us a way to celebrate events in the life of our church. Some weeks flowers memorialize a loved one, some weeks it is in

honor of a birthday, and yet other weeks it's just to say thanks. Regardless of the reason, it is a blessing to us all.

Would you like to bless us with flowers one Sunday? There are still a few dates available on the

Flower Calendar for 2014. Please contact the office if you are interested in filling any of these dates: September 7 & 14, October 26, November 9, 16, or 30.

SOCIAL MEDIA


Are you on Facebook or Twitter? Do you Instagram, or are you in love with Pinterest? Make sure to find us on social media. It is another way that we can connect with you and with the world.

Different social media sites all work a little differently, however all of them have one thing in common, the more you interact with us the more we can get the

word out. On Facebook, when you like a photo or comment on a post, more people are able to see that post.

On Twitter, if you retweet anything that we tweet, more and more people will be able to see info about Eules First.

Check us out and help us to share God's love in every way.

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HIGHWAY UPDATE

Not much has changed in regards to the expansion of Highway 183 and the effects that it will have on the property of Eules First, but here is what we know. Our

attorney was in town 2 weeks ago to visit our property and look over the stakes and marks left by the Texas Department of Transportation's surveyors last

February. We will be meeting with him soon to work on our strategy prior to being contacted by the state. We will keep you updated, as we can.

DEALING WITH GRIEF AND TRAGIC LOSS

The following prayer grew out of a pastoral response to the tragic and untimely death of a young man named Stephen. The pastor, working with a family whose experience and writing included exploration of many metaphors and names for God, cast the prayer using a broad range of images. We all have times of loss and not understanding. Prayer and scripture can help us through such grief. For scriptures of comfort here are some suggestions: Psalms 16, 23, 32, 34:19, 41, 42: 2-6, 77, 90, 91, 121, 103:13-17.

A Prayer: Grief- Divine Darkness, when the night of grief swallows our feeble light, help us to feel you lovingly wrap us in that very darkness. Hidden God, we are angry. Where are you? Show yourself. Explain yourself. Feel the heat of our frustration and fear we share only with you. God, our grief weighs us down. It feels as if our backs will break along with our hearts. We are smothered by the weight. When it feels as if we can bear no more, Shepherd, bear us forward. We have

unanswerable questions. We struggle with "If only ..." and "What if?" and "Why?" Give us grace to live the questions in the confidence that we don't have to have all the answers. Our Beginning and Our End, you have taught us about life; now teach us about death. Comforter, let us lay our wearied selves next to you, to sense your breath, to feel your warmth, to hear you tenderly call our name.

Gratitude for a life- Co-Creator you have entrusted (name) to us. He has been a part of his parents' vocation, part of his sister's embrace of life. The blessing of his love shared among us invites us to live in Your peace. Giver of Peace, Spirit of Peace, Lord of Peace, God of Peace, Prince of Peace, we thank you for Stephen's passion for peace that helped others to be attracted to the majesty of peace beyond the apparent power of war. You brought into this world (name)— so precious a creation. You were for him Anchor, Compass, Life-giver,

Friend. You, O God, built networks of friendship and growth in each new stage of life. You formed a pattern of purpose that was strong, open, inviting. You were the Patient Potter discovering the shape and purpose that was in him.

Commendation -Infinite and Intimate Friend, we now hand (name) back to you. He was always yours, after all. Thank you for the blessing of love shared between us. Through our tears we trust that in You he rests in peace. Challenger, keep before us the needs and opportunities of daily life. You are the Holy Timekeeper; help us to know the times to work, to rest, to receive, to give. When grief or loneliness comes crashing upon us, be our Shelter from the Storm. When we wander, when we wonder be to us the Wonderful Counselor. In the cacophony of the world, be to us Healing Silence, Calming Water. In our words, our tears, our sighs, our silence hear our prayer. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Our Labor is Not in Vain

This past weekend was Labor Day. Officially, Labor Day is on Monday but we have now extended the celebration to run all weekend. Many of you had a long weekend to relax and maybe get that last visit to the pool, lake or beach.

Labor Day typically closes out the summer holidays for us.

Labor Day has been a federal holiday since 1894. According to the website of the United States Department of Labor, "Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country."

With a lot of holidays we tend to forget the real purpose of the day

and simply rejoice that we are off work.

However, it is worth remembering that this country has been made great and continues to be great through the contributions of workers like you. Where would our nation be without our workers?

Have you ever wondered what would happen here at our church if we did not have workers?

There would certainly be a lot more children in this service right now! We can't do what we do without workers. To take a line from the Department of Labor's website, our workers have made incredible contributions to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our church.

Paul entreated the church at Corinth by saying, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you

know that your labor in the Lord

is not in vain," I Corinthians 15:58. As our ushers come forward for our offering, Let us consider if we are giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord? Are you serving anywhere here? What labor have you given to God's work? Then what about giving? Can you say that you always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord when it comes to your offerings? Paul says our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

We here at Euless First United Methodist Church take giving seriously. You can be assured that a gift here supports and extends the Kingdom. It is not money given in vain. Give a gift today to support the work of the Lord.



Online Giving Link

JOHN WESLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

John Wesley was a great figure in Church History, and to cover everything about him and what he thought and believed in a 4 week sermon series is impossible. So we are adding a little something extra.

For the next 3 Sundays, in

conjunction with the *John Wesley: Man on Fire Sermon Series*, a special Sunday School Class will be meeting in the Church Library to go a little deeper into Wesley and his theology.

If you don't have a Sunday School Class, this is a perfect opportunity

for you to try one out! Join Pastor Steve for his thoughts on this prolific preacher, and share your thoughts on the theology of the father of our denomination. See you there!

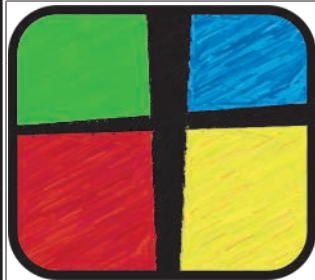


NEW MEMBERS

Euless 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.



Randy Peters was Baptized Aug. 24, Emily Peters joined Aug. 24



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