

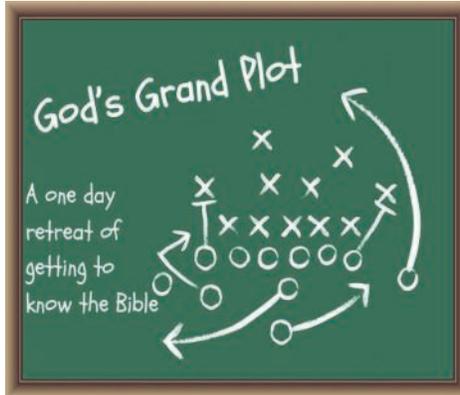
# CHURCH MATTERS

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## GOD'S GRAND PLOT

The mission of Euless 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. 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, Nov. 9, 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, November 5, to register at 817-283-4421.

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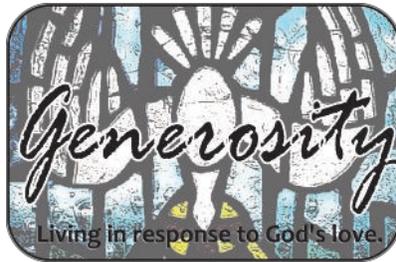
**What:** A one day retreat of getting to know the Bible

**When:** November 9

**Who:** Anyone who has a desire to know more about the Bible

## GENEROSITY

God has given us so much. God loves and forgives us regardless of our past! Yet if we truly grasped the magnitude of God's generosity and grace, we would be living in a very different world. Instead we live in a world where we live in fear and anxiety. Many of us are worried how we will provide for our families, to the point of laying awake at night. Join us in worship the next three weeks for a new sermon series *Generosity: Living in Response to God's Love*. All of us struggle with issues of anxiety and worry about



how we will provide for our families, many times we wonder is there enough? A large part of our anxiety causes us to pull inward, and thus forgetting all that God has given us. Yet, when we continue to be giving and trusting in God the world seems to open up to you. Your generosity is directly linked to your trust and faith in God's love. We live out of response to God's love when we stop

holding on tight with fear, but give to others knowing that God gave freely to us.

Join us for this great series.

### Schedule of Events:

Nov. 10— *Managing God's Love*

Nov. 10— 7:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Breakfast to pass out Packets with commitment cards

Nov. 17— *Investment in God's Love*

Nov. 24— *Prosperity in God's Love*

Nov. 24— **All Church Thanksgiving dinner and Consecration Sunday**

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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.

<b>Prayer Concerns:</b>	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	James Gressman	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Pierre Tshimanga's family	<b>In the Military:</b>
All God's children	Dennis Best, Glenn Best's father	Janis O'Neal, Jay and Billie Bradford's friend	Michael Jacobs, Nancy Bickel's friend	Renae Robinson	Carl Miller
All those with active addiction and in recovery	Diane Lara, Denise Foley's friend	Jennifer Hill and John Lewis	Michael Mulholland and family	Rob Richards and Amanda Mayer and family	Chris Maxson
Aubree Marlow	Dirmara, Caro Kenyon's neighbor	Jim Morris, David Davis' friend	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Barbara Bradford	Doug Mulholland	Jimmy Fallon, Berkley Wren's co-worker	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Sarah Miller	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Beth Wills and baby Remington, future daughter-in-law of Mistie Taylor	Dwayne Gordon, Ginger Miller's cousin	John Knowles, Phyllis Augustus' friend	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Bill Heyduck, Steve Heyduck's father	Ethan Hallmark	Joy Price, John Elder's mother	Millers and Masons, Katilyn Coats mother's family	Steve Sheehy and family, Alan Moffatt's co-worker	Gail Worofka
Billy and Lindsay Miller	Family and friends of Richard Stone	Kathryn Albin, Vic Torres' sister	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Bobby and Debi Francis	Family of Joe Matthews	Kathy Hootens, Lucille Link's niece	Neta Nolen	Tami Hooper, Paula Wood's friend	Jason Knighton
Bobby and Debi Francis	Family of Sue Gilmore, Jo Kemp and Robin Bile's friend	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Brenda Young, Shametrius Sims' Aunt	Family of Surman Young, Paula Wood's father	Kevin Maines	Nikki and family, Heidi Graham's sister	Thanks to God for an awesome Lord's Acre experience	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Burton -Ellis family	Fran McDonald, Judy Mulholland's friends	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	The United States of America	Justin Knighton
Burton family	Gary Sprinkle	Marcie	Pamela Warden	TJ Pepper	Stephen Tate
Calvin Phillips, Steve Phillips father	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Mary Davis, Billie and Jay Bradford	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Vicki Darymple, Janice Kasten's cousin	
Carol Bolton	Imelda, Pierre Kenyon's neighbor	Mary Davis, Jay and Billie Bradford's friend	Patty, family member of Laurie Harrigan, Les Foley's co-worker	Victims of the South Dakota blizzard	
Carol Eaton, Alan Moffatt's co-worker	Jack and Delores Darring	Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother	People of Syria and Egypt and our leader's discernment	Vince Carlisle	
Carol Francoise	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker		Warner Muirhead	
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Jackie Lawson, Pierre Kenyon's friend			Youth of the nation	
Clara Ines Guitierrez and Jorge Suarila, Laura Henderson's parents					
Clarence Ley, Tami Polenz' uncle					
Cynthia, Nita's friend					

ANNIVERSARIES

**November**

- 8— Rob & Toni McMillon
- 12— Doug & Faye Stapleton
- 15— Joe & Sheri Roberts

BIRTHDAYS

**November**

- 2— Sharron Hines
- 3— Carol Bolton, Andrea Luttrell, Joseph Putnam, Teresa Sprague
- 4— Jeff Mayer
- 5— Trent Daves
- 6— Carla Fink
- 7— Ric Grant
- 9— Ruth Hight
- 10— Brianna Ingram, Mike McGehee, Don Willson
- 11— Arnold Cole, Stephen Tate, Marla Williams
- 14— Kevin Maines, Leara Miles
- 15— Elizabeth Penland

UPDATES

- Eules First's Adopt a School Mentors are doing great! South Eules Elem. School, has to date 8 active mentors, with 2 more waiting to receive parents approval. There are also 5 additional persons waiting for back ground checks. If you would like to volunteer go to [hebisd.org](http://hebisd.org).

## NIGHT OF WONDERS/CHRISTMAS OUTREACH



Advent is quickly approaching. It is a time to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of our Lord. Best of all, it is a great time to share the love of Christ with others.

Eules First United Methodist works closely with neighboring churches and community to care for our neighborhood families, primarily with the assistance of 6 Stones Mission Network. This year is no different. Together, our goal is to share the joy of

Christmas to over 3000 children in the HEB School District. Eules First United Methodist has agreed to assist with this endeavor in two ways: providing gifts for adopted families and sponsoring a Christmas party at South Eules Elementary School, our Adopted school, on Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

### Here is how you can help:

- 1— Adopt a family. You can choose the family size. It is suggested that each family member receive 2 gifts: 1 practical gift and 1 fun gift. Sizes will be provided. Please limit to \$60 per child. To sponsor a family please go to [6stones.org/now](http://6stones.org/now).
- 2— Volunteer to help with the

Christmas Party, “**Night of Wonder**”, **December 16, at 6:00pm**. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, decorations, crafts and distribution of gifts and food. Volunteers space is limited. You can sign up to volunteer at [6stones.org/now](http://6stones.org/now) today!

3— Through 6 Stones, you can also sponsor a family, make a donation and they will do the shopping for you.

If you have any further questions please contact Rev. Beverly Springer at 817-283-4421.



## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Eules First Food Pantry is gearing up for a holiday season with more and more people needing help. They asked for your help with collecting 200 Thanksgiving Bags and you have been wonderfully generous. To date, all of the needed bags have been donated. Thanks for your help.

The November trip to the Tarrant Area Food Bank workday is scheduled for

**November 20.** The group will leave the church parking lot at 8:15 a.m. and will be back at approximately 12:30 p.m. Call the church office or Sharon Menix at 817-581-9144 so we can be expecting you.

Here is the volunteer schedule:

### November

- 1—Phyllis Augustus, Helen Davies, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

8—Gloria Daves, Joe Roberts, Yvonne Rohlfing, Darlene Carter

15—Phyllis Augustus, Doris Brown, Jill Schaneberg, Dottie Rust

22—Kathy Chapman, Trish Franklin, Marie Lusk, Yvonne Rohlfing

## WINTER ROUND UP

Founded more than 100 years ago, United Community Centers began with a group of visionary individuals who wanted to serve and empower their community. Local ministers and representatives from the Women's Home Mission Society established the

City Mission Board in 1908 at First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, employing a missionary to conduct evangelism and relief programs. United Community Centers today is asking for your help. Their three centers :the Welsey Center, Polytechnic Center, and

Bethlehem Center, are in need of coats and sweaters. To help the United Methodist local mission opportunity there is a white tub in the Swor Parlor for donations from now through January. The Eules First United Methodist Women thank you for your help.



## NEW STAFF RECEPTION

Join us on November 17, at 9:45 a.m. in the Swor Parlor for a reception to welcome Aubree

Marlow our new Children Minister. Please stop by and help us welcome her and her son,

Noah, to our church family.

## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN



Eules First United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten have been busy! 40 of our students performed at the Lord's Acre. This brought in



several new families to visit our church and enjoy

the festivities. We also had our Pumpkin Parades and Parties on Wednesday and Thursday. The students paraded around the Family Life Center in their costumes. Each class took center stage and performed a song for

their friends and families.

Eules First UMC Preschool will be sponsoring a **Parent's Night Out** on Nov. 15 from 6: p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child and all children must be potty trained. We are opening this up to church members. The children will play at centers, do a craft, have a snack and enjoy a movie. The children are invited to come in their pajamas so they will be ready for bed. The parents may have a date night or some shopping time or just enjoy some quiet time. We will also sponsor a day out on Dec. 14 from 1:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register please see the inserted

registration form.

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. This is a great way to raise funds for our school.

## THANKS FROM THE LORD'S ACRE COMMITTEE



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What an awesome event Lord's Acre 2013 was. It would not be possible to list everyone who helped make Lord's Acre 2013 a success, but please know that you are appreciated for all that you did! Your time, prayers, money, and service all worked together to make the

October of Opportunities a truly blessed and fun time of fellowship at Eules First. Because of your donations, whether a direct item to be sold or a 'behind-the-scenes' item (such as craft supplies or food for the luncheon), we were

essentially able to cover all expenses prior to the big day. Thanks for being a part of Lord's Acre 2013!



## TRUNK R TREAT

Thanks everyone for coming out for a great Trunk r Treat. There was a wonderful crowd. Thanks for all the candy donations, trunks, the popcorn, hotdogs, and for all the families that came to get candy. It was a another great year!



## FROM THE PASTOR

November began as a month of remembering. Remembering is essential for thanksgiving, and, of course, November ends with Thanksgiving. All Saints Day the first and Veterans Day the eleventh invite us to focus backwards, giving thanks for those who have given us the faith and the life we have today.

Has it ever been your turn, at the family gathering for Thanksgiving, to share what you are thankful for and you, feeling suddenly put on the spot, draw blanks? When we don't take the time, and make the effort, to remember, it is much more difficult to honestly assess what we are thankful for.

Your family may have members who were here at last year's gathering but aren't this year. Some relationships have

grown, some have weakened, still others have fallen by the wayside.

As Jesus' followers, we remember not only our immediate family members, but also those who have gone before us in the faith. We are drawn to the listing in Hebrews 11. We remember people like Martin Luther, John Wesley, Teresa of Avila, Mother Teresa.

After we have taken time to remember all these people, we approach Veterans Day. We remember not only those who have lost their lives for the cause of freedom, but we also honor those who are still among us who set aside claims to themselves to serve the larger cause of liberty.

I believe that all of this remembering, done well, leads

us to one main conclusion: God is good and generous!

Throughout history, no matter how far back one looks, God's work throughout the ages has been to this end: to reconcile the world to himself.

Not everyone sees God this way. Without remembering well, we easily find ourselves caught up in yesterday and today and tomorrow. These three often weigh us with more burden than we can carry. In response, then, some lash out at God, or even turn and walk away.

Remembering helps us know that God is good and generous, and that God is in it for the long haul.

May you remember well this November, and may you live increasingly in the presence of our good and generous God!

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## ELEMENT STUDENT MINISTRIES

This past Sunday, for our communion offering, I shared with you all the youth mission project for the upcoming Christmas holiday. This year, we will be working to meet the needs of some of the most invisible people in our society - homebound seniors. If you gave to the communion offering this past week - thank you. If you weren't able to, don't worry, you can still help our teenagers

participate in this mission! This week will see the unveiling of the "ELEMENT Students Wall 'O Mission & Activities Mission-velopes" Not only will your contributions help with our Christmas project through these "mission-velopes", but will also help support our teenagers with other service projects and activities throughout the year, especially the annual mission experience we participate in

through the Central Texas Annual Conference. We hope you'll participate with us because this opportunity will afford you the chance to help our students grow in their understanding of who God is calling them to serve, AND there's something in it for you, as well! Stay Tuned...

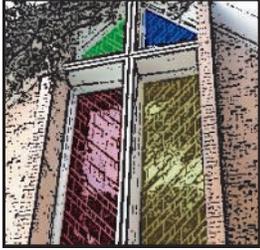
Blessings,  
Shane

## OLDER ADULT SAGER BROWN MISSION TRIP

The Central Texas Conference Older Adults in Ministry has organized a mission trip to Sager Brown, the United Methodist Committee on Relief's Depot.

The trip is scheduled May 26-30, 2014. Cost is \$425, and Euless can offer \$100 scholarships for those that are in need. There are only 5 spots still available, please

contact Beverly Springer as soon as possible if you are interested in attending with her.



## CULTIVATING OUR CHURCH'S CALL

Have you received your invitation in the mail? This is your chance to have a smaller more intimate conversation with Pastor Steve. You are invited to join Pastor Steve for a conversation about Eules First

United Methodist Church. This will be a great chance for you to hear what a great year 2013 has been for our community, as well as begin to look forward into 2014. Look for your invitation as we together "Cultivate our

Church's Call."

If you were not able to attend, please contact Dave Lewis to see if there is space at another meeting.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Recipe for a United Methodist Woman

- 1 woman any size
- 2 cups spiritual knowledge
- 1 helping c of thoughtfulness
- 1 box kind deeds
- 1 cup patience
- 3 cup forgiveness
- 1 big cup of time

• 1 bag of talents  
 • 4 cups prayer and faith  
 Combine woman, spiritual knowledge, thoughtfulness, kind deeds, patience and forgiveness. Add one big cup of time and one bag of talents and faith. Flavor with love and service and blend in good fellowship.

If you would like to become a part of this recipe, come join us every 2nd Tuesday morning at 10 or 4th Thursday evening at 6 to join in our mix.

Open invitation extended by Sandy Swann, President

## ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each Sunday are a beautiful contribution to worship as well as a special way to honor or remember your loved ones, or special events.

Now is the time to make your reservations for the 2014 Flower Calendar. Please contact the church office to reserve your special dates,

request a special kind of arrangement, and designate who you want to honor/remember in 2014.

## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Eules First United Methodist Church would like to thank all of its veterans. In honor of Veteran's Day on November 11, Eules first

would like to invite any veterans, their spouses, or widows to join us for a meal in their honor on **November 10, at 12:15 p.m.** in

the Swor Parlor. If you are able to attend please RSVP to the church office at 817- 283-4421 by Friday November 8.

## ADVENT PREPARATION



As of November 5th, Christmas is only 49 days away. This year, we will be creating an Advent Devotional booklet with daily devotionals written

by members from our congregation. Sign up for certain dates and scriptures has begun. The deadline to submit devotionals is **Sunday, November 17.**

There are spaces still available. If you would like to write a devotional, please contact Pastor Beverly.

Our Advent theme will be "A Different Kind of Christmas." Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season – Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. Overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy and rob Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebration. This Christmas, cut

through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us.

In conjunction with the devotionals, we will have a comprehensive list of Advent happenings. Please let the office know if you are having a Sunday School Party or other activity.

## FROM THE LIBRARY

The Euless First United Methodist Church is full of books for you to read. It's opened each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and is filled with literature, resources, a computer if needed, curriculums for small group studies, and more. Volunteers diligently ensure that the library is organized and as up-to-date as possible.

If you have not gotten up to see what is new in the library, here is a synopsis of some of the newest additions:

- *Heaven Is For Real: A Little Boys Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back* by Todd Burpo, with Lynn Vincent. When Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting was the story that emerged in the months that followed—a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back.
- *Ruth and Esther: Women In Alien Lands* by Johanna Bos. Both of these books deserve to be known as an important part of our biblical heritage. Also, it is of crucial importance today to retrieve those parts of the history of faith in which women played a major role. Ruth and Esther provide paradigms of ministry rather

than models to imitate. Both women minister within their context, that is, they involve themselves in the service of the healing of creation, as women today are called upon to do.

- *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper and Cecil Murphey. On the way home from a conference Don Piper's car was crushed by a semi that crossed into his lane. Medical personnel said he died instantly. While his body lay lifeless inside the ruins of his car, Piper experienced the glories of heaven, awed by its beauty and music. Ninety minutes after the wreck, while a minister prayed for him, Piper miraculously returned to life on earth with only the memory of inexpressible heavenly bliss. His faith in God was severely tested as he faced an uncertain and grueling recovery. Now he shares his life-changing story with you.
- *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. A spiteful boss, a defiant employee, a manipulative mother, a desperate housewife, an envious sister...honey, we know these women. We've lived with them, worked with them, or caught a glimpse of them in our mirrors. Now let's take a look at their ancient counterparts in Scriptures: Sarah mistreated her maidservant, Hagar despised her mistress, Rebekah manipulated her son, Leah claimed her sister's husband, and Rachel envied her fertile sister. They were far from evil, but hardly perfect: mostly good, yet slightly bad. In other words, these matriarchal mamas look a lot like us.
- *Under Her Wings: Spiritual Guidance from Women Saints* by Kathy Bence. Do you desire a deeper, more intimate relationship with God? Do you long for something more in your spiritual life? Let the stories and writings of five extraordinary women guide you: Teresay of Avila, Madame Jeanne Guyon, Therese of Lisieux, Julian of Norwich, Catherine of Siena. In her own spiritual quest, Bence discovered the wealth of spiritual insights offered by these women. She found answers to contemporary spiritual questions in these wise women from their earlier times.
- *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Carol Kent says, "The entertainment value of the book is obvious, but the take-home extra is the Bible study that follows each chapter."

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## NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISM

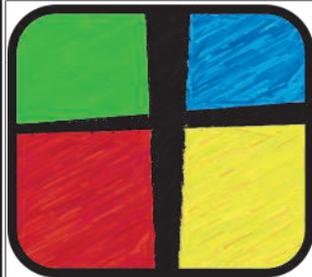
Euless First United Methodist is excited to welcome our new members. Be sure to stop and welcome them to our family. With them in our presence, we will never be the same.



David and Morgan Carey joined Oct. 13



Victoria Holekamp was baptized on Oct. 20 Pictured here with her family Stacey, Olivia and Sean



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