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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

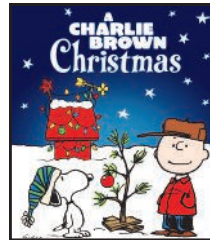


You are invited! Join us for a fun evening to kick off the holiday season as a family. **December 7, at 5:00 p.m.** for "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Since each

movie is less than 30 minutes long, we will begin the evening with decorating cookies. Then, while the movies are running, we will enjoy our creations and hot chocolate.

This will be a great way for families to get to spend time together, and begin the celebration of the birth of Christ with the most important people in their lives. Join us for a fun evening and great movies!

Want to give the office a heads up that you will be there? We would love you to! But know that we will have plenty of cookies. Invite a friend for a great night for everyone! Hope to see you there!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

What: Movie and fun for families

When: December 7, 5:00 p.m.

Who: Everyone and their families

NIGHT OF WONDER

Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving. 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 the 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 by: providing gifts and hosting Christmas party at South Eules Elementary School,



on Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Here is how you can help:

- 1. ADOPT** - You can choose the # of children you would like to purchase gifts for. It is suggested that each child receive 2 gifts: 1 practical and 1 fun gift. Sizes will be provided. It is suggested that you spend approximately \$60 per child. You will be given deadline dates to deliver the presents to 6Stones. To adopt, please go to 6stones.org/now.
- 2. SPONSOR**- You can sponsor a child or a number of

children by making a donation, and 6Stones people will do the shopping for you. To sponsor, please go to 6stones.org/now or give a check to First UMC-Eules with 6Stones Night of Wonder on the memo line.

- 3. VOLUNTEER** - Help is needed with refreshments, decorations, crafts and distribution of gifts and food at the Night of Wonder Christmas Party at South Eules Elementary School on Dec. 16. To volunteer, you must sign up at 6stones.org/now. Please do so today!

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

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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.

Adair Family	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Jan Sanders, Peggy Robertson's son's mother-in-law	Lillian DePuy, Linda (Larry) Lewis' mother	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Tim Powel
All God's children	Don Mode	Jason Schmidt's father, Norbert, Johnny and Teresa Watt's friend	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	TJ Pepper
All the homeless in this cold weather (and always)	Donna Smith, Denise Foley's sister	Jay Long family, Sharron Hines son-in-law	Marcie Dauphine	Paul Jones, Kim Jones' father-in-law	Tom Whitten, Jo Kemp's friend
All those in addiction	Douglas and Heidi Graham	Jean Keller, Linda (Larry) Lewis' friend	Margaret Kenyon, Pierre Kenyon's mother	Pearl Henry	Tyler Nelson, Lori Goodrich's friend
Amy Monslave, Amelia Coats' aunt	Dylan Ratliff	Jenni Elder	Mariagracio Castoneda, Caro and Pierre Kenyon's baby niece	People of Syria and Egypt	Vicki Smith
Anonymous' daughter	Edna Utesch, Johnny Watt's mother	Jeremy and Kim Jones	Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Persons struggling with depression	Vinece Carlisle
Asia Typhoon Victims	Eleanor Toweh	Jim and Janneke Richter, Caro Kenyon's friend	Martin Family	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Warner Muirhead
Barbara Bergeron	Family of Bill Heyduck, Steve Heyduck's father	Jim Morris, David Davis' friend	Mary Davis, Jay and Billie Bradford's friend	Renae Robinson	In the Military:
Barbara Bradford	Family of Brenda Young, Shametrius Sims' Aunt	John West, Mary Williams' step-dad	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Richard Morrow	Carl Miller
Benjamin Cundiff	Family of Carol Francoise	Kathryn Albin, Vic Torres' sister	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Rob Richards and Amanda Mayer and family	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Betty Owen, Janet Ledbetter's cousin	Family of Marilyn Hobbs, Lesli Cummings' friend	Kathy Hootens, Lucille Link's niece	Michael Mulholland	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter-in-law of Michael and Lore Osborn
Bill Evans, Sharon Menix's son-in-law	Gabriela Troya, Caro Kenyon's sister	Kelsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Rosie Nowell's mother, Jim Arnold's friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Bill Farmer	Garry Partain, Fred and Billie Pallett's nephew	Kelly, Sara Taylor's friend	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Ruth Trimmer, Vicki Smith's mother	Gail Worofka
Billy and Lindsay Miller	Gene West, Peggy Ray Robertson's brother	Kemp Family	Mitch, Chris and Heather Grimm's uncle	Safe travels over the holidays	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiacone's grandson
Bob and Sylvia Newsom	Gina Simpson	Kevin Maines	Mr. Hori, Cara Fink's brother's father-in-law	Shane and Tara Mullin	Jason Knighton
Bobby and Debi Francis	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Kristin Hammit and family	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Bryan Craig and family, Doug Mulholland's son	Greg, Evelyn Denmon's friend	Les Foley	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Steve Sheehy and family, Alan Moffatt's co-worker	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Burton family	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Lex Kelnor, Ric and Shelly Grant's grandson		Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Justin Knighton
Cameron Mode	Jack and Delores Darring			Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Stephen Tate
Caro and Pierre Kenyon	Jackie Keith				
Carol Bolton	Jan Isabell				
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter					
Charleen and Jim Coleson, Kim Knighton's mother and father					
Cynthia, Nita's friend					
Dale and Jackie, Lara-Turner family's neighbors					

THANKS

- A big thank you for all the prayers I am feeling better. —Kimberly Knighton
- Please let my friends know that I've landed safely in Katy Texas and thank them for their help and good wishes. —Millie Richter

BIRTHDAYS

- December**
- 1— Maggie Lucus, James Putnam
 - 2—Millie Richter
 - 3—Iris Elliott
 - 4—Noel Mason, Michael Osborn, Kent Polenz
 - 9—Luke Worofka, Berkley Wren
 - 10—Sarah Roberts
 - 12—Megan Roberts
 - 13—Norma Lively
 - 14—Max Cline
 - 17—Teresa Watts

ANNIVERSARIES

- December**
- 6—Rex & Paula Wood
 - 7—Jay & Billie Bradford
 - 17—Joe & Jennifer Tindel

CALENDAR UPDATE

Calling all Classics to the **6th Annual Classics Advent Dinner December 15th, 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars for this great event! Just in case, "Classics" are those 65 and older.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S HAMS

It is time again for the United Methodist Men to go out to our smoke house on the east property, smoke hams and help us all have a delicious Christmas. The Methodist Men's 2013

Christmas hams are Hickory/ Mesquite smoked and are approximately 14 to 16 pounds. The cost is \$45.00 for a full ham and \$25.00 for a 1/2 ham.

You can place you order by calling

the church office at 817-283-4421. Hams will be ready for pickup on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Order your ham today, and enjoy it with your family this Christmas.

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 your loved ones.

Now is the time to reserve flowers in recognition of special people or events in 2014. Please contact the church office to reserve your special date, request

a special kind of arrangement, and let us know who you would like to honor/remember in 2014.

ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 24 was the first All Church Thanksgiving Dinner in many years. Special thanks to all for making the dinner such a great success. It was a perfect way to celebrate our many blessings together as a family.



CULTIVATING THE CALL

Over the last few weeks, Steve has hosted 4 small group meetings chatting with members to review 2013 and plan for 2014

and beyond. We are holding 3 more sessions in the coming weeks. The sessions are informal but always a great way to meet

other church members and talk about our church!! Look for dates, and your invitation in the mail.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry needs your help. First, they are in need of 2014 calendars for their clients. This is a big help for persons needing to keep track of appointments.

Second, the Food Pantry will again be passing out stocking stuffers during the month of December. Small items include: books, coloring books, crayons, pens, pencils, small games, cars, trucks, dolls, perfumes, inexpensive jewelry, etc.

Third, the Food Pantry could use your unused Christmas decorations. In the past the Food Pantry had a client that was able to get a Christmas Tree for the first time in years. Your donations make a difference in the lives of others.

Here is the volunteer schedule:

December

- 6– Joe Roberts, Sheri Roberts, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble
- 13– Kathy Chapman, Gloria

- Daves, Maggie Lucas, Yvonne Rohlfing
- 20– Darlene Carter, Helen Davies, Jill Schaneberg, Judy Torres, Brenda Hurlbut
- 22– Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Marie Lusk, Dottie Rust

Desperately Needed Food Items:

- Canned fruit
- Tuna helper

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving went well! We are now officially in the Christmas season! To celebrate the joy of the season,

we will be following a special Advent curriculum during Kid's Connection, and on December 22nd during the Sunday School hour there will

be a special Birthday Party for Jesus! Mark your calendars for this special Sunday!

-Aubree Marlow, Director of Children's Ministry

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS/ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent is a great time of year! Not only do we have the fun of Christmas parties, wonderful food, colder weather and festive decorations, but we also get the bombardment of advertising and mass consumerism.

Join us this year as we look at, "A Different Kind of Christmas: reframing the Christmas Story." Pastor Steve will be following Mike Slaughters' book.

Here is a complete Advent calendar of events:

- Dec. 1:** Hanging of the Greens/Communion
Sermon topic: Expecting a Miracle
Isaiah 7:14, 9:2-6
- Dec. 7:** Family Movie Night

- Dec. 8:** Sermon Topic: Giving up on Perfect,
Luke 1:26-33
- Dec. 14:** Open House at the Heyduck's 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 15:** Choir Christmas Cantata, Sermon topic: Scandalous Love,
Luke 2:1-7
- Dec. 18:** Blue Christmas Service 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22:** Sermon Topic: Jesus' Wish List, Luke 2:8-20
- Dec. 24:** Family Service at 5:30 p.m. , Service of Candles and Communion at 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.



- Dec. 25:** Lessons and Carols 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 29:** Sermon Topic: By a Different Road,
Matthew 2:1-12

Please join us this Advent season, and be sure to invite a friend, as together we look at the Christmas story in a new light, emphasizing that it is not your birthday.

FROM THE PASTOR

Advent is the season of expectant waiting.

How good are you at waiting?

What are you expecting?

I don't feel like I am very good at waiting. On the other hand, it depends on what I have to wait for.

If it is a meeting or an appointment, I like to be a little early, but I also spin my wheels if I am too early. If I'm ready early, I almost always try to get something else done while I wait.

If waiting for a holiday or vacation or a big project's due

date, eagerness and sometimes anxiety build. I have all sorts of good intentions for scheduling preparation, then get most everything done just in time.

With Advent, of course, we are waiting for the coming of the Savior. The Latin word "adventus" is a translation of the Greek word "parousia." Parousia is the word the Bible used for Jesus' second coming.

During Advent, we practice waiting for Jesus' second coming by celebrating our waiting for his first coming.

Advent is the season of expectant waiting. What are you expecting?

Jesus' birth did not meet anyone's expectations for the Messiah. He wasn't born and never acted according to what anyone expected of a promised, coming king.

Should we really think Jesus' second coming will happen exactly according to expectations when his first coming didn't?

What ought we expect from God during this season of advent? What shall we do as we wait?

You're Invited to the

Pastor's Open House

December 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m. 10033 Daly Dr. Hurst TX. 76053

GENEROSITY

A special thank you for your generosity in committing to our 2014 Stewardship Campaign with a pledge. Our goal is \$400,000 with 130 pledges. We are 67% to our goal with 87 pledges, 23 are

new, and \$304,146.97. Your Finance Committee sets our budget based on the financial pledges committed. The Finance Committee is planning on finalizing the budget Saturday

Dec. 7th---It's a big help to have as many commitment cards as possible prior to setting the budget. Should you have questions, see Larry Augustus or Thomas Hawthorne.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our new print and digital directories are nearing completion. We are scheduled to hand out the directories on Sunday, December 15th. We will

be offering instructions on accessing the digital directories and as new members join we will be able to add them to the digital directory. Thank

you for your help in making the directory a grand success.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Angel News:

Eules FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten dressed in their Native American and Pilgrim costumes they made in class to join together in a Friendship Feast on November 21 & 22. Just like the first Thanksgiving, they were thankful to be together as friends. They had Thanksgiving week off to enjoy time with their families. When they return from their Thanksgiving break, they will begin preparing for their Christmas musical entitled, "Let's

Dress Up for Christmas." They will perform it in the sanctuary for their friends and families on Dec. 17 and 18 at 10:00 a.m. It's always precious to see our little ones singing!

The Kindergartners will be participating in the Eules Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Be sure to wave when they go by! The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. and travels down Midway from Fuller Wiser to Trinity High School. The theme is a patriotic Christmas. The students

collected items to mail to our troops and the boxes will be displayed on the float.

On Saturday, December 14, the Preschool will be sponsoring a Parents' Day Out from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child. The children will participate in crafts and activities with a Polar Express theme. The parents can take advantage of this time to get some Christmas shopping done. All are welcome!

Let your kids join us, The Eules First Preschool and Kindergarten, for our First Parents' Day Out!

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 to 5:00 PM Cost is \$20 per child. Space is limited so register now!

Children will play at centers, do a craft, share hot chocolate and cookies, and watch the movie Polar Express. This is a time for parents to go Christmas shopping. We will take children 6 months and up. Siblings are welcome.

Parents' Day Out Registration Form

Child's/Children's Name(s) and Ages _____

Parent's Name _____

Contact Numbers** _____

**Please list a number where you can be reached during Parents Night Out.

Emergency Contact Names/Numbers _____

Allergies: _____

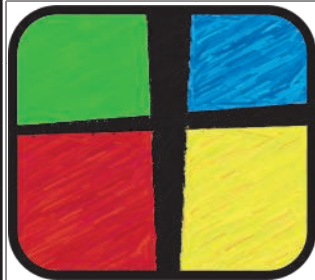
Medical Concerns: _____

Behavior with other children/Anything you think we should know: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Please pay in advance in the school office with cash or check made out to FUMC Preschool. Late fee of \$10 per each 10 minutes late will be added if the child is not picked up on time.





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