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LOVE GOD

LIVE HIS WORD

SHARE HIS GRACE

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Harnessing the Spirit of Christ inspires the ability to overcome temptation, and overcoming temptation is an important tool in the attempt to strengthen human character. The house, within which we live, has many windows. In God's grace, we can pull the shades on the view through windows that capture our attention but burden our life. We not only can pull the shade, but never venture to open that shade again. We must never believe that a little of a bad thing will ever bring us good. Once we have made such a decision, we become free to discover new windows, offering new views that enable us to build healthy joyful lives. Christ wants us to know that we can choose to overcome temptation, and if we fail, his highest purpose is our forgiveness so we are not slaves to the same mistakes that project us into a life of perpetual diminishment.

Christ teaches us that we all have common base needs, but we must never elevate those needs to "god status." Such a life is a slave to excess, leading the captive to debt, bad health, and broken relationships. Christ inoculates us against the disease of truth distortion, and it is one of Satan's most viral weapons. Christ's example reveals that Satan's ultimate goal is to con people into living as if they are the center of their universe. If we choose such a life we are condemned to slavery in a very small world.

Lent is a time to deliberately empty ourselves of worldly things by pausing to look through new windows or those that have become covered in cobwebs. Who knows? Maybe the view will fill us with such joy that we will close the shades on some windows forever.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Darwood



"...for I was hungry and you gave me food..."

Matthew 25:35

NEW MINISTRY PROJECT at St. Luke's - Backpack Food Ministry! This new ministry will provide food for low-income children in Kilgore primary and elementary schools. Each qualifying child is given a bag containing healthy and easy to prepare foods to ensure these children have meals to eat over the weekend. We will be purchasing food at a

discounted price through the backpack program at the East Texas Food Bank. If you would like to be a part of this great new ministry, you can bring monetary donations to the church office or place in the offering plate by making your check out to St. Luke's UMC and putting "Backpack Food Ministry" on the memo line. Or if you would like to volunteer at East TX Food Bank, they will give us monetary credit toward our account. Just tell them St. Luke's sent you!

A Year With The United Methodist Women

Morning Circle and Pam Besser Evening Circle

2016 was an exciting and rewarding year for our U.M.W. As Pastor Darwood often says - with vigor - GLORY!!!

Our very able Treasurer, Ginny Anderson, has put together our accomplishments:

1. Together the two circles met our District ledge of \$800 - *(support for the work of our Global UMW)*.
 2. Over \$3,700 to area missions: Helping Hands, Asbury House, Newgate Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Kilgore Church Women *(Meals on Wheels)*, SonShine Women's Shelter, Rahab's Retreat & Ranch *(refurbished & furnished completely one room - with help fro our Methodist Men)*, and contributed to our Mother's Day Out program.
- In Addition:**
3. Delivered Meals on Wheels, 5 days/wk. for two months.
 4. Furnished and served Kilgore College Wesley Foundation lunches 3 times, and
 5. Helped furnish one week of meals to UM ARMY *(youth from all over staying in St. Luke's Activity Center while working "hands on" mission work here in Kilgore)*, and
 6. Particularly pleased to have contributed \$1,000 toward the purchase of Protective Vests for our Kilgore Police men and women.
 7. Toby Monday and her crew brightened birthdays for many of the residents in local nursing homes by bringing cake and entertainment to celebrate their special day.
 8. Lastly, the Compassionate Care Team provided and served nine luncheons for immediate family members who lost a loved on during the year. This ministry relies strictly on contributions from church members. You provide the \$'s, we lovingly serve this ministry of St. Luke's as everyone's expression of love and compassion for families experiencing personal grief. It is a ministry dear to our hearts.

Our main fund-raiser *(largest source of income that supports all this ministry)* is the Annual Soup and Pie Luncheon *(famous throughout the community)*. We are indebted to Richelle Rathbun and her TEAM and to so many church

members who dedicate their time and efforts to make this event the success it is each year. (Toby Monday continues to lead in ticket sales!!)

The Morning Circle is thrilled to have the Pam Besser Evening Circle as a part of St. Luke's Women's Ministries. They, too, have accomplished much, focusing on mission projects *(Asbury House, Shoe Box Supplies for children all over the world)* and studies as we all strive to fulfill The Purpose of United Methodist Women, which is . . .

to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Currently, the Morning Circle has 19 members and the Evening Circle has 15 members.

We invite all ladies to join us in ministry.

We work hard, celebrate Christian love, and have fun doing it!

For questions and answers, you may call:

Kay McKinley, Morning Circle President,
903-985-2969, or

Brenda Culpepper, Evening Circle President,
903-987-1453.

***Thanks for spending
the Year with us!***

ST. LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

We encourage all St. Luke's high school seniors to apply for the St. Luke's church scholarship to help with expenses for the college of your choice.

To be eligible, the student must be an active member of St. Luke's or of the St. Luke's youth organization, and/or the student's immediate family must be active, supporting members of the St. Luke's church family.

Applications are available in the church office. If you would like your scholarship to be announced at your high school's awards assembly, the deadline for the return of the application is May 1, 2017. Otherwise, please return it by July 1, 2017.

FAITH-PROMISE FUNDS AT WORK

The Mission Team wants to share with you how your pledges to Faith-Promise are making a difference in the lives of many

At our February meeting the decision was made to send \$100.00 a month to each of the following local support agencies: Helping Hands of Kilgore, Wesley Foundation at Kilgore College (a United Methodist campus ministry), Newgate Ministries of Longview (caring for the homeless), our own Mother’s Day Out program and Rahab’s Retreat & Ranch (a safe transitional haven for victims of Sex Trafficking.)

We also provide, cook and serve breakfast to the homeless men and women at Newgate Ministries three or four times a year. Each breakfast of eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, milk and juice costs approximately \$120.00. This, too, is your dollars at work!

We also respond to disaster emergency needs requests from our Texas Annual Conference.

So you see, **TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

“Thank You” for supporting St. Luke’s Faith Promise Mission Ministry.

Barbara Francisco
Mission Team Secretary



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for two Moms who will be having girls
-Celia Mooney & Becci Thurston-

It is “come & go” in the parlor from 11:45-1:00pm on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Refreshments will be served and you have the opportunity to congratulate them. Our church families always welcome the babies!

The invitation is to all who wish to express their love.

CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

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|---|---|------------------------|
| Deedy Adams | Rebecca Hale | Charlene Phillips |
| Jean Aills (Arabella Memory) | Jo Hancock | Wanda Renshaw |
| Margarette Allison (Briar Cliff, Tyler) | Millard Harkrider | Linda Ridder |
| Charlotte Austin (Hospice) address: Bradley Bryant, 7279 Juniper Dr. Denton, Tx. 75033) | Jeff/Donna Jackson | Juanita Riley |
| Cristi Bennett | Steven Jackson | Pat Sage |
| Jerry Boone (Arbor Grace #10) | Mary Jordan | Fred/JoAnn Samford |
| Barbara Cotten | Yvonne Kennedy | Jo Stiles |
| Chris Crawford | Richard/Kathy Kimball | Marilyn Summers |
| Jan Duncan | Nell King | Bonnie Sistrunk |
| Daniel Ellis | Dwaine Kirksey | Jane Ann Stone |
| Laura Farnham | Heaven Lee | Samuel Thurston |
| Tommy Freeman | Jerry Medford | Wendell/Glennys Travis |
| Ronnie Jobe | Marie Murray | Edith Williams |
| Jim/Sarah Galaway | Nina Fern Nichols (Arbor Grace #19) | Wilbur Yates |
| Gary Gray | Guy (#309)--Billie (#404) Oliphint (Arabella) | |
| Sam Holley | Vivian Patton (Arabella, Kilgore) | |
| Carolyn Holcombe | Shannon Perry | |
| Jacque/Todd Gibbs | Rita Peters (Arabella, Long’v) | |
| Billie Hale | | |
| Carol Grimes | | |
| Billie Hale (The Willows --rehab) | | |

Prayers for Loved Ones:

People will remain on this list about a month unless you let us know they need to be on longer 903-984-3576

- Kathy Adams*friend of many
- Lorna Ala*.....friends of Jeff/Lori Beck & William/Amber Watkins
- Mark & Wanda Allen*.....Freddie Lollie’s family
- Bob Barbee*friend of Mickey Smith Family, Ann White family, & many others
- Eugene Bishop*..... family friend of the Anthony Boone family
- Mac Blackstone*father of Donna Shupe & friend of many
- Keith Allen Brown*.....great nephew of Anna Rohde
- Rosemary Bocanegra & Martha Emili & Mary Herrera*.....friend, aunt, & great aunt of Carolina Bryant
- Jimmy Brown*..... friend of David Wilson
- Bart Covin* step-brother of Ronda Dickey & friend of Mack/Toby Monday
- Kay Davis*mother of Bob Davis
- Jon DeKoker*father of Kraig DeKoker
- Carolyn Duren*Mother of Allison Thompson (friend of SyRena Witt)
- Joe Dyson*nephew of Dorothy Geese
- Margie Edwards*friend of Suzanne Gibson
- Barbara Evans*friend of Boone Family
- Edna Frazier*..... mother of Milton Frazier
- Meagan Gibbs*niece of Bill Bryant
- Jennifer Gilcrest*friend of Carolina Bryant
- Wanda & Bill Haney*.....brother & sister-in-law of Ludie Courtney
- Gail Hargrave & Sherry Lockman*.....friends of Pat Morchat
- Reggie Hawkins*.....dear friend of the Whitworths & the Cottens
- Austin Huckaby*..... friend of Gus Witt
- Kim Hurlburt*.....ex member & friend of Thompsons & others
- Bruce Huther & Rod Allen*..... brothers-in-law of Sharon & Jim McCann
- Loa Johnson*mother of Denise Reinert
- Nancy King*.....friend of Sara Lugeanbeal
- Linda Kohl*friend of Dean & Kathe Miller
- Henry Lyne*.....brother of Martha Eschenfelder
- Tommy Konczak*friend of Jack Moore
- Keith Mattern*friend of Bill Bryant
- John McCloskey*..... father of Bruce Tindel
- Melissa McDonald*.....niece of Sally/Randy Holder
- Teresa Miller*neighbor of Sally Holder
- Camryn Noll* granddaughter (cancer) of Carolina Bryant’s friend
- David Penn*friend of Tonya DeKoker
- Ron & Carol Procell*family Phillip & Tina Procell
- Roy Simmons*brother of Carol Grimes
- Orea Smith*uncle of SyRena Witt
- Dana Ransom*friend of Larry Phillips & many others
- Jack Redfern*..... cousin of Dianne Lee
- Christin Reeves* (cancer).....sister-in-law of David Reeves

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BIRTHDAY PRAYER CALENDAR

Praying for our St. Luke's Family. Please say a prayer for our church family on their special birthday. **If we missed your date, please call the church office (903-984-3576).**



March 1	Billie Barton	Miranda Gaut
Chet Garner	Robert Hatchett	Mack Monday
Shawn Harris	J. Woolley	March 21:
March 2:	March 11:	Michael Cavazos
Lori Fitzpatrick	Alexander Martinez	Jay Dean
Andrew Frazier	Hope Cantu'	Joyce Morris
Brendon Hoberecht	Johnny Carpenter	March 22:
Beth Johnson	Juanita Riley(94)	Pam Davis
Lori Shelton	March 12:	Jadean Roberts
Cindy Venable	March 13:	Sadie Tuck
Anthony Whitworth	Guy Howell, Jr.	March 23:
March 3	Angela Thompson	Dorothy Geese(97)
Lily Brumble	Michael Rabius	March 24:
March 4	David Reeves	Leah Gillen-Hall
Brendon Hoberecht	March 14:	Denise Reinert
Anthony Whitworth	Rusty Chapman	March 25:
March 5:	Leeland Hatt	Holly Boone
Chris Mount	Curtis Harvey	Danny Morchat
Joyce Northcutt	Cy Moore	March 26:
March 6	Dylan Venable	Guy Howell
TJ Gillen-Hall	March 15:	Rose Johnson (90)
Morgan London	Laura Robinson	March 27:
Misti Tuck	March 16:	Kathy Brown
March 7:	Anna M. Rohde	Peggy Medford
Miakoda Freeman	Laura Vermillion	March 28
Randy Holder	March 17:	Cassie Stephens
Art Morchat	Brian Hoberecht	March 29
March 8:	Garry Mount	Judith Banner
Brandon Hooks	March 18:	Sam Witt
Cody Sprayberry	Buddy Jobe	March 30
March 9:	Chase Stewart	Robert Thurston
Kellie Bailey	March 19:	March 31
Katherine Scudday	Gary Blanks	Glenn Tryon
March 10:	March 20:	Joel Vermillion

March Wedding Anniversaries

Names	Date	Years
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Don/Cynthia Adams	3-16-1957	60
Michael/Charlotte Allen	3-14-1997	20
Anthony/Kristi Boone	3-08-2003	14
Brian/Tara Hoberecht	3-24-2011	6
Keith/Paula Hooks	3-18-1978	39
Garry/Cathy Mount	3-02-1979	38
Pat/Angela Thompson	3-10-2012	5
William/Amber Watkins	3-16-2014	3

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES, Continued

Pam Richburg friend of Sheryl Caraway
Luvia Rios friend of Carolina Bryant
Cherie Salmons niece of Jan Duncan
Josh Shirey cousin of Ludie Courtney
Robert Shugart father of Misty Shipman
Rachel Simpson & 3 children.....submitted by Lori Todak
Robert Stiles son of Jo Stiles
Cristen Sistrunk daughter-in-law of Bonnie Sistrunk
Alicia Stemmerman niece of Bruce Tindell
Susan Tackett sister of Jerry Boone
Kathy & Ronnie Toddsister & brother-in-law of Loretta Ross
Dr. Rob Thoni friend of Jamie Haynes & many others
Joe Tuck father of Don Tuck
Billy Vernon friend of many
Watkins family in the loss of daughter/sister.....The Shipman family
Melvin & Sue West brother-in-law & sister of Bill Bryant
Peyton & Langston Whitegrandsons of Curtis & Sigrid Harvey
Harold Wiesefather of Emily Mason
Carter Wilbanks 11 yr. old friend of Richelle Rathbun
Dorothy Williamssister of Bonnie Sistrunk
Katy Williamsfriend of Andrea McGilvray
Billy & Linda Williamson grandparents of Logan Gilbreath

HELPING HANDS

The Helping Hands of Kilgore Cart located in the East Hallway of the church is in need of groceries, toilet paper, paper towels, hygiene items, etc., for Helping Hands. Can you spare a sack? Just put it in the cart. Your gifts will be delivered to the Helping Hands Center on Martin Street.

Thank you for giving!

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

**Spec. Drew Bryant*
 US Navy - nephew of Bill & Carolina Bryant
Derek Chamness (Loretta /Ross's "adopted" son)
 **Captain Chris Conte*
 Army - Sandra Holley's grandson
 **Staff Sgt. Joel Crenshaw*, son of Mike Crenshaw, step-son
 of Ronnie Jobe, brother of Shanna Burgess
 **Shawn Decker*
 **Airman Daniel Ellis*
 Air Force - son of Dennis & Mikki Ellis
 **Capt. Stanton Gardenhire*
 son of Terry & Christine Gardenhire
 **Cameron Chase Grimes*
 Army - Grandson of Carol Grimes
 **PO1 Brian Holcombe* Spec. US Navy
 Wendell & Carolyn Holcombe's son
 **Lt. Col. Chad McAdams*
 nephew of Loretta Ross
 **Kenny Montross* - USAF, "*Bubba*" *McKinley* - USMC
 great nephews of Kay McKinley
 **Jake Pierce*
 Navy - son of Debra Sanders & J.B. Pierce
 * *Chief Robbie Reinert*
 US Navy - son of Ray/Denise Reinert
 **Ryan Reinert*
 Army-Private 1st Class - son of Ray & Denise Reinert,
 Courtney (husband), Emma (Daddy)
 **MSgt. Shane Shugart* brother of Misty Shipman
 **Jacob Whitworth* Army - son of Anthony & Lori Whitworth,
 Grandparents are Herb/Barbara Cotten



Parents' Night Out



Friday, March 3
6:00pm - 10:00pm
\$10 per child
Call Niki Chowdhury

903-235-9401
for more information.

3rd Grade Bibles

Sunday, March 26

All 3rd graders are invited to receive a bible in worship. Please let Niki know so we can get your child on the list.

Summer Slam

June 18-21

Mark your calendar for a new mission opportunity for children who completed 3rd-5th grade. Cost is \$75 which includes a day at Splash Kingdom.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT

MDO will begin registration for the 2017-2018 school year for current students on March 20th. Registration will open to the public on March 27th. The school year will begin in late August following the start of classes at KISD. Please contact me at 903-240-4609 if you have any questions.

Please keep the cans and cartridges coming!

In His Service,
Misty Shipman



March 5th - June 4th

Confirmation Starts for 6th grade and up.

March 12th & 15th- No Youth

Have a great Spring Break

March 25th- Hunger For Love

We will meet at the gym at 7:45 and travel to Tyler to sing, play games, share a meal and worship with the homeless and underserved community. We will return to the church around 12:30.



CHURCH YARD SIGNS FOR SALE
Benefit Youth Summer

PRICE: \$10.00 each

We still have signs available.
Promote St. Luke's UMC to the

community with a sign in your yard and help the youth raise funds for Summer Camping (camp is now \$400, each camper)

AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE

Your help is appreciated!!

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GAME NIGHT

A wonderful fellowship opportunity! Fun, Fun!!
Saturday, March 18, 6:00 - 8:00pm, gym.
Call Barbara Francisco for more information
903-918-6797.

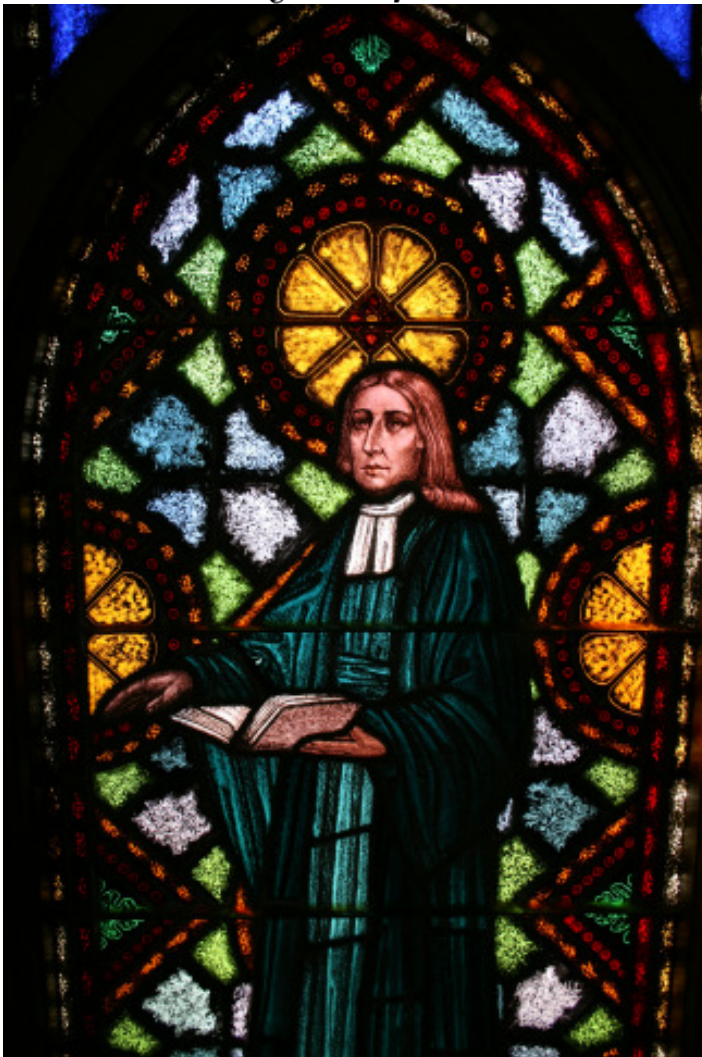


What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



One of the Large Stained Glass Windows at St. Luke's

Many of you may never go up to the choir room in our sanctuary building. If you do, you will be able to see the full beauty of the stained glass window detailed above. The window depicts John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. If you wish to see the window in person, the choir room is located upstairs in the Sanctuary building's education wing. The choir room was the chapel in the original design of our building.



article from umc.org

MORNING UMW

The Morning UMW met for their regular meeting on February 7th, in the Fireplace room of the Family Center. Morning UMW delivered Meals on Wheel ending February 17. We will deliver again later in the year.

UMW will hold a Birthday Party at the Willows on March 15 at 2:30 p.m. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Lunch was served on February 8th at the Wesley Foundation with approximately 200 individuals being served, and we will be serving again at Wesley on March 8th and April 12th. If you would like to help serve and have not signed up, be sure to let Richelle Rathbun know.

Richelle Rathbun announced that the church will again be having *Soup and Sermon* lunches in March and April. Check with Richelle if you would like to prepare soup for one of the days.

Under Joys and Concerns, several prayer requests were made for individuals who are ill or relatives who are going to other states or countries on mission trips or to live.

The next Morning UMW meeting will be March 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. All women in the church are invited to attend.

Sue Jones, Secretary

UMW PAM BESSER EVENING CIRCLE

UMW Pam Besser Evening Circle met for the regular monthly meeting in February.

A light supper of potato soup, cheese and fruit were provided by Richelle Rathbun as part of our *Prayer and Self Denial Program*.

Jan Hattaway provided our monthly devotional from Max Lucado's book God Is With You Everyday. Brenda Culpepper told us the 2017 theme for UMW is "Abundant Health for Women and Children," and the purpose is to raise money for programs that support women and children worldwide. *The Prayer and Self Denial Program* is an annual observance in which UMW members deliberately pray about what and how they can contribute to make women and children in need live better.

In the business portion of the meeting, the minutes and treasurer's report for the previous meeting were approved.

Richelle Rathbun reported the churchwide women's retreat that was held February 4th was a great time by all who attended. If anyone has any feedback, please contact Richelle, Brenda Culpepper or Lisa Frazier so next year's event can be made even greater.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 7th at 6:00 pm in the Fireplace room, and all women are invited to bring a friend.

Kathy Brown, Secretary

St. Luke's United Methodist Men 2017

Program:

2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar. 25: 8:00am Breakfast, Family Center

Wednesday, Apr. 26, 5:00pm Family Center

Pancake Supper Fundraiser

Saturday, June 17, 8:00am Breakfast, Family Center

Saturday, September 23, 8:00am Breakfast, Family Center

Saturday, October 28, 8:00am Breakfast, Family Center

Saturday, November 11, 8:00am Breakfast, Family Ctr.

Saturday, December 16, 10:00am Family Center

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



HILLTOPPERS

March 1, 2017, Family Center

1st Wednesday of Each Month

for fellowship, catered food with a bit

of Irish- (link sausage, cabbage, donegal pie, drinks & dessert) by Richelle Rathbun, (\$6) and an exceptionally interesting program by Rev. Fred Parsons on the New London explosion & the New London Museum. Folks of all ages are invited to gather at 11:00, eat at 11:30, and have the program 12:00.

Remember, everyone is invited-no matter your age.

Please come to the Ash Wednesday worship and the imparting of the ashes on the head at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to begin the Lenten season.



Holy Huddlers

Upcoming Meeting Dates & Locations

Mar 10 - Jucy's TACO - Hwy 80

Mar 24 - Jalapeño Tree, Kilgore

Apr 7 - The Butcher Shop

Apr 21 - Bodacious BBQ

May 5 - Cotton Patch

May 19 - Jucy's BURGER, Hwy 80

June 9 - Dairy Queen, White Oak

June 23 - Val's, Kilgore

Please come one, come all.

The meal is on you, but the fellowship is shared by all!!

-Mikki Ellis



NEW MEMBER BARBARA BOYD

Barbara joined our Family of Faith on February 19, 2017, transferring from another Methodist Church. She lives at 28 Eden Street, 979-255-9900. She has four grown children.

Barbara is already active in worship and is a member of the McDavid, McKinley, Monday Sunday School Class. How honored St. Luke's is to have her as an important part of our church.

Confirmation Classes For 3rd-6th Graders

Class will begin meeting March 5 in the Family Center with Pastor Darwood, from 3:30-4:30pm. They will have the opportunity to join the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Older youth and adults are also welcome. If the parents or grandparents need questions answered, feel free to call the pastor for an office visit.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's nine-week Bible-based financial course, continues each Sunday, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Fireplace Room. It is a 9-week course and will end the Sunday after Easter (no class on Easter.)

The course helps us to learn God's ways of handling money. The average turn-around is \$8,000 - in just the first three months. Our own Chris Crawford leads.

Dave Ramsey is very funny and entertaining on his videos plus making the lessons so important to life situations complete with teaching "know-how".

NEWGATE TENT REVIVAL



Planting Seeds of Faith

**Newgate Mission Tent Revival on the
Newgate Grounds, March 25, 2017**

Churches and Christian individuals are partnering with Newgate Mission to "Plant Seeds of Faith" by sharing the Word of God through an exciting revival event on March 25, 2017.

Contact Newgate Mission for more information on how you, your church, or Christian ministry can be a part of this event. 903 757-6146 or director@newgatemission.org

SOUP AND SERMON Wednesday, March 8-April 5 12:00 Noon St. Luke's Family Center

Our Soup 'n Sermon noon event will feature area preachers bringing a Lenten message each Wednesday during Lent starting on Mar. 8, Rev. Dr. Jason Galler, Mar. 15, Rev. Glenn Young, Mar. 22, Rev. Ralph Rudy, Mar. 29, Rev. Daniel Dower, Apr. 5, Rev. Ron Boyd.

There will be a variety of homemade soups! The whole community is invited.

Lunch and Sermon will be over by 1:00 for those who have to get back to jobs.

MARCH CALENDAR 2017

*Nursery provided for this event

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

- 6:30-8:00am Ash Wednesday breakfast at Whataburger.
Youth meet at 7:00am & bring money for breakfast.
Imposition of Ashes will be offered.
- 9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center
- 9:00am-2:00pm MDO
- 11:00am Hilltoppers Menu: Link sausage, cabbage, donegal pie, cornbread, dessert, drinks.
Program: Fred Parsons will do a presentation of the New London Museum & school explosion
- 3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs
Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten)
Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades)
Hope (4th - 8th grades)
- 3:30pm Youth Activities, Gym
- 5:15pm Dinner (\$5/adults; \$2/children), Chicken Pitas, Salad, drinks, dessert
- 6:00pm NO Mini Methodists (for Children)
- 6:00-7:00pm NO Pastor Darwood's Bible Study - Come to Ash Wednesday worship in Sanctuary at 6:00pm
- 6:00pm NO Prayer Shawl Min. - **Come to Ash Wednesday worship in Sanctuary at 6:00pm**
- 6:00-7:30pm NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
- 6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Thursday, March 2

- 5:00-11:00pm Carol Hinton's Koininia trip to see Broadway 42nd @ Cowan Center, Tyler
- 6:30-8:00pm Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, March 3

- 9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center
- 9:00am-2:00pm MDO
- 6:00-10:00pm Parents' Night Out, gym

Saturday, March 4

Newgate Breakfast, Longview

Sunday, March 5 1st Sunday in Lent

- 8:30am Arise Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:30am Sunday School*
- 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*
- 3:30-4:30pm Confirmation Class, Family Center
- 3:45pm Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Room.**
- 4:30 Youth, gym
- 5:00pm Great Oaks Ranch, Snacks & Barn
Worship
- 6:00-8:00pm Dave Ramsey Financial Peace, Fireplace Room, Nursery available

Monday, March 6

- 9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center
- 6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Tuesday, March 7

- 10:30am UMW meeting, Fireplace Room-"Called to Serve Communities Around the World"
- 6:00pm Pam Besser Circle, Fireplace Room

**Nursery can be arranged for this event

- 6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall
- ### Wednesday, March 8 Feed Wesley Foundation, KC
- 9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center
- 9:00am-2:00pm MDO
- 12:00noon Soup 'n Sermon with Rev. Dr. Jayson Galler, Family Center
- 3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs
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- 6:00pm Mini Methodists (for Children)
- 6:00-7:00pm Pastor Darwood's Bible Study (Bring your Bible--Exodus) in F.C. Parlor
- 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Min., Caring Christians Rm.
- 6:00-7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
- 6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Thursday, March 9

- 6:30-8:00pm Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, March 10

- 9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center
- 9:00am-2:00pm MDO
- 6:00pm Holy Huddlers Juxy's TACO, Hwy, 80

Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am Arise Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:30am Sunday School*
- 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*
- 3:30-4:30pm Confirmation Class, Family Center
- 3:45pm Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Room.**
- 4:30pm NO Youth, gym
- 5:00pm Great Oaks Ranch, Snacks & Worship
- 6:00-8:00pm Dave Ramsey Financial Peace, Fireplace Room. Nursery available.

Monday, March 13 KISD Spring Break

- 9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center
- 6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Tuesday, March 14 KISD Spring Break

- 6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall
- 6:00pm Mission Team, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 15 KISD Spring Break

- 9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center
- 9:00am-2:00pm NO MDO
- 12:00-1:00pm Soup 'N Sermon with Rev. Glenn Young, Family Center
- 2:30pm UMW's B-day Party at the Willows
- 3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs
Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten)
Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades)
Hope (4th - 8th grades)
- 3:30pm NO Youth Activities, Gym
- 5:15pm NO Dinner

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* Nursery provided for this event

** Nursery can be arranged for this event

6:00pm NO Mini Methodists (for Children)
 6:00-7:00pm NO Pastor Darwood's Bible Study
 6:00-7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
 6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Thursday, March 16 KISD Spring Break

6:30-8:00pm Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, March 17 KISD Spring Break

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

9:00am-2:00pm NO MDO

Saturday, March 18**Sunday, March 19 3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Arise Worship, Sanctuary

9:30am Sunday School*

10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*

11:45am All church baby shower for Becci

Thurston & Celia Mooney. Parlor

3:30-4:30pm Confirmation Class, Family Center

3:45pm Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Room.**

4:30pm Youth, gym

5:00pm Great Oaks Ranch, Snacks & Worship

6:00-8:00pm Dave Ramsey Finance, Fireplace Room*

Monday, March 20

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

7:00pm Trustees, Conference Room

6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Tuesday, March 21

6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Wednesday, March 22

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center

9:00am-2:00pm MDO

12:00-1:00pm Soup 'N Sermon with Rev. Ralph Rudy,
Family Center

3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs

Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten)

Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades)

Hope (4th - 8th grades)

3:30-7:00pm Youth Activities, Gym

5:15pm Dinner (\$5/adults; \$2/children), chicken
fettucini alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic
bread, drinks, dessert

6:00pm Mini Methodists (for Children)

6:00-7:00pm Pastor Darwood's Bible Study (Bring your
Bible for Exodus in F.C. Parlor

6:00pm Prayer Shawl Min., Caring Christians Rm.

6:00-7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Thursday, March 23

6:30-8:00pm Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

7:00pm Scout Pack Meeting, Family Center

Friday, March 24

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

9:00am-2:00pm MDO

6:00pm Wedding rehearsal of Brian Holcombe &

Maria Luisa Bansil, Knowles Chapel

6:00pm Holy Huddlers, Jalapeno Tree, Kilgore

Saturday, March 25

7:45am-12:30 Youth meet for Hunger For Love at gym

8:00am UMM Breakfast/fellowship, Family Center

6:00pm Holcombe/Bansil wedding, Chapel with

Rev. Tim Teekell

Sunday, March 26 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30am Arise Worship, Sanctuary

9:30am Sunday School*

10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*

3:30-4:30pm Confirmation Class, Family Center

3:45pm Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Rm.**

4:30-6:00pm Youth, gym

5:00pm Great Oaks Ranch, Snacks & Worship

6:00-8:00pm Dave Ramsey Finance, Fireplace Room

Nursery available

Monday, March 27

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Tuesday, March 28

6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Wednesday March 29

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center

9:00am-2:00pm MDO

12:00-1:00pm Soup 'N Sermon with Rev. Rev. Daniel

Dower, Family Center

3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs

Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten)

Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades)

Hope (4th - 8th grades)

3:30-7:00pm Youth Activities, Gym

5:15pm Dinner (\$5/adults; \$2/children), mini pizzas,
salad, drinks, dessert

6:00pm Mini Methodists (for Children)

6:00-7:00pm Pastor Darwood's Bible Study (Bring your
Bible for Exodus in F.C. Parlor

Prayer Shawl Min., Caring Christians Rm.

6:00-7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

6:00pm Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Thursday, March 30

6:30-8:00pm Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, March 31

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center

9:00am-2:00pm MDO

Emmaus Walk Information

The Spring Men's Walk is

March 2 - March 5 at Disciple Crossing in Athens, TX.

The Spring Women's Walk is

March 9 - March 12 at Disciple Crossing in Athens, TX

Applications are available at the Greater Rose Area
Community Emmaus (G.R.A.C.E.) website.www.gracemmaus.org.

The Emmaus purpose is a spiritual retreat for men
and women. Contact Garry Mount (903.985.0957) or
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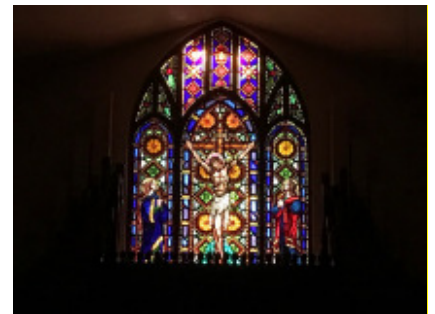
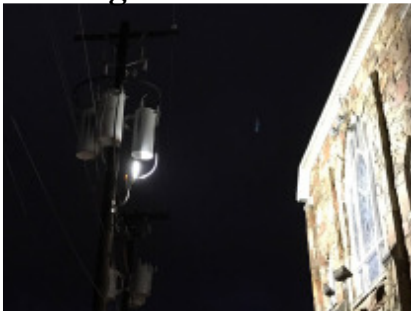
SUNDAY SERVICES:

Arise Service 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Traditional Service 10:30 AM

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Recent photos of the new security light that was installed to enhance the brightness on our beautiful stained glass in front of the Sanctuary. Pics taken Feb. 20th @ Trustees meeting.



TRUSTEES REPORT Randy Gaut made the motion for Bill Bryant to serve as Chairman and Larry Phillips made the motion that Dennis Ellis serve as Vice Chairman of the trustees and both motions were approved. Jack Dickey will serve six months ending June 2017, as secretary. Mack Monday & Robert Smith volunteered to chair the Property/ Maintenance; Jack Dickey made the motion and Herb Cotten seconded that Bruce Tindell be elected to Safety & Security. Larry Phillips will remain Vehicle & Trailers upkeep man. Emergency responders for fire alarms will be Bruce Tindell, Herb Cotten, Bob Davis, William Watkins, Bill Bryant, and Mack Monday.

Business session included discussing the church insurance. Bill told of plaster coming off in the bell tower and the need to get a bid on repairs for that. Bruce Tindell recommended putting a five gallon water dispenser in the front foyer- Jack Dickey made a motion to purchase one. Larry Phillips seconded and the motion passed. Mack mentioned a leak in back of chapel which he believes is a city responsibility. Mack talked about replacing tile and having a work day for the board. Larry recommended selling one of the vans due to lack of use and age of the vans. Bruce recommended having vent-a-hoods cleaned. Meeting was adjourned until April 17 @ 7:00pm in the Conference Room.