

WELCOME!

Whoever you are and wherever you're from, we're glad you're here. Within this brochure is helpful information about who we are, what we believe and what an average Sunday looks like around here. We are sure to have something for you!

It's our mission to come alongside families and help raise a new generation of disciples who will love and lead for Jesus. Here at First United Methodist Church of Arlington, that starts with teaching our youngest who God is and how much He loves them.

OUR CORE VALUES:

We're committed to:

- Assisting in the making of Disciples through teaching how to have relationships that are Christ-driven
- Grace manifested in loving relationships as we go out in the world to "Do all the good that we can, in all the ways that we can, wherever we can."
- Unity in our decisions, our planning & our daily interactions
- Being purpose-driven toward the spiritual development of every involved person
- Honoring God through the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of our ministry
- A permission-giving mentality as it relates to every believer
- Encouraging personal shepherding and life change through small groups

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- We experience the trinity of God as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
- We affirm the divinity of Jesus Christ and his life, death, and resurrection
- We believe that the Holy Spirit is God with us
- We believe that human beings are created in the image of God
- We understand the church as the body of Christ, an extension of Christ's life and ministry in the world today
- We believe the Bible is the primary authority for our faith and practice
- We celebrate the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion
- We believe that our job is to help make Disciples to spread the love and gift of grace to all people

Learn more about FUMC of Arlington
online at arlingtonmethodist.org



To stay in the loop about what we're teaching as well as upcoming events, sign up for our weekly parent email and Remind 101 by calling the church office or emailing Susan Bishara at sbishara@arlingtonmethodist.org



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8:15 & 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

9:30 AM | SANCTUARY

REVIVE WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY)

11:00 AM | GREAT HALL



313 N. Center St. | Arlington, Texas 76011
arlingtonmethodist.org

First United Methodist Church of Arlington

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON

arlingtonmethodist.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

NURSERY *(Infants-Pre-K)*

8:00 am-12:00 pm | Childcare | Children's Wing

PRE-K *(Ages 2-5)*

9:30 am | Pre-K Music | Room 103

9:30 am | Pre-K Classes | Room 104 & 106

K-6TH GRADE

9:30 am | K-1st | Room 112

9:30 am | 2nd-3rd | Room 114

9:30 am | 4th-5th | Room 107

9:30 am | 6th | Confirmation Class | Room 222

10:25 am | K-6th | Children's Choir | Rm 212 & 214

GATHERING PLACE

Room 102 is open on Sunday mornings, during worship and Sunday School for coffee and fellowship. Please stop by and gather with new and old friends. The room is open at all times for nursing or crying babies also.

Where do we go?

As you arrive, our hospitality team will be glad to guide you to the children's check-in area. Once there a volunteer will get your kids checked in, answer your questions, and escort you to Hagler Hall for "gathering movement and music time.

What will my child do?

FUMCA Children's Ministries are designed specifically with your child in mind. We have created unique environments for our nursery, preschool, and elementary age groups, where your child's experience is tailored to their particular stage of development. We pride ourselves in creating safe and fun environments where our children have a blast learning about Jesus! Your child will experience crafts, games, videos, and Bible stories led by caring adults who love to share God's love in creative ways. You can find out more about our primary curriculum at www.wearesparkhouse.com

Will my child be safe?

The safety of your child is one of our primary concerns. All volunteers go through an application process which includes a background and reference check as well as safety training.

CLASS INFORMATION

Holy Moly It's Sunday School: K-5th Grade

During the Sunday School Hour, your kids will be having an incredible experience with our new fast and interactive curriculum. The kids will meet in Hagler Hall as we gather for praise and movement then we will separate into our new classrooms to go in-depth in the lesson for the day through hands on meaningful fun! Parent pick-up is back at Hagler Hall.

Confirmation Class: 6th Grade

Wondering why we have a confirmation ministry focused on 10, 11, and 12-year-olds? There are a number of reasons to point to, but in a nutshell the family and the church are faced with a population of adolescents that inhabit a unique place within society. Teens are introduced to temptations like peer pressure, body image, sex, and drugs earlier and earlier, and our hope is to help 6th graders develop a mature and lasting faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ before they begin their teenage years. As United Methodists, we believe that this is the age to make a covenant with our older elementary kids to learn why we believe what we believe and open them to making decisions about their own discipleship journey.

Shining Stars Class: Ages: 3-12

The Shining Stars ministry at FUMC of Arlington considers it a privilege to provide a relationship-oriented, Christ-centered environment for all individuals with special needs. Through our team of well-trained "buddies," it's our goal to encourage each Shining Star to flourish in their unique abilities and love for Jesus. Shining star classes meet during the 11:00 am worship hour. Children must be registered by noon on Thursday to attend, so that we may assure amazing buddies will be present.

Children's Choir: K-5th Grade

Our children's choir program rehearses during the school year and is divided into two choirs that incorporate all styles of sacred music from contemporary to traditional. It is our goal that children begin to learn the joy of worship through music. The choirs sing 2-3 times each semester for the 11:00 services and the 4:00 Christmas Eve service.

GET INVOLVED!

You are always invited to join us at events! Below are a few options for volunteering. First, **you'll need to be Ministry Safe certified**. It's a super quick and easy process - contact Kathy Martin in the church office at kmartin@arlingtonmethodist.org for more information.

- Be a foodie – help provide food for events
- Be a roadie – drive for events
- Help us train Acolytes
- Assist the children's director by recruiting and assigning volunteers
- Adopt one of our volunteers as a prayer partner
- Become a shepherd
- Become a Leader



There are lots of opportunity to learn, worship, and fellowship for both parents and children on Sundays!

