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SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

**+ HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT
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Contact the church office for DVDs of the worship service at 817-274-2571.

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The Neighbor

By: Dr. David N. Mosser
Senior Pastor

“Go and do likewise”
Luke 10:37



Soon we will welcome my old friend, Rev. Kent Millard, to our church on October 30, 2016 to bring our morning message. He has written a helpful and important book titled, *The Gratitude Path*. In terms of the Christian life, most of it can be summed up with our response to God's grace in Jesus, which at its foundation is a life lived in gratitude. Kent certainly understands this.

With the technology that continues to expand and the uses to which modern people put it, our world appears to steadily contract. People today can sit in their homes and watch events that are occurring continents away—and watch them as they unfold—like the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, for example. Yet despite the world's perceptible shrinkage, we still must cope with the people who live next door—a larger number all the time. For this reason, Jesus' parable from Luke helps inform daily life in ways that we can barely imagine. The self-justifying lawyer's question, "who is my neighbor," is therefore a persistent question for us. It is a persistent question for those who aspire to become Christian stewards as well.

The parable of the "Good Samaritan" begins with a simple enough question. A lawyer stands, perhaps to exert his authority, and asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke offers a clue to the lawyer's motive when the evangelist notes that he "stood up to test Jesus." Jesus' answer conforms to good rhetoric in argumentation by throwing a couple of questions back to the lawyer. Jesus asks, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" Subsequently, the lawyer quotes passages from Leviticus 19:18 and Deuteronomy 6:5. Jesus commends the lawyer on his answer.

But not satisfied to leave well enough alone and wanting to justify himself, the lawyer presses Jesus with yet another question: "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus' reply becomes the model image for caring people in our faith tradition. Jesus now begins the parable proper. This adored parable needs little amplification.

Rather than try to define who the neighbor is for the lawyer, Jesus instead offers a representative story of what a neighbor does on behalf of "the man who fell into the hands of the robbers." Good neighbors, as perhaps good stewards, are those who go beyond requirements and to do what is essential by circumstances. As Matthew writes, "If anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile" (Matthew 5:40-41). It is important to note that after writing these words as part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Matthew continues, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44). Matthew and Luke link earthly neighbors to divine love.

Stewards are people who are generous with the things that God has loaned them to build up God's realm. This Samaritan is the least likely person to go the second mile to help a Jewish person—let alone be extravagant in his generosity. Earlier, perhaps for obligation to the Mosaic law, a priest and a Levite "passed by on the other side." Yet it is the one that Jesus' audience would have least suspected as showing mercy who was the one who showed compassion. The Samaritan's generosity and time (who can measure the value of such without looking at his tax return) did reveal one thing. It revealed the generosity of his mind and heart for one in the ditch—left to die.

It is probably to the lawyer's credit that he asked the religious question for many people: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" When Jesus answers this query, he counters not so much quantitatively as we might today—who is the richest or has the greater possessions? Rather, Jesus' answer is qualitative. The one who lives abundantly is the one who shows mercy to the neighbor—which is anyone in need.



Learn more about the Stewardship campaign online at arlingtonmethodist.org/Give

YOU ARE INVITED TO FUMCA'S FALL KICKOFF



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

FOOD . FELLOWSHIP . FUN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

10:45 am-1:00 pm

Lunch in the North Parking Lot at FUMCA

Join us after worship in the North parking lot for food, bounce houses, a live DJ, and more!

Come meet & greet our new pastors and staff and find out how to get connected into different ministries with our Connection Fair!

FUMC of Arlington is a Shield a Badge partner and prays for the department and individual officers daily. Local police are invited to join us for lunch.

For more information about the Shield a Badge Program, visit shield-a-badge.org or contact Michelle Clark, Director of Mission & Outreach in the church office.



SHIELD A BADGE WITH PRAYER

How You Can Support Our Local Police

By: Michelle Clark

Director of Missions & Outreach

In 2013, First United Methodist Church of Arlington began a partnership with the Arlington Police Department through the Shield a Badge Program. This program matches a faith community member with an Arlington police officer for prayer support and encouragement throughout the time they are matched.

This program began through the efforts of the Henz family, as three of their four sons became officers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the eldest, Tim, in Arlington. Their mother began praying daily for their safety, good judgement, and safe return home. Following Mrs. Henz's example, friends in her parish began to pray for her sons, too, and as a result, the Shield a Badge Program

was born in the Arlington Police Department in 1988.

Community support has been ecumenical and overwhelming over the last 28 years. Catholics, United Methodists, Baptists, non-denominational members, and others have joined together to offer prayer support to the men and women who daily put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve the city. From the Police Chief Will Johnson to the beat patrol officers, many are thankful for the prayers and have strong feelings about the program. As Officer Brock once commented, "In a time when police are so often criticized, observing awful things or working long hours—just receiving a personal note made the day a little brighter!"

In the three years since FUMC of Arlington embarked on this journey of support, many new officers have joined the ranks and violence has escalated throughout our nation. It is important that we continue to offer intercessions on behalf of our peace officers and you have the opportunity to be involved directly as a prayer sponsor.

On September 11, our church will hold its Fall Kickoff where we join together in a meal following the 9:30 and 11:00 am services. The police officers who work in our beat have been invited to come eat with us. During this time, you will have the opportunity to interact with and get to know some of these public servants as well as sign up to sponsor an officer through the Mission Team table.

Program Guidelines

- Commitment is for one year and can continue beyond if sponsor chooses.
- Sponsor will offer a daily prayer for the safety on an assigned officer. There is no prescribed prayer or wording that must be used.
- The Officer's name and badge number will be given to the sponsor.
- Communications with the officer is limited to a card or note several times a year, letting them know you are praying for them. It is recommended that the card mentions the program. Seasonal cards are welcome but no gifts. The station address will be given to you.
- There should be no attempt to make personal contact with the officer and no emails.



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Fall

MISSION EVENTS



By: Michelle Clark

Director of Missions & Outreach



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1 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Work teams are forming now for Wednesday, September 21 and Saturday, September 24. We will be working on the Methodist house and an adjacent house in the Carver Heights neighborhood of Fort Worth.



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2 PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTIONS

We are collecting peanut butter for Everman United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Everman UMC has an after school outreach program to over 100 students per week. Peanut butter sandwiches are given out as snacks during a time of study and play. We are collecting peanut butter the entire month of September.

3 BACKPACK BUDDIES

Begins October 1 at Wimbish Elementary school. This program provides food for the weekend to students in need. Volunteers can help with group shopping and stocking or loading backpacks on a rotational schedule.



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4 KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY WEEKEND #31

The weekend of September 29-October 2. We will need fresh homemade cookies for this outreach project. Cookies are delivered to prison inmates and staff. Call the church office to schedule a time to use the church kitchen which is an approved cooking site.

Contact Michelle Clark at mclark@arlingtonmethodist.org for more information on how to get involved with one of these events.

Pathways to Discipleship

WHY SMALL GROUPS?

By: Rev. Kay Lancaster
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

It has long been a tradition of the United Methodist Church for members to not only participate in weekly worship, but to also be a part of a small group. These groups include Sunday school, Bible study, and accountability groups. Our congregation offers a variety of opportunities in each of these areas.

Sunday school classes serve to provide Christian fellowship and support as well as a brief time for the study of scripture or other social justice issues addressing our world and community. Most of our classes are at 9:30 am, but we also have classes that meet at 8:15 and 11:00 am.

We have several studies beginning in September. Many of them are listed in the inset box. We offer classes on various subjects, at various times of the day, and on various days of the week, in order to meet the various needs of our members and guests. If you cannot find a time and topic that meets your needs, please contact Rev. Kay Lancaster.

It was John Wesley's belief that each member of a congregation should be a part of a small accountability group. These groups are not study groups. The size of the group should be from 6-10 people. The purpose of an accountability group is to assist members in connecting to their faith by building their relationship with God as well as building relationships with other group members. Group members hold each other in prayer. Each week topics of conversation might include:

- *How have you experienced God this week?*
- *Where have you been called to serve God this week?*
- *When have you missed a call to discipleship or an opportunity to share the love of Christ with another this week?*

Ultimately, these small groups help participants stay connected with each other and the congregation. This is particularly important in a large congregation, such as ours, where people can too easily become forgotten or invisible.

Although we currently have accountability groups meeting during the week, our Pathways Committee has realized the need to develop leaders in order to establish additional small accountability groups within our congregation. We will be training leaders this fall with a small group kick off early in 2017.

SUNDAYS

Disciple II: Into the World

September 11 | 4:00-6:00 pm
Disciple Learning Center

TUESDAYS

Lectionary Bible Study

September 13 | 6:00-7:00 pm
Banquet Room

WEDNESDAYS

Immersion Study

September 7 | Room 151
10-11 am or 6:30-7:30 pm

THURSDAYS

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

September 8 | 6:30-8:00 pm
Room 100

Beginnings I

September 8 | 6:30-8:00 pm
Banquet Room

If you are interested in joining a Sunday school class, study, small group or leading one of these groups, contact Rev Kay Lancaster by email at klancaster@arlingtonmethodist.org or the church office at 817-274-2571.



Chancel Choir

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VIVALDI'S GLORIA

By: Sean Hale
Director of Music & Worship

Last year, the Chancel Choir and Orchestra presented Handel's *Messiah* during the season of Advent. Throughout that process we added over twenty voices to our choir! Singing historical major works is an incredible way to celebrate, learn, and invite people to church to either participate in the ensemble, or to hear the culmination of the work. This year our kickoff rehearsal for the *Gloria* will be Saturday, September 17, with a rehearsal 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the choir room with a meal to follow.

For anyone that may not be able to sing with the Chancel Choir regularly, but would like to sing with us for the Gloria, we have a shortened schedule of seven rehearsals that will prepare you to sing with us. Youth are strongly encouraged to come as well. We'd love to have you! This is a great opportunity to invite not only the musicians of our church, but musicians in our community to come and take part in a great piece of music. Please help us spread the word. Here is the shortened schedule:

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR SEASONAL SINGERS & YOUTH Christmas 2016—Vivaldi's Gloria

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 9/17

10 am-12 pm | Choir Room

Vivaldi Gloria Choir

Kickoff Rehearsal

12-1:30 pm | Banquet Room

Catered Lunch (\$6)—New Members, College Students and Youth eat free!

OCTOBER

Saturday, 10/8

10 am-12 pm | Choir Room

Vivaldi Rehearsal

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 11/5

10 am-12 pm | Choir Room

Vivaldi Rehearsal

Wednesday, 11/16

7-9 pm | Choir Room

Vivaldi Rehearsal

Tuesday, 11/22

7-8:30 pm | Choir Room

Vivaldi Rehearsal

Wednesday, 11/30

7-9 pm | Sanctuary

Vivaldi Rehearsal

DECEMBER

Saturday, 12/3

10 am-12 pm | Sanctuary

Chancel Choir and

Orchestra Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, 12/4

All Services | Sanctuary

Vivaldi Gloria Presentation

Join the Music!

By: Sean Hale
Director of Music & Worship

The musical possibilities at FUMCA are numerous. We have many programs for all ages and musical backgrounds. As the Director of Music here at FUMCA, I do my best to remind everyone that participates in an ensemble why we make music in our church: To worship God! Music is an artform that God has granted unto us to utilize in a way to both glorify God, but also to uplift the spirits of listeners and participants alike. In a world that is oftentimes riddled with violence and disagreement, I believe we are called to create more beauty and love, through music, to better the community in which we live. Leonard Bernstein, the famous conductor and composer (most notably of West Side Story) said this about art:

“ The point is, art never stopped a war and never got anybody a job. That was never its function. Art cannot change events. But it can change people. It can affect people so that they are changed... because people are changed by art—enriched, ennobled, encouraged—they then act in a way that may affect the course of events...by the way they vote, behave, the way they think. ”

The use of art and music in worship is a powerful way to speak to the soul. We would love for you to join us in the incredible experience of music! To the right are opportunities in which you can connect with different groups in our church that are kicking off this September. I hope you will consider being a part of this wonderful process with us!

Youth and Chancel Orchestra

One of the incredible groups that we have at FUMCA is our Youth Orchestra program. Not many churches have a program like this, and we are fortunate to offer it with the expertise of Arthur Busby. This group's first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 14, from 5:50-6:50 pm in the Sanctuary. The Youth Orchestra is open to all Jr. and Sr. high students who play a string, woodwind, or brass instrument. The orchestra plays once a month in the 8:15 and 11:00 am services, Ash Wednesday, and plays at an offsite location (usually a nursing/retirement facility). Sr. High students are also invited to play with the Chancel Orchestra, comprised of adults, for our major works.

If you are an adult and have kept up your instrumental skills, you are invited to play in our Chancel Orchestra that plays for major works, Ash Wednesday, and occasionally joins the youth orchestra. For more information please contact Sean Hale at shale@arlingtonmethodist.org.

Children's Choir

By: Janie Johnson, *Director of Children's Music*

As summer fades into fall, the memories of the summer musical, *What's Up, Zak?*, still linger in the hearts of all the talented children and adults who came together for Music Week. It was a huge success and we are already thinking about next year!

As fall approaches, we are beginning to plan for the new year of Children's Choir for grades K-6. Children's Choir will meet at 10:25-10:55 am on Sunday mornings beginning, September 11. There will be two choirs again this year: K-2nd and Agape Choir, 3-6th grade. I encourage every child to come and be a part of the Children's Choir program this year! The choirs will sing in church services and have field trips, possibly to Arlington Heights UMC in Ft. Worth, and to some local theater productions!

There are many benefits in being a part of a children's choir program. One is that a child has the opportunity to be in a smaller musical group where they can get special attention which the public school setting sometimes cannot afford to do. Also, I find that a child can gain confidence in singing and they will be more likely to try out for other musical endeavors!

I'm very excited about this coming school year and I would love to meet your child! If there is any way I can help your child, especially in a musical way, please let me know.



UNIVERSITY CARE PACKAGES

By: Brittany Wright
Assistant Director of Youth Ministries

Every semester members of our church send out care packages to our college students as they study and cram for finals.

We want to make sure every college student is included in this ministry. Whether they are here in town or away we want them to know we care. So, please email or call Brittany Wright in the church office with their information. We are starting a new college list this year, so make sure your college student gets put on the list!

Members of the congregation fill the boxes with treats, toys, gift cards, and notes, but (most importantly) they receive love, support, and an assurance that their church family cares for them and is praying for them.

Please get this info in to Brittany ASAP and no later than October 10 so that your college student can be included in the mailing for the fall finals.

Information we need for each college student:

NAME:

COLLEGE:

ADDRESS AT SCHOOL:

FOOD ALLERGIES:

LIKES (5) OR DISLIKES:
*i.e. coffee or tea, kind of candy, snack food, cookies, or anything that might make a package more personal for them. This information will really help the person filling the box.




BIG HOPE

ONE hour
ONE day a week,
with **ONE** child=
ONE huge
difference in
a child's life!

If you are interested in spending one hour per week during lunch time connecting with an at-risk child at Webb elementary for the upcoming school year, please contact Jill Regina at jregina@arlingtonmethodist.org. Prayer partners also needed. Applications can be processed over the summer so you can have a Little Brother or Little Sister ready for you at the beginning of school in September!

Learn more at bbbstx.org/bighope

FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH

By: Sharla Martin
Parish Visitor for Pastoral Care

This fall, First United Methodist Church of Arlington is beginning a partnership with Texas Health Resources in a Faith Community Health Program. This program recognizes the importance of taking care of the whole human being—mind, body and spirit.

Through this partnership, our church will have access to wellness and prevention programs, presentations on health topics by healthcare professionals, caregiver support and resources as well as health assessments and screenings.

The intent of the program is to work in conjunction with members of a local congregation - ideally an RN or other persons called to work within the faith community's health ministry - to identify needs specific to our community. We are currently seeking an RN from our church who would be able to act as liaison for this program. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sharla Martin at smartin@arlingtonmethodist.org.

As a starting point, we will be conducting a health interest survey to tailor events that will suit our needs. The survey is available on the church website or in paper format available in the church office. Please participate in this survey to help us know how we can best serve the faith community here at FUMCA.



The church staff would like to remind you that if you, or a loved one is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let the church office know so that one of our staff can pay a visit. We want to provide support and encouragement during times of illness as part of our ministry to the body of Christ. Give us a call at 817-274-2571.



The Columbarium

By: Ellen Bauman
Columbarium Coordinator

The Columbarium at FUMC of Arlington continues to be a vital ministry of our church that meets the needs of families in the most difficult of times. Many families have found peace, knowing their family member is at rest in such a beautiful, sacred setting.

At the end of July, 75 niches had been purchased. Two niche units (IV & V) have recently been added along with one granite bench in the North Walkway (Phase 1). As

additional niches are purchased, we can look forward to adding the last two niche units (VI & VII) along with the last of four benches which will complete the North Walkway.

After the successful completion of the Stained Glass Project (with thirty-three outstanding panels), the focus is on developing the 'Columbarium Art Program'. Cindy Norris, our Art Review Panel Coordinator, is ably leading this initiative. Cindy is gathering illustrative and cost information from

participating artist/sculptors which will be collected in a portfolio kept in my office. Potential sponsors will be able to select specific pieces that they would like to sponsor, as they did for stained glass panel designs. It is possible for several sponsors to join together to sponsor a selected piece.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of a niche for yourself or your family, please email me at ebauman@arlingtonmethodist.org or give me a call at your convenience.

NOTES FROM CINDY

The Columbarium at our church is coming along as planned. The next step is to add art to the area. Fabulous artists are being approached by the Art Review Panel to create pieces which will truly lift our souls and bring peace to our hearts. In the very near future, you will have the

opportunity to place your mark on the Columbarium by becoming a patron for an art piece. A book with the first images representing work to be made will be placed in Ellen Bauman's office in the next few weeks. You may be a patron alone or gather as a family, a class, a group of classes or any

other group in which you wish to participate. The name of the individuals or groups will be remembered in a plaque on the wall near the art. Thank you in advance for your kind participation. What you do now will be a part of our church for many generations to come. God bless you.

Cindy Norris
Columbarium Art Review Panel Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: RAINBOW

When and where does your class meet?

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in Room 151

How many people are in your class?

A typical Sunday is 25-40 people

How long has your class been meeting?

Before the birth of our children, and now our children are having our grandbabies!

Who is your class geared towards?

Couples 50-70 years of age; Christians of various faith backgrounds (e.g., Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist); Christians well-versed in the Bible, as well as those starting or returning to their path in Christianity.

Is there a way your class gets involved with the One Mile Mission?

Members provide support to One Mile Mission efforts through time, talent and financial support of Arlington Urban Ministries, Arlington Charities, Arlington Life Shelter, UTA Wesley Foundation, Family Pathfinders, and more.

Tell us something interesting your class has done recently:

Each year the class has a weekend campout at Lake Texoma, with children and grandchildren invited. We also recently completed reading the entire Bible.

The greatest strength of your class is:

Our caretaking of each other and our families in times of illness or hardship with meals, group and individual prayers, hospital visits, cards, and occasional monetary gifts, etc.

Three words that describe your class:

Caring; Fun; Ecumenical



The Rainbow class after the One Worship service in January 2016.

For a full listing of Sunday school classes, times, and descriptions, visit arlingtonmethodist.org



Is there something special about your Sunday school class that you would like to share? Whether it's One Mile Mission involvement, mission projects, or fun class excursions, we'd like to hear about it! To nominate your class for a Sunday School Spotlight, email Mary Gibson at mgibson@arlingtonmethodist.org

INTRODUCING...



Rev. Kevin Wilson

Associate Pastor of Evangelism & Communications

Kevin joined the staff of FUMCA in July of 2016. He is a lifelong United Methodist and grew up in Ohio, before moving to Arlington in 1988. He graduated from The Ohio State University (B.S.B.A., Statistics), UTA (B.B.A., Marketing) and Brite Divinity School – TCU (Master of Divinity, Pastoral Care).

Prior to his appointment to FUMCA he served as Pastor at First UMC Meridian, Associate Pastor at First UMC Waxahachie, and Youth Pastor at Keller UMC. While he was a

seminary student, he was an Intern Pastor at Epworth UMC in Arlington and an Intern Chaplain at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. For the next two years, Kevin will serve as the Chair for Conference Trustees and as the Registrar for the East District Committee on Ministry.

He and his wife, Cheryl, have been married since 2007 and reside in Arlington. They enjoy the blessing of six nieces and are enthusiastic fans of the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers. Kevin has participated in many mission trips, most recently returning from a trip to provide clean water in

the Trojes region of Honduras. He also enjoys snacking on M&M's, decorating for Christmas, cheering on anything relating to The Ohio State University, and knows that ice cream can make any event even better.

Kevin believes, "It is through God's call on our lives that we journey together to further understand and develop our relationship with God and each other. We are thankful for the welcome and support this congregation provides and ask for your continued prayers. Through God we can surpass our own expectations."



Dr. Alfie Wines

Associate Pastor of Connections

Dr. Alphonetta Beth (Alfie) Terry Wines is a Pastor, Biblical Scholar, and Theologian. She grew up in Houston and came to Fort Worth for undergraduate study at TCU. She entered the ministry after a twenty-year career as a Human Resources Professional. No stranger to our city, she spent four years in HR at the City of Arlington and five years as Senior Pastor of Grace UMC, Arlington.

Dr. Wines began her ministerial career in 2002. She was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 2008. Dr. Wines holds a Master of Divinity and a Ph.D. in Biblical Interpretation from Brite Divinity School on the campus of TCU.

Her fourfold ministerial focus can be summarized by noting her love for teaching, preaching, writing, and music. Her passions include: biblical interpretation, biblical literacy,

spiritual growth, prayer, worship, music, ecumenical and interfaith ministry, online ministry, and leadership.

When not at FUMCA, Dr. Wines ministers online. She writes biblical commentaries and essays for the Working Preacher, Craft of Preaching, and Enter the Bible websites. Dr. Wines is an accomplished musician. She is the proud mother of one beloved daughter, Tajiri Brackens, of Houston, TX.

El Servicio *la Jornada*

By: Julio Casablanca
Church Member



I am often asked about the La Jornada service. "What are you guys?" Are we a mission, a service, or a church? I confess that I struggle defining what we are. The initial spark for La Jornada happened some seven years ago, stemming out of our "One Mile Mission". Not a church, not a ministry, but rather a service which grew organically out of our commitment to our community. Today we are 45+ strong, embedded in FUMCA and our community, with much more to come.

We think of ourselves as FUMCA members who happen to attend the Spanish service. Two cultures, two languages, one Gospel. Stop by the chapel, we would love to have you at our service!

Here are some of the places and ministries where you can find La Jornada involved:

- **CHURCH COUNCIL**
- **EVANGELISM TEAM**
- **PATH 1 LEADERSHIP TRAINING** (Spanish)
To train and develop lay leaders within the Hispanic community we partnered with "Red de Lideres Laicos" (Network of Lay Leaders). Training is provided at FUMCA.
- **SPORT MINISTRIES** (Baseball & Soccer)
- **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH ASJ**
This relationship has a great deal of potential and we are looking forward to working together.



La Jornada meets on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Chapel.

NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISMS

MAY–AUGUST 2016

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Arlington!



SYDNEY STEWART



CHERYL WILSON



DAVID AND LINDA REECE



HACK AND PATTY ROGERS



CARSON HAGMAN



GAIL PRAGER



BAPTISM:
CAMERON JANE HERMS

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Are You Up To Date?

Has your home address or phone number recently changed? Or have you discontinued your landline and switched to a cell phone number as your primary number? Give us a call at 817-274-2571 so we can make sure all of your contact information is up to date.

FALL EVENTS

DR. MOSSER'S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 6 | 5:30-7:00 PM | BANQUET ROOM

Dr. David Mosser will begin the Fall session of the Lectionary Study with a Potluck meal at 5:30 and the study from 6:00-7:00. Each Tuesday Dr. Mosser presents information on the 4 scriptures from which the next Sunday's sermons will focus.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP*

SEPTEMBER 8 | 6:00-7:30 PM | PARLOR

A seven-week grief support group for those who have suffered loss. Facilitated by Arlington Chapel.

FALL KICKOFF: THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 11 | 10:45 AM-1:00 PM | N. PARKING LOT

Join us after worship in the North parking lot for food, bounce houses, a live DJ, and more! Come meet & greet our new pastors and staff and find out how to get connected into different ministries with our Connection Fair.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA KICKOFF REHEARSAL

SEPTEMBER 14 | 5:50-6:50 PM | SANCTUARY

All youth who play a string, woodwind, or brass instrument are invited to come to the first Youth Orchestra rehearsal of the year. The youth orchestra plays in the 8:15/11:00 services once a month and is co-directed by Arthur Busby and Sean Hale.

VIVALDI GLORIA KICKOFF REHEARSAL

SEPTEMBER 17 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

Come and join the choir as we kickoff the rehearsing of Vivaldi's Gloria. We will rehearse in the Choir Room and then have a catered lunch in the Great Hall at noon. The lunch is free for new members, youth, and college students.

FLU SHOTS

SEPTEMBER 18 & OCTOBER 16 | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Flu shots and other immunizations offered by Kroger pharmacy in the upstairs alcove. Please provide ID and a Medicare card if you have one.

WESLEYAN SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 18 | 12:15-1:45 PM | ROOM 154

Training for those considering taking on the role of leadership as a small group leader in our upcoming kick off of small groups reflecting the design of John Wesley.

HOLY LAND TOUR GROUP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18 | 5:00-6:30 PM | ROOM 154

Meeting for those registered or interested in registering for the December 27 trip to the Holy Land with Educational Opportunities Tours. Tour hosted by Rev. Kay Lancaster.

TAXES IN RETIREMENT

OCTOBER 16 | 9:30-10:45 PM | BANQUET ROOM

A seminar offered by Educate DFW on taxes in retirement. Consider bringing your Sunday School class. All are welcome!

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 29 | 3:00-5:00 PM | GENE PATRICK PLAZA

Join us as we host Trunk or Treat for the children of our church and community. There will be candy, food, and fun activities.

A LOOK AHEAD*

NOVEMBER 12 | 8:00 AM-5:00 PM | FUMCA

Informational conference for persons with disabilities and their families.

AWAY WE GO

NOVEMBER 17 | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Away We Go to the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas. The bus leaves the church at 10:00 and returns around 3:00. Lunch included in the price (TBD)

ANNUAL YOUTH LOCK-IN*

NOVEMBER 18 7:00 PM-NOVEMBER 19 10:00 AM

Annual fall lock-in for our youth.

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