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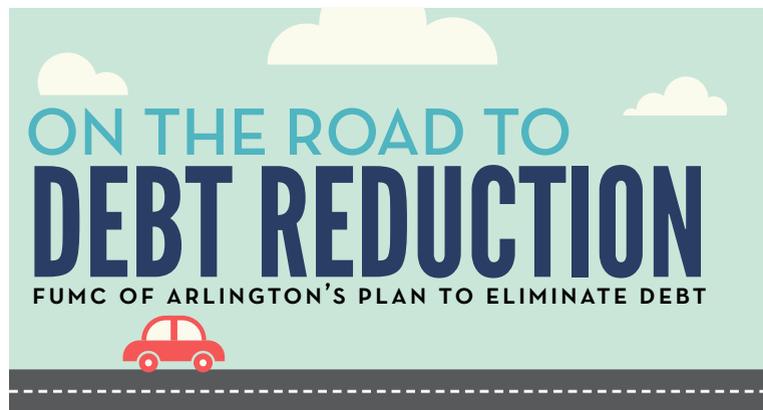


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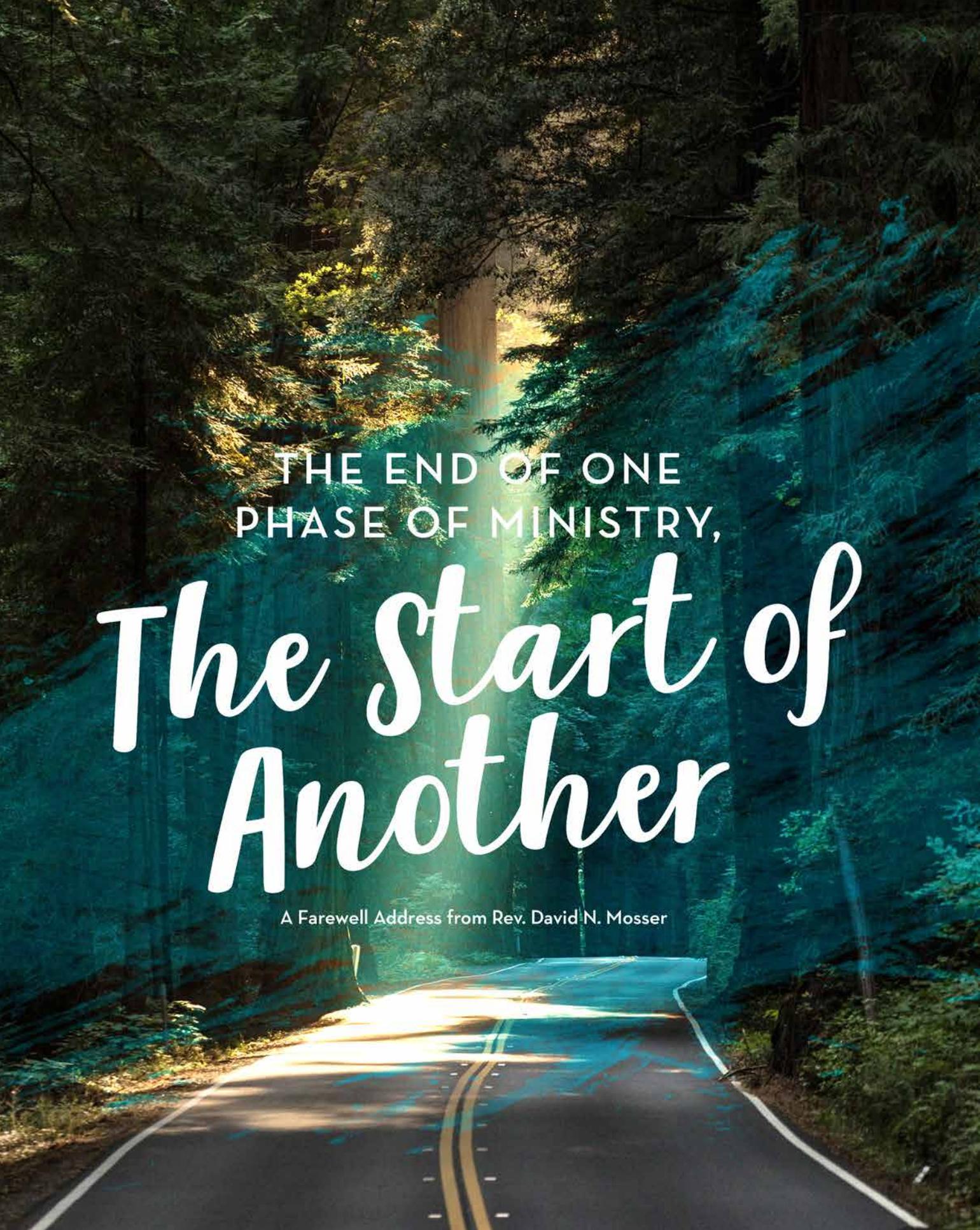
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A Farewell Address from Rev. David N. Mosser

Effective July 1, Dr. Mosser will be leaving FUMC of Arlington to be appointed Senior Pastor at Salado UMC, in Salado, Texas.



After thirteen years I am beginning to say good-bye to a church that I have come to love, but also have come to cherish. Dr. Steve Langford will be

your new pastor beginning in July. He is a good guy that I have known for very nearly 30 years. Although our worship attendance at FUMC of Arlington has slumped over the last few years, most parts of our church are functioning well with new people leading youth and children. Between the new staff additions in Children and Youth areas, and good trends in music and missions, things look promising.

Of course as they say: “we have come a long way baby.” I remember my first Sunday was 1 March 2004. We together decided to buck the recent trends of 2003. In 2003 the church was apportioned \$279,253 and paid 17.4% (48,588) leaving an unpaid balance of 82.6% (230,664). Beginning in 2004 the church began paying apportionments on a monthly basis and have paid 100% each year—for thirteen uninterrupted years.

In 2003 the church was 2 months behind in loan payments and had an outstanding line-of-credit for \$50,000—the church is now fully current on our loan and has no outstanding lines of credit. We maintain an adequate operating cash level that covers all liabilities that we hold in cash and keep an additional \$160K in cash above our liabilities. All this is thanks to Mary Lobban—and my knack to leave her alone to do such a superb job.

Beginning in January of 2004 we owed \$1,762,320 on our loans while beginning this year of 2017 we now owe \$ 448,638. By the time

we get to the end of our debt reduction campaign the loan will be almost nil.

As tempting as it might be to try to take credit for all of this, I am like George Washington in that “I cannot tell a lie” (and besides he was also six foot three). My leadership philosophy is to find the best possible people to work here and then get out of their way while they do the job. We also have a talented group of lay people who bring a marvelous array of resources to ministry here.

The things this church has done in a Baker’s dozen of years here is hard to fathom. We have received \$795,000 in grants for Capital projects. Some of our projects include: refreshing the Chapel, Youth, & Children’s Area, creating the Gene Patrick Plaza on North Street, fixing the façade on Division Street, and revitalizing the Activity Center. Over these years we have also raised over \$450K for organ renovations. In addition the Capital Campaign raised nearly \$1,000,000 that funded a whole list of projects from the Sanctuary renovations (pew refinishing, pew cushions, HVAC upgrades, flooring & painting), new flooring in classrooms, hallways and the Great Hall, total renovations to the banquet room and parlor.

We also have lovingly laid dozens of folks to their final resting place in our Columbarium.

We have also been able to fund major renovations to all of the parking areas (with the exception of the South lot) using parking revenue from the Cowboys games, an AISD partnership agreement and the Capital campaign. On 1



Dr. Mosser at the North St. grand opening in 2014, part of our Capital Campaign.

COME  
WORSHIP

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SERVE



January 2004 our Church Facilities endowment had a fund balance of \$231,258; today the balance is \$783,929.

Thanks to you, FUMC, Arlington, we restarted our Hispanic Ministry program that had faltered under our Annual Conferences' leadership and investment. Today it is growing steadily under a partnership of our congregation, some strong Spanish speaking lay minister-types, and a Hispanic Ministries intern. The Mexican Consulate served some 1360 persons this February—documented persons who needed passports, legal documents, etc.

We have or are sending folks into the ordained ministry: LeeAnn Wendell, Tolli Macalik, Nick Scott, Meredith Bell, Amanda Bresciani, Jarrod Johnston, Rezolia Johnson Roberson, Estee Valendy, Kay Lancaster, and beginning this fall at Perkins will be Allie Johnson. We have clearly established our church as a teaching church and focused on the development of young ministers. We have had these Perkins Interns: Jarrod Johnston, Rezolia Johnson Roberson, Amanda Bresciani, Rodney Ward, Fred Bates, and Jason Jones. Also from Brite Divinity school the students were both Estee Valendy and Kay Lancaster.

In special services over the years we have had the following Bishops preach here: Carter, Wilimon, Schnase, Warner, and Lowry. Other preachers of note who have preached here



From left: One Worship Service in 2014, Confirmation Retreat 2015, Sanctuary service 2017

## Farewell Reception:

Dr. Mosser's farewell reception will be held on **Sunday, June 25**, after worship, in the Great Hall.

include: Zan Holmes, Ellsworth Kalas, Alyce McKenzie, Tom Butts, Kent Millard, John Holbert, and Bill Lawrence.

I have tried to teach the Bible as honestly and fully as I can. We have had thirteen delightful sessions of Adult Vacation Bible School for all those people in our congregation who could not go to Portugal or Turks and Caicos which I am told are the World's Top Islands for the summer. We have also had a good run of Tuesday night Lectionary studies for eight years. I think this ongoing class scratched an itch we did not know we had as we averaged 60-70 for the duration.

I suppose the thing that I am most proud of this congregation for is embracing the One Mile Mission (OMM) idea started by Ken Diehm (deceased 2011 and was pastor at FUMC, Grapevine) and me. We wanted (and this includes all of us as a community of faith), to make a positive impact on the individuals and businesses surrounding our churches. Out of that discussion, an idea to create a specific mission to serve those within a one mile radius of the church was born—known simply as the One Mile Mission.

We care deeply for the congregation and those in the community, so with the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and baptism in mind, we challenged our church to find different ways to reach out and serve within that one-mile circle.

OMM was initiated, leaving the ideas and options up to the creative minds of groups participating in this local mission. As a result, in addition to the national and global mission involvement that we are already very effective in, our church has become more intentional about getting involved in the community.

From its inception, the One Mile Mission has promoted the goal of introducing us to our neighborhood and introducing our neighborhood to us.

We have seen this fulfilled as our members serve in various ways. We just have to look at some of the great ministries at our church.

*I still have many things to say to you, but you can not bear them now.*

JOHN 16:12 (ESV)

Over the last thirteen years we have been a 5 Star Central Texas Annual Conference Mission Church each year in large measure because of the job Michelle Clark has done leading a mission-minded church. I am also very proud that our congregation had a Deaconess Consecrated who has done well. Her name is Megan Hale.

I am also proud of our church slogan which you came up with and one that I will take with me to Salado: Come-Worship; Stay-Learn; Go-Serve.

Sincerely, your friend,

David Mosser

Want to reread a sermon or one of Dr. Mosser's blogs? Find them online at [onemilemosser.com](http://onemilemosser.com)

# My First Story

FEATURING CHRIS OLSON



By: Dr. Alfie Wines  
Associate Pastor of Connections

Each person who is part of FUMCA has a First Story. In this series, *My First Story*, Dr. Alfie Wines, Associate Pastor of Connections, interviews members of FUMCA as they share their First Story. This is Chris Olson's Story.

**Alfie Wines (AW): Hi Chris! Thanks for taking time to tell me your first story. How long have you been here at FUMCA?**

**Chris Olson (CO):** My wife, Cathy, came first and then I followed her. That was I think in 1990. Both of us moved to the area after attending Texas A&M.

**AW: Were you college sweethearts?**

**CO:** Yes, we were college sweethearts... we still are!

**AW: What drew you to FUMCA?**

**CO:** Cathy was always a Methodist. Since she loved the UMC, it seemed like the natural thing to do.

**AW: Tell me about your work with First Friday.**

**CO:** Cathy started it and I soon followed. I've been part of this ministry for about 15 years.

**AW: Wow! That's wonderful! Tell me, what do you love most about First?**

**CO:** I like the fact that the church is big enough that you can find just about any opportunity that you want... and yet, because of the SS classes, you

can find your own group of people to be friends with. Cathy and I really like the people that we've come to know, especially the people in our Sunday School Class, Covenant with the Cross. Not only do we study together, we participate and support various ministries inside and outside the church. We also have monthly social gatherings as well.

**AW: That's great! What do you love about being part of First Friday?**

**CO:** Over the years, I've participated in any number of ministries. I tried the choir, but let's just say singing in the choir is not my gift! I love First Friday because of all the groups I've volunteered with over the years, First Friday volunteers have many gifts, graces, and much love that they freely share with the participants. I've been part of this ministry for 15 years and I look forward to being part of it for another 15 years!

**AW: What a wonderful story. What a wonderful testament of your willingness to share God's love. Thanks, Chris! I know that many will be blessed and inspired by your First Story.**

# YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

By: Michelle Freeman  
Director of Youth Ministries

School is out; lazy days of summer are here...except in the Underground. This is when the youth ministry turns it up! This summer will be packed with opportunities to share the love of God with others as well as some awesome events meant to build community within our youth group. Check out the full schedule on our website at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Youth](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Youth).

## SUNDAY NIGHTS IN THE UNDERGROUND:

**June:** Movie night, a prayer walk, and we will spend time exploring our spiritual gifts.

**July:** A pool party, bubble soccer, and special lessons about who else? Jesus.

**August:** It's all about prayer, including adding a prayer wall to our worship space, going to a Ranger Game and a concert with David Crowder. Don't miss the small group kickoff at the end of August!

## MISSION TRIP:

Jr. High and Sr. High mission trip to Yukon, Oklahoma, **June 18-24**. We will be doing home repair by day and having fellowship and worship each night. Our spirits will be filled as we share God's love with others. Registration for this trip is closed. Please keep our missionary teams in your prayers.

## OUT-TO-LUNCH-BUNCH:

**Wednesday, June 28.** All youth volunteering at Vacation Bible School are going to walk over (location TBD) and have lunch together immediately after VBS.

## TESTAMENT CHOIR TOUR:

**Chicago, July 8-15.** We will spend a week bringing the word of God through song in Chicago, as we sing in churches and nursing homes. We will be doing a little sightseeing while we are there, along with our own devotional and worship time. Please keep all of the youth and their adult sponsors and staff in your prayers as they travel.

## YNO (YOUTH NIGHTS OUT):

These are nights throughout the summer where we will be doing fun stuff. For more information and to register for each of these events, visit [arlingtonmethodist.org](http://arlingtonmethodist.org).

**July 7:** 8:00-10:30 pm

Where's Waldo & broomball at the Parks Mall

**July 17:**

7:00-8:45 pm | Pump It Up

**July 19:**

6:30-8:30 pm

Arlington Skatium

**July 26:**

6:30-9:30 pm | ITZ

**August 2:**

5:00-10:30 pm

Tarrant County Food Bank and Melt Ice Cream

**August 4:**

7:00-9:00 pm | Bowling

**August 20:**

1:00-7:00 pm | Rangers

Game & Crowder Concert



Top: 2016 Junior High Mission Trip, bottom: 2016 Testament Choir Tour

# 2017 SUMMER CAMPS



# Available summer camps:

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

*Escuela Biblica de Verano*

**Mon-Fri, June 26–30**

4 years old–6<sup>th</sup> Grade | 9 am–12 pm

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS:

*Martes Magnificas*

**Tuesdays, June 6–July 18**

4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade | 9:30 am–2:00 pm

## MUSIC WEEK:

*Semana de la Música*

**Mon-Fri, July 24–28**

1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade | 9:00 am–12:00 pm

## OTHER CAMPS:

These camps run from 10 am–12:30 pm, Wednesday-Friday. There will be sessions for the following age groups: Pre-K (ages 3–6), 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Cooking Camp: Wed-Fri, June 14–16**

*Campamento de Cocina*

**Dance, Music & Movement:**

**Wed-Fri, July 12–14**

*Danza, música y movimiento*

**Art Camp: Wed-Fri, August 9–11**

*Campamento de Arte*

## CHILDREN'S BOOK CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 3 | 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Join us for our annual Children's Book Carnival. Free books, games, food, and more!

Register online today at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer)

## REGISTRATION

Registration for summer camps is open! While we will have some paper registration forms available, we have made online registration even easier with no need to print and return anything. It's better for the environment, and it can be completed at any time—day or night.

**Register online for summer camps at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer)**

**Please be aware** that children won't be considered fully registered for camp until payment is made online or at the church office. Spots fill up fast, so be sure to register early.

## VOLUNTEERING

None of our camps would be possible without help from our fantastic volunteers. We have a great need for volunteers, and there are many ways to be involved this summer and throughout the year. There are cooking camps, art camps, music camps, VBS, and more. They vary from single-day to week-long camps, and any help you can give would be appreciated. All opportunities and volunteering descriptions can be found by visiting the website below.

**View opportunities & apply to volunteer at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Children/Volunteer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Children/Volunteer)**

# ON THE ROAD TO DEBT REDUCTION

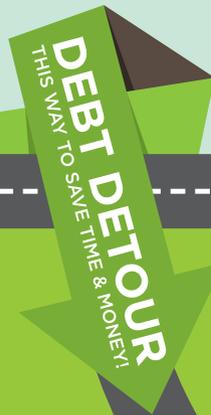
FUMC OF ARLINGTON'S PLAN TO ELIMINATE DEBT

APRIL 2020

Total Time: 36 months  
Principal: \$407,107  
Interest: \$69,867

**PRINCIPAL BALANCE**  
**\$0**

WE ARE HERE  
2017



**MAY 2017**

Current principal: **\$340,260**

As of April 2017, the loan balance (debt) is \$407,107, with a **monthly payment of \$12,250** toward principal and interest. We have raised \$55,801 towards debt reduction.

If we continue making our scheduled payments, we will have the principal paid off in Jan 2020, having paid **\$61,850 in interest from May 2017-January 2020**.

Alternatively, we can save time and money by following the plan described under the "Debt Detour".

**DECEMBER 2018**

If we raise \$100,000 towards reducing the debt, in addition to our regular payments, the principal balance in December 2018 will be \$96,000.

**PRINCIPAL BALANCE**  
**\$96,000**

**JANUARY 2019**

**PRINCIPAL BALANCE**  
**\$0**

In January 2019, we will take \$96,000 from our Operating Reserves to pay off the remaining debt.

**2020 & BEYOND**

**BUDGET SAVINGS!**  
**\$145,000**

After using funds from the Operating Reserves to pay off the debt in January 2019, we will budget \$8,000 a month in 2019 to pay back the Operating Reserves.

This will lead to a **\$51,000 budget savings** in 2019, as we will only be budgeting \$8,000 a month towards paying back the Operating reserves, compared to the \$12,250

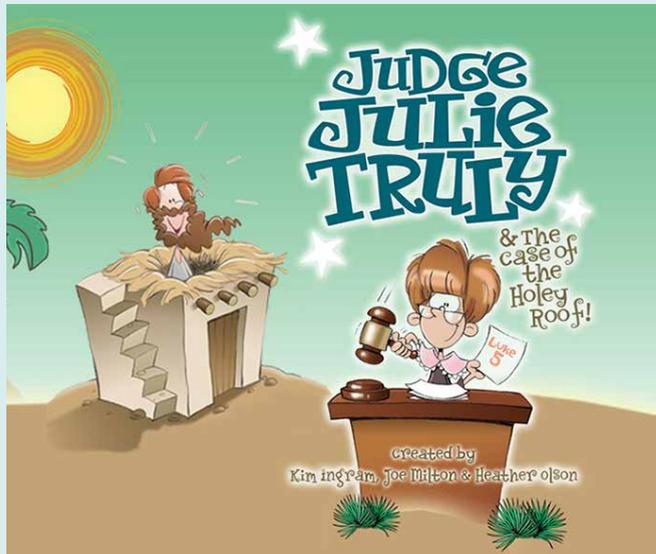
that was budgeted annually for debt. By 2020, we will be able to reallocate \$145,000 a year for ministry and other budgetary needs!

**By taking the debt detour, we will save time and money by paying off the debt 15 months sooner, than if we simply paid our scheduled payments on time, and we will have saved \$34,440 in interest.**

For more information on our debt reduction plan, contact Mary Lobban at [mlobban@arlingtonmethodist.org](mailto:mlobban@arlingtonmethodist.org)

# Children's MUSIC MINISTRY AT FUMC OF ARLINGTON

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



## 2017 Annual Children's Musical: JUDGE JULIE TRULY & THE CASE OF THE HOLEY ROOF

Order in the court! All rise for Her Honor, Judge Julie Truly, who will now hear the Case of the Holey Roof from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 5.

Meet the Homeowner: he is pressing charges against the Four Friends. (They dug a hole in his roof – on purpose!)

Meet our Defendants: "Four Famously Faithful Friends" who went over and above to bring their paralyzed companion to Jesus.

The testimony will move you, the verdict will surprise you, and we will all learn how our love in action can bring people right to the feet of the Savior.

**Save the Date: Friday, July 28 | 7–8 pm | Great Hall**

The Children's Music Ministry at First United Methodist Church of Arlington has had a very wonderful and exciting choir year singing in many of the worship services, with many members becoming a part of the newly created Drama Club! As Spring ushers in those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer", the Music Ministry provides some super opportunities for children! Music Week and Terrific Tuesdays are the highlights of the Children's Summer Music Program and have been a favorite at FUMCA for many years.

### TERRIFIC TUESDAYS:

**Tuesdays, June 6–July 18**

4th–6th Grade | 9:30 am–2:00 pm

Terrific Tuesdays are designed for any child entering grades 4–6 who want to have a speaking part in the children's summer musical, to be presented at the end of Music Week. Some children enjoy having a head start learning the musical also! Terrific Tuesdays meet every Tuesday, beginning June 6, combining a musical rehearsal in the morning and a fun activity in the afternoon. Some of the afternoon activities this year are; field trips to an arts and craft place, Theatre Arlington, a movie (possibly), a service project and swimming at Randol Mill Park!

### MUSIC WEEK:

**Mon-Fri, July 24–28**

1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade | 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Music Week is for any child entering 1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade who wants to sing and dance and perform in a live performance on Friday night, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. The daily schedule includes learning the music & staging the musical. Snack time and recess breaks are also included for all grades, and art class & storytime are included in grades 1–3.

The excitement is building and I would love for your child to be a part of this wonderful opportunity in the Children's Music Ministry.

Janie Johnson, *Director of Children's Music*  
janie@johnsonco-cpas.com

Register online at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer)



Last year's annual Children's musical, *What's Up Zak?*.



# BIG HOPE

By: Jill Regina  
Director of Big Hope

## Summer is the best time to apply to be a Big Hope mentor!

It takes about two-three months for the application process, but it is REALLY rewarding to get to spend some one on one time with a child who may not get the attention they crave, or get to enjoy the activities listed to the left. If you have time during lunch one day per week during the school year to spend with a little boy or girl who would be thrilled to see you, please ask at the church office about getting a Big Hope application. Turn it in soon, and you could be ready to meet your new little brother or little sister in September!

### SUMMER IS GOOD FOR:

- \*Swimming, slushies, and sand castles!
- \*Family vacations, Vacation Bible School, fun-filled picnics!
- \*Relaxing, reading, and watching the Rangers!
- \*Turning in your application to be a Big Hope mentor for the 2017-2018 school year!



## Away WE Go

Away We Go is a group of adults who meet quarterly for local day trips + lunch around the metroplex. Everyone is welcome- bring a friend and away we go!

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Join your friends for an entertaining afternoon. Lunch before a performance of *Sister Act* at Artisan Theater Center in Hurst. Bus leaves the church at 12:30 pm and returns at 5:30 pm. \$25 per person.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Join us for a trip to the Dallas Arboretum to see the fall color. Transportation and lunch included in the price of \$25 person. 10:00 am-3:00 pm, meet at the church.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT:

# FUSION

## **Who is your class geared towards?**

We have finally settled as a class for all Young Adults, from college age to approximately 35.

## **How many people are in your class?**

We have approximately 5 members who are consistent on Sunday mornings.

## **When and where does your class meet?**

We have started meeting in the Literacy House... in order to have a kitchen so we can make breakfast together.

## **How long has your class been meeting?**

Our class has gone through many transformations through the past three years. I don't think we can claim any single birthday, but we seek to stay flexible and open to the Holy Spirit's movement through our evolutions.

## **Are there ways your class gets involved with the One Mile Mission?**

Our class, in conjunction with our Small Group/Community Group has sought opportunities at the Arlington Life Shelter, just down the road from our church. We have participated in Friday Kid Movie Night and have helped paint some of the exterior to freshen up the Life Shelter's façade. We are working on becoming plugged into a ministry of relationships and long-term service.

## **What is something interesting that your class has done recently?**

We have recently made the decision to breakfast together every Sunday. We do a rotation of favorites each month, omelet's, breakfast burritos, pancakes/waffles, and a day for the miscellaneous breakfast foods like muffins, cereal, biscuits and gravy etc.

## **The greatest strength of your class is:**

We have been realizing the importance of "breaking bread" together. When all members participate in providing a meal together, there is a sense of ownership, responsibility, and a bond that brings people together by allowing ourselves to both serve our brothers and sisters in Christ and to accept service offered by others.



*The Fusion class meets in the Literacy House, across from the church on North St. (next to the parking lot)*

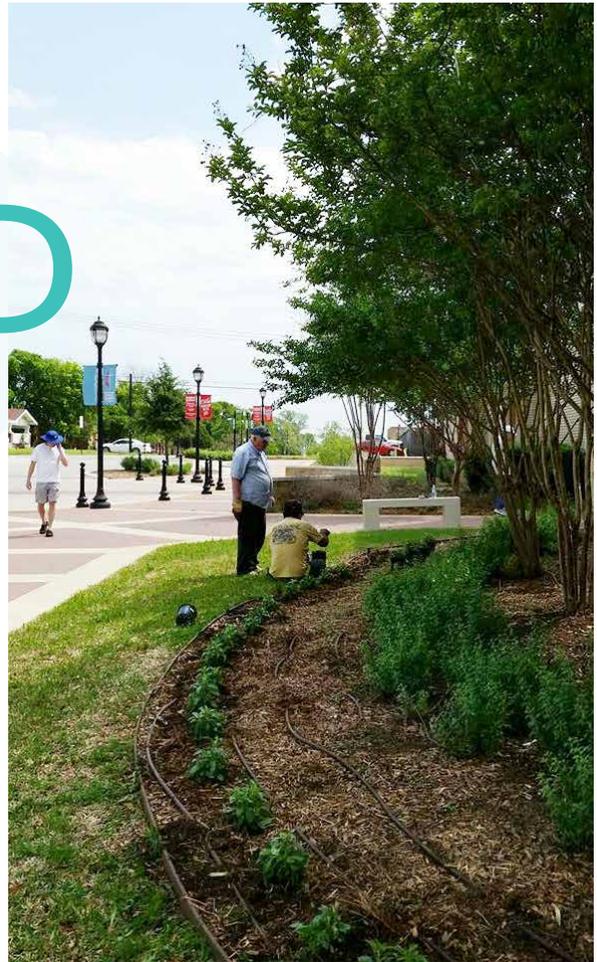


Is there something special about your Sunday school class that you would like to share? Whether it's One Mile Mission involvement, mission trips, or fun class excursions, we'd like to hear about it! To nominate your class for a Sunday School Spotlight, email Mary Gibson at [mgibson@arlingtonmethodist.org](mailto:mgibson@arlingtonmethodist.org)

# Small GROUP COMMUNITIES

By: Rev. Kay Lancaster  
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Small Group Communities are being established within our congregation in order to support each other on our spiritual journeys. Participation in one of these communities helps members develop relationships within the community and church as well as with Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit. Communities meet in homes once a week. Participants pray together and share their experiences of faith through daily devotions or other faith based reading. We currently have 8 groups meeting. A launch of additional groups will be held Sunday, June 11 at 12:15 pm in the Banquet Room. For more information please contact Rev. Kay Lancaster in the church office, 817-274-2571, or online at [klancaster@arlingtonmethodist.org](mailto:klancaster@arlingtonmethodist.org)



Top: One of our small group communities sprucing up the gardens for spring, as a mission project.



Right: Our first Small Group Community kickoff

## Active Small Groups:

Group Name	Location	Day	Time
Fairbanks/Bucek Community	76016	Tuesday	7:00 pm
Weatherley Community	76017	Wednesday	6:30 pm
Davis Community	76017	Sunday	5:30 pm
Martin Community	76006	Sunday	5:00 pm
Shelton/Dalton Community	76012	Wednesday	6:30 pm
Reams Community	76016	Thursday	6:30 pm
La Jornada Community	76011	Friday	6:30 pm
Young Adult Community	76012	Thursday	7:00 pm
Men's Study	Church	Wednesday	6:00 am



Find the time and location that best fits your schedule!

We also have several Emmaus Reunion Groups if you have been on a Walk to Emmaus and are looking for a weekly accountability group. Rev. Kay Lancaster can also help make those connections.

## OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES



**Michelle Freeman**  
*Director of Youth Ministries*

# Meet Michelle!

My name is Michelle Freeman and I was born in Wichita, Kansas but moved to Texas while in elementary school. I have been involved in youth ministry for 24 years, serving in two different churches. My greatest joy is seeing students respond to who Jesus is and what He has done for them. My second greatest joy is seeing students commissioned out to make a difference for Jesus in the world. I have a passion for missions; it has given me great joy to go on over 50 mission trips thus far.

My husband Mickey and I have two adult children, Molly and Justin. Molly and her

husband, Doss, have a little girl named Tinley. Mickey and I met while working in different departments at Six Flags Over Texas during high school. After buying tons of cotton candy from him to try and get him to notice me, I finally asked him out....and he said yes! Mickey is returning home to FUMCA as he was a member here along with his family while he was growing up in Arlington.

I still love cotton candy, as well as Johnny Depp movies and the book "Love Does" by Bob Goff. My dream would be to someday travel to Jerusalem to walk where Christ walked. I look forward to us loving God, loving others and doing "stuff" together.

## Thinking Outside The Pew

By: Rev. Kevin Wilson  
*Associate Pastor of Communications and Evangelism*

We are creatures of habit. How many of us find that we sit in the exact same space, same seat, for worship every week? Week after week, year after year – we sit in "our" seat. This practice is pretty common in all churches. This is often heard as a criticism because some churches seem to have assigned seating. But this recurring tendency can be used as an evangelism tool.

I want to suggest that you consider your section of the worship area as a mission field. You know where you sit and presumably know the others that sit around you. Welcome them as you usually do. But in addition,

be looking for new faces in your area. Take time to welcome them, get their name, and introduce them to a staff member. Visitors want to be welcomed. Certainly, they are there to worship, but they also want to get a feel of what it is like to be a part of this church. If you have time, give them a tour of the church and invite them to lunch.

You just never know why God gives you an opportunity to interact with someone. I assure you that you will be blessed by reaching out to others.

In Christ,  
Rev. Kevin Wilson

# NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISMS

## MARCH-MAY 2017



Christopher & Elizabeth  
Bailey with Braxton & Bryce



Cuberto and Brenda  
Cervantes



Brett Frazier



Laura Gromatzky



Mitzi King



Donna Mckenzie



Linda McMillen



Tom & Susan Petry



Stuart Shipley



Baptism:  
Savana Hughey



Confirmation Class of 2017:

Bryce Bailey, Brenda Cervantes, Roman Costarella, Andrew Clark, Morrow Entrekin, Maggie Finicum, Meg Hardin, Zac Hattendorf, Erica Haugen, Evelyn Hook, Leland Kobty, Dyllan Mallory, Macie Menard, Kyle Moser, Carime Navarrete, Cooper Steimle, Aiden Thomas, Tristan Veteikis



Baptism:  
Vivian Rose Landry

*Not Pictured: Rick & Susan Smith,  
Larry & Val Phipps, Cassie Noll*

# SUMMER EVENTS

## BOOK CARNIVAL

JUNE 3 | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Children of our church and community are invited to attend our Book Carnival. There will be free books, games, hot dogs, sno cones, & t-shirt decorating. Volunteers are needed.

## SENIOR SUNDAY

JUNE 4 | 9:30-10:45 AM | GREAT HALL

Celebration of the graduating seniors in our 8:15 Sanctuary service, followed by a breakfast to honor our graduating seniors and to award scholarships..

## LINE DANCING - BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE

JUNE 5 | 1:30-2:30 PM & 2:30-3:30 PM | GREAT HALL

Invite a friend and come learn steps for line dancing. No charge for classes, but donations are all given to support Arlington Urban Ministries. Beginners class is at 1:30 pm & intermediate at 2:30 pm. Mondays through July 31.

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

6:30-8:30 PM | ROOM 213 ( MOVIE ROOM)

June 7 | *Hidden Figures* | PG

June 21 | *The Shack* | PG-13

July 12 | *Hacksaw Ridge* | R

July 19 | *When the Game Stands Tall* | PG

August 2 | *Collateral Beauty* | PG-13

August 9 | TBD

Feel free to bring your own sack supper and drink. Popcorn will be provided.

## SMALL GROUP COMMUNITIES LAUNCH #2

JUNE 11 | 12:15-1:15 PM | BANQUET ROOM

Small Group Communities meet weekly to pray together and participate in readings and conversations that will help

participants grow in their relationship with God as well as in relationship with others in our congregation. During the Launch, participants will have an opportunity to select a group and meet with members of the small group community briefly. Communities may be chosen based on day and time of the meeting, the location, or other affinities. Light Lunch provided. Child Care on request.

## PRESENTATION ON JAMILA'S NEW CD

JUNE 11 | 12:15-1:00 PM | (ROOM TBD)

Come and hear our wonderful organist, Dr. Jamila Javado-Spitzberg, give a presentation about her newly released CD entitled, *Gara Garayev Transcriptions for Organ*.

## ANNUAL CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

JULY 28 | 7:00-8:00 PM | GREAT HALL

Come see our talented children perform the musical they have been working on. You are certain to be entertained!

## AFTER THE RESURRECTION: STORIES OF THE DISCIPLES

JULY 30 | 9:30-10:30 AM | BANQUET ROOM

Three week series on lessons about each of the Disciples, which will include info from scripture, history, and legend. Led by Rev. Kay Lancaster.

## BLOOD DRIVE

AUGUST 20 | 9:00 AM-1:00 PM | BANQUET ROOM

Carter BloodCare blood drive. Need ID to donate. Your donation touches 3 lives.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

AUGUST 18 | 7:00-9:00 PM | GREAT HALL

Dinner, entertainment & silent auction in support of our youth.

For a full listing of upcoming studies and events, visit [arlingtonmethodist.org](http://arlingtonmethodist.org)

Youth summer events are listed on page 9, children's summer camps are on page 11.





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# Vacation Bible School

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**JUNE 26-30**  
**9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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Register online at  
[arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer)