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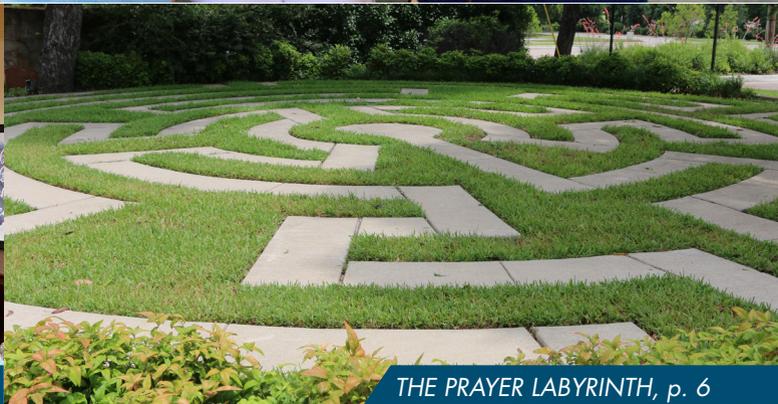
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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

BY: REV. DR. CHRIS HAYES
Senior Pastor

Dear FUMC Arlington Family,

I just wanted to share with you as our new church family how excited my family and I are to be joining in ministry with you soon. It is truly an honor and privilege to be able to come back to Arlington and join with you in helping our community and this world experience Christ's love. I give God thanks for the amazing history of ministry that FUMC Arlington has been a part of, I give deep thanks for all of you who are carrying on that wonderful legacy now, and I look forward with great excitement to see what God will do in and through us as a church family as we dive into the future. Although I will not physically be with you as your pastor until July 1, I want you to know that my family and I are already praying for you, for us, and for our joint ministry together.

I also wanted to introduce you to my family which are truly the most amazing gift that God has given to me! My wife, Rev. Molly Simpson Hayes is also an Elder in full connection here in the Central Texas conference of the UMC. She serves as the pastor of Good Shepherd UMC also in Arlington. We are excited to be able to serve the same general community and work closer together as I come to be with you at FUMCA. We have four amazing sons, Benjamin (14) who loves theater and is very proud to be taller than his dad. Aaron (11) who plays tuba in the band at school and reads more than anyone

I have ever met. Reid (9) who loves all of life and absolutely everything active. And last but not least, Elliott (8 months) who brings such joy and happiness to us, and I believe to everyone he meets. He seems to be able to share love with the world

in each and every smile. Being a very active family with four boys and two pastors we do not always get to be in one place at one time, but we want the FUMC of Arlington family to know that we are all excited to be joining you and so very thankful for the words of welcome and support that your leadership and others have already expressed to us. Thank you for being the amazing church that you are, and I invite you to join my family in praying that God will continue to grow us into the church that God wants for us to be in the generations yet to come! We look forward to seeing you soon.

-The Hayes Family



On Sunday, June 30, we are holding a welcome luncheon at noon in the Great Hall, following the One Worship service at 11 am. RSVP in the church office or online at arlingtonmethodist.org/registration
Dr. Hayes' first Sunday preaching is Sunday, July 7 in all three Sanctuary services.

Reflecting Briefly on My First Year at FUMCA

BY: REV. RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ
Associate Pastor of Evangelism



Preachers are not known for brevity. Sometimes preachers act like they get paid by the word. I have been here for one year now; part of me wants to write about my experiences over the past year, but another part of me

thinks y'all don't need to read an entire article filled with my rambling prose. So, I'm going to do something a little different.

Here are four haiku; each captures a different time – or theme – I have experienced as an associate pastor here. The first haiku reflects the initial

nervousness I experienced when I was first appointed to this wonderful church. The second haiku captures the overwhelmingly warm reception y'all gave me and my family. The third haiku looks at the challenges we had this past year as a denomination and as a local church, and the fourth haiku is all about the hope I am presently feeling. I added a fifth haiku as a bonus. That fifth haiku does not need a title, it's just for fun.

Please know I feel amazingly blessed to be here and the excitement I feel for our next year together could never be contained in 17 syllables.

Peace,
Ramiro

#1 ANTICIPATION

Anxiety builds
New appointment, bigger church
Guide me Spirit, please

#2 WELCOME

Warm smiles all around
All anxiety dissolves
Our new church home, yay!

#3 CHALLENGES

Divisiveness grows
Delegates meet, path unclear
Will our church unite?

#4 HOPE

Time marches, temps soar
Summer arrives with power
...and brings spring-like hope

#5 BONUS HAIKU

Stuck in pew, eyes glazed
Sermon drones...on, but at least
It's not a haiku



The Prayer LABYRINTH

AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON

BY: REV. KAY LANCASTER
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

You may have noticed the Labyrinth located between the north parking lot and the red brick house across North St. from our Sanctuary. You may also have asked—why is it there, what is it for, and who can use it?

The labyrinth at First United Methodist Arlington is in the classic design of one of the most famous labyrinths which is located at Chartres Cathedral. It has seven rings leading to the center. The labyrinth was donated by the family of Rev. Garland T. Lavender who served as an ordained pastor in the Central and North Texas Conferences for seventy-five years.

A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. It is not a maze; you cannot get lost. There are no dead ends. There is one way in to the center and one way out. The point is not disorientation, but orientation. The labyrinth is also known as a “Sacred Walk” or “Holy Path”. It is an ancient meditative tool that has been used for centuries for prayer,

meditation and spiritual growth/growth in our relationship with God. It is designed to be a symbolic pilgrimage on an unbroken path to the presence of God. The labyrinth offers us a way to pray with our body that many believe helps one to focus their thoughts and invites the divine presence into an active conversation with the heart and soul. In the sacred space of the labyrinth, the mind is stilled opening our heart and soul to God's presence. As we walk the labyrinth, we find it helps us center on God's amazing grace.

Anyone can pray in our labyrinth. There are many ways to pray in a labyrinth, but here are four ways to get you started:

- 1) Ask God a question as you enter the path. Then, as you walk slowly through the twists and turns, listen for an answer. Let your steps and your silence invite the presence and guidance of God.
- 2) Start your journey to the center with confession (you may want to visualize your troubles being left behind with every step you take). When you reach

the center, journey out with affirmation (perhaps visualizing yourself picking things up or putting things on—like the righteousness of Christ, the smile of the God, the purity of the Holy Spirit, etc.). Pause at the exit and give thanks for your cleansing journey.

3) Recite the Lord's prayer, Psalm 23, or other scripture such as "Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me" as you navigate the labyrinth.

4) Lay down your burdens as you walk to the center of the labyrinth (perhaps laying down pebbles along the way as symbols of your worries or cares). In the center, pause to thank God for taking your burdens on. Then count your blessings and give thanks on the journey to the exit.

Today many Christians and churches are rediscovering this ancient prayer practice. We invite you to pray the labyrinth at FUMC Arlington. Share your experiences with us and your friends. Invite others to experience this way of praying and growing in relationship with God.



Above left: The dedication plaque located at the entrance of the Labyrinth.

Above right: The Labyrinth is always a popular spot for children at community events like the Book Carnival and Trunk or Treat.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH

ADORACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

A few months ago, we relaunched our Spanish-speaking service (formerly known as La Jornada) to better serve members of our congregation and local community. This service meets every Sunday in the Chapel at 11:00 am. The service is entirely in Spanish, but everyone is welcome to attend. The band leads the congregation with beautiful music, there is a time of testimonies, scripture, and a message during each service, in a friendly and welcoming environment. Between the energy and joy of the service and the Sunday morning sun streaming through the colorful stained glass windows of the Chapel, this service is a wonderful worship experience.

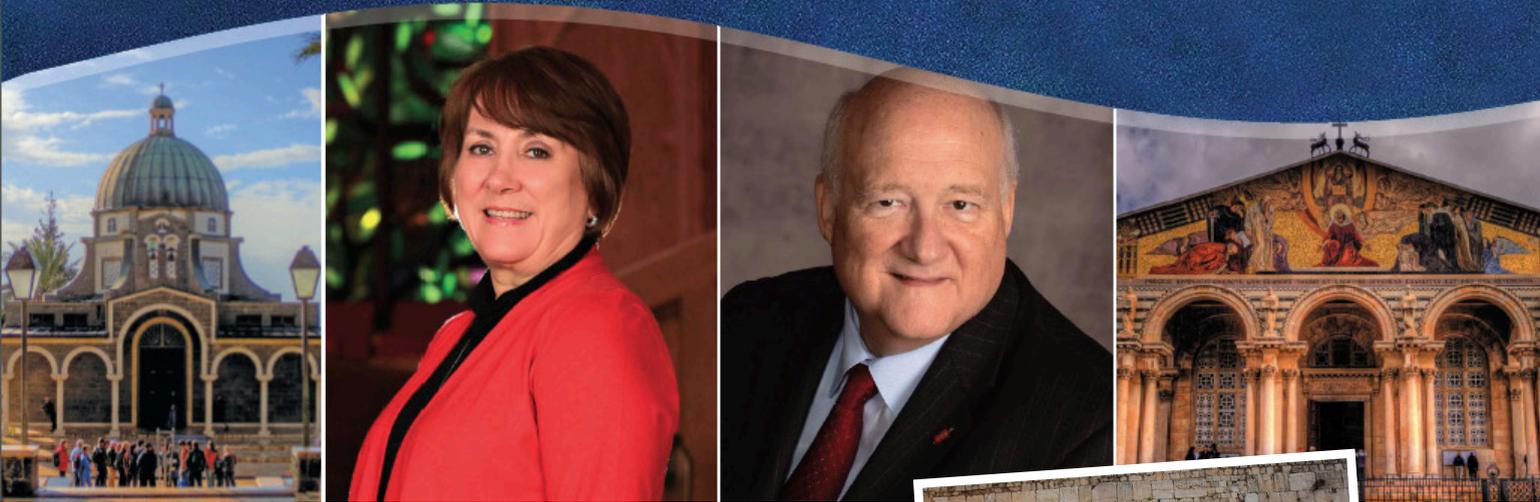


A few photos from our end of school party - a picnic and trip to Creative Hands!

Apply to be a Big Brother or Sister today!

School might be out for summer, but this is the best time of year to turn in an application to be a school-based mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tarrant County. The application process takes about three months, so by the time school starts back up in the fall, you could be matched with your Little Brother or Sister!

As a school-based mentor, you meet with your Little every week during their lunch/recess hour (usually 12-13 times per semester). Our matches spend their time reading books, playing games, talking, doing arts & crafts, and helping out with schoolwork. Having an adult that's dedicated to supporting and spending time with them each week means the world to these kids. Many of our matches are at Webb Elementary but you can also be matched at a school close to you. There are also other opportunities besides school-based mentoring available through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Contact the church office for more information on how you can start the process today!



JOIN REV. KAY LANCASTER

HOLY LAND

2020



BY: REV. KAY LANCASTER
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Join Rev. Kay Lancaster on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 20-29, 2020. We will be journeying with members of our congregation as well as Bishop Mike Lowry, and other clergy and congregation members from the Central Texas Conference. This is an opportunity to experience the land where Jesus lived. It is truly the trip of a lifetime. Participating on this pilgrimage will bring the Bible to life in a new and vibrant way.

You will experience first-hand the land of our spiritual ancestors such as Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane and Mount of Olives, and the steps where Jesus taught in Jerusalem. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, visit Capernaum, the Mount of the Beatitudes, and remember our baptism at the Jordan River. We will travel to the wilderness to visit Jericho, Qumran, Masada, and if you wish, you can swim in the Dead Sea. We will also walk the Via Dolorosa, visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre,

have communion at the Garden Tomb plus so much more! Our experienced guides and drivers are trained to keep us safe and teach us more than we can absorb about this amazing land with its political and spiritual history.

Pricing begins at \$3,496 from DFW airport and includes the basic tour and guided sightseeing, roundtrip airfare, admission fees, entrance fees, hotel gratuities, program fees, daily breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor coaches, first class hotels, and much more!

On January 29, you may return to the USA or take an optional extension trip to Cairo and the The Route of the Exodus or visit the Wonders of Petra and the Dead Sea.

For more information, there are brochures in the church office or contact Rev. Kay Lancaster at 817-274-2571 or at klancaster@arlingtonmethodist.org

WANTED

COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL!

A WHALE OF A TALE
FROM THE GOOD BOOK



It's going to be a great summer for the Children's Music Ministry at FUMCA! The musical, *Jonah's Druthers*, is going to be set in the Wild, Wild West! It will be fun to sing and dance with costumes and scenery and a whole bunch of colorful characters while learning the story of Jonah! If you are in grades 1-6, you don't want to miss this chance to shine and have a good time learning about what God has planned for us. Register online today at arlingtonmethodist.org or contact Janie Johnson or Susan Bishara to register.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tremendous Thursdays

June 6, 13, 20, 27 (after VBS)

July 2, (Tuesday), 11, 18

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Music Week

July 22-26 | 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Performances

Friday, July 26, 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 28, 9:30 am

MUSIC WEEK | JULY 22-26
9 am-12 pm | Grades 1-6

REGISTER ONLINE AT ARLINGTONMETHODIST.ORG/SUMMER

SUMMER CAMPS



SPECIAL NEEDS VBS

JUNE 23-25 | 6-8 PM

We are proud to offer an evening-based Vacation Bible School for our special needs children, teenagers, and adults. With a one-on-one caregiver, participants rotate through a variety of activities, including music, art, story time and games.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24-28 | 9 AM-12 PM

GRADES K-6 | COST: \$15

This year's VBS theme is out of this world - To Mars and Beyond! You won't want to miss this exciting week of games, music, crafts, and more!



CAMP TRIUMPH SPORTS

AGES: 5-12 | COST: VARIES

JULY 29-AUGUST 1

9 AM-12 PM | Sports Camp

1-4 PM | Basketball Camp

For more info and pricing on Triumph Sports camps go online at triumphsports.com/fumcarlington

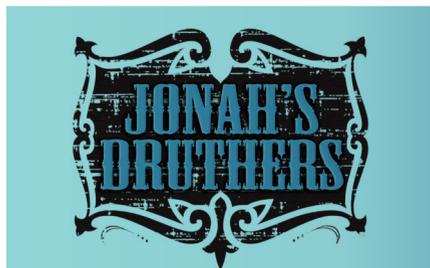


GLEN LAKE CAMPS

DATES THROUGHOUT SUMMER

AGES & COST VARIES

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center is located in Glen Rose, Texas. Learn more about their-summer camp programs online at glenlake.org/summer



MUSIC WEEK

JULY 22-26 | 9 AM-12 PM

GRADES 1-6 | COST: \$25

In this week-long camp, kids prepare for the annual children's musical. They learn songs, choreography and rehearse speaking parts, culminating in two presentations of the musical for family and friends.



TEACHER'S KIDS CAMP

AUGUST 12-15 | 7:15 AM-3:00 PM

GRADES K-6 | COST: TBD

We want to honor our AISD teachers who have to go back for "work week" by having a safe and fun place for their kids the last week before school starts. Space is limited so sign up early!

REGISTER ONLINE Learn more about each camp and register at arlingtonmethodist.org/summer. For more information contact Susan Bishara, at sbishara@arlingtonmethodist.org or in the church office at 817-274-2571

SUMMER IN THE UNDERGROUND!

School is out and we are geared up for summer fun with lots of fellowship, food, and service to others. This is a great time to invite friends!

BY: MICHELLE FREEMAN
Director of Youth Ministries

June

JUNE 23

House Fire | 5:15 pm: Youth will be meeting at the home of Jackson Hosea for a pool party. Snack supper will be served. Bring your towel!

JUNE 27

Lunch after VBS | 12:00 pm: We will all walk to lunch after serving at VBS, bring your money.

JUNE 28

Where's Waldo | 7:00-9:30 pm: Graduated Seniors will dress in disguise and "hide" in plain sight at the Parks Mall. In groups, you will search for them and take a picture with each one you find. Bring money to grab a bite to eat afterward in the food court.

JUNE 30

House Fire | Time TBD

July

JULY 7

House Fire | Time TBD

JULY 21

Tabernacle Festival/Ultimate Summer Camp | 5:00 pm: The Tabernacle Festival is an all-church event. Afterwards we will head off to have a summer camp experience (in the underground)!

JULY 25

Burgers Lake | 9:00 am-4:30 pm: A spring fed man-made lake with slides, diving boards, trapeze swings, sandy beaches and volleyball courts. We will grill burgers and swim all day!

JULY 28

Senior Send-off | 9:30 am: We will celebrate our seniors as we send them off to college and exciting new adventures.

August

AUGUST 4

Pump it Up | Time TBD: Tired of being told you are too old to play in a bounce house? Well, not any more! Come bounce around, we will have pizza and a game or two of sardines in the dark.

AUGUST 11

Dyno rock | Time TBD: A indoor rock climbing facility, pizza and a surprise!

House Fires are something new this summer. It is often said that the Church is on Fire, meaning that there is a great deal of excitement, and energy for the people to want to worship and serve God. But the church should not just be on fire inside of its building. We will take that fire and move it to a different home of one of our youth. At each House Fire, the youth and their family will share with us activities they like to do. It may be a pool party, game night, or ballroom dancing (just kidding) along with a devotional and snack supper.

REGISTER ONLINE

Some events require advance registration, check out the youth web page for all the details and to register.

Join the Student Leadership Team

Applications are now being taken for the Student Leadership Team for the 2019-2020 school year. The student leadership team helps plan, organize and promote many youth activities. If you want to help shape our youth ministry and help it grow then please apply to serve. You can choose to serve on one of four committees: Communication, Community, Worship, or Mission. All applications should be turned in no later than July 21. The form requires your signature and the signature of a parent. Students who will be entering 8th-12th grade in the fall are eligible to apply.



Celebrating the end of the school year with parties!



Congratulations to THE CLASS OF 2019

TOP: Sarah Crawford, Matthew Lisius, Graham Hetherington, Patrick McDonald, William Jones, Ryan Long, Allison Harrington
BOTTOM: Megan Linscott, Megan Willman, Emily Touchstone, Lily Ratliff, Karalyn Haugen, Caitlin Woods, Meyer Taddonio
NOT PICTURED: Jacob Cowart

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: *Lula Davis Dickinson Memorial Scholarship:* Lily Ratliff; *Samaritan Sunday School Class Scholarship:* Karalyn Haugen; *Conn & Floy Catterton Memorial Scholarship:* Emily Touchstone; *June Buckingham Memorial Scholarship:* Allison Harrington; *Newana Counts Youth Scholarship:* Sarah Crawford



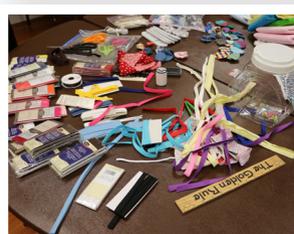
HEARTS OF SERVICE

BY: MICHELLE CLARK
Director of Mission and Outreach

With needles, thread, and a heart of compassion, FUMCA congregation members are touching the world with comfort, charity, and a Christian message. Over the past five years, volunteers have created and shared over 150 dresses with orphans in Africa, 200 port pillows to individuals fighting cancer, hundreds of prayer shawls and patches to those who are ill or in times of hurt, and dog blankets and toys to animals in the local shelter. It is clear that they use their hands and their hearts to minister to others in times of need and to share God's grace.

These activities take place at the church and sometimes in member's homes. What has become evident over the years is that the fellowship of the many volunteers is just as important as the task itself. When we come together as disciples of Christ in a joint purpose, there is sharing and laughter and support happens organically.

The new "Hearts of Service" room provides a permanent location inside the church for our members to come and go and create for others as they feel inspired. The room is located on the second level of the education building near the children's wing (formerly the Disciple Learning Center.) Come by and see the work being done to share God's love, get inspired and join us for our next event!



If you would like to donate supplies for this ministry, these are some needed items:

- Large, gridded self-healing cutting mat (2)
- 2" Bias tape maker (2)
- Rotary cutter and blades (1)
- High quality fabric scissors (2)

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Contact Michelle Clark, Director of Mission and Outreach to find out how you or your group can get connected with outreach through the Hearts of Service room.



TENTH ANNUAL Book Carnival

On Saturday, June 1, we held our tenth annual Book Carnival! A decade ago, we started this ministry with the goal of ministering to people living within a mile of our church and to get books into the hands of children for summer reading. We also wanted our community to know we are here to serve them. Each family receives a prayer patch so they know we are praying for them and we also include information about our various ministries with families so they can join us in ministry. This year

we had over 10,000 books to give to children in our church and community!

This fantastic ministry would not be possible without the help of our many volunteers, who help set up and take down the Book Carnival, place book plates in thousands of books, help serve hot dogs and sno-cones, and donate new and gently used books. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated their time and talents!

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

BY: BILLIE LIDDELL
Intercessory Prayer Ministry

When Francine Copeland was to receive a liver transplant in 1990, she searched for a prayer group to support her during her surgery. She found prayer ministries throughout the Metroplex extremely supportive. Had she been saved to begin a prayer ministry at her church? Dr. Don Pike, minister at the time, agreed and with the help of other church leaders, and one in particular was Beverly Reynolds, our present Prayer Ministry was begun.

WHAT: It is composed of members who commit to pray for specific needs of the congregation for 4 weeks. (Requests can be resubmitted)

WHERE: The names are sent out each Monday by email to these persons who have volunteered to pray.

WHEN: Each Monday, volunteers gather prayer requests from prayer boxes located around the building. Prayer Request cards from the sanctuary are taken to the office. Church members can also request a prayer by email at prayer@arlingtonmethodist.org. The volunteers list these needs into categories such as "Bereaved, General Needs, Illness, Hospitalized, Home bound, Serving our Country and Other" to be e-mailed to the persons praying who are on the email list. Sometimes written prayer notes are sent to the persons needing prayer.

HOW: How can you become a part of this important support group? Leave your name in the church office to be added to the e-mail list. Pick up a daily prayer

calendar from the welcome center and pray for different groups of people. Maybe you would like to help with writing some of the prayer notes. Become a "Monday Volunteer" for a couple of hours if you are computer literate.

WHO: Can request prayer? Anyone! Illness, grief, emotional problems, physical needs, deaths, or any problem for which you need the prayer support of your congregation. A young member once requested prayers for his dog. If you wish your prayer request to be confidential, a small group of members/or clergy will grant your request.

Prayer is a wonderful gift from our congregation to those in need. It has been said that a church's membership should not be counted by the number who attend Worship, but by the number of members who pray. I am very grateful for the prayers which have been offered on my behalf by my church family in my times of need.



*Located in the office, in the narthex, in the front of the sanctuary near the organ, in the parlor and in the Great Hall for the Revive Service.

What is a *Tabernacle?*

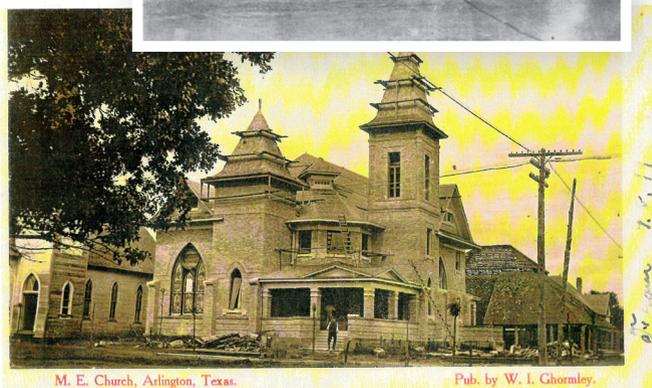
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BY: SAM EMMERSON
FUMCA Historical Committee

If you were to ask me “what is a Tabernacle”, I would have told you it was an open-air tent used during ancient religious celebrations. A building without walls. I forgot that the Bible had several references about Tabernacles. The first was mentioned in the Book of Moses when God told Moses to build a portable Tabernacle during his travel through the wilderness. The Tabernacle would contain the Ark of the Covenant.

What does a Tabernacle have to do with our church? During the late 1800’s, evangelism was sweeping our country and Tabernacles were appearing throughout our land. Arlington was no exception. The Historical Committee has minutes from the 1897 Conference that recorded an expenditure of \$264 to pay for a Church Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was built on Division Street, east of our little white frame wooden church building. The Tabernacle was built not only by our Methodist church, but by the cooperative effort between several Arlington churches. They all helped furnish and maintain the open-air building. The first use of the Tabernacle was on the evening of May 1st, 1897. Strawberries and crème were served, and any money raised was put aside to help maintain the structure. The Arlington Tabernacle lasted from 1897 to 1910. The open-air Tabernacle was not only used for religious ceremonies, but for civil events and other important occasions. We have two pictures of the Tabernacle. The first picture is circa 1900, and the other from 1907, that shows both the white wooden church and the first brick sanctuary being built.

On Sunday, July 21 at 5:00 pm, the Historical Committee is planning a Tabernacle Festival in the Great Hall. The ladies will put on bonnets and



Top: A view of the tabernacle (on the right hand side). Bottom: The 1958 Sanctuary with the tabernacle visible on the right of the structure.

aprons and the guys will wear suspenders and hats to celebrate our church’s 141st anniversary. United Methodist minister Mark Winter will present a one-man show called “God’s Cavalryman, The Circuit Rider”. We will sing some of our favorite hymns and also have a cobbler contest with ice cream, lemonade and tea. Be sure to RSVP online or in the church office for our 141st anniversary (especially if you plan on entering the cobbler contest!).

TABERNACLE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY JULY 21 | 5:00 PM

Join us for a Cobbler Contest + Hymns + Heritage Sunday + Fellowship + More!

RSVP in the church office or online at
arlingtonmethodist.org/registration

For a full listing of upcoming activities and events, visit arlingtonmethodist.org/events

SUMMER

EVENTS *And* ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS | SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

6:30 PM | BANQUET ROOM

Bring your sack supper, drink and a comfy lawn chair. We will have free popcorn! June 19: The Kid Who Would Be King (PG), June 26: Ring The Bell (PG), July 3: NO MOVIE; July 19: Spider Man-Into the Spider Verse (PG); July 17: The Up Side (PG-13); July 24: On The Basis of Sex (PG-13) Ruth Bader Ginsburg Story; July 31: Dumbo (PG)

*JUNE 18-JULY 23 | CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT CLASS

9:30 AM-12:00 PM | ROOM 100

Texas Health Resources offers the Stanford Chronic Disease and Diabetes Self-Management Programs, award-winning evidence-based programs that enable participants to take control of their health. These free workshops are held once a week for six weeks; each session is two and a half hours. Open to all ages.

JUNE 23 | YOUTH HOUSEFIRE

5:15-7:30 PM | HOSEA HOME

Youth will be meeting at the home of Jackson Hosea for a pool party. Snack supper will be served. Bring your towel! Contact Michelle Freeman for more info.

JUNE 23-25 | SPECIAL NEEDS VBS

6:00-8:00 PM | AGES: ALL

Join on our Mission to Mars as we learn about God's love and how we can love others. Call Rev. Kay Lancaster to make a reservation at 817-274-2571.

*JUNE 24-28 | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9:00 AM-12:00 PM | AGES: K-6 | COST: \$15

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*JUNE 24-27 | TRIUMPH SPORTS CAMP

12:00-4:00 PM | AGES: 5-12 | COST: VARIES

A multi-sport camp consisting of fun games like dodgeball, kickball, capture the flag, and other games revolving around classic sports like basketball, flag football, and soccer.

JUNE 27 | PRAYER SHAWLS

1:00-2:30 PM | HEARTS OF SERVICE ROOM

Join us as we make prayer shawls and prayer patches for those facing adversity. Come check out our new craft room! (formerly the Disciple Learning Center)

JUNE 28 | YOUTH WHERE'S WALDO

7:00-9:15 PM | PARKS MALL

Youth will search the Parks Mall to discover "Waldos" (graduating seniors in disguise), then gather at the food court for a late dinner.

*JUNE 30 | ONE WORSHIP SERVICE & LUNCHEON

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY; 12 PM | GREAT HALL

On June 30 there will be ONE joint worship service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary with Pastor Ramiro preaching. (9:30 am Sunday school classes will still meet as usual). Join us at noon in welcoming Dr. Chris Hayes with a lunch catered by Babe's in the Great Hall. RSVP online or in the church office and sign up to bring dessert by June 23.

JULY 6 | MEN@FIRST

8:30 AM | DIVISION ST. DINER

Join men from 1st UMC Arlington on the 1st Saturday of each month for Fellowship, Food and a Devotional. They meet at Division St Diner at 8:30 am.

JULY 7 | DR. CHRIS HAYES' FIRST SUNDAY

8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 SANCTUARY SERVICES

Join us in worship on Dr. Chris Haye's first Sunday preaching. The Revive service will not be meeting during July to help our congregation become better acquainted with our new pastor.

JULY 12 | FAMILY FUN BOWLING

6:00-9:00 PM | MEET AT CHURCH

Family fun is meeting up again...for bowling! Meet at the church parking lot. Contact Susan Bishara for more information about this family outing.

JULY 14 | TESTAMENT HOMECOMING CONCERT

8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 SANCTUARY SERVICES

The annual Testament Choir homecoming concert will be in all three Sanctuary services on July 14, to celebrate their return from the choir tour to Cincinnati, Ohio (July 5-13).

JULY 14-19 | JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

Jr. High youth and adults will travel to Troy, TX to do home repair for the elderly and low-income families.

***JULY 21 | TABERNACLE FESTIVAL**

5:00-7:00 PM | GREAT HALL

Church-wide celebration of our Wesleyan Heritage through re-enactment and song, followed by a Cobbler contest and homemade ice cream. RSVP and sign up for the cobbler contest online or in the church office.

***JULY 22-26 | MUSIC WEEK**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM | GRADES 1-6 | \$25

In this week-long camp, participants prepare for the annual children's musical. They learn songs, choreography and rehearse speaking parts, culminating in two presentations of the musical - Friday, July 26 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, July 28 at 9:30 am. Groups and classes are encouraged to attend the musical and support our children!

***JULY 25 | YOUTH AT BURGER'S LAKE**

9:00 AM-4:30 PM | COST: \$18

The youth will spend the day at Burger's Lake, swimming, grilling burgers and playing volleyball. \$18 includes lunch! Swimsuit attire is a one piece, tankini that meets, or a t-shirt over your suit.

AUGUST 10 | A LOOK AHEAD CONFERENCE

8:30 AM-2:30 PM | ALOOKAHEADSERIES.COM

The A Look Ahead Quarterly Conference Series brings together expert speakers for training focused on improving the lives of individuals with disabilities, the people who support them, and the community at large.

AUGUST 12-15 | TEACHER'S KIDS WEEK

7:15 AM-3:00 PM | GRADES K-6

We want to honor our AISD teachers who have to go back for "work week" by having a safe and fun place for their kids the last week before school. Space is limited so sign up early! Available for kids in K-6th grades.

AUGUST 24 | BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST PICNIC

4:00-8:00 PM

Family Picnic for all families of kids. Contact Susan Bishara for more information.

AUGUST 25 | MEETING FOR CLASS PRESIDENTS & SMALL GROUP LEADERS

12:00-1:30 PM | BANQUET ROOM

The Pathways to Discipleship Team will be sharing information on our church's Core Values as they relate to growth in our relationships with God. This session will be on the Core Value of Vibrant Worship.

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