

When did I see you hungry?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SERMON SERIES: *The Human Side of Divinity*

Feb. 28 - "Pressing Toward the Goal"

Text: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Mar. 7 - "An Invitation to Abundant Life"

Text: Isaiah 55:1-9

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sundays @ 8:15, 10:50, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM

Watch FUMC's Televised Services on Time-Warner Cable 96. Broadcasted Sundays at 11:00 AM, and Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. Sunday DVDs & CDs available.

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On Sunday, February 14, church members delivered more than 200 Valentines' roses and cards to residents at local nursing homes. Thank you to those who participated in sharing God's love on Valentine's day! (Pictured: Hagan Griffith, Shelby Walker, Jenna Holloway & Florence Mannoia.)



Forty Days to Better Understanding of Hunger during Lent

Hunger seems like such an insurmountable problem that it is tempting to turn away and simply not think about it. But with many biblical mandates to care for the poor and helpless, what can the average Christian do in the face of overwhelming need? During Lent, the Mission Committee and staff want to challenge you to get involved and understand the issue of Hunger in Arlington and in our world.

The ABCs of responding to Hunger are:

1) Ancor yourself in prayer. Pray for hungry people and for those who labor to help them. Spend time in silence to center yourself and allow God to lead you in how you should respond.

2) Be Knowledgeable about Hunger issues. Stay informed about hunger in Arlington and around the world and what people are doing to heal them. Read the newspaper, watch TV or search the web: www.worldhungerrelief.org or www.UMCOR.org.

3) Challenge People around you. Keep those around you informed. As you hear about hunger issues during Lent, challenge your family, small groups, and Sunday school classes to get involved.

4) Develop an Understanding of Public Policy. Christian lobby groups like Bread for the World can help you understand the political ramifications of hunger issues – in light of biblical teachings. They can also teach you to communicate effectively with your elected representatives.

5) Explore Individual Service Opportunities. This is crucial. We must each get involved on a personal, individual level. Go to our website to see how FUMC Arlington is involved and how you can be too. Other opportunities will be in worship guide on March 7.

Once you've done these things, you've made a significant beginning toward a meaningful response to the presence of hunger in your world. You and I can't do everything, but we can do something.

LENTEN EVENTS

February 24 - March 24 – Lenten Family Meals on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Great Hall. Join us for a time of family fellowship during Lent. Meals are provided for \$6 per person and must be reserved in advance by contacting Melissa Darrow. Reservations are due no later than Monday of each week.

February 24 - March 24 – Contemplative Prayer Study led by Rev. Estee Valendy on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the church Parlor. Join us as we discover new possibilities of prayer and contemplative practices that will enhance and refresh their personal prayer lives. Register by contacting Melissa Darrow. Class size is limited.

February 24 - March 24 – Wesley and Methodism led by Rev. Brian A. Young on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in Rm. 154. Study will include basic information on the life of John Wesley and the history of Methodism.

February 23 - March 30 – Inspirational Tuesday Night Worship will focus on Henri J. Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*, available for \$10. Worship is led by Kay Lancaster and begins at 7:00 PM in the Vandergriff Chapel.

Mission Possible Kids will be meeting each Wednesday night during Lent from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Our missions will focus on hunger issues and will include collecting food for the food pantry, preparing a meal for the Arlington Life Shelter, and creating "Manna Bags" for the homeless. New Agents pay a lifetime fee of \$20 which includes a T-Shirt and promotion stars which are awarded as agents complete mission assignments.

Way of the Child meets Sundays from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM and on Thursdays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in Rm. 221. Children will practice special methods of prayer as they prepare for Easter. We will meet weekly throughout Lent. We will not meet on Easter Sunday.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lectionary Bible Study, led by Dr. David N. Mosser, Tuesday evenings from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in Rm. 155. Stop by after work or before evening church meetings to learn more about the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's worship services. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag supper during these studies.

March 2 – First Tuesday Soul Food

Join us each month in Rm. 154 after the Inspiration Tuesday; Mid-Week Recharge Service. Bring a light snack to share. Coffee, tea, water and fellowship provided.

March 8 - The Book Club selection for this month is *"In An Instant"* by Lee and Bob Woodruff. Join us at 10:00 AM in Rm. 154.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mark your calendars! Enrollment for the 2010/2011 ECYC School Year begins on March 1. ECYC, a ministry of First Methodist, offers preschool and full time child care for infants through Pre-K. Need more information? Give us a call at 817-274-3404 and/or check us out on the church website.

March 5 - Mom's Lunch @ Michelle's House @ 11:30 AM Join us for lunch at staff member Michelle Clark's house for a homemade nutritious lunch. Don't miss out! KidsCorner child-care is available if requested (no cost.) Please RSVP to Michelle Clark by Tuesday, March 2.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

March 12 - The First Fridays program provides an evening of respite for parents of special needs children once a month, from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM. To register, please contact Kay Lancaster.

Easter Lilies may be given in loving memory or in honor of a loved one. They will be displayed Easter Sunday and may be taken home after the 11:00 AM service. Lily dedications are due by March 21. Purchase from the Chancel Choir for \$10 or you may provide one. Dedication forms are available in the church office.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

March 5 - Ladies for Lunch will meet at the Rolling Hills Country Club off of Lamar Blvd. at 11:30 AM. Come and join us by contacting Rev. Francine Copeland or signing up in the church office.

March 9 - The OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Souls) will meet at 11:30 AM in the Great Hall. Please bring a dish to feed 10-12 people. This month we have one of Johnnie High's favorite stars performing for our group...Michael Hix. If you have been to Johnnie High's Country Music Revenue, you have most likely already become a fan of Michael. Michael will be performing a 40-45 minute program which will consist of Rock N' Roll oldie classics.

OTHER EVENTS

March 2 - United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday at 10:00 AM in Rm. 154. The program will continue the mission study "Native American Survival." The women of the church are invited.

Read With Rotary: FREE Adult Basic Education for English Speakers. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Arlington and Arlington Sunset. Rotary Registration and Orientation is on Tuesday, March 2, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Activity Center. Classes are March 4 to June 3, Tuesday and Thursday, from 7:00 PM - 9:15 PM. Child care for ages 12 & under

March 5 – Lamplighters Spaghetti Supper 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the Great Hall, Proceeds of the event benefit our church's mission and ministry in the Arlington community. Tickets available from any Lamplighters class member. \$8 for adults • \$3 for children.

FIRST PRAYERS "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" - Colossians 4:2

We pray for those who have experienced an illness.

Sybil Allen, Juanita Ashworth, Lori-Lea Cobb, Lanelle Cook, Lila Cristol, Jim Cunningham, Tom Foster, Valerie Morabito, Judy Remyse, Doug Rice, Earl Snavey, Lillie Watson, Joe Whetstone, Gerrie Tibbets

BAPTISMS



Baptised: Mark Alan Harrington, Allison Mari and Madeline Kate pictured with Shari Harrington

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!

Register for events on the church website: www.ArlingtonMethodist.org



Become a fan on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fumcarlington



Follow the church on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/fumcarlington>



Read Dr. Mosser's blog: <http://davidnmosser.blogspot.com>

HAITI UPDATE



On January 28, church members assembled over 600 health kits for Haiti relief. Our church also collected over \$13,000 that was donated to the UMCOR Haiti Advance.

We pray for those who have experienced a loss.

Condolences to...

- the family of Joyce Journey upon her passing on 2/5
- Dawn Serman and family on the loss of her brother on 2/6
- Joan Hartley on the loss of her father and also to Ed Adams on this loss of his brother on 2/6
- Maxine Roane and family on their loss of Robert on 2/7
- Fred Meredith on the loss of his wife, Shirley on 2/15