

THE CHIMES

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First United Methodist Church of Arlington

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Feb. 14 - "What if . . . transformation was real?"
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday Service
"What if . . . we took off our masks?"
7:00 PM in the Sanctuary
Feb. 21 - "The Temptation of Jesus" Luke 4:1-13

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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What's happening with Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry training will begin Saturday, March 13, 2010. The fifty hour training is designed to teach lay people about one-to-one care giving that focuses on the unique needs of the person receiving care. They will be equipped to promote wholeness and healing for each person. Each candidate who completes the training commits to service for at least two years. Stephen Ministers may provide care for individuals who are experiencing a wide variety of life problems or challenges and are trained to recognize needs for

referral to professional caregivers. There is still time for you to consider the Stephen Ministry as a way to serve our congregation.

In addition to providing care for assigned individuals, Stephen Ministers also provide care for each other through Peer Supervision meetings once a month.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Francine Copeland.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)



Lenten Season Begins

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday. The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter and a time of soul-searching and repentance. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church when the faithful rededicated themselves in preparation for Easter and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism on Easter Sunday. By observing the forty days of Lent, we imitate Jesus' forty day retreat into the wilderness.

Our church is offering Lenten ministries to help guide you in your forty day wilderness

season. Ash Wednesday worship will be held on February 17, at 7:00 PM. During this worship service we are invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes, which remind us of our mortality and our need to return to God. During the Lenten season, prayer stations will be set up around the church and we encourage you to visit these and experience new ways to deepen your prayer life. Check inside this newsletter for a list of other Lenten ministries. We hope you will join our church as we begin our forty day journey through Lent.

LENTEN EVENTS

February 24 - March 24 – Contemplative Prayer Study led by Rev. Estee Valendy on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. 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. Study will include basic information on the life of John Wesley and the history of Methodism.

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 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*. 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 - 7:30 PM and on Thursdays from 7:00 - 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.

Inspiration Tuesday Worship will not meet on February 16 as we are encouraging those who attend this service to attend the Ash Wednesday service on February 17, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

February 14 – Scout Sunday The **PRAY Scouting Program** for boys and girls in Grades 1-8 will begin. For more information and registration for the God & Me, God & Family, and God & Church programs, go to the church's website or contact Kay Lancaster.

February 15 – Animalopolis: FW Omni Theatre at 1:15 PM Looking for something fun to do while the AISD kids are out of school? Come with us to Animalopolis at the Omni theatre where bears dance, lions sing opera, and zebras prove there's more to see than meets the eye! \$7 per adult, \$6 per child (age 3-12). Please RSVP with Holly Hattendorf by Friday, February 12.

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.

CARING MINISTRY

Facing Life After Your Loss, A Grief Series is being offered on Thursdays, beginning February 18. This six week series will meet in the Church Parlor at 6:30 PM. It will be led by Rev. Francine Copeland

February 26 – Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in Rm. 154 at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Rev. Francine Copeland.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Young Adults – Faith Café, Sunday mornings, 11:00 AM, Rm. 223. Monday evenings, 7:00 PM, various locations. Contact Nick Scott for more information.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

February 14 – Shining Stars is a Christ-centered Sunday School class for special needs children age 3-12. Shining Stars meets regularly, on the second Sunday of each month from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Rm. 107. Families must pre-register to attend. Please contact Holly Hattendorf to request an application.

OTHER EVENTS

February 14 – Creation Care Ministry, the church's green team, will meet in Rm. 100 at 12:15 PM. Lunch is available for \$6. Please contact Melissa Darrow by the Friday before, if you plan to eat.

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.
Daylon Bruce, Lila Cristol, Jeanne Davis, Tom Jackson, Joyce Journey, John Meek, Grover Pierce, Robert Roane, William Ross, Harriett Seaman, James Stone, Gerrie Tibbits, Joseph Whetstone, Edgar William, J. B. Woiton

We pray for those who have experienced a loss. Condolences to...
• Diana O'Steen on the loss of her husband Bill on 1/22
• Don Canning on the loss of his sister, Dorothy
• Debbie Schulze on the loss of her step-dad, Bill on 1/22

NEW MEMBERS



Casey & Christy Coon and Connor



Joe & Natalie Anton



Mike & Gail Nelson

Blessings for those who have a new addition to their family. Congratulations to...
• Don Leatherman on the loss of his sister, Ruth Mosher on 1/26
• Joy Wells and family on the loss of her 105 year old grandmother
• CB Hester and family on their loss of Clarence Hester, Sr. on 1/27
• Cox family & John Skidmore on their loss of Rosemary Cox on 2/1

Blessings for those who have a new addition to their family. Congratulations to...
• Judy and Ronnie Varnell on the birth of their grandson, Lewis Kyle Varnell born 1/28 to Jeremy and Jill