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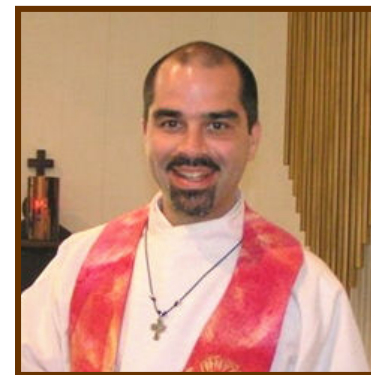
CHANGE SERVICES REQUESTED



FIRST THOUGHTS

*First United Methodist Church,
Bay City, Texas*

Come Grow With Us Jeff Gantz, Pastor **February 2012**



As you read this newsletter, the church will be getting ready to move into a brand new season called Lent. The season of Lent is traditionally the time that we Christians focus on renewal and reflection. Lasting for forty days and ending with Easter, we are being challenged to go through a spiritual “spring cleaning” of our lives. Together we will begin this season with two opportunities to participate in a service of ashes:

Community Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten lunch hosted at First Presbyterian Church @ 12:00 pm, and a traditional Ash Wednesday worship in the chapel @ 6:30 pm.

I think the season of Lent gets a bad rap sometimes. Even though this season lends itself to a more somber mood, I don't think that it has to. Lent literally means “spring”! A time to slough off the lifeless parts of ourselves so that new life can emerge. That new life is the spirit of God's resurrection power. In short, Lent is a time to get ready to experience transformation!

I can't help but to think that the season of Lent is a good time to get back in the habit of spiritual practices. Now is the time to make your relationship to God a greater priority in your life. That might mean making the effort to attend a Bible study or regular worship. It might mean taking time away from the noisy world and pray. It might mean giving up an old habit. But now is the time to participate in what God is doing with you! Trust me, it's worth the effort!

I wish us all well on our new life journey this Lenten season. Please pray for me, as I will be praying for all of you this Lent!

Jeff



Worship Services

9:00 am CrossRoad Contemporary Service

11:00 am Traditional Service

Sunday School

10:00 am Classes for all ages

Youth Ministries

Sunday
12:00 pm ~ 2:00 pm

Music Ministries

Monday

4:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm Children's Choir

6:00 pm Praise Team

Wednesday

5:15 pm Praise Ringers

7:00 pm Chancel Choir



We at FUMC take seriously our ministry of prayer. Please advise the church office when a name should be added or removed from this list. Names will remain on the list for one month and may be renewed at your request.

Sally Arnold, Glen Douglas, Anita Frankson, Maria Gomez and family, Jennifer Greenway, Jo Halbert, Johnny Hatthorn, Henry Hobbs, D'Ann Hurta, Eddie Jecmenek, Ann Mardis, Deanna Matejcek, Juanita Matthes, Horace and Lila Faye McMillan, Kay Miller, Joe W. Pointon, Roberta Ripke, Sallie Salas, Barbara Sanders, Briley Scott and family, Priscilla Wayman, Rod Workman.

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Jeff Gantz	Pastor
Susan Parish	Ministerial Assistant
Pam Carter	Music Director
Nathan Vogt	Director of Youth Ministries
Judy Mahavier	Pianist
Cameron Losoya	Organist
Linda Burgess	Praise Ringers Director
Norma Douget	Children's Choir Director
Kelli Batchelor	Sunshine & Rainbows Director
Sandy Boyer	Administrative Secretary
Josie Briones	Office Assistant
Marci Williams	Nursery Coordinator

Contact FUMC at any time, 24 hours a day, to let the church office know of hospitalizations, births, deaths, illnesses, or other concerns.

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Youth Bits

First off, I would like to say a special thank you to: Mr. and Mrs. Sneary, Mr. and Mrs. Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Schulz, the Good News Class and Mr. and Mrs. Leese for providing meals for our youth in January. If you would like to provide a meal for the youth one Sunday, please contact me. Every day there seems to be something our youth can look forward towards. With the formation of the Bay City Youth Workers Network, our youth (and our church) are joining other church's groups to help make the Bay City Community Park (also known as Joe Davis Field) beautiful again. This is a mission project that we are hoping will bring our community together and give back to our great city. Please check our facebook group and your email for more information! Looking forward for this month and beyond, please keep these dates in mind:

Feb. 5th: No Youth/Super Bowl Party. We have been invited to join Church of Christ for a Super Bowl Party. There will be video games, flag football, food and of course the Super Bowl. We will meet up at the church to head out. Please check facebook and your e-mail for more information.

Feb. 12th: Youth

Feb. 19th: Youth

Feb. 26th: Youth, depending on Mid-winter registration.

Deadline Notification

Big House

Winnie, TX
June 21 – 24, 2011

For those who completed
6th grade thru 8th

Deadline for sign-up is: April 1st

If you are going into 9th, you need special permission from your parents and myself to go to U.M. Army. Scholarships available for those who need them. Please contact me for more information.

UMARMY

Friendswood, TX
June 10 – 16, 2011

For those who are
9th grade thru 12th

Deadline for sign-up is: April 1st



District Summer Camp

July 9 - 13. More information coming this Spring.

Bay City Hosting UMARMY

July 15 - 21. Our church has been asked to host an UMARMY Camp here in Bay City. Start praying for this group and look in the future for when we can start collecting information for sites for this camp!

Be sure that I have your e-mail address and other contact information to keep you more up to date on events.

You can also become our friends on facebook by going to: www.facebook.com/FUMCBayCityYouth

Thank you, Happy Valentines Day and God Bless!

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“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.” ~ 1 John 4: 18 – 19

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 AM Men's Emmaus Reunion 10:30 AM Legacy Service 5:15 PM Praise Ringers 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Scouts	2 9:30 AM Ruth Group 12:00 PM Lydia Group 1:00 PM Food Pantry	3 7:00 AM Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Ladies' Emmaus Reunion	4
5 9:00 AM CrossRoad 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM UMYF	6 12:00 PM Ladies' Reunion Group 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM Praise Team	7 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Ladies' Emmaus Reunion 1:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	8 6:00 AM Men's Emmaus Reunion 10:30 AM Legacy Service 5:15 PM Praise Ringers 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Scouts	9 1:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Missions	10 7:00 AM Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Ladies' Emmaus Reunion	11
 Boy Scout Sunday 9:00 AM CrossRoad 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM UMYF	13 12:00 PM Ladies' Reunion Group 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM S&R Board 6:00 PM Praise Team	 14 11:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Ladies' Emmaus Reunion 1:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM Trustees	15 6:00 AM Men's Emmaus Reunion 10:30 AM Legacy Service 5:15 PM Praise Ringers 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Scouts	16 1:00 PM Food Pantry	17 7:00 AM Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 8:00 AM Ladies' Emmaus Reunion	18
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Feb. 22 - Ash
12:00 pm Lenten Ser-

Presbyterian Church
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel

Wednesday
vice/Lunch - First

Feb. 29

12:00 pm Lenten Service/Lunch - First United Methodist Church - Wesley Hall

March 7

12:00 pm Lenten Service/Lunch - First Presbyterian Church

March 14

12:00 pm Lenten Service/Lunch - First United Methodist Church - Wesley Hall

March 21

12:00 pm Lenten Service/Lunch - First Presbyterian Church

March 28

12:00 pm Lenten Service/Lunch - First United Methodist Church - Wesley Hall

April 4

12:00 pm Lenten Service/Lunch - First Presbyterian Church

April 5 - Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday/Communion Worship Service - Chapel

April 6 - Good Friday

6:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service - Chapel

April 8 - Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service - Chapel
11:00 am Traditional Easter Worship Service - Sanctuary

Acolytes for Feb.

Feb. 5 Alise and Chance Wilson
Feb. 12 Peyton Janise and Baylee Wallace
Feb. 19 Hunter Chambless and Chris Janise
Feb. 26 Ayden Reese and Peyton Janise

Liturgist Schedule for Feb.

Feb. 5 Cole Grisham
Feb. 12 Drew Richards
Feb. 19 Kerry Ledwig
Feb. 26 Cindy Duncan

2012 Flower Calendar

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers in 2012, please call the church office. Two arrangements are \$50 and two potted plants are \$30.

Altar Guild for Feb.

Theresa Knebel, Nancy Hartley,
Pat Drenner

Usher Captain for Feb.

Bill Moye

Attendance and Offering for the month of January

Date	SS	CR	Traditional	Offering
Jan. 1	68	35	82	\$4,674
Jan. 8	109	66	117	\$4,924
Jan. 15	96	55	101	\$4,823
Jan. 22	105	68	105	\$5,791



Julie Estlinbaum 2/1
 Bill Howze 2/3
 Joe Pinzon 2/3
 Mark Bomar 2/4
 Louise Teutsch 2/4
 Tex Teutsch 2/4
 Debbie Cook 2/5
 Collin Gann 2/5
 Donna Johnson 2/5
 Chapman Thompson 2/5
 Caleb Idlebach 2/6
 Teresa Hollister 2/6
 Betty Walton 2/6
 Chad Hossier 2/7
 Norma Douget 2/8
 Meredith Williams 2/8
 Wiem Head 2/10
 Jaycie Franz 2/12
 Bobbie Gaspard 2/12
 Chris Janise 2/12
 Dennis Kelly 2/14
 Baylee Wallace 2/14
 Gina Hinman 2/15
 Camille Hutson 2/15
 Jenna Vaclavik 2/15
 Mary Ellen Reynolds 2/16
 Mark Salidivar 2/16
 Robert Biggs 2/17
 Donna Rice 2/17
 Shannon Walter 2/18
 Emma Batchelor 2/20
 Faith Bleau 2/21
 Jeanette Leese 2/21
 Mike Wade 2/21
 Casey Cook 2/22
 Garrett Garcia 2/22
 Tammy McDonald 2/22
 Brandon McDonald 2/23
 Brian Richards 2/23

Jackson Coulter 2/21
 Dorothy Yeager 2/25
 Wayne Buss 2/26
 Roy Craft 2/26
 Jennifer Kelly 2/27
 Kristin McCasland 2/27
 Matthew Muecke 2/28

Anniversaries

Mike and Shirley McGehearty 2/4
 Percy and Cindy Carroll 2/7
 Bill and Annette Isaacson 2/17
 Bill and Susan Parish 2/17
 Robert and Casey Biggs 2/18
 Dennis and Leslie Gann 2/20
 Gary and Karen Walter 2/29



Congratulations to Tiler and Lynsey Curtner on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann "Ellie" Curtner. Ellie was born on January 19 and weighed 7 lbs 6 oz. Proud grandparents are Wayne and Linda Buss.

Congratulations to David Garza Jr. and Chelsea Searles on the birth of their daughter, Skylee Marie Garza. Skylee was born on January 19 and weighed 7 lbs 6 oz. Proud grandmother is Josie Briones.

Don't Miss Next Week

You won't want to miss our guest speaker and worship program for next week. On Sunday, Feb 5, Willie Younger will present his thoughts on the crises in Haiti. Based on a recent mission trip, Willie will give us an update on the ministries being done to rebuild this part of the world after the natural disasters they have faced. He will also give us a Haitian perspective on faith and worship. Together we will experience a communion service based on the Haitian culture, as well as get to walk through an average refuge homestead. This service will move your heart and connect you to what God is doing through the church in other parts of the world.



Boy Scout Troop 45 will be celebrating the 102nd anniversary of Scouting in America on Sunday, February 12. The Scouts will be filling positions of service in the 11 am service and will sit together in the sanctuary. We invite members of our sponsoring organization, the Wesley Men's Bible Class, to sit with us. February also means that it is time to prepare for winter camp. The Scouts and adults going to Philmont Scout Ranch this summer will start training for the adventure.

Troop 45 will be celebrating more than 75 years of being a troop. This year is the 100th anniversary of the first Eagle Scout award. Boy Scouts Of America is issuing a special edition of the rank patch in celebration. In good spirit, we would like to comment that this calendar year is the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts. Remember to congratulate a Girl Scout.

McAllister College Scholarships

Attention High School Seniors – If you are a member of FUMC–Bay City, you may be able to qualify for a McAllister Memorial Student Fund Scholarship to help with your first year of college. If you have not received a letter from the Scholarship Committee with additional details, please call the church office for more information.

Attention College Students – If you are a present or past member of FUMC–Bay City, a full-time student and will have completed 24 college hours by the end of this semester, you may be able to qualify for a McAllister Memorial Student Fund Scholarship to help with your next year of college. If you have not received a letter from the Scholarship Committee with additional details, please call the church office for more information.



*Be Watching for Women's
 Small Group Studies This Spring*