

the faith journal

Arlington Heights United Methodist Church

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Easter 2015



Hallelujah! He is Risen!

If you are visiting today, we invite you to join us often as we worship our God together. Arlington Heights United Methodist Church is a church that practices radical hospitality, and we will do our best to make you feel welcome when you come.

We hope your experience will unite your spiritual journey with ours. If you have questions about our congregation, you might find them at www.ahumcfw.org or please feel free to contact me directly. Our church office phone number is 817.737.3161.

God Bless,

Rev. Mary Spradlin
Senior Pastor

heights has heart!

Summer 2015 We've planned a special summer at Arlington Heights UMC, and you won't want to miss any of it. We'll observe "casual dress" this summer, so come in your comfortable clothes. This is a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to church!

May 31: Jazz Mass:

Grace Notes ensemble will provide an encore presentation of Bob Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass* in the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services. Communion will be offered in all services this day.

June 7: Food

Truck Dedication Day: Following the late worship services, we will formally dedicate this exciting new community ministry. (Of course, food will be served!); Missionaries on our Senior High Mission Trip will also be commissioned.

June 14: Heritage

Sunday: Harken back to the days when Camp Bowie was really a Camp! We will celebrate our heritage with western-themed worship. One worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by finger-licking

good BBQ!

June 21: Father's

Day: We'll honor our fathers with "Donuts with Dad" in the Atrium.

June 28: Freedom

Sunday: Anticipating the Fourth of July holiday, we'll honor our God with thanks and praise. We will also commission missionaries for our Junior High Mission Trip.

July 12: Sunday

School Sunday: Sunday School classes provide a unique learning opportunity in our faith community. On this day, we will take group pictures and recognize the accomplishments of our classes.

July 19: Wesley

Sunday: Join our "living history" project, as we learn first-hand about the history of The People Called Methodists!

July 26: Health Focus

Sunday: We';; focus on stewardship of our health this Sunday.

August 2: Healthy Families Sunday: Our focus on healthy families will include a special presentation from Strong Fathers/Strong Families during the Sunday school hour.

August 9: Matters of the heART Sunday: We'll celebrate our gifts of creativity with special presentations from our children.

August 16: Sending Forth: A special day to honor our graduating Seniors and send forth those who are returning to college.

August 23: Blessing of the Backpacks: As a new school year begins, we will affirm that God's love, and the love of this congregation, is with us wherever we go.



Easter Flowers

In Honor of:

Agape Ringers
Chris and Cameron Butterfield
Edith Chandler
Companions in Christ: Wednesday group
Bobbie Halpenny, Mignon Cagy
Doug and Sherryl Kolpanen, Bill and Lois Ploetz
Allen Lutes and Michael Chaumont Families
Dr and Mrs. J.L. Merriwether, Sr.
Our children and grandchildren
Our children, Nina and Jack
Our family
Our parents
Our parents- Mr. & Mrs. W.M Noble, Mr. W.V. Roberts
Jerry and Pam Price
Peggy Robertson
Dorothy Nell and Quinton Rogers, Allen Dickson
Rebecca and Andrew Vernon

Given by:

Nancy and Lewis Herring
Tim and Ginny Butterfield
Bonnie Blaylock
Naomi Grote
Toni Strukely
Kristi Kolpanen
Don and Cathy Lutes
Darrel and Lee Carver
Phyllis and Jack Smith
George and Melissa Nichols
Bradford family
Karen and David Van Eaton
Kim and Rick Roberts
Phil and Lois Truax
Jimmy Jones
Emily and Jeff Michero
Deborah Vernon

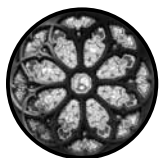
In Memory of:

Ruth Barron, Jack Rice
Polly Bates
Jerry Blaylock
Greg Bruce

Given by:

Norma and John Barron
Jimmy Jones
Bonnie Blaylock
Fred and Carolyn Aebi

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Carver
Glenn, Vivian and Richard Conn , James Smith
Don Fleming
Gregory Garland, Theo McCord
Armie Love Hawkins, Lafayette and Lucie Martin
Darrel and Lee Carver
Nancy and Lewis Herring
Martha Fleming
Houston and Carol Garland
Linda Griffith
Barbara and Joe Hinchey, Elinor and Edgar Vernon
Deborah Vernon
Donnatella Hinkle, Terry Lawson, Eriminia and Claude Bourdon
Claude Lawson
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones
Roy and Leona Kolpanen
Koontz, Harry and Dorothy Koontz, Jake and Doris Fergus
Laverne Lewis, Margaret Thompson
Andy McLaurin
Nan and Bill Michero, Virginia and Jim Evans
Morris, Aubrey- Thompson, Lucy
Mary and Paul O'Brien, Doskie and Ray Stanton
Jason and Jennifer Manriquez
Kristi Kolpanen
John Fergus
Susan Bleil
Megan, Eric and A.J. Hibbetts
Emily and Jeff Michero
Tone Strukely
Cindy Fergus
Ken and Grace Marx
Phyllis and Jack Smith
Matt and Michelle Patton
Ernie and Gerda Schellhase
Nancy and Paul Dobbbs
Ellen Farrar
Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lutes
Don and Cathy Lutes



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Rev. Jim Pledger | Associate Minister
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Anne Bloesser | Haupt Preschool Director
Wendie Lunsford Children's Director/Assistant to the Senior Pastor
Dr. Steve Simons | Chancel Choir Director
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Frank Shroyer | Music Associate
Angela Hill | Finance Administrator
Gwen Patteson | Administrative Assistant/Office Manager
Missy Matthews | Communications Coordinator

AHUMC Youth

Teenagers in spring are a unique breed — energetic, restless, and looking forward to the ever-elusive summer. We try to prepare them to finish their school year and move into summer with a clear picture of what being a person of God looks like in their world.

One of the biggest teaching opportunities we have is the summer mission trips for high school and middle school students. They can be life changing experiences for many youth. The life change doesn't come from swinging a hammer or digging a hole, it comes from living like Jesus and opening hearts to God's call.

The trips are expensive. While each of the participants pay a fee, more funds need to be raised. We are trying to raise more than \$10,000 this year to keep the cost of participation low. On May 10 (Mother's Day) the youth will offer a bake sale in the atrium to raise some of the money. If you can offer a baked good in advance or buy on that day, we would be appreciative.

Middle School students meet Sundays, 4-5 p.m. at the church from April 12 to May 17 (we won't meet on Mother's Day). Our theme is "The Weird Games of My Life."

High Schoolers meet Sundays, 5:30-7 p.m. at church or occasionally off campus from April 12 to May 17 (we won't meet on Mother's Day). Our topic will be "What Difference Does It Make Anyway?"

If your child is going on the high school mission trip and you have not registered, please do that at www.ctcumc.org/ctcym today.

Last — but not least — AHUMC Youth Basketball RULES!

— Josh Ingram, Youth Director

five & two Food Truck Update

We're excited to announce our first public appearance of the Five & Two Food Truck! We'll be one of the food vendors at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on April 25. We'll share our story along with breakfast tacos to the thousands expected to participate in this year's race.

Following that, we will be serving breakfast to the volunteers at the Como Food Pantry on May 15.

All who wish to volunteer with this exciting new ministry are required to have a Food Handler's

Card issued by the city of Fort Worth. We will host a class to receive that card on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$16 and the card is valid for two years. Call the church office to sign up.

Summer events will include feeding the women and children at the Presbyterian Night Shelter and offering free meals to families at Cook Children's Hospital.

Thank you to all who are helping to make this dream a reality, we are blessed!

Announcements

Journeyman: Attention all men who are young or young at heart! Journeyman, our men's Bible study and faith growth group meets every first and third Sunday of the month. Contact Rev. Grant at gpalma@ahumc.com for details.

Come check out Third Space, our alternative worship community, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:03. Communion is served every week, and young children are welcome. We invite you to come as you are and experience God.

Rescue in the Night, the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den, will be presented by our Children's and Junior Choirs at 6 p.m. on April 26. All are welcome. Bring a friend and share the gift of music!

Save the Date: Our second "FUN Raising" Golf Tournament will be May 3. More details coming soon!

Pipes, Bells & Brass will be a special night of music celebrating the 25th anniversary of AHUMC's Ross King Pipe Organ — 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17. A reception will follow the concert in The Atrium. The concert will feature organist Alan Kerr, Bell Conte Ringers, and congregational hymn singing.

Celebrate Life! is the newest addition to fellowship in our community of faith. Each event is a low/no cost opportunity to meet new friends while building and exploring our community. Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up or pick up a flier with more details.

HEIGHTSights



Members of The Third Space service greet new member Maia Richter.



New members Jeff Daily and Alicia Smith meet while packing lunches for Stock Show workers.



You never know what will happen at a *Celebrate Life!* luncheon!



Youth light candles following Communion at Third Space.

Save the Date: 2015 Mission Weekend

This year's mission weekend will be the weekend of May 15. We'll kick things off at the Como Food Pantry where you can volunteer to help distribute food to hundreds of families. Or volunteer on the Five & Two Food truck as we serve breakfast. Saturday will provide several other opportunities to serve others. We'll finish the weekend with lunch and a big project at the church with Feeding Children Everywhere. This will provide all ages an opportunity to prepare healthy food packages of lentil stew to be distributed to hungry children around the world. Serve God by serving others this May. More details and sign-ups will be coming soon.