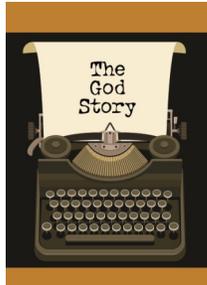


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Holy Week 2014

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

Communion will be served at this worship service in which we remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

Service of Darkness

Good Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

Our Chancel Choir will present A *Service of Darkness* written by Dale Wood.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come to the Thomas Place Community Center (4237 LaFayette) for an egg hunt. Bonus! Stop by and see our Parables of the Peeps entries.

Easter Sunday

Worship with us at the 7 a.m. sunrise service, led by our youth.

Traditional worship offered in the sanctuary at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

At 11:03 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, our new contemporary worship service, *Third Space*, will worship together for the first time.

At noon, join us on the front lawn for an AHUMC egg hunt.

Shout Hosanna!



Photo by Lynn Lunsford



"This Time" Broadway Concert May 17, 18

Bell Conte Ringers will present a concert of music from great musicals of the Broadway stage on Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall here. The two-act program, including music for children and adults of all ages, will include selections from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Lion King*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*, *42nd Street*, and *Oklahoma!* Entr' Acte music from *Kiss Me Kate* and *South Pacific* will be performed by Harmony Chorus, from the Harmony Club of the Fort Worth Women's Club.

A delightful dessert buffet will be offered during the intermission. Although there is no admission charge for the event tickets are required so that we may plan for seating and buffet. **Tickets will be available in the Atrium or church office beginning Sunday, April 27.**

A Word from the Senior Pastor: Meeting the Needs of Ministry at AHUMC



Our church staff is committed to providing meaningful ministry for our church and community, and 2014 has seen a number of improvements in how we are able to do this. Significant to this effort is the development of new Lay Ministry teams such as the Andrews Team (a ministry of hospitality) and the Congregational Care Team. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm of lay people who are ready and willing to enhance our ministry in these critical areas.

A number of staff changes have also taken place, and it might be helpful to clarify “who does what” on the church staff:

- **Our Pastoral Staff** has shared responsibility for Pastoral Care, Christian Formation, Worship, and general ministries of the congregation. All of us participate in hospital and homebound visits, funeral services, Bible studies, worship, missions and fellowship events at the church.
- **Rev. Mary Spradlin** (Senior Pastor - full time) is responsible for the oversight of the ministries of the congregation and the church staff. She carries the main responsibility for ordering the worship life of the church and works with all administrative committees (Finance, Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations, Endowment and Discipleship Council).
- **Dr. Jim Pledger** (Associate Pastor - $\frac{3}{4}$ time) - Jim’s current responsibilities are focused on the Andrews Team, Development of Lay Leaders, Church Renewal and Stewardship.
- **Rev. Grant Palma** (Associate Pastor - full time) - Grant oversees the work of the Congregational Care Team and provides pastoral leadership for our modern worship service (soon to be the Third Space service beginning at 11:03 on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall).
- **Allen Lutes** (Seminary Intern - $\frac{1}{2}$ time) - Allen is completing his coursework at Brite Divinity School in preparation for ministry as an Ordained Deacon. He oversees the areas of Missions and Adult Christian Formation and is working to create a new food truck ministry at AHUMC.
- **Josh Ingram** (Youth Director - $\frac{1}{2}$ time) - Josh ministers to youth and their families.
- **Wendie Lunsford** (Children’s Director and Assistant to the Sr. Pastor - $\frac{3}{4}$ time) - Wendie ministers to children and their families and is responsible for our Confirmation ministry. She also provides Administrative Assistance for the Sr. Pastor and is responsible for the church calendar. Church members who need to schedule an event at the church should contact Wendie for assistance.
- **Angela Pasquet** (Nursery Director - part-time) - Angela supervises our Nursery Ministry.
- **Dr. Steve Simons** (Director of the Chancel Choir - $\frac{1}{2}$ time) - Steve’s primary responsibility is the ministries of the Chancel Choir. He also assists with other musical needs of the congregation.
- **Frank Shroyer** (Director of Handbell Ministries - part-time) - Frank directs our handbell choirs and also helps with other musical needs of the congregation. He also shares gifts of worship space design.
- **Tani Simons** (Director of Children’s Ministries - part-time) - Tani directs the Children’s Choir and Junior Choir.
- **Alan Kerr** (Organist - $\frac{1}{2}$ time) - Alan provides music for our traditional worship services and funerals, accompanies the Chancel Choir, and provides additional music as needed for our ministries.
- **Gwen Patteson** (Assistant to Associate Pastors and Office Manager - 36 hours/wk) - Gwen supervises the Church Office (including front desk volunteers) and provides Administrative Assistance for Jim, Grant and Allen.
- **Sue McCuistion** (Finance Administrator - 26 hours/wk) - Sue handles all financial matters at AHUMC, excluding endowment, United Methodist Women, and United Methodist Men.
- **Sarah Boyette** (Communications Coordinator - 20 hours/wk) - Sarah produces the traditional service bulletin and announcements each week. She coordinates all communications for AHUMC. Church members who wish to promote a ministry should contact Sarah to ensure that church communication is effective.
- **Rick Trevino** (Lead Building Steward - full-time) - Rick supervises the building staff (including contract employees), cleans the building and ensures that rooms are set up for church events. He also works with Trustees to ensure that maintenance and repair of building and grounds is provided.
- **Paula Trevino** (Building Steward - full-time) - Paula provides cleaning and maintenance for the building and ensures that rooms are set up for church events. (She also provides fabulous decorations for Heights Nights!)

In addition to these employees who are paid through the church budget, our church staff includes: **Anne Bloesser** (Haupt Preschool Director), **Brooke Bybee and Megan Mayfield** (Youth Interns) and **Monica Kintigh** (Adjunct Staff/Licensed Professional Counselor).

We are blessed at AHUMC with gifted staff members who are truly committed to their ministry. It is striking to note that we have only four full-time employees: two pastors and two building stewards. Clearly, we could not provide the level of ministry that we desire without the generous gifts of time and talent provided by our lay members. Thank you for all that you do. Together, we can do great things in the name of Jesus Christ!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Spradlin". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Rev. Mary



Arlington Heights UMC Children's Ministries

Children like things simple. We love God. Make space for God. Show others God's love all the time. God loves us. Thanks be to God.

Parables of Peeps

When Jesus got to work, he met a lot of people and shared a lot of stories, called "Parables." In church, we have heard a lot of these stories; but how can we retell them to others? Sunday School classes (young and old), families, and various groups have been working and thinking very hard about how to best represent Jesus' stories and life. These stories will be on display in the Atrium through Holy week. On Saturday, April 19 the stories will be taken to the Thomas Place Community Egg Hunt.



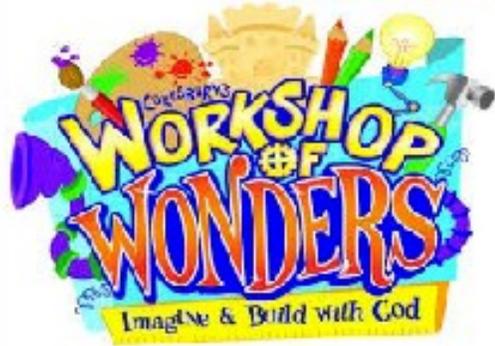
(Above) Second Graders met with Jane and Steve DeCarlis to work on their Parable. (Left) Linda Nevitt and Janis Murphy shared their Jesus story with 2 year olds in Sunday School. Be sure to visit the "peeps!"



Thomas Place Community Center
Saturday, April 19 11-1pm
4237 Lafayette (1 block south AHUMC)
Egg Hunt at 12 Noon

Sunday, April 20
Easter Celebration Egg Hunt
After 11am Worship at AHUMC

**Mark your Calendars!
Tell your friends!**



**Vacation Bible School
July 20-24 6-8 p.m.
K-5th Grade
Visit www.ahumcfw.org**



Confirmation Sunday, May 11 10:50 Worship Service

The 6th Grade Confirmation class has been very busy really looking at what it means to be a Methodist. In the past few months, we have been outside the walls learning about the Catholic church and worshipping and serving at "Church on the Slab" with the homeless in Fort Worth.





-For ALL Children everywhere
-Families—near and far
-For forgiveness, hope and love
to people all over the world
-To make a difference each day

Thank you to Prayer Shawl Ministry friends, Lana Halpin and Phyllis Smith, for sharing with families in the prayer room on March 30. The Prayer Room with many "hands on" activities is open to all during Holy Week.



Little Free Library is coming to Thomas Place Community Center!

In a collaborative effort with Arlington Heights UMC members and friends, the children and families of our church neighborhood will have a place to "Take a Book, Leave a Book" with the new Little Free Library. James and Barbara Sharpe have given of their time and talents to build and register the library on behalf of AHUMC. Through the month of May, your donations of books for children big and small will be collected. You may leave your books by the Coke machine in the Fellowship Hall.

This is a small step to meeting and making new friends. We hope that UMYF students, adults and others who volunteer to help in the afterschool and summer programs, we can build relationships and create opportunities to invite neighbors to our church. Look for the library at the Easter Egg Hunt and make new friends!

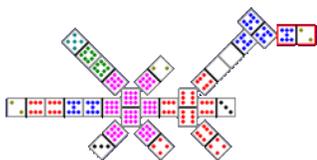


New Tuesday Night Ladies' Group

A new women's discussion group begins Tuesday, April 27 from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in Room 205. The group will be reading and discussing Henri Nouwen's book, *Life of the Beloved*.



Any interested woman is welcome to attend. Contact Linda Allen at lallen1475@aol.com or 817-991-3808 for questions or to get a copy of the book (\$12).



Heritage Hour Welcomes You!

Heritage Hour would like to extend an invitation to all adults with free time on **Wednesdays**

from 10:00 a.m. to noon to join a time of fun and games. We are currently playing "Chickenfoot", and would gladly welcome players of other games (Bridge, Canasta, Chess, Cribbage, etc.). Perhaps you have a favorite game of your own and are interested in establishing a group of players.

While the competitive spirit is keen, it is the friendly, caring spirit within the group that gives us the greatest joy. Come join us!



WHAT: Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

WHEN: Saturday, April 26, 2014
2:00 - 4:00 PM

WHERE: Sue Burkett's home
[817-738-3440](tel:817-738-3440)



Children's Musical: The Big Fish, Jonah's Whale of a Tale Sunday, April 27 at 6 p.m.

All are invited to come hear our children sing. Invite a friend!

Join us for our last Heights Nights of the season! On April 30 at 5:30 p.m., the United Methodist Women will sponsor an educational evening with guest speaker Clarita



Dennis. The topic of the evening will be the Roma of Europe. Following the program will be an opportunity to help UMCOR Relief Supplies by putting together Birthing Kits that provide a clean environment for women around the world during delivery.

Service Matters

New group organizes volunteers

The \$1 Million Check is going to be cashed at AHUMC! Dr. Jim Pledger challenged our congregation to think of all the volunteer hours we give as a check to be cashed.

SERVICE MATTERS is the new name for volunteerism at AHUMC. Daryl Jochens has been named to lead this effort to recognize the contributions of active volunteers. **Service Matters** will also bring cohesiveness and continuity to volunteerism at AHUMC. Daryl brings a rich background and experience to this effort.

Service Vows— In Sunday School classes, Heights Nights, Choirs, Bible Studies and in other small groups, we are asking you to complete this condensed survey of your skills and interests. You will find these yellow forms in various places in the church. Please take time to complete them and return to the church office. (If you have already filled out a blue form, you don't need to fill out a yellow one.) It should not take more than 10 minutes of your time, but that small investment of your time will result in critical information for our church. You may also find this survey on the AHUMC website where it can be downloaded, printed and turned in at the church office. Many people are working on this effort, and our goal is to have close to 100% survey completion by month's end. Thank you so much for your gift of service!



...for I am the vine and you are the branches... John 15:5

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Go AHUMC Youth!



Our youth group recently won the North District intramural youth basketball championship with an undefeated season (7-0)! The champions are shown here with their coach, Daryl Jochens.

Our condolences go to:

Renee Seeds on the death of her mother, Rudy Watkins.

Janis Murphy on the death of her mother.

Jerry Price on the death of his brother Lorbert.

Venita Akers of the death of her daughter Brenda.

Kelly Coburn on the death of her father.

Friends and family of Theda Edmonds, who passed away.