



FIRST NEWS

“Helping people grow to love Jesus and each other.”



Dear FUMC Heath,

He is risen! We had a wonderful Holy Week, from the Palm Sunday Cantata all the way through Easter Morning. Thank you to all of the staff, musicians, singers, and volunteers who worked so hard and did so much to create the space for us to worship and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As we look toward May and the upcoming summer, we are preparing to swap sides of the church (so far we're still on schedule) and eventually we'll be having Sunday worship in Fletcher Hall (we'll get you the dates and details as soon as possible).

But the construction will not hinder one of our biggest summer events, Vacation Bible School! Details are in this newsletter, and we're counting on everyone to help us make this a wonderful ministry opportunity for our children and the children in our community.

Have a blessed month of May, and may the hope of the Resurrection grow in your life during this season of Easter.

Love and Peace in Christ,

Pastor Omar



May 29, 2017

The church office will be closed



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MISSION

H.A.T.S.

May 3

9:30 am

Heath Area Terrific Seniors is a group that meets the first Wednesday of each month for fun and fellowship. For the May gathering the group will take a trip to the Dallas Arboretum for Dallas Blooms. Meet in front of the Baptist church at 9:15am and bring your lunch. Water will be provided



H.A.T.S. GATHERING—MARCH, 2017

Special thanks to Tommie Wells, owner of Lakeside Florist for providing the flowers and Tina and Connie for helping make the beautiful baskets for this event.

Lakeside Florist
972-771-4600

DISCIPLESHIP

WALK TO EMMAUS

Women's Walk 268 June 15 -18 @ Camp Copass

Men's Walk 269 September 21 -24 @Sabine Creek

Women's Walk 270 November 9-12 @Lake Lavon

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all." For information about Emmaus Walks please call Barbara Rohde at 713-595-2800 or robbarrohde@aol.com.

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

CHILDREN

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

July 16th-20th

Sign Up...This year's VBS is going to be fun and exciting! Sign up kids and volunteers at the following website! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fumcheathvbs>



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Youth Party!!

Sunday, May 21st

4:45pm-7:15pm

The youth are having a party at Carla and Lee's house this month! It's going to be a fun event with food, games and fellowship! We invite all youth AND parents to join us!!



This past Sunday we celebrated our seniors, J.C. Hohenshelt and Patrick Sinclair. Please be sure to congratulate them for this huge accomplishment and pray for them as they begin a new journey.



MUSIC MINISTRIES



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! All the volunteers for countless hours, labor, spirit and willingness to praise God with all your spirit, mind, soul and strength! I am truly honored to serve our Savior with you!

It is a new start! Starting May we start with clean folders, ready to be filled with new anthems, familiar anthems and renewed spirit. If you would like to join the chancel choir or bell's angels or acoustic circle or the praise band, this is the time. If you would like to consult with Keum to find your gifts or places to serve, please email her at worship@fumcheath.org or text her at [214.448.8675](tel:214.448.8675).

God did instruct us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Let's do it together! It'll be more fun!

ACOUSTIC CIRCLE

If you play the guitar, we have a new group for you! The Acoustic Circle practices each Monday afternoon at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome, just bring your guitar and come have some fun.

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal Schedule

6:00 pm Bell's Angels

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

worship@fumcheath.org

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1—Trent Godwin
Tyler Godwin
2—Spencer Thames
10—Lisa Lennox
14—Shaun Keane
18—Hiram Lucius
19—Ian Gilliland
Richard Lopez
Joe Chamberlain
20—Gene Palmer
22—Dorothy Burriss
27—Bird Bellamy
28—Pete Snider

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 10—Dennis & Tommie Wells
May 15—Jim & Gail Gould
May 25—Weldon & Donna Davis
May 26—Larry & Faith Sarratt

*If we missed a Birthday or Anniversary, we are so SORRY!! Please email kerri@fumcheath.org to get it added to our list.

PRAYERS IN THE PARLOR

Meets each Wednesday (off-site) to pray for the needs of our congregation, community and the world. If these "Prayer Warriors" can pray for you or a loved one, please click [here](#) to submit your prayer request or call the church office.



ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild is in need of a couple of creative, available folks. This is a commitment of only a few Sunday altars a month. So if you would like to explore your creative side, please give Carolyn Keane a call at 469-235-2702. TRAINING PROVIDED!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3—Chancel Choir practices resume at 7:00pm
May 14—Mothers Day
May 16—Lil' Voyagers Graduation
May 18—Last Day of Lil' Voyagers
May 29—Office Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 2017

General Fund Update:

January Beginning Cash Balance: \$92,400

Year-to-Date Results for 2017:

General Fund Receipts:	\$85,899
General Operating Expenses:	<u>(81,483)</u>
Net Operating Results:	\$ 4,486

March Ending Cash Balance: \$96,886

Congregation,

The above reflects our general fund cash position and use of funds for the first quarter of 2017. Thank you for your continued support for our collective operating, ministry and outreach efforts.

Our dedicated accounts are as noted in the following summary:

Building Fund:	\$ 6,317	(used in payment of parsonage debt service)
Assets/Equip:	\$26,484	(music A/V, van replacement, bell tower, Trustees, etc.)
Other Dedicated Funds	\$12,405	(Children and Youth Funds, UMM Funds, etc.)

Please visit with me if you have any questions or would like additional information on the financial position of the Church.

Peace in Christ,

Brett Thames