



# FIRST NEWS

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



Dear FUMC Heath,

As I write this the rains have finally stopped in Houston, but now Beaumont is flooding. For many of us, this tragedy is personal: we have family or friends in the area, and if nothing else, this is happening in our home state.

Southeast Texas will need relief and rebuilding help for months, and even years, to come. The most immediate way you can help is by giving to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). They work directly with the conferences and churches in the area, and 100% of the money donated goes to disaster relief (not overhead). All the information to donate is below.

UMCOR has asked for churches to put together relief buckets, and the Texas Annual Conference (in Houston), as well as other local churches in the affected area that we have connections with, will be coordinating and directing opportunities for teams to come down and help serve once the initial threat is over. (you can read the letter from the Texas Conference Bishop [here.](#))

Our new Outreach Committee will be meeting after this newsletter is printed to discuss how our church can specifically help in these areas in the weeks and months to come. As soon as that is finalized we will get the word out.

Until then, please join me in continuing to pray for Southeast Texas and all those impacted by this disaster.

Love and Peace in Christ,

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Donate online at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) or send a check to:

Advance GCFA  
PO Box 9068 GPO  
New York, NY 10087-9068  
\* please put #901670 in the  
memo line



# OUTREACH

## H.A.T.S.

September 5

1:00pm

Movie & Treats!

1st Baptist Church Heath

Heath Area Terrific Seniors is a group that meets the first Wednesday of each month for fun and fellowship.

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One Man's Treasure will be holding a garage sale on **Saturday, Sept. 30**. Please start saving items they can use in the sale, like furniture, household goods, kitchen items, dishware, clothing, jewelry, pictures, children's toys or equipment, sporting equipment, anything else you feel will sell well!

Times are 8AM-2PM or when we shut it down, 601 Forest Trace, Rockwall, 75087. If you think you'll have something to donate, please let us know. The week before the garage, we'll start collecting the items so we can price things. If the items are larger like furniture, and you can't deliver it, we can try to figure out how to get it picked up.

Feel free to contact Sheree or Angel about your items.

Angel Thompson  
972-771-4141  
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**One Man's  
Treasure**  
*Clothing that makes a difference*

For more information about the One Man's Treasure organization, [www.onemanstr.org](http://www.onemanstr.org).



# DISCIPLESHIP

## WALK TO EMMAUS

**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](mailto:robbarrohde@aol.com).

**YOU ARE INVITED...**the Emmaus Community will host an Agape Making Session on a Sunday September 17 to make agape for the Men's and Women's Walk coming up. Lunch will be served.

# MUSIC MINISTRIES



Rehearsals for this years Christmas Cantata, *A Noel Celebration*, by Lloyd Larson begin Wednesday, September 6 8 to 8:30pm.

Everyone is invited!  
Come make a JOYFUL Noise!

### ACOUSTIC CIRCLE

Schedule  
Each Monday  
4:00-5:00pm

### CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Each Wednesday  
7:00—8:30pm Chancel Choir

For more information about Music Ministries, please email Keum at [worship@fumcheath.org](mailto:worship@fumcheath.org).

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

The children's ministry had an eventful summer! We started with the movie night, had fun learning more about God during VBS, and ended the summer by Blessing the Backpacks and having a blast at our Family Pool Party! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great summer!

December 17

We had a great summer with the youth! From Youth Camp and Youth Wednesdays to our Back-to-School Lock-In, it was filled with fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a summer we won't forget!



FUMC HEATH YOUTH  
SUMMER 2017

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# CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5— Guyrene Randles  
Carole Pardue  
8— Dennis Conder  
9— Martha Pinson  
16—Charlie Roach  
17—Mac Burriss  
19—Ashley Fisher  
22—Denise Brown  
23—Nick Eaton  
24—Barbara Blackstone  
Marilyn Taylor  
Jordyn Brown  
Jordyn Fisher  
29—Jeremy Salvato  
30—Daniel Fisher

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4—Eric & Seeta Hammer  
5—Terry & Cindi Allen  
11—Richard & JoAnn Lopez  
26—Don & Martha Pinson

\*If we missed a Birthday or Anniversary, we are so SORRY!! Please email [kerri@fumcheath.org](mailto: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.

The Congregational Care Team needs YOU! Some of the ways you can serve include:



- 1. Providing Meals:** Sign up and we will contact you to provide a meal when someone is sick, in the hospital, or has a death in the family. We also will contact you to provide food for “Bereavement Meals” following a funeral.
- 2. Call-Care Team:** Help us keep in touch with our congregation. Once a quarter this team will call the members and families involved in our church to check in and see how they are and how we can pray for them.
- 3. Care Team:** Help with those who are in the hospital or are shut-ins. Includes providing transportation, personal visits, calling weekly to assess needs. This team will also take newsletters, C.D.’s of sermons, Upper Room Bible studies, Communion, etc.

- 4. Good Samaritan Team:** Help provide “Handy Man” type work around the house for members in need.

Some people may be hesitant to sign up for fear they don’t know how to do some of these things or wouldn’t be good at it. No worries! We will have a mini “care giver” training class to give you all the tools you need.

**All congregation members are encouraged to let us know when a need arises** so the Congregational Care team can serve you. All needs and prayers stay completely confidential unless the person being helped, or their emissary, gives their consent to release information.

Beyond the pastoral care of the staff, the Congregational Care Team will utilize help from members of our church to help each other. To sign up for any of these opportunities to serve our church family, or to request assistance, please call the church office.



Chris, Kara & McKenzie Halbert

Construction has FINALLY RESUMED!, the Portable buildings ARE GONE!, clean up CONTINUES!

We will keep you updated.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 4—Office Closed for the Labor Day Holiday
- September 5—Lil' Voyagers 1st day of school
- September 11—Repairs for Phase 2 scheduled to start
- September 12—Church Council Meeting
- September 17—Emmaus Agape Making & Lunch

## STAFF

**Kerri Bergerhouse—Administration**  
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## CONNECT

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140 Smirl Drive  
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Fri Closed

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

**January Beginning Cash Balance:        \$ 92,400**

**Year-to-Date Results for 2017:**

General Fund Receipts:                \$190,845

General Operating Expenses:        (\$208,075)

Net Operating Results:                (\$ 17,230)

**July Ending Cash Balance:                \$ 75,170**

Congregation,

The above reflects our general fund cash position and use of funds through July 2017. We are currently running about 11.5% ahead of receipts compared to the prior year, and our net results, albeit at a negative \$17K, are better than budgeted at the end of July. 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:                        \$ 4,239 (used in payment of parsonage debt service)

Assets/Equip:                        \$26,783 (music A/V, van replacement, bell tower, Trustees, etc.)

Other Dedicated Funds        \$17,838 (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