



# FIRST NEWS

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



## STEWARDSHIP

2018

Dear FUMC Heath,

In the life of the church, All Saints Day seems to signal the turn to a busy season: We've moved past Halloween, we're getting ready for Thanksgiving, all while planning and preparing for the Christmas season with the Children's Musical, Choir Cantata, and Christmas Eve services.

But there is one more season that drops in the middle of all this: Stewardship.

Because of your generous giving, we are in a blessed time and place in the history of our church: We have no debt on our building, our only debt is about \$38K remaining on the parsonage, we have cash in the bank equal to two-plus months of our operating expenses, and our Mother's Day Out program - Lil' Voyagers - is self-funding.

As we enter our budget season, we will use a combination of this year's stewardship commitments & our past trends to determine our future plans. Our hope is that we can dream bigger and increase our budget this coming year because of some needs and wants, including:

**Needs:**

\$5K Insurance Deductibles

\$10K New AC units/thermostats

\$5-\$7K Landscaping/Drainage

Finish paying for windows/flat roof repair

**Wants:**

Increase our Outreach footprint

Increase Children's/Youth Ministry to full-time

Raises for our current staff (none the last 2 years)

However, Stewardship is more than a money conversation. To be sure, how we spend our money is a spiritual issue. But Stewardship at its deepest level is how we tend to what God has most entrusted to each of us: The Good News of Jesus Christ.

We each are called to be stewards of the gospel, and we do so in how we steward our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness through our church and into our world. Each of these areas is based on a relationship with Jesus, our church, and others... and the ultimate goal of Stewardship is to bring people to Jesus!

The church needs your generous financial giving, but it also needs your prayers, your talents, and your time. Together are the church's greatest resource as we work to share the love of Jesus in our community and the world. During this season, we ask you to prayerfully consider each of these in your Stewardship commitment to FUMC Heath.

Then on Sunday, November 12, we ask you to bring the enclosed Stewardship Commitment card to our temporary "altar" during worship. If you are not able to be there, you can bring it another Sunday and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office.

As we move through this season into celebrating all that God has given us through the birth of his Son, we thank you for all you have given to the church in 2017, and thank you in advance for all you will give in 2018 as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

# OUTREACH

## H.A.T.S.

November 1

1:00pm

We Honor Our Veterans

All Veterans are invited!

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



There will be a large team from our church going back to Honduras to serve in February. Besides taking the Men of Honor Program there, Richard Lopez has procured sewing machines for the opportunity to teach the students these basic skills for use in making items to sell, to give to children in poorer villages and for their own personal use.

You can support this effort by donating the following items:

- Portable Sewing Machines - new or used
- Random fabric you might have
- Fabric and trim for little dresses (1 yard plus 4 ½ yards of matching ½ inch ribbon)
- Any sewing notions: thread scissors pins, etc.
- Fabric paint

Due to the construction project and limited space please do not drop these items off at the church. Please contact Judy Holder at [judithaholder@gmail.com](mailto:judithaholder@gmail.com) or (214) 797-0784 for donation location.

# DISCIPLESHIP

## WALK TO EMMAUS

**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).

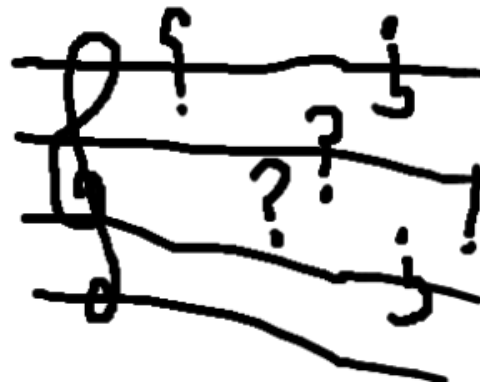
# MUSIC MINISTRIES

Being in music ministry for over 13 years I've heard:

"Why do we sing \_\_\_\_\_ song(s)?" or  
"Why can't we sing \_\_\_\_\_ song(s)?" or  
"Why are we not singing \_\_\_\_\_ song(s)?" or  
"We haven't sung \_\_\_\_\_ song(s)!"

So, I thought I would share with you, the thought process on selecting hymns (both traditional and praise) for worship.

1. Read Bible for upcoming Sundays scripture, theme, message
2. Pray
3. Narrow down the songs with these things in mind: scripture, theology, tunes, inclusive language, familiarity and sing-ability
4. Pray
5. Refine the song list down to reflect theology through prayer, meditation and the Holy Spirit
6. Pray
7. Criteria: Can this song be used by God to transform people's lives?
8. Pray
9. Criteria: Will this song invoke questions, challenges and strengthen to our belief/faith in God?
10. Pray
11. After narrowing down to 3-5 songs; Practice! Over and over again till I get the pronunciation right, feels right in the voice and in my hands.
12. Pray
13. Finalize the selections
14. Pray
15. Practice! To emphasize the key words and phrases to reflect scripture and theology.
16. Pray



**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

*Children's Christmas Musical Little Drummers*

We want your kids to be part of our Christmas Musical! They will help tell the story of Jesus' birth from a whole new perspective!

**Rehearsal Schedule: Each Sunday during Children's Church AND...**

November 4—10-11:30am

November 11—10-11:30am

December 4— 8- Tech Week 4:30-5:30pm

December 9 - Dress Rehearsal 9:30-11:30am

December 10—Performance 10:30am





# Fall Festival 2017

Thanks so much to everyone who helped make this a very successful event.



FUMC Heath Youth Invites you to... **NIGHT OF THE KIDNAPPED GNOMES**

Sunday, November 12th  
4:30pm - 7:00pm  
Dinner Provided!

All youth are welcome as each team 'kidnaps' a gnome to take on some fun adventures! Each team will earn points for different challenges and pictures! The team with the most points wins!

**\*NO GNOMES WILL BE HARMED IN THE MAKING OF THIS GAME\***

## Youth Progressive Dinner - Host Homes Needed

Date: Saturday, December 11th

Each year the youth have a Christmas Progressive Dinner with the help of our church congregation. It's almost that time of year again and we are in need of 3 church members to host this year's event! We go to three different houses for the appetizer, the main course, and desserts. Please contact Abie if you would like to be one of our host homes! Thank you in advance!





# CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3—Vicky Lucius  
Marisa Maberry  
5—Rachel Eaton  
7—Larry Sarratt  
8—Andrew Holder  
11—Chris Maberry  
15—Pat Mims  
Seeta Hammer  
16—Mitsy Rowlett  
17—Margie Kirk  
Susan McKinney  
18—Tommy White  
19—Ian Bergerhouse  
21—Rory King  
23—Nicholas Farrington

25—Barbara Cartwright  
Lee Gilbert  
26—Monte Monkress  
Cathy Gilley  
Robert Gregory  
28—Jim Could  
Ashlyn Hohenshelt  
29—Janice Cuny

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8—Larry & Paula Marshall  
9—Lee Gilbert & Carla Brooks  
23—Don & Carole Pardue

\*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 church office will be closed November 22, 23, and 24th for Thanksgiving.



Call the church office if you would like to add a name to the All Saints Sunday list.



Sunday, November 12

## Daylight Savings Time



Sunday, November 5



Sunday, Nov. 26  
After Worship  
Lunch will be Served

If you would like to be a reader during the Advent season, please contact Keum at [info@fumcheath.org](mailto:info@fumcheath.org).



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Papers have been signed and construction will begin again very soon! The sanctuary, however, will NOT be ready for Christmas. We'll keep you updated.



From the Family of Carolyn Allbritton...

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for the Memorial Service for Carolyn. Thank you most for your years of friendship providing prayers, love, and support to her and to our family.

Love,

Alana Liane, Jordan Jackson and Dan Allbritton



### TELLERS NEEDED FOR 2018!

If you would like to volunteer to be a teller a couple of Sundays a year in 2018, please contact

[kerri@fumcheath.org](mailto:kerri@fumcheath.org).

**TRAINING PROVIDED**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1—HATS Gathering
- November 4—Children's Christmas Rehearsal
- November 6—Outreach Committee Meeting
- November 11—Children's Christmas Rehearsal
- November 12—Charge Conference
- November 22, 23 & 24—Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 26—Hanging of the Greens (Lunch)
- November 28—The Bridge

## STAFF

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