November, 2018

FIRST NEWS

"Helping people grow to love Jesus and each other."

We are excited to announce that Abie Alford will be moving up to full time as our Children and Youth Minister!

Abie joined our staff three years ago part time and has led and grown the ministry in a number of ways. She's provided leadership to our Fall Festival, Vacation Bible School, Trackers of Truth, Talent Show, Children's Musical Programs, Holy Week celebrations, Kids Against Hunger, and many others.

Abie attended undergrad at Hardin-Simmons University, graduating in 2011 with a double major in Ministry and Psychology. She then continued her education at HSU, graduating with both a Master of Arts in Family Ministry and a Master of Arts in Family Psychology in 2014. Abie has always found joy through working with children and teaching them about the love of Jesus. From High School and throughout college and Grad School, Abie was always involved in children and youth ministry whether it be through volunteering or employment. Since joining the FUMC Heath family in September of 2014, Abie has greatly enjoyed ministering to the kids, youth, and families of the church. She would like to thank the members of the church for the support and love they have given her and is excited for the opportunity to continue growing in this ministry alongside them!

Also, on Sunday, October 28, Abie officially became a member of the FUMC Heath! Please be sure to congratulate Abie and pray for her in this new season.

This past Sunday was "Commitment Sunday" and thanks to your generosity we already have $194,820.00 pledged for 2019. And many of you committed to serving in areas of outreach, Sunday School, discipleship, children's ministry, and others.

If you were not able to be here Sunday, you can still mail your card to the church office or place it in the offering plate in a later service.

We have each been 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!

Thank you for all you have given to the church in 2018, and thank you in advance for all you will give in 2019!

OUTREACH

H.A.T.S. (Heath Area Terrific Seniors)
November 7, 1:00pm
We Honor Our Veterans Celebration

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

Genesis Center

The Genesis Center provides homes for both women and their children in a Christian based environment. FUMC Health supports this center through donations, financial giving, and time spent working in the warehouse or in the center.

If you want more information on how you can serve this organization, please contact Barbara Rohde at 713-594-2800. She would be happy to work with you in any capacity.

On another note, The Genesis Center will be building a medical clinic on the property. Stay tuned for opportunities to serve and help.

The City of Heath is co-sponsoring the Environmental Co-op E-Waste Recycling Event.

When:
Saturday, November 10, 2018 | 9am – Noon

Where:
Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 3097, Rockwall, TX 75032

Note: There is a $10 fee per television.

Free Paper Shredding up to 5 legal size boxes……$5 per additional box

Accepted Free of Charge:
Flat screen computer monitors, cable and satellite boxes, tablets, e-readers, laptops, printers, hard drives, fax machines, gaming consoles, VCR's, cell phones, radios, cable and cords, networking equipment, routers, servers, lab equipment, test equipment, flat panel displays, computers (CPU's), keyboards, mice, tape and zip drivers, microwave ovens, DVD players, telephones, digital cameras, stereo components, power supplies, modems, switches, printed circuit boards, video conference equipment ; all ink and toner cartridges; all types of batteries; eye glasses for Lion's club. Aluminum cans may also be donated to the Co-op.

Cash donations accepted and memberships are available (they allow programs like this to continue to be provided).

For more information contact the Co-op at 972-524-0007, email eco@trashbusters.org or visit www.facebook.com/trashbusters

Once again this year, the church will sponsor the Prison and Genesis Center Angel Tree.

Look for the Angels on the tree in the foyer after December 1st.

Thanks to the congregation who participated in the Honduras bake sale auction, we were able to buy 6 heavy duty sewing machines and cases, fabric, and boxes of sewing notions that will equip the students well into the future with the resources and the skills to tackle any sewing project. Because you blessed us, we can bless them.

DISCIPLESHIP

WALK TO EMMAUS

Women's Walk #274
November 1 - 4
Sabine Creek Ranch

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.

Pastor Omar has written a book! **The Advent Mission** is a daily study beginning on December 1st, going through the 12 days of Christmas and ending on Epiphany. **The Advent Mission** helps us prepare for Jesus' second arrival in victory, then turning to celebrate his arrival as a baby in the manger.
Each day contains a Bible passage and a short devotional. Perfect for personal study, small groups and Sunday School classes.

You can order a copy at seedbed.com/adventmission.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Worship Committee is looking for families, kids, singles, anyone that would like to volunteer for readings this Advent Season. Contact Keum to sign up, or for more information.

NO Choir(s) on November 21

Thanksgiving Holiday

Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

Bell Choir (Bells' Angels)
Monday's at 6:00pm
Flute Choir (Grace Notes)
Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Chancel Choir
Wednesday's at 7:00pm
Cantata Rehearsal
Wednesday's at 8:00pm

For more information about Music Ministries, please contact Keum Hwang at worship@fumcheath.org

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Rehearsal Schedule for Kid's Christmas Program

Saturday, November 3rd, 10-11:30am

Saturday, November 17th, 10-11:30am

Saturday, December 1st, 10-11:30am

Tech Week, Monday December 3rd - Thursday, December 6th, 4:30-5:30pm

Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, December 8th, 10-11:30am

Sunday, December 9th, 9:30am

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 9TH 10:30AM

FALL FESTIVAL

2018

NO TRACKERS NOVEMBER 21ST

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Wednesday Nights

Supper at 5:30pm

Classes for Adults & Children at 6:00pm

Trackers of Truth is a three year cycle of curriculum in which students will dive into the Old Testament, New Testament, and timeless teachings of the church. It's fun, witty, and most importantly, substantive.

It's designed to help children grow spiritual roots by digging deep into the riches of God's Word. Our greatest hope is to introduce them to Jesus through the dynamic story of redemption found in Scripture.

Guided by the quirky, techie barn crew, kids will travel through the Bible stories in chronological order. In each weekly lesson, they'll discover the many signals of the coming Savior as revealed in the New Testament, as well as find ways to connect the biblical story with their daily lives and personal spiritual growth.

To bring it all home (literally), the barn crew hosts the Farm Talk Podcast, which the entire family can listen to on the ride home or on the way to school as a way to reinforce the lesson and open the door to meaningful, family conversations.

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3—Marisa Maberry
5—Rachel Eaton
7—Larry Sarratt
11—Chris Maberry
15—Pat Mims
Seeta Hammer
17—Margie Kirk
Susan McKinney
18—Tommy White
19—Ian Bergerhouse
21—Rory King
23—Nicholas Farrington
25—Barbara Cartwright
Lee Gilbert
26—Cathy Gilley
26—Robert Gregory
Monte Monkdress
Mitsy Rowlett
28—Ashlyn Hohenshelt

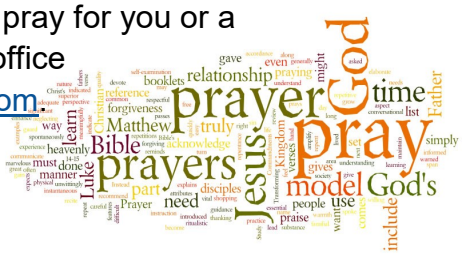
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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 to get it added to our list.

PRAYERS IN THE PARLOR

Prayers in the Parlor meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 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 submit your prayer request by calling the church office or call/text or email Barbara at 713-594-2800 , robbarrohde@aol.com.



Sweet & Spicy Pickles

(aka Mission Pickles)

Lil' Voyagers will be making and selling Sweet & Spicy Pickles at 10:00 a quart. Orders are due no later thank Thursday, November 15th and will be delivered Tuesday, December 11th.

THESE ARE PRE-ORDER ONLY! They will only be making the number of jars sold.

The sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center, or call the church office.

The Church office will be closed November 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Daylight Savings Time

November 4

2:00am

The Altar Guild has asked for some help bringing in the Christmas Decorations right after service on November 11. All help is appreciated!

If you have a loved one that has passed away since November of last year and would like to add them to the All Saints Service, please call the church office.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 4, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4—All Saints Sunday

November 7—HATS Gathering

November 10—Environmental Co-op E-Waste Recycling Event (City of Heath)

November 11—Christmas Decorations into the church for Hanging of the Greens

November 22 - 23—Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 25— Hanging of the Greens

November 25—Charge Conference

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