



The Spirit at Work in our Midst....!

**Pastor Cathie
Evins**

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)

We are approaching the end of the first quarter of the year already...can you believe it!? It seems like we have just finished up our celebration of Christmas and the New Year, but now we are already knee-deep in Lent with Easter right around the corner! Ours is a busy church and as Senior Pastor, I have the privilege of seeing the Spirit at work in so many diverse ways in our church.....here's a glimpse of things we can celebrate together!

- We have new banners and artwork up on the walls in the Christian Life Center to enhance our Seasons worship experience.

- Habitat for Humanity has begun work on the Wesley house, in honor of our church. If you want to volunteer in that build, the 3rd Saturday of each month is our day to work – call the church office for directions.

- Ten of our youth have attended Mid-Winter Camp, ten youth are in our Confirmation process, 20 kids are regularly showing up for Youth to Thrive on Wednesday evenings, and the Youth Valentine Dinner raised over \$800.00 for their ministry events!

- The Ash Wednesday service was amazing, with outstanding music and attendance. Rev. Abraham Ramirez preached a truly inspirational message, our youth helped served communion and four churches were represented in the service.

- Planning for our first annual FUMC

Women's Retreat has begun – save the date! Friday, April 27th from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 28th from 9 – 4 p.m. at TLU. Fun, fellowship, and feasting will be interwoven with singing and study. It's going to be a glorious, God-centered event. Plan to attend and you'll be glad you did!

- Plans for repairs to our church from damage incurred during Hurricane Harvey have been finalized by our Trustees and will begin soon – we estimate approximately 2 months from start to finish for the project to be completed.

- Our Safety Team has done wonderful work in making our church a safer place for all of us. They have completed fire assessments, recruited a team of volunteers to help monitor access to our buildings at peak times, and have posted signs on each of our doors with information about our entrances.

- Looking ahead, I'm looking forward to our Holy Week services at the end of this month (Maundy Thursday service on March 29th and Good Friday Easter Cantata on March 30th). Plan to attend both of these special worship services!

Whether we are worshipping together or praying together or serving together.....all that we do is in the One Spirit of Jesus Christ. As brothers and sisters in Christ, may all that we do glorify God in our life together here at FUMC Seguin.

Blessings,
Pastor Cathie



Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Join us at our Sweet Life Cafe retreat to experience all this and more!

*April 27, 6 - 9 p.m.
and*

April 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Texas Lutheran University

*Registration \$30
Space limited to first 54 participants*

*Registration: April 8 through
22*

*Scholarships available.
For more information,
contact the church office.*

Be Refreshed at

Sweet Life Cafe



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Church Calendar

Thursday - March 1

9:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library

Sunday - March 4

7:00a UMM Breakfast, CLC

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

2:00p Card Stamping Class, HH

Monday - March 5

6:30p Pastor's Bible Study, HH

7:00p Wesley Foundation, Rm 203

Tuesday - March 6

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200

4:00p Circle of Angels, Room 10

6:30p Mission Team Meeting, Library

7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Wednesday - March 7

10:00a Wednesday Lenten Bible Study, HH

5:30p Confirmation/Youth to Thrive, CLC

7:00p Lenten Worship, HH

Thursday - March 8

6:00p Weekday School Board Mtg, Library

Saturday - March 10

6:00p Clear Springs Initiative, HH

Sunday - March 11

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday - March 12

6:30p Pastor's Bible Study, HH

7:00p Wesley Foundation, Rm 203

Tuesday - March 13

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200

10:00a Alzheimer's Support Group, Parlor

4:00p Circle of Angels, Room 10

4:30p Tri-Methodist Health Cabinet, Library

6:30p SPRC Meeting, Library

7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Wednesday - March 14

10:00a Wednesday Lenten Bible Study, HH

5:30p Confirmation/Youth to Thrive, CLC

7:00p Lenten Worship, La Trinidad UMC

Thursday - March 15

6:00p MOPS, HH

6:30p Board of Trustees Meeting, Library

7:00p PFLAG

Saturday - March 17

8:00a Habitat for Humanity Workday

Sunday - March 18

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday - March 19

9:00a Mobile Food Pantry, Shed

6:30p Pastor's Bible Study, HH

7:00p Wesley Foundation, Rm 203

Tuesday - March 20

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200

4:00p Circle of Angels, Room 10

6:30p Finance Meeting, Library

7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Wednesday - March 21

10:00a Wednesday Lenten Bible Study, HH

5:30p Confirmation/Youth to Thrive, CLC

7:00p Lenten Worship, Wesley-Harper UMC

Thursday - March 22

6:00p Whole Food Plant Based Potluck, HH

Sunday - March 25

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday - March 26

6:30p Pastor's Bible Study, HH

7:00p Wesley Foundation, Rm 203

Tuesday - March 27

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200

4:00p Circle of Angels, Room 10

7:00p Church Council, HH

Wednesday - March 28

5:30p Confirmation/Youth to Thrive, CLC

7:00p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Thursday - March 29

7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Friday - March 30

Church Office Closed

7:00p Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary

Lenten Worship Schedule

All services will begin at 7:00pm

March 7 @ First UMC

March 14 @ La Trinidad UMC

March 21 @ Wesley-Harper UMC

March 29 - Maundy Thursday

@ First UMC

March 30 - Good Friday @ First UMC



Save lives...build water wells in rural Ethiopia! The TLU chapter of Water to Thrive is organizing a Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction to raise funds for Water to Thrive, an Austin, faith-based organization that constructs water wells in rural Ethiopia. Knowing that 1 in 10 Ethiopian children die of water-borne illnesses, TLU students have set a goal of raising \$5,000 to complete their sixth well for a rural community. Please consider supporting the effort by attending this event, which will feature Ethiopian cuisine, on Thursday, April 12, 2018 starting at 5:30pm at First United Methodist Church on North Austin Street. Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door and can be obtained by calling 830.372.8160 or rhruza@tlu.edu.

Thank you!

Year-to-Date Financial Report February 18, 2018

Donations	\$109,849.00
Expenses	\$138,499.00
Expenses Exceed Donations by:	
	\$28,650.00
Renovation Project Fund Loan Balance	\$558,795.00



Memorials Gifts

In memory of:

Bill Deiker

From:

Millie Deiker

In memory of:

Michelle Doege

From:

John & Susan Brannan, Pat Watkins, Ruth Howell, George & Marie Nisson

In memory of:

Richard Fleming

From:

John & Susan Brannan, Lorraine Richey, Vernon Dunagin

In memory of:

Arline MyCue

From:

Dean & Sandra Chetkovich, Stan & Susan Casto, Millie Deiker, Donna Dice, George & Marie Nisson, Jack & Sandra Peters, Kellie Raske, David & Mary Reiley, Margo Trost, Paulist Sunday School Class, John & Karen Soefje, Lois & Jeff Baysinger, Marvin & Jody Townsend, Harold & Barbara Henk, Dolores Schwerdtfeger, Keith, Nelwyn & Jillian Robinson, Jane Donegan & Buddy Nagel, Nona Kay Scales, Cathy Brannies, Jo Ann Lemmon, Doris Roessing, Mary Ann Norris, William M. Ayers, Frank & Charlotte Warren, Pat Watkins

New Members



Chuck and Patty Bobbitt joined this congregation on February 18.

Honorariums

In honor of:

Augusta & Carmen Cortez

From:

Donna Dice

In honor of:

Dustin & Melissa Engelke

From:

Donna Dice

In honor of:

Jill Law

From:

Donna Dice

In honor of:

Keith Robinson and the Chancel Choir

From:

Lorraine Richey, Robert & Edith Chick

In honor of:

Eldon Simons

From:

Donna Dice

Weekday School Registration Opens

The Weekday School is opening up Registration for the 2018 – 2019 Fall School Year to church members and current students March 1st for 6 months – 4 years old. Registration forms can be picked up in the school office. Please call (830) 379-4116 with any questions.

The Weekday School is starting a new Summer Program for ages 6 – 11 years old, June 1 – August 31, Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 5:30. Registration opens March 1; spaces are limited. Please sign up in the school office. Any questions please call (830) 379-4116.

Volunteers Needed

Sunday School Volunteers: We are still in need of assistance teaching the Pre-K-3rd grade classes or the 4th-5th grade classes. Please contact Jenalee Cook cjenalle@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping.

Easter Candy

We are starting to collect Easter candy this Sunday! Containers will be set outside of each service to collect donated candy for the Church Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 1st during the Sunday School hour. Thank you for your donations!

Vacation Bible School

We need your help to host another outstanding year of VBS for the young people in our church and community. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lauren Schumann at lauren.e.schumann@gmail.com. VBS dates are June 25th-28th from 6pm-8:30pm. We will be hosting an informational meeting on March 4th during Sunday School in the Young Adult classroom for those who would like more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEGUIN

Wednesday Youth to Thrive

5:30pm - 7:00pm in the CLC
 Games, Hanging Out: 5:30pm - 5:45pm
 Dinner: 5:45pm - 6:15pm
 Devotional: 6:15pm - 7:00pm



Melissa Lind, Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adult Ministries

This year is going by so fast! I can't believe that March is already here. The month of March brings us spring's warmer weather and the sense of newness. We are so blessed to live in this part of Texas in the spring, with the beautiful wild flowers and the feeling of the earth coming back to life.

March also brings Holy Week and the end of Lent's beginning. Holy Week is a time to wrap up the forty days of the Lenten season, remembering the forty days Jesus wandered in the desert, fasting and praying, while he resisted Satan's temptations and really begin to prepare ourselves for Easter. I hope you have had a chance to reflect, set aside distractions and focus on your relationship with Christ this Lenten season. In preparing myself, I am reflecting on this: that Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity but to change the mind of humanity about God. As you prepare yourself for Easter, remember

the great opportunities to join in some of the Tri-Methodist Lenten Worship services, or one of the Holy Week Worship services. Holy week will begin with Palm Sunday on the 25th, Maundy Thursday on the 29th, and Good Friday on the 30th with Easter falling on April 1st and that's no joke.

Confirmation is underway with a great group of youth. We have 8 boys and 2 girls participating in confirmation this year. It is such a joy to get to walk with these students in this time of amazing spiritual growth and learning. I want to ask you to pray for these students as they walk on this journey. Please pray that this is a beautiful and fun experience for all the confirmands, asking God to open their eyes to see him clearly, their ears to hear him loudly, and their hearts to feel him wholly, so that they can fully enjoy the amazing life God has to offer them.

Pastor Melissa Lind

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Graduating Senior Scholarships

We would like to invite your graduating senior to apply for a scholarship. The scholarship is awarded by the Scholarship Committee of First UMC Youth Council Team. The committee welcomes applications from all students meeting the eligibility requirements and strongly encourages all graduating seniors that are members to apply. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2018. Please come by the church office for an application.