

fumc family fun

FUMC Hurst Children's Ministry

SPRING 2011

children's lent study • palm sunday • easter egg hunt • day school news • easter worship • mission 24-24 • sunday school • and so much more family fun!

Hop to the Community Egg Hunt and Family Picnic!



Children of FUMC Hurst and our community will gather at the Pavilion in Central Park. We'll hear the Easter story, sing a silly song or two, then hunt in age-designated areas for plastic eggs filled with candy.

Feel free to bring a picnic for your family to enjoy once the hunt is finished. Invite your friends, cousins, grandparents. This is a GREAT photo op!

Will you donate candy?

Last year we stuffed and hunted 1,500 eggs! We are increasing that number this year, as we hope even more children join us for the fun! Please bring individually wrapped candy (no chocolate please!) and plastic eggs each Sunday until the hunt. A collection container will be in the Great Hall.



Our Easter Project:

Mission 24•24: Operation Mac-n-Cheese

Benefiting Mission Central: March 13-April 28

Our goal is 1,100 pounds of macaroni and cheese ... 2,424 boxes! We can do it! Start bringing your donations of macaroni and cheese boxes to the Atrium (across from the Welcome Center) NOW. We will collect Mac-n-Cheese throughout Lent.

Shake it up

this summer
at FUMC
Hurst!

Vacation Bible
School: June 13-17



Shake It Up Café:

Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!

Set in an exciting restaurant and kitchen environment, our chefs (children) will celebrate festivals from the Old and New Testaments, which will inspire these chefs to develop life-changing habits as they grow and become followers of God.

Registration for Volunteers and Li'l Chefs (young children of volunteers) will begin in April.

Registration for Chefs (grades K-5) will begin in May.

Music and Arts Camp: July 10-15

Singing, crafts, instruments, movement, drama for children entering grades K-5!

Volunteers needed! Contact Sessalie Shapley.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, April 15 • 6-9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12/child (\$30 family max)

What ages? How to register?

Children will enjoy pizza and a juice box. Plan a night out for yourselves while your children are cared for in a loving, safe environment AND support the FUMC Day School at the same time! *All volunteers and workers are Safe Sanctuary trained. Register in the Day School office.*



Promotion Sunday: June 5

On June 5, ages two through grade 12 will promote to the next Sunday School class based on their age/grade as of September 1, 2011. Regardless of your child's age as of June 5, they will be placed in the class that is based on their age or grade as of September 1, 2011.

Wee Worship (3 year olds) and Children's Chapel (Pre-K/K) during 11 a.m. worship will use the same promotion criteria as Sunday School.



First United Methodist Church of Hurst

Dr. Michael McKee, Senior Minister

P O Box 1461 • 521 W. Pipeline Rd. Hurst, Texas 76053
www.fumchurst.org • 817.282.7384

Children's Ministries

Janet Boone,

Director of Ministries to Children and their Families
817.282.7384, x27 • jboone@fumchurst.org

Deena Friesz, Assistant Children's Director
817.282.7384, x39 • dfriesz@fumchurst.org

Serin Yates • Rachelle Bates

Day School Director • Day School Asst. Director
817.282.7384, x25 • dayschool@fumchurst.org

Erin Allen, Nursery Dir. • nursery@fumchurst.org

Sessalie Shapley, Children's Music Coordinator
sess@gregshapley.com

Holy Week Worship Services

Child care provided



Children's Palm Processional April 17 • Palm Sunday

Come help begin 11 a.m. worship by waving palm branches, just like people did when Jesus entered Jerusalem. Children in Children's Choirs will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Children four years and older who are not in the choir will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:40 a.m. After the procession, children will sit with their parents for worship.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 21 • 7 p.m.

On this night, we recall Jesus' last meal with his friends in story, in song, and by sharing Communion together. We reflect on the words Jesus gave to his disciples in the upper room—"Just as I have loved you, you should love one another."

Good Friday Presentation: *Eternal Light*

A Requiem by Howard Goodall
April 22 • 7 p.m.

Emerging from the darkness and despair of Good Friday comes the hopeful sound and melodic writing of British composer Howard Goodall. His *Eternal Light* is what the composer calls "...a requiem for the living, a requiem focused on interrupted lives." The Music Ministry will present this work in its entirety with choir, orchestra, and soloists.

Easter Celebration!

April 24 • 8:30, 9:45, & 11 a.m.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Hear glorious music led by brass, organ, and choirs! Celebrate the risen Lord at one of our three Sunday worship services. Dr. Michael McKee brings a message entitled *Can I Count On God?*



Children's Music Ministry presents: Favorite Songs from Big Idea, Inc. VeggieTales®!

If you have young children, you're probably familiar with VeggieTales. Our Children's Music Ministry will present a revue of VeggieTales songs on May 22.

Come support our Children's Music Ministry as they present their spring musical!



Celebration Singers present: The Lion King: A Disney Revue

Celebration Singers Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will present *The Lion King: A Disney Revue* on May 22, following the Children's Spring Musical.

Don't miss this fun musical evening for the whole family!

Celebration Singers Youth Choir Night at



2200 Precinct Line Rd., NRH
Dine in or drive through

Monday, March 28 5-9 p.m.

Give a flyer* to the cashier and Rosa's will donate 15% of the sales to the Celebration Singers Youth Choir!

** Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center!*



The Fine Arts Academy presents Art and Cooking classes for kids!

Cooking: 10 a.m. – noon (*Taught by Jackie Harper*)

Art: 12:30 p.m.–2 p.m.

Each class (cooking or art) is \$15, or \$25 for BOTH!
Coming to both classes? Bring a sack lunch, or \$2 for pizza. Ages 3-12; classes limited to 20 students.

Saturday, April 16: *Easter Eggcitement*

Hop on over to the Fine Arts Academy to prepare fun and yummy goodies and crafts with an Easter theme.

Saturday, May 7: *Just for Mom*

Show Mom just how much you appreciate her with special art, and a homemade gift basket brimming with her favorite treats.

Saturday, June 18: *It's Dad's Turn*

Dad deserves an extra art special surprise and delicious snacks he is sure to love, almost as much as you!

Register online at www.fumchurst.org (event registration), or contact Rosella Segreti, 817.401.4828 or finearts@fumchurst.org



Spring into service!

Spring Into Service, our church work day, will be Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All are invited to give some time to work on projects inside and outside the church.

Lunch will be provided.

Children, youth, and adults are all welcome to give time to this come-and-go event!

May Day Concert in Central Park

Featuring Old Skool & The Texas Trailhands
Sunday, May 1 • 6 p.m.
Hurst Central Park



Bring lawnchairs and blankets to Central Park for an outdoor concert featuring the country swing of The Texas Trailhands, and Old Skool, Birdville ISD's classic rock band featuring former BISD superintendent "Stevie Ray" Waddell. Come early and bring a picnic! Central Park is located east of FUMC Hurst, next to the Hurst Recreation Center.

\$8



Burger Blitz 2011!

Sunday, April 3
noon • Fellowship Hall

Burgers by Outback Steakhouse

Benefiting Youth Missions
Purchase your tickets Sundays in March!

fumc family fun

FUMC Hurst Children's Ministry

SPRING 2011

march

25

**CCM Moms' Movie
Morning/WOW
(Work on Whatever)**
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Child Care Provided



27

**Violinist Michael
Shih and Friends in
Concert**
7 p.m., Sanctuary
Child Care Provided
Details at fumchurst.org.

31

*** Safe Sanctuary
Training**
Details on page 7.



april

3

Burger Blitz
Noon, Fellowship Hall
Details on page 6.

7

Day School ArtFest
6 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Details on back cover.

9

Spring into Service!
Projects for the greater
good that families can
do together!
Details on page 6.

17

Palm Sunday
All children are invited
to march in the Palm
Processional at 11 a.m.!
Details on page 5.

23

Easter Egg Hunt,
4 p.m.; *details on page 1.*

24

Easter

may

1

**May Day Concert in
Central Park**
6 p.m. Bring a picnic!
Details on page 6.

7

**Cooking
and Art
Classes
for Kids!**
*Details on
page 6.*



15

Confirmation Sunday
Details on page 4.



22

LIT Training
Details on page 7.

*** Register at
www.fumchurst.org
(Event Registration)**

Children's Sunday School: *Toddlers to Grade Five*

Age Two through Kinder:

Blessed Is the One: We will explore stories leading up to Holy

Week, such as Mary anointing Jesus' feet, the man beside the pool, Jesus washing the disciple's feet, and the Last Supper.

In addition to experiencing Bible

stories, the children will explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

They will discover that followers of Jesus love one another, pray for one another and help one another.

Grades 1-5:

In Testament Travels, children experience the stories of the Bible in a rotation format. Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., classes meet in one of six rooms designed to immerse children in the stories of our faith through a variety of learning styles. Weekly schedules are posted at the bottom of the stairs in the Great Hall.

Journey to the Cross:

March 13-April 10

During the last week he lived on earth, Jesus' journey to the cross showed God's powerful love for us in several ways.

Children will explore these themes:

- Jesus came as a king of peace, not



a king of war.

- In spite of danger, Jesus' journey to Jerusalem teaches God's message of love and forgiveness.

- Jesus prayed for strength to complete a difficult job.

- God helps us make faithful choices.

Easter: Go and Tell

April 17-May 15

The resurrected Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded. Our children will explore these concepts: Jesus rose from the

dead; God offers new life to people everywhere; each of us has unique abilities we can use

to tell the good news of Jesus.

Paul: May 22-June 19

God's call turned Paul from a persecutor of Christians to a follower of Jesus. God calls each of us to be followers of Jesus and promises to be with us. Our children will hear the story of Paul's experience of Christ on the Damascus in ways that they can discover and recognize that Paul persecuted the followers of Jesus, while traveling to Damascus, Paul encountered the risen Jesus and was blinded, Ananias was a follower of Jesus healed Paul and baptized him.

confirmation:

claim the name!

Confirmation meets each Sunday, 6-8 p.m.

Snack Supper starts at 6 p.m., and is \$4.

March 20: YES, we are meeting on Spring Break Sunday!

March 25: FRIDAY, 6:15 p.m. We will join Congregation Beth-el for Shabat (Sabbath) worship and temple tour.

March 27: Guest Speaker: Alpay Burse, Dallas Islamic Society

Looking ahead:

April 17, 4-6 p.m.: Service at Mission Central, then return to church for regular Confirmation lesson, 6-8 p.m.

May 13, 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation Celebration Dinner

May 15, 9:45 a.m.-noon: Confirmation Sunday

Grade 6 Sunday School

Every Sunday provides opportunities

for active exploration of Bible stories

and encourages biblical engagement and faith

development. The weekly lessons follow the Lectionary readings for that Sunday. Students apply The Way that Jesus shows us to their own everyday lives and experiences,

forming their own opinions and finding their own theology.



Seasons
OF THE Spirit™

Children in Mission: Meals on Wheels

Every Monday beginning April 4, our children's ministry will deliver meals to Meals on Wheels clients. There will be two adults (at least one of them will be either Janet or Deena).

We will take two to three children with us who will take the meals to the clients' homes. They will not be alone; they will not ever enter a client's home alone. Parents are welcome.

Harrison Lane Elementary has a Meals on Wheels route during the school year with their social worker taking children to assist in the deliveries. This participation is suspended at the end of the school year. We will pick up this route through the summer.



There is a sign-up sheet on the Children's Table in the Narthex. Sign up your child on a few of the dates.

PARENTS: if you plan on participating, you must complete the volunteer forms, which will include a background check.

Children's Lenten Study

Sunday Evenings:
March 13 – April 10
K-Grade 5

We will journey together throughout Lent from Ash Wednesday to the Empty Tomb. We will learn about Jesus through important stories: Jesus camps in the desert, Jesus answers Nicodemus' questions, Jesus meets a woman at the well, Jesus cries about his friend Lazarus, Jesus heals a blind man. This series corresponds with the adult Lenten studies.



Safe Sanctuary Training

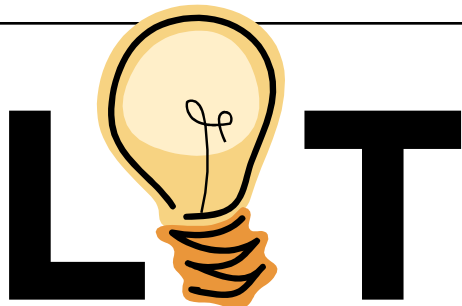
Are you planning to volunteer for VBS, Music & Arts Camp, or any other Children's Ministries activity?

Are you Safe Sanctuary trained? All volunteers who work with children at FUMC Hurst are required to be trained in Safe Sanctuary.

The next Safe Sanctuary classes will be:

- Thursday, March 31:
10 a.m.–12 p.m.; I101
- Wednesday, May 4:
6:30–8:30 p.m.; Parlor
- Wednesday, June 8:
6:30–8:30 p.m.; Parlor

Register online at
www.fumchurst.org.



5th Grade Leaders In Training

All 5th graders are asked to attend this leadership training to prepare for summer Sunday School.

June 5 is Promotion Sunday. All ages will promote to their next age/grade. Rather than promoting to 6th grade Sunday School, new 6th graders will spend the summer as LITs (Leaders In Training) with younger grades.

Through instruction and role playing, we will learn leadership skills and accept the responsibility that is necessary to assist adult teachers and shepherds.

Please register online (there is no cost):

www.fumchurst.org → Event Registration (on left)
Click on "5th Grade L.I.T. (Leaders in Training)"

All 5th graders should attend this training!



Children's Ministries

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HURST

P O Box 1461

Hurst, Texas 76053-1461

DAY SCHOOL
 817.282.7384, x25 • dayschool@fumchurchurst.org
ArtFest: April 7, 6 p.m.



Don't miss the annual ArtFest fundraiser! Families will enjoy a Chick-fil-A dinner, and a performance by our students. A silent auction will feature projects of our Day School classes, as well as items from local businesses. A gallery featuring art by the students will be on display, and the art will be available for sale. Proceeds from ArtFest will be used to purchase new equipment for classrooms.

CCM caring christian mothers
 a dynamic group of moms & young kids
 gathering, connecting & growing
 ccmhurst@yahoo.com • 817.282.7384

CCM is a place for mothers of children age five and younger to gather in fellowship and support of one another. It is also a place to grow as parents, women, and as Christians. CCM meets the second Friday of every month for fellowship and a program. If you have questions, or would like additional information on CCM, please email ccmhurst@yahoo.com.

children's lent study • palm sunday • easter egg hunt • day school news • easter worship • mission 24-24 • sunday school • and so much more family fun!