Confirmation Sunday is May 19

We look forward to welcoming our Confirmands on May 19 as they make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Our sixth graders have been through an amazing journey of connecting with God, people, and purpose. They have spent time in conversation and discovery about our Christian story and explored different ways to connect with God through worship and prayer. They have built relationships with their family groups, leaders and their Faith Partners. They have served the church and our community in numerous ways. Now they make the decision to publicly profess their faith and to uphold the United Methodist Church with their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness. This is an amazing group of young people and, during the 11 a.m. service, we will witness their decision and welcome them as they choose FUMC Hurst to continue their discipleship journey. Stop by the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Fellowship or the lobby following the service to learn more about their experiences in this important part of their faith journey.

FUMC Hurst is honored to host two worship services for the Central Texas Annual Conference.
- Sunday, June 9 at 7 p.m.: Ordination Service & Reception
- Sunday, May 5 • 6:30 p.m.
  
**TOWN HALL**

**Judicial Council Rule**

Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 7 - 7 p.m. | Wednesday, May 8 - 10 a.m.

Toward the end of April, the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church met to determine the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan which was adopted at the February General Conference.

Rev. Philip Rhodes will discuss the implications of the Council’s rulings for the denomination and for FUMC Hurst.

**Confirmation Group Breakfast: Living the Covenant Prayer**

Saturday, May 11

9 a.m. in the Foyer

Keith Bradley-Toppiloff, author of Surrendering to God: Living the Covenant Prayer, says that the prayers we pray regularly are the “formative centers” of our spiritual life. They are “one of the trust expressions of who we hope to be. And so our reflections on them become a guide to how we need to grow.” This is certainly true of the Lord’s Prayer and for Wesley’s Covenant Prayer as well.

The Covenant Group Community of FUMC Hurst is invited to come and share a breakfast meal prepared by Hermelinda Martinez. Together, we will reflect on what it means to live the prayer we pray each week in our groups—the Covenant Prayer.

There is no charge, but donations are welcome. RSVP online at www.fumchurst.org/register by May 8.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Vacation Bible School

(For children entering Kinder – 6th grade in Fall of 2019)

June 17-21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

At VBS 2019 “Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus,” children will go on a journey to discover more about God’s great love; from looking at how to be a neighbor to diving into what it means to live out this faith. This interactive VBS will lead children deeply into Bible stories focused on God’s care and compassion for neighbors close at hand and around the world. Join us as we discover neighbors near and far!

Register at www.fumchurst.org/vbs. Register by May 31st to guarantee the correct size for your FREE VBS T-shirt!

Help Wanted! Do you enjoy arts and crafts, love to tell a great story, get energized by getting kids excited about missions, or simple love to help build relationships and community with children? Start thinking now about how you will use your gifts to support Vacation Bible School this year. This is an important ministry with children in our church and our community. Volunteer registration is open. Save the date for the All Volunteer Training on Sunday, June 2. Contact Abbie Arellano with questions or for additional information.

**Triumph Sports Camp**

June 17-21 from 12-4 p.m. (following VBS) for children entering Kinder-6th grade in Fall 2019.

Cost before June 3: $105

Students in our church and community.

Triumphant Sports is a Christ-Centered sports camp that has collaborated with FUMC Hurst for several years. Children learn memory verses, hear a Bible lesson at snack time, and have so much fun playing a variety of sports. A link to registration can be found on the church website at www.fumchurst.org/vbs.

**What to bring:**

- Tennis shoes or sneakers
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Lunch or snack

**Registration Information**

Please RSVP by May 20 to youth@fumchurst.org or 817.282.7384, ext 17.
Children's Discipleship News

For more information about any Children's Discipleship events, contact Jennifer Acker at jacker@fumchurst.org or 827.282.7384, x35. To connect with preschoool school, Minision Poodle Kids and special events, contact Bhran Wirs at events@fumchurst.org or 827.282.7384, x49. If you would like to serve in Children's Ministry, please contact Abbie Arzillano at arzillano@fumchurst.org or 827.282.7384, x20 and let her know your interests. She will help you connect to the appropriate role within the Children's Ministry.

Glen Lake Summer Camp Registration Has Begun!

Does your child enjoy being outdoors, swimming, canoeing, hiking, meeting new friends and experiencing God in special ways? Then Glen Lake Camp is the place to go this summer! Glen Lake is our conference camp, and they have a variety of weeks available for children and families. Go to www.glenlakecamp.com to register. Then let Jennifer Acker know which week your child will be there so we can send them 'camper mail'!

Limited scholarships are available through FUMC Hurst.

Data and Children by Abbie Arzillano

Maybe it is our social science backgrounds or maybe it is the fun of finding answers, but Jennifer Acker and I are kindred spirits about our love of data and spreadsheets. We recently looked at our Children's Sunday School attendance and found some interesting information.

As summer approaches, many of our regularly scheduled shepherds take some much-needed time to reconnect with other adults in the church. Therefore, we are in need of adults to step in and be the consistent presence for our children this summer. If you would be willing to serve with our children this summer or next fall, please reach out to Abbie Arzillano at arzillano@fumchurst.org.

Children's Sunday School classes with consistent adult shepherds who are not the parents of the children in the room have the highest levels of attendance.

Sunday School

Youth groups before 9:45 a.m. in Anderson Center and then dismiss to grade level classes. Grades 7-11 meet in Anderson and Rite 12 (12th grade) meets in the Serenity House. Classes end at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Night Youth

All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend youth group on Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. We meet together for snack supper (served at 5 p.m., $3), worship as a group and then divide between Junior High and Senior High for small groups. All youth are also welcome to attend our other Sunday night activities:

• Youth Praise Band Practice 2-4 p.m., Anderson Center
• Youth Choir Rehearsal 4-5 p.m., Choir Room

A Word From the Youth Directors

As we draw nearer to the summer, we as a staff have been spending a lot of time thinking about what it means to be a good neighbor, and what it means to love your neighbor as yourself.

Being a good neighbor means more than just knowing the names of the people who live around you and waving hello as you pass by. It means showing all people the love of Christ that has been shown to you.

We are thrilled to be heading into a summer of focusing on being a good neighbor. Both youth mission trips and VBS are both centered around the concept of neighboring, and we are excited to share that with the entire church!

Along with our focus on neighboring, this month also has a focus on two special groups. First, we have our graduating seniors who will only be with us for a little while longer. We hope that they can continue to love them well as they transition into college or whatever life has next for them! Our seniors are an exceptional group of people who have been a wonderful part of the ministry. We will be sad to see them go, but know that they will bring the light of Christ and the love of being a good neighbor wherever they go next.

Second, we have our new friends from Confirmation who will be moving up to youth on June 2nd! We are beyond excited to welcome these new friends into our group as we continue to get to know them.

Our prayer for our soon-to-be seventh graders, our graduating seniors and everyone in between, is that they would continue to grow in faith and compassion while deepening their connections to God, to others and to their God-given purpose.

If you are a student who is not yet connected to the youth group, we invite you to join us on Sundays where you will find a group of loving neighbors and new friends!

For more information about any Youth Discipleship events, contact Kari Jaronzek or Elisa Anne at youth@fumchurst.org.

TEACHERS WANTED!

Day School is hiring teachers for the 2019-20 school year! If you have a love for working with young children part-time, please contact Amy Richardson at archardson@fumchurst.org or the Day School office at 817.986.3862.

Upcoming in May

• June 1: Mission Trip Training Jr. High Focus
We hope all of our students and leaders who are participating in the Jr. High Mission Trip will be able to attend this training; however, if you can not make it, please attend the training on June 8.

• June 2: Promotion Sunday Summer Surprise

• June 8: Mission Trip Training Sr. High Focus
We hope all of our students and leaders who are participating in the Sr. High Mission Trip will be able to attend this training; however, if you can not make it, please attend the training on June 8.

• June 14: Summer Fun Day
• June 22-29: Sr. High Mission Trip
• June 23: Pop Up Project (at Youth)
Early this year, we met with Texas Christian University students and the community stakeholders (Rev. Matt Ybañez, Vicki Ingle, Fannette Welton, Diana Cason, Ms. Lola Nelson-Spay of Mission Central, Dr. Pam Frable of TCU) to talk about the next steps in the immigrant integration initiative. As a result of these conversations, a five- week pilot conversation partnership program was created. Through this new program, immigrant learners have opportunities to practice their English with English-speaking partners. Fourteen English language learners enrolled and participated in weekly one-hour conversations.

Phase I of the development began the first semester and, based on the preliminary data, the pilot program appears to be effective. We will begin phase II in the fall of 2019. Ultimately, the Conversation Partners program will need to be self-sustaining. We envision recruiting community members to serve as host partners along with students. If you are interested in volunteering as a conversation partner, please contact Dr. Pam Frable at p.frable@tcu.edu.

The History Detectives

Ever wonder what the church looked like in 1859? Or in 1960? Or in 1967? Do you know who was the Senior Pastor in 1930? Or what Mission Trip the church took in 1995? Well, the History Detectives are going to find these answers and many more.

We’re preparing for our 150th birthday by organizing oral history sessions. In the coming months, we’ll be reaching out to you for any photos, bulletins, flyers, etc. that you have stored.

Watch for information on how and what you can donate! For questions, contact Head Detective Nancy Welton at nancy.welton30@gmail.com.

Connect to the New FUMC Hurst Mobile App

FUMC Hurst is proud to announce the release of our brand new mobile app! It’s an exciting new way to connect to our shared life and ministry together and puts everything you want or need to know about what’s happening at your fingertips.

TO DOWNLOAD THE APP

Text “fumchurst app” to 77977 or search the Apple App Store or Google Play for “fumc hurst”
Monthly Support Groups
Register online for childcare for all support groups. Contact Rev. Donna McKee at 817.282.7384, x43 or dmckee@fumchurst.org for more information about FUMC Hurst support groups.

Caregiving: Space for Grace Support Group
Monthly meeting Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in Palm 103 (Parlor).

Third Thursday Care Partners
Support for caregivers seeking some “light in the middle of the tunnel.” Group will meet Thursday, May 16 at 11 a.m. in Wesley 122.

Grief Support Group
A monthly support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. The next monthly meeting is Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m., in Wesley 124.

New Group!

A Support Group for LGBT+ Persons, Families and Friends
“Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” - 1 Peter 3:8
Open Hearts is a group where LGBT+ persons, families, and friends can come together to support one another and learn together how our sexuality and faith connect. No matter what your walk of life may be, Open Hearts has an open space for you. Open Hearts provides a sacred space where anyone can openly share thoughts, feelings, and experiences, free from judgement. Open Hearts widens the circle for LGBT+ persons, families, and friends to love each other as disciples of Christ.

The monthly meeting will be the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

Compass Group for Men
The purpose of this group is to encourage one another to follow God’s purpose and priorities. Men’s Discussion Group focuses on the intersection of faith and current events, and the Sermon Discussion Group reviews the weekly scripture and message. Each group has a facilitator to guide the discussion. For more information, contact Al Fournier, alfour2016@gmail.com.

Adoption and Foster Support
For support, resources and information regarding adoption and/or fostering of children, contact Dorothy Romero at dar_home2013@yahoo.com.

Loving with Cancer Support Group
For support, resources and information regarding adoption and/or fostering of children, contact Dorothy Romero at dar_home2013@yahoo.com.

Daily Learning Opportunities
Register for all classes and/or childcare in person at the Connect Desk or online at www.fumchurst.org/learning. For more information about any learning opportunities, contact Rev. Donna McKee at dmckee@fumchurst.org.

Understanding Your Grief by Alan Wolfitt
6-week study beginning May 2 | Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. | Wesley 103
Rev. Donna McKee, Facilitator | Class Fee $15
Together we will explore the eight essential touchstones for finding hope and healing your heart following the loss of a loved one. Childcare is available with online registration. Books available at the Connect Desk or at the first meeting.

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis
Sundays, May 5 and 12 | 9:45 a.m. | Wesley 124
Michael Pfister, Facilitator | Class Fee $10
In this short novel, C.S. Lewis uses allegory to tell the story of a man who boards a bus in Hell bound for Heaven. The unbelievable opportunity for him and his fellow traveler is that those who want to stay in Heaven can—but very few do. The narrator’s experiences in Heaven allow Lewis to examine the difference between good and evil, grace and judgment. His remarkable discovery is that every soul ultimately chooses Heaven or Hell. Please try to have the first half of the novel read for the first session.

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton
6-week study beginning May 26 | Sundays at 9:45 a.m. | Wesley 124
Chris Kuykendall, Facilitator | Class Fee $11
In this study, Hamilton once again uses his storytelling talent to take you on a journey through England tracing the life of John Wesley. Wesley’s message and his faith continue to speak to twenty-first-century Christians, calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed.

Stranger God: Meeting Jesus in Disguise by Richard Beck
9-week study beginning June 1 | Wednesdays at 10 a.m. | Wesley 103
Rev. Donna McKee, Facilitator | Class Fee $15
With his signature combination of biblical reflection, theological reasoning, and psychological insight, Richard Beck shows how God always meets us in the marginalized, the oppressed, and the refugee.

Memorials and Honorariums

Easter Offering
In memory of our parents by Richard and Sue Ward

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In memory of Bob Mershon by Elaine Huckabier
In memory of Sidney Roberts and Reg and Edna Anderson by Bobbie E. Roberts
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In memory of Jovelyn Nixon’s mother, Kathleen Stewartson, by the Sprarching Together Sunday School Class

Maintenance Fund
In memory of Chuck Allen by Joe and Liz Motley

Sunday Morning Discussion Groups
Every Sunday morning, disciples gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall at 9:50 a.m. (after Coffee Fellowship) for lively conversations. The Men’s Discussion Group focuses on the intersection of faith and current events, and the Sermon Discussion Group reviews the weekly scripture passage and talks about Rev. Rhodes’ Sunday sermon. Come join us around a table! Each group has a facilitator to guide the discussion.

First Sunday Parents
Expectant parents and parents of infants and toddlers are invited to gather at 9:30 a.m. on the first Sunday morning of every month for a time of fellowship and conversation. Nursery care is provided OR being your little one along. We will meet down the hall from the nursery in C110.

For information, contact Rev. Barbara Dunlap, 817.282.7384, x43 or bdunlap@fumchurst.org.

Notification of Deaths in Our Congregation
When someone passes away in our community of faith, we want to be in prayer for the family and support them in any way we can. If you would like to receive an email notification, complete the form at www.fumchurst.org/death-notifications.

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(March 1-31, 2019)

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