All-Church Christmas Potluck

Come celebrate Christmas with your church family! We will be having an all-church Christmas potluck on Sunday, December 3 at 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the menu for the dinner. Please bring your favorite holiday side dish or dessert to share. After dinner the children will perform their Christmas Pageant. For planning purposes, please register online with the number of those planning to attend. Childcare will be available.

Harvest Festival is our largest fundraiser for missions! All proceeds benefit Mission Central, Mobile Food Pantry, Adopt-A-School programs, Coat of Many Colors Resale Shop, United Methodist Women, our missionaries and more! There will be something for every budget. Hundreds of fantastic auction items and a country store for “buy it now” items! Donations from our Sunday school classes and members will guarantee the best opportunity for the special Christmas gifts you have been looking to purchase. Remember, if you buy a gift at Harvest Festival you are also supporting missions.

Thanksgiving Bags are Appearing

If you haven’t already, please be sure to get a purple bag or two and return them with the groceries listed by Sunday, November 12. You may also give money for the purchase of turkeys to go along with the bags. To help with bag distribution, contact mybanez@fumchurst.org. For many years, our church has made it our mission to alleviate hunger in our community. For those who struggle on a regular basis, holiday meals can be particularly difficult to pull together. The people Thanksgiving bags have fed thousands of families over the years and it is a simple and easy way for your family to love and care for our neighbors in this season of gratitude. There are still some purple bags and shopping lists that have not yet been distributed, so please help where you can.

Farmers’ & Makers’ Market

November 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Locally produced and handmade items will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit our local school district. There will be seasonal foods, local honey, homegrown produce, and more.

All-Church Christmas Pageant

December 25th, 7 p.m.

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Rev. Philip Rhodes, Senior Pastor
Connect with People • Connect with Purpose • Connect with God

The following items should be included in each bag:

• Connoil Dress (15 ounce), 2 cans
• Sweet Potatoes/Yams, 1 large can or 2 small cans
• Green Beans (14 ounce), 2 cans
• Stuffing Mix, 1 (14 to 16 oz) bag
• Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes (13 ounce or larger)
• Cranberry Sauce, 1 can
• Turkey Gravy Mix, 2 packets
• Jiffy Cornbread Mix, 2 boxes
• Brownie Mix or other complete boxed dessert mix

Poinsettia Orders
Poinsettias will fill the Sanctuary as we prepare for Christmas Eve. Please order your plant online or on Sunday mornings between November 12-December 3. Cost is $15 per plant. Payment is required at time of ordering. Plants may be picked up Christmas Eve.

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Children’s Ministry News
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Sunday School Preschool Training
Calling all who serve in Preschool Sunday School. Please join us in Cinema on the Mount on Sunday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. to share ideas, support one another, and participate in training. If you are interested in serving in Preschool Sunday School or if you already serve in this area, please join us. Please register at child-care@fumchurst.org (if you are already a volunteer).

Children’s Leadership Team
November 5, 3:30-5 p.m.
All fourth and fifth graders are invited to participate in the Children’s Leadership Team. It is not too late to join us! We will meet in the Covenant Courtyard. (Isaiah 20:5). For questions, contact Jennifer Acker.

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Find an empty shoe box and wrap it with Christmas paper (wrap the lapelurat). Decide whether your gift is for a boy or girl, and choose an age category (2–4, 5–7, 8–9, or 10–14). Attach a gift label with this information. Fill your shoe box with a variety of gifts such as toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, books, socks, or any other small items. Hurst Police Department needs them earlier this year, so please bring your filled box to the atrium by Sunday, November 12.
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Upcoming Events:

• November 5: Regular Schedule: Social Principles & Mission

• November 12: Faith Partner
Night: Visit to Mission Central, meet at church at 6 p.m.

• November 19: Regular Schedule: Faith and Trust

• November 26: Regular Schedule: Experiencing God
December 3: No Confirmation, All Church Christmas Dinner and Christmas Pageant

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Misión de Iglesia Segura

International missions have been a passion for many in our church as we have nurtured relationships with missionaries David and Cindy Ceballos in Panama and Jonathan and Donna Baker in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We received word that David and Cindy Ceballos will be reappointed by the General Board of Global Ministries to serve in another missionary appointment as of January 2018. The work that they have done in Santiago and Guabao has been transformative for those communities, and as planned, the church in Santiago will now be run by the Methodist Church of Panama. This transition comes, in part, as a result of the hard work of many Panama teams commissioned by our church to serve alongside David and Cindy. To all who have supported this ministry, we give you thanks. Since the GBGM will not be reappointing new missionaries to serve in Santiago, our planned 2018 trips to Panama have been taken off the calendar. We have also found out that Jonathan and Donna Baker will be retiring as GBGM missionaries as of January 2018. This is great news for them, but sad news for us as we have partnered in some amazing projects with them since beginning a covenant relationship with them in 2015 including the MPSA Nutrition Program and Water for Life. The good news is that a new missionary should be appointed to serve in that region of Congo and we eagerly await any news from GBGM about new appointments. Please keep our Missions’ Team in your prayers as we discern the future of international missions at FUMC Hurst.

MidCities Social Justice Team Helping to Organize Social Justice Movement in Tarrant County

Forty attendees from seven different churches and as many cities attended a meeting September 26 hosted by FUMC Hurst to organize a social justice movement in Tarrant County. Rev. Philip Blandes gave a powerful faith reflection describing how John Wesley understood the necessity of the church body “convening” (in addition to worship and study) to create a just society. Wes helium of Faith in Texas (www.faithinhtx.org) then continued the meeting, describing a framework to accomplish faithful, nonpartisan activism on behalf of and side by side with our neighbors. Topics ranged from struggles of the working poor, health care, immigration, transportation, incarceration, and predatory lending, to infant mortality rates and public education. The tables grouped by geographies related to places of worship and identified the elected officials who represent their congregations. Meetings are now being set with mayors, city managers and city council members to develop a unified vision for a beloved community. What would God want us to do to make our schools and our jobs to look like? How can people of faith encourage, inform and support elected officials in taking bold, creative steps to solve problems in our area? Nothing is more powerful than the personal stories of individuals who face systems that sometimes seem designed for them to fail. Moses doubted his own ability to lead for God, and the Bible teases us repeatedly that God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways. If you would like to engage with your neighbors to listen, study, converse and work for systemic changes that improve lives, contact Susie Stonecipher at 224.761.5478 or merajun@juno.com to join other faithful voices at the public square.

Christmas Shopping Spree to Benefit Local Families

It’s almost time to start preparations for this year’s Christmas shopping spree. Can you help the youth with any of these?

• will bring gift boxes • tissue paper • money

The Christmas Shopping Spree is a missionary outreach that our youth look forward to every year. With the help of counselors at Harrison Lane and Bellair Elementary, we identify families who may be in need at Christmas time. On the day of the shopping spree, we pair up our youth with those elementary students and together, they shop for gifts for their parents and siblings. After the shopping spree, everyone comes back to the church to wrap the gifts and share a meal together. The Christmas Shopping Spree is a timeless tradition for the youth, but it also teaches great lessons about giving and generosity to the students at Bellair and Harrison Lane. Because the children do not select gifts for themselves, but for their family members. The youth group loves hosting this event year after year, but it would never have been possible without the help and support of our congregation. Please help us make this year successful by donating any wrapping supplies that you may have. “Thou in thy generous generosity in previous years, we have an abundance of wrapping paper and tape and have no need for those this year.” We also need almost $5,000 to meet the growing need in this community. Donations may be placed in Anderson Center and monetary gifts may be brought to the office or placed in the Sunday morning offering with the memo “Shopping Spree.” Thank you for helping us to make this event successful again this year.

FUMC Hurst Members Walk the Runway for Mission Central

In August, FUMC Hurst was a sponsor of the 2017 Mission Central Celebration showcasing the Coat of Many Colors Resale Shop. At this fun event, twenty-one models, including several members of FUMC Hurst, took to the runway to show off the wonderful fashions they found at the Coat of Many Colors Resale Shop. The event also featured a silent auction including antiques, art, and collectibles that were donated to the Coat of Many Colors. At the end of the day, almost $10,000 had been raised to support the programs of Mission Central. The church also supported the work of Mission Central through the September communion rail offering, which was donated on North Texas Giving Day. On North Texas Giving Day, more than $30,000 was raised for Mission Central. These funds are critical in meeting the organization’s annual budget. The interesting thing about that 30,000 number is that it is also the number of people Mission Central served last year. Through the creativity, hard work, and generosity of both FUMC members and the entire Northeast Tarrant community, the organization is helping serve our neighbors each day through the Village Pantry, Village Library, Mobile Food Pantry, Community Resource Center, and STEPS program. Mission Central is deeply grateful to the members of FUMC Hurst for sharing your time, talents, and funds. They are being used each day to make a difference in our community.

Reminder to those families who have adopted a college student for the 2017-18 school year: We will be putting together finals week care packages for students on Sunday, November 19 at 12:30 p.m. in Isaiah 101. Please bring a jumbo-sized box of individually wrapped snacks or other fun treats. We’ll divide these into boxes for each student so they’ll be ready to mail out in time for finals!

FUMC Hurst blood drive

Friday, November 3, 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to visit for breakfast and conversation! Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. promptly.

For more information, contact Joe Motley at joseph.motley@att.net or Kevin Campbell at kcampbell@fumchurst.org.

Chapel Choir

“...Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee, bow great Thou art, bow great Thou art!”

Are you a shower singer? Thinking no one would want to hear YOU sing? Would you like to offer praise to God in a significant way?

Chapel Choir may be for YOU! We are looking for singers at the 8:30 a.m. service, singing the first and third Sundays of each month. Rehearsals are Monday nights, 7-9:45 p.m. No audition is required! If you wish to be a part of this great singing group, please notify Debby Bailey at dbbkey@fumchurst.org. All are welcome!

Adopt-A-Student

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WATER IS LIFE

Providing Clean Water to Their Community

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Monthly Support Groups

Caregiving: Space for Grace Support Group
Wednesday, November 1, at 7 p.m. in Isham 103 (Parlor)

Foster/Adoptive Parents Support Group
Sunday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Isham 103 (Parlor)
(This group meets the second Sunday, every other month)

Monthly Grief Support Group
The monthly grief group will not meet in November. If you would like to speak to a pastor, please contact Rev. Donna McKee at 817.282.7384, x38.

Living with Cancer Support Group
Monday, November 27, at 6 p.m. in Wesley 120 (Bride’s Room)
Register online for childcare for all support groups. Contact Rev. Donna McKee at 817.282.7384, x38 or dmckee@fumchurst.org for more information about FUMC Hurst support groups.

Additional Support Groups available at City Point United Methodist Church
7301 Glenview Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Debi Blankenship
In memory of Allen Colomb by Virginia Butchard
her dedicated church work by Virginia Butchard
Memorial Endowment Fund
In memory of Oldley & LaVonne Moss by Gene & Mary Chancellor

NEXT (A new group for widows) began in September of this year and has had some wonderful times together. We have had two sharing and caring meetings that allowed us to share stories and different topics that we face daily. Our next outing was at Ti Amo’s in Brookfield. This group is not really a support group. It’s a “What’s Next?” group, a safe place to share and have fun together. Please consider joining us – we would love to have you.

If you would like more information, please contact Lori Friend at friend@fumchurst.org. Our November Meetings will be:
• Sharing and Caring Meeting November 7, 5:30-7 p.m. in the Bride’s Room (Wesley 120)
• A movie outing is planned for our second meeting to see “Same Kind of Different as Me.” This will be a Sunday afternoon outing with place, date and time announced when show times are posted. Keep an eye on the bulletin and weekly email for more information.

Encore!
Let’s Do Lunch
Attention All Adults 60+!!!
Wednesday, November 15 • Fellowship Hall

Game players should come ready to play at 10 a.m. If you are not a game player, you will definitely want to be there at noon for our luncheon and program! Lunch will feature pork loin with dressing, fresh cranberry sauce, jello salad, sweet potato casserole, green beans and pumpkin roll for dessert. Lunch is $9 per person (please pre-pay). Our program will be provided by Joyful Sound. (www.makejoyfulsound.com)
Register to attend on the church website at www.fumchurst.org, in your Sunday school class or contact Cathy Cartmill, ccartmill@fumchurst.org or 817.282.7384, x22

500th Anniversary Protestant Reformation
Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church 500 years ago this year. Luther’s bold act paved the way for the Protestant Reformation, resulting in shifts in power that affected not only religious life but also the cultural norms of the day.
On Sunday, November 19, Joe Motley will offer a presentation on Martin Luther and his impact on our theology and worship. All adults, small groups and Sunday school classes are invited to gather at 9:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Joe’s presentation that will begin at 10 a.m. Individuals register online or at the Connect Desk. Sunday school classes and small groups must email Sherry Herrington at sherrington@fumchurst.org with the number of persons participating by November 15.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

September 1-30, 2017

Hurricane Harvey Relief
In honor of Justin Schraub, given anonymously
In honor of Erin E. Roefofs by Sue Strycx
In honor of Jacob T. Roefofs by Sue Strycx
In honor of Laura S. Roefofs by Sue Strycx
In honor of Beth A. Strycx by Sue Strycx

Mission Central
In memory of John Collins by Roy, Nanett & Teresa Hawthorne

Memorial Endowment Fund
In memory of Oldley Moss by Gene & Nell Born
In memory of Oldley & LaVonne Moss by Gene & Mary Chancellor

In honor of Fanette Welton for her dedicated church work by Virginia Butchhard
In memory of Allen Colomb by Tommy Asaff
Chapel Renovation
In honor of Fanette Welton’s birthday by Nancy Welton & Debi Blankens
Stephen Ministries
In honor of Chris Atkins given anonymously
Jennifer Martz Scholarship Fund
In memory of Dustin (Dusty) Roberts, grandson of Bobbie Roberts by Henry & Susan Radler
Youth Missions
In memory of Alyssa Ferguson, granddaughter of O.E. & Kay Miller by Soap Satter

To keep up to date on the events of FUMC Hurst, check the online events calendar at www.fumchurst.org.