Church Office Close

The church will be closed on August 20–21 so that our staff may attend training on ShelbyNEXT, our new church management system. Church rosters will be monitored closely during this time. Thank you for your patience as we all learn together, and we look forward to sharing with you in the months ahead how this will help us all! The church office will also be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

Serenity House Updates

A called Church Conference on May 29 voted unanimously to sell the Serenity House/Elm Street House. The Board of Trustees accepted an “as is” offer on the house and it will no longer be owned by FUMC Hurst as of July 15. By the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the proceeds from the sale of property cannot be applied to the annual budget and must be used for capital items. Proceeds from the sale of the Serenity House will be used to add video signage to the existing monument signs at the Pipeline entrance, which will help communicate with passers-by that the church as well as the missions and ministries of the church, as recommended by the Foundation.

For more information visit www.fumchurst.org/foundation or contact Rev. Philip Rhodes, prhodes@fumchurst.org.

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Summary for 2015–Present:

- $31,500 Scholarship Totals for 24 Scholarships
- $49,759 Budget Support
- $13,240 Translation Suite
- $94,499 Total Transferred

FUMC Hurst Foundation Planned Giving

The Foundation is a perpetual fund, dedicated to the overall mission of the church. It includes: maintenance, expansion, beautification of the church as well as the missions and ministries of the church, as recommended by the Foundation.

FUMC Hurst Celebrates Our Newest Citizens

Spelling facts–many in our worshipping U.S. flags are just a few of the rights you’ll see at a US Citizenship Ceremony. These are momentous occasions for the participants because it means that as they take their oath of allegiance, one journey ends and a new one begins. In recent months, we have had three members of our church family become US citizens—Rosalie Kany, Denise Kalonji and Rafael Martinez. As a community, we celebrate with them and pray for God’s blessings on their future in this country.

Kindergarten Blessing

You will not want to miss the special Kindergarten blessing on Sunday, August 11th during 11 a.m. worship. Kindergarten students should also join us for Sunday school as we will be taking a class photo during that time (9:45 a.m.). Kindergarten students and their parents are also encouraged to join us at the Children’s Discipleship Kick-Off Dinner and Open House that evening which will include a special preparation for the first day of kindergarten and info about the upcoming Kindergarten Worship. Please register online for the Kinder blessing and register for the Children’s Discipleship Kick-Off Dinner and Open House. We are looking forward to this meaningful milestone for your Kindergarten student!

Blessing of the Students

Join us at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, August 18th for a special Blessing of the Students.

Children’s Discipleship Kick-Off Dinner and Open House

Kindergarten through 5th grade children and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, August 11th from 5-7 p.m. for this event. We will celebrate the start of a new school year and learn about opportunities for discipleship with children and their families. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and there will be a special presentation for the first day of kindergarten.

Promotion of the Preschoolers

Our preschoolers will promote up to the next age group for Sunday school on August 11. Watch for notes and signs with the details.

Blessing of the Educators

Join us for worship on Sunday, August 25th as we provide a special blessing for all educators. Please invite your student’s teacher to join us for this meaningful service.

New African Worship Services

At the end of July, new services in French and Arabic will begin. As these new worship opportunities become available, it is our desire for our African friends to continue to be part of the larger community of First United Methodist Church and continue to attend services on Sunday mornings.

First United Methodist Church of Hurst has been home to many African immigrants who have been a regular part of our Sunday morning services. Last year, we saw a need for African worship services in which our brothers and sisters from a variety of African countries can come together to encourage one another and worship and pray in their native languages.

When beginning anything new you have to start somewhere, but sometimes it is difficult to know where or how to begin. This is as true with our faith as it is the rest of our lives. “Starting Point” is a place to begin. Whether a person is new to the Christian faith, new to this particular church, new to being United Methodist, or just new to asking questions about their faith, Starting Point offers orientation to the first steps toward a life of discipleship.

Starting Point includes:

Monthly one time gatherings:

- Beginning September 1, clergy/staff and laity are available on the first Sunday of each month to give an overview of discipleship and answer questions about the ministries of the church.
- A series of three week courses, with one course offered every other month:
  - This Is Us: Three week series focused on our church’s understanding of discipleship as “connection”. Learn more about connecting with God through worship and prayer, connecting with people through learning, caring and sharing, and connecting with purpose through serving and serving. (Coming this September.)
  - UMC, Are You In: Three week series focused on the vocabulary, theology, and practices that are unique to United Methodism. Who is John Wesley? What do Methodists understand about baptism, salvation, communion, and grace? (Coming this November)
  - Spiritual Gifts: Three week series focused on learning about and identifying your own spiritual gifts. What are Spiritual Gifts? What gifts do I have? How can I best use the gifts I have been given to serve God and others? (Coming January 2020)
- The courses will be offered Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Wesley 120 on a rotating basis and can be taken in any order. Anyone and everyone is welcome to start here, and to encourage others to do the same!

Questions? Contact Sarah Garza at sgarza@fumchurst.org.
Thank you!

Thank you to Amanda Jennings, Jennifer Royett, Betty DiPaula, and Paula Beville for their incredible leadership with VBS 2019! Thank you to the 89 adults and 56 youth who helped make VBS’s meaningful experience for all 275 children who attended.

Many lives were impacted by the following mission items that were donated this year at VBS:
- 845 books donated to ESL and Project Transformation
- 70 boxes of trash and 33 packages of pencils/erasers/markers donated to Adopt-A-Schools
- 800 bottles of water/gatorade donated to First Responders
- 256 boxes of mac-n-cheese donated to Mission Central
- 500 items to use to assemble hygiene kits for those in our community who are homeless

The 6th graders purchased and donated food, harvested food from the Village Gardens and delivered it all to Mission Central.

What an incredible week of learning to love God and our neighbors and connecting with people, purpose and God!

Children’s Discipleship News

For more information about any Children’s Discipleship events, contact Jennifer Acker at jacker@fumchurst.org or 817.282.7384 x35. To connect with preschool Sunday school, Mission Possible Kids and special events, contact Krista Vela at velaevans@fumchurst.org or 817.282.7384 x49. If you would like to serve in Children’s Ministry, please contact Amber Arlanado at aarlanado@fumchurst.org or 817.282.7384 x220 and let her know your interests. She will help you connect to the appropriate role within the Children’s Ministry.

Third Grade Parent/Child Meeting

Sunday, August 4, 9:00 a.m.

Third graders and their parents are encouraged to attend. Join us in Cinema on the Mount for an important meeting to learn about all of the exciting and meaningful discipleship opportunities that await third graders this fall. See you then!

Third Grade Bible Sunday

Sunday, September 8

All third graders will receive the gift of a Bible from the church during the 11 a.m. worship service. In order for your child’s Bible to be personalized, register at www.fumchurst.org/register by September 1.

Children traveled to Indianapolis to love our neighbors, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything else. Love is not bound by geography, or personality. Love is not bound by gender, race, age, or any other aspect of who we are. Love is simply, love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19). We were blessed with the opportunity to partner with Wheeler Mission, a long-standing ministry in Indianapolis serving people struggling with homelessness or addiction. Each day we experienced a different aspect of Wheeler Mission, and each day we met people who were our neighbors. We learned so much from the people we worked with; we learned what it looks like to work hard at a job you’re passionate about, we learned how to love strangers who you just met, we learned how to share our stories with boldness. We traveled to Indianapolis to love our neighbors and truly experienced a neighboring relationship that is so much more than helping someone else, but is a relationship between people who help each other. We were blessed by each and every one of the people we met, who loved us as neighbors, because they have first been loved by God.

Our students experienced so much on this trip. Here are two quotes from some of our seniors:

“I go on mission trip to strengthen my relationship with the people I see every Sunday, week after week. I go on mission trip to experience something incredible and to return home a better version of myself” - Harley Bolles, senior

“I learned on mission trip that life can move through anyone on no matter their age, race, gender, sexuality or personality. Love is powerful and can change forces forever. It changed mine in just a short week in Indianapolis, and I wouldn’t trade that experience for the world.” - Angelina Lancy, senior
Sacrified Partnering

FUMC Hurst Commits $15,000 to Celebrate 30 Years of Habitat for Humanity

Our church has a long history of support for Habitat for Humanity in Tarrant County. This year, Trinity Habitat for Humanity turns 30 years old and will celebrate with a 30-hour build and anniversary celebration. Our church has built many homes with Habitat over the years and has given, to date, $485,000 to help build homes in Tarrant County. FUMC Hurst remains faithfully committed to the work of creating affordable housing for families throughout the community.

All Hands on Deck for Hotdog Extravaganza!

August 15th will be a busy day for a lot of families in our church and our community. It’s the day when most of the elementary schools in our area have Meet the Teacher. It’s an opportunity for students to meet their teachers, explore their classes, and learn important information before school starts. On that day at two of our adopted elementary schools, Harrison Lane and Donna Park, we want to make sure our kids are cherished by their community.

Meet the Teacher an event that gets families excited about school and eases some of the challenge of that night for working families with a good old fashioned hot dog cookout. We will cook and serve 3,000 hot dogs that afternoon with every topping imaginable at the hot dog bar. This is the neighboring we’ve practiced all summer long. It is a chance to show the students, families, teachers, and administrators at our schools that they are loved and cherished by their community.

We will need no fewer than 60 volunteers that day split between both campuses to pull everything off, so we need you! There are no special skills required, just a smiling face and a willingness to help out. Volunteers can sign up through the app or on the church website at www.fumchurst.org/register.

Habitat for Humanity

got our of poverty and has pledged $15,000 toward the 30 Hour Build in October. Volunteer slots for this unique opportunity will become available at the end of August.

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Monthly Support Groups
Register online for childcare for all support groups. Contact Rev. Donna McKee at 817.282.7384, ext 38 or dmckee@fumchurst.org for more information about FUMC Hurst support groups.

Open Hearts Group
A support group for LGBTQ+ persons, families, and friends. This support group connects LGBTQ+ persons, families, and friends coming together to support one another and learn the ways our sexuality and faith connect. This group meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be August 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Isham 103 (Parker).

Caring: Space for Grace Support Group
This group meets the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be August 7 at 7 p.m. in Isham 103 (Parker).

Grief Support Group
A monthly support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. This group meets the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, August 12 at 6:50 p.m., in Wesley 124.

Third Thursday Care Partners
Support for caregivers seeking some "light in the middle of the tunnel." Group meets the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be August 15 at 31 in Wesley 122.

Compass Group for Men
at 11 a.m. in Wesley 122. Meets the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be August 15 at 11 a.m. in Wesley 122.

Memorial Endowment Fund
In memory of Margie Tillery, Mar Tillery, and Margaret Freeman by James Tillery
In memory of Bobby Dauzy by Judy Hill
In memory of Nicholas Schouten by Virginia Sanders and Family
Steve and Norma Runyon, and Wendell and Barbara Montandon,
In memory of Jack Klucking by Steve and Norma Runyon
In memory of Daryl Oler by Music Ministry by Pat and Bonnie Klein
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jennyellis@texashealth.org.
For support, resources and information, contact Jenny Ellis at jennyellis@texashealth.org.

Trending Topics
Do you have any gently used Bibles sitting around the house? Bring them to the Connect Desk on Sunday. The Bibles will be distributed to folks in our community.

Stay Connected with FUMC Hurst!
Download our app TODAY! Text “FUMCHURST APP” to 77977” or search for “FUMCHURST” in the App Store or on Google play.

Fall Connecting Opportunities for Adults
Community is a place where the connections felt in our hearts make themselves known in the bonds between people, and where the tug and pull of faiths keep opening our hearts. – Parker Palmer
We grow our faith in community. We strengthen our bond with God and neighbor in community. We discover our God-given purpose in community. If you are looking for a community in which to grow your faith:
Visit a Sunday Morning Group. These groups meet together each week for a time of study, prayer and fellowship. Some groups only study the Bible, while others study a variety of topics. Some groups are made up of people in a particular age and stage of life, while others are intergenerational.
Sign up for a Fall Study. Studies are offered on a variety of topics such as Bible, theology, Christian living and social justice at a variety of days and times—including Sunday morning!
Join a Covenant Group. These small groups meet together for one hour each week at various times and locations to support and encourage one another in personal discipleship.

Need help finding a group? Contact Rev. Donna McKee at dmckee@fumchurst.org or call 817.282.7384, ext 38. For more information about any of our groups or to register for a study, go to the Connect Desk or to www.fumchurst.org/connect/ adults.

Friday, August 2
7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
All men are invited to meet for conversation and great food! Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. promptly.
For more information, contact Joe Morley at joseph.morley@att.net or Kevin Campbell at kekcampbell@att.net.

New Sunday Morning Group
Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Wesley 103 (across from Connect Desk)
Do you see trending topics on social media and wonder how they relate to your faith? Starting September 8, we will meet every Sunday morning to explore various Trending Topics. There will be a new topic each month and no advanced preparation is required to join the discussion (although we might check out some podcasts, Ted Talks, documentaries, etc.).
The September topic will be Good & Evil, facilitated by Sarah Garza.
Look for a schedule of future topics and facilitators at the Connect Desk later this month.

Sunday Morning Discussion Groups
Every Sunday morning, disciples gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. (after Coffee Fellowship) for lively conversation.
The Men’s Discussion Group focuses on the intersection of faith and current events, and the Women’s 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.

Welcome to Our Newest Members
Roger, Kellie and Matthew Flessner
Annual Baptism
Russell and Susan Harrells
Ann Baldwin
Mark and Brooke Blanton
Sandra and Ed Sherbroune
Nikki and Josh Fairbanks with Katie and Harry
Celebrate Your Baptism
Saturday, August 3
Citywide Confirmation Service
Rosedale Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
Grace Community Church
FUMC Hurst
Annunciation Catholic Church
The Confirmation Service is a significant milestone in the faith journey of our newest members. If you would like to have your child confirmed, please contact Nikki Fairbanks at nfairbanks@fumchurst.org or Kevin Campbell at kekcampbell@att.net.

Discussion Groups
Saturday, August 3
Fall Connecting Opportunities for Adults
—Parker Palmer