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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DEKALB FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2019

Director of Music Ministry

We are pleased to welcome Shane Valencia as the Director of Music Ministry at DeKalb First United Methodist Church. Shane Valencia is currently an organ student at Texarkana College under the tutelage of Mr. Larry Dymott. Organ is his principle instrument but he also plays piano, harpsichord, saxophone, flute, clarinet, tuba and the recorder. Shane plans to finish his studies at Texarkana College and receive an Associates in Music degree with concentration on the organ, and then go on to get a Bachelor's degree in Music Education, but is undecided as to where he would like to finish his studies.

Shane was the 2017 recipient of The AR-TX Music Connection Texarkana College Scholarship, he is also the recipient of the AFMC/NFMC William Yick Collegiate Award in 2018. He has been part of the TMEA TTCCDA All State Choir for the past 3 years, and is also a member of The Texarkana Regional Chorale. He works full time with special needs students at New Boston ISD.



New Small Group: "Wesleyan Wednesday"

Looking for a new small group to visit at DeKalb FUMC? There is a group that is meeting at the local coffee shop, "DeKalb Grinder," every Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM. Come out for coffee, conversation, and a devotion. All are welcome! 136 N. Runnels St., DeKalb, 75559



Pastor's Ponderings



This past Sunday, the sermon title was "The Importance of Prayer," from Luke 9:28-43. Jesus had taken Peter, John, and

James up a mountain to pray. This passage is known as the "transfiguration" of Christ, and includes a demonstration of the greatness of God in the healing of a little boy after they came down from the mountain. Webster's dictionary defines the word transfiguration as "an exalting, glorifying, or spiritual change." We see the details of the transfiguration in

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Amazing Grays Changes Time/Date

Do you enjoy a potluck, fellowship, and games (including 42, Skip-Bo, Bridge, and Ponytail)? The "Amazing Grays" have moved their time to 12:00 noon on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The change of time has increased attendance and made it more convenient for everyone. This month they will meet at **12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 26**. Come out and enjoy the fun!



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verse 29 as Luke tells us about what happened as Jesus prayed. The verse says, "As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning" (NIV). One thing that we see in this passage is the **importance of prayer**.

As we begin the season of Lent, we are reminded, above all, of the importance of prayer in our lives. Prayer is quite simply the connection between us and God. Think of prayer as your "cell phone" to call on God. Most of us do not leave home without our cell phones these days. In a similar way, we must remember the importance of prayer. Now is the perfect time to pray.

This year, as you prepare your heart to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, allow this passage on the transfiguration of Jesus to remind you of our Lord's example which indicates the importance of prayer. Jesus led Peter, John, and James up the mountain to pray that day. During Lent this year, convince and allow your heart to cry out to the Lord, and know that God truly cares.

When asked which is the greatest commandment in the Law...

"Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments"

(Matthew 22:37-40 NIV)

Confirmation

Confirmation class is under way. If you would like to help as a teacher, mentor, prayer partner, or offer encouragement in the form of notes/cards/calls from home, please contact the church office.

Bible Study and Potluck Dinners

Join us for Bible Study every Wednesday evening at 5:00 during Lent, from now through Easter (April 21), in the Parlor of the Educational Building. Children's ministry is provided during this time. After Bible Study, a potluck dinner is held each week in the Fellowship Hall, from 6:00 to 6:30. Come and join us!

Painting With the Youth

On the evening of Sunday, February 24, more than forty people of all ages gathered in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church for the first ever "Painting With the Youth" event. The evening featured an opportunity to paint their own unique works of art with the guidance of a professional painter/artist from the Texarkana Painting With a Twist studio. The group shared a potluck together and enjoyed wonderful fellowship.



Prayer List

For Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Barbara Lunceford
Family & Friends of Doss Lamb
Family & Friends of Fred DeRue
Family & Friends of Julianne Lipe
Family & Friends of Earl "Howdy" Dawson -
former Texarkana District Superintendent

Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents

Bob Griffiths, Greenhill Villas, Mt. Pleasant
Moeta Newman, Reunion Plaza, Texarkana
Mary Clawson, Ponderosa
Iva Jean Barrett, Ponderosa
Lucy Hillis, Ponderosa
Virginia Wray, Focused Care, Clarksville
Bobby Clinton, Reunion Plaza, Texarkana
Wanda & Bobby Tidwell, New Boston

For Our Members

Barry Telford
Fred Gilliam
Mickey & Sharon Charlton & their son, Marty
Boyce Rhea
Angie Harp
Roy Willhite
Opal Waller
DeVeda Foster
Bill & Dorothy Lee
Lynn Rains
Abbi Capps

For Our Family & Friends

Zadie Bates
Melba Grider
Curtis Richison, son of Mamie Constantine
Eddie Wood (surgery)
Byron Penrod, friend of Keith Willey
Marty White (cancer)
Anne Weisman (cancer)
Linda Harris (cancer), Rev. Cashion's aunt
Crystal Brown, friend of Janet Tidwell
Dawn Gaulden Smith (lung cancer)

Davis & Houston Rowan
John Cowley, Dorothy Sheridan's brother
James & Linda McKinnie
Joni Haldeman
Courtney Shaffer, friend of Robby Bates
Sherry Barrett, Randy Barrett's aunt
Gloria Cunningham Cheney, Marsha Telford's sister
Chris Henderson, Becky Buttram's nephew
Lynnda Ell
Tina Petty (cancer)
Jean Phillips
Charles McCrary, Kansas City, Missouri, brother of
Mike McCrary
Mari McFatridge (cancer), friend of Molly Willey
Jordan Morris (Leukemia), great nephew of
Molly Willey
Tammy Matthews
Diana Melton
Riley Danielle Wright
Jay Bennett
Cleo Green
Tommy Dudley (cancer)
Robert & Linda Hickey
Barbara Mebane
Linda Coates
Angela Tidwell, cousin of Carolyn Pirkey
Caleb Barksdale (Brooke Tidwell's brother)
Max, 10 yr. old (leukemia)
Marilyn Barron (cancer)
Patsy Martin
Michele Stryk (cancer)
Linda Kight May
Mary Ann Hawkins
Bobbie Lum (cancer)
Leah White (cancer)
Leslie & Peggy Jaynes
Bruce Crouch
Bryce Turner (double lung transplant)
Maxine Pearson (skin cancer)
Ken & Joyce Howard
Debbie Schliesman (cancer)

Denise Richardson (cancer)
Sam Moore (cancer)
Maddox Skipper (brain surgery/recovery)
David & Levita Louviere
Billy Betts (cancer)
David Rickard (cancer)
Doug Abshire, friend of Boyce Rhea
Kara McQuatters
Newman Hodgson
George Hutson
Logan Baird (liver transplant)
Susie Tucker
Tim Fletcher
Lavada Starr Garrett
Robert Lakey (stroke)
Keitha Savage
Denny Rowley
Mike Brooks (cancer)
Sarah Eastman
Betty Bartlett
William Willey, brother of Keith Willey, on
Hospice
Charles Pirkey
Melissa Tolson-Senior @ U of Ark, bone cancer
Jean Isbell, cancer
Barbara Ruesch, cancer, friend of Engles
Cheryl Abbott
Adron & Louise Hanna
Alisha Lamb (bone cancer)
John Hall (brain surgery)
Tex Matthews

For Our World & Leaders & Our Servicemen & Women Serving Our Country

Roscoe Schwab, Military
Michael Tucker, Military
Michael A. Hunnicutt, Military
Richard Matthews, Military
Lt. Travis Waller, Military
Jeanette Weir, Military, El Paso, TX
Robert F. Waller, Ft. Hood, Killeen, TX

Reader and Scripture

Mar 10—Philip Calvit
Mar 17—Rhonda Schwab
Mar 24—John Booth

Attendance and Giving (Feb 2019)

Average Sunday School Attendance — 60
Average Worship Attendance — 94
Monthly Income Needed for Budget — \$ 19,099.00
Income for May — \$13,004.26

Communion Servers (April 7)

Randy & Carolyn Pirkey, Anne Farris

DeKalb Hope Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter; Canned Meats; Canned/Dry Soups; Canned Veggies; Instant Rice; Canned Fruit; Pasta; Spaghetti Sauce; Oatmeal; Cereal; Ramen Noodles; Chili; Crackers; Personal Toiletry Items

Children's Sermon

Mar 10 — Rev. Terry Cashion
Mar 17 — Randy Pirkey
Mar 24 — Renau Garner

Children's Church

Mar 10 — Jason & Julie Hawkins
Mar 17 — Camille & Katie Fouse, Lecia Barrett
Mar 24 — Troy & Rachel Zeringue

Ushers

3/10— Worth Matteson III, Ross Schwab, Keith Willey,
Richard Engle
3/17— Robert Usrey, Joe Anderson, Rick Shaw,
John Westbrook
3/24— Bill Thompson, Bob Thompson, Laura Thompson,
Sue Thompson

Thank You

To: Jubilee (Robby Bates, Jerry Peek, Randy Pirkey, Chris Moser, Betty Bates)

Delphin Germany, Bobby Thompson, Brooke & Paul Tidwell

Rev. Terry Cashion

To: The Missions Committee (Co-Chairs Linda Shumake & Jan Moser)

And all the Cooks and Helpers

To: All who donated

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!

The fundraising event held at DeKalb First United Methodist Church for DeKalb HOPE was a huge success because of all of you. Your support for DeKalb HOPE not only brought our community together for an evening of great food and great music, but also brought such a blessing to all who were in attendance.

Your loving efforts raised \$2,955.00 for DeKalb HOPE and for the less fortunate in the community of DeKalb.

We are forever grateful to all of you for taking time out of your busy lives and for all of your hard work.

(The DeKalb HOPE Board of Directors)

Peggy Thibeaux, Elaine Elmore, Suzanne Miller, Sarah

Eastman, James L. Germany,

Johnnie Lewis, Velma Moore

Fundraiser for Mickey & Sharon Charlton & Marty

Rear of the Steer
800 E. Main
Omaha, TX 75571
903-884-3100

There will be a Donation Box from 10 am—8 pm on Friday, March 22nd and 10 am—8 pm Saturday, March 23rd.

FUMC Designated Giving Policy

Designated Gifts Disclaimer: The Church Council of First United Methodist Church, DeKalb, TX reserves the right to remove any designations or restrictions on gifts when it is in the best interest of the church to do so. At the point in which a designated gift fulfills its purpose any remaining amount shall be shared with the broader mission of DeKalb First United Methodist Church.

Calendar

Every Sunday

Coffee with the Pastor, Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 — 10:30 am
Worship	10:50 am
Youth Jam	5:00 pm
Meal for Youth	6:00 pm
Youth Devotional and Games	6:30 pm

Every Tuesday

Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall — 7:00 am

Every Wednesday

Wesleyan Wednesday—7:00 am—at The Grinder Coffee Shop
Children's Choir—immediately after school
Bible Study — 5:00 pm
Lenten Dinner (Potluck) for everyone—6:00—6:30 pm
Chancel Choir — 6:30 pm

Every Thursday

"Piecemakers" Fellowship Hall — 10:00 am — 2:00 pm

Sunday, March 3

Communion Sunday, Sanctuary — 10:50 am
PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS FOR DEKALB HOPE

Sunday, March 10

First Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time begins
United Methodist Women—Fellowship Hall—after Morning Worship

Wednesday, March 13

Nursing Home Ministry — 2:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26

Amazing Grays, Potluck & Games, Fellowship Hall — Noon

The Church will have 60 Lilies available for purchase
In Memory or In Honor of loved ones,
March 17—April 7 for a donation of \$10.00 each.
The Lilies will be in the Sanctuary for the Easter Sunday morning service and may be picked up afterward.

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