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First Sunday of Each Month
Nonperishable Food Collection
(even pet food)
Morning Worship



Gross Motor Games - Lead kids in the recreation games provided.

Spotlight VBS - VBS Photographer, possibly help with Sunday slide show.

Shepherds - Participate in fun activities while building relationships with small group of elementary age kids..

Other Helpers -We also need people to be at the registration table, extra hands.

We will have several decorating and planning evenings through the summer, as well.

Another way you can help is by graciously donating money. We are hoping to have at least 50 children again this year!

If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Christi Goldstein at 254-754-4685 or cgoldstein@austinavenueumc.org.

Austin Avenews—June 2017

Letters From Timothy

In a recent sermon, I shared information about the influence of early Christianity, due to the sacrificial love shown by followers of Jesus. Here is more information about the impact of early believers-followers, from Henry Chadwick in his book, *The Early Church*.

Many historians believe that central to the rise of Christianity was the simple fact that Christians generously loved each other and their neighbors. They point out that in the ancient world mercy was widely seen as a character defect that ran counter to justice. Justice demanded people get what they deserved and was seen as appropriate; where mercy extended grace, love, and kindness to people who had done nothing to deserve it. Yet, the Christians valued mercy. Christian communities became places where people tended to live longer and healthier lives, for when they suffered sickness, poverty or mishap they had brothers and sisters in Christ who provided for their need. And Christians extended love way beyond the boundaries of family and congregation to their pagan neighbors.

In 251 A.D. for example, a great plague struck the Greco-Roman world. Memories were revived of a plague a century earlier in which more than a third of the population died. Fear was everywhere. Those who could afford it fled to the countryside. Those who could not remained in the cities. When they went to the temples they found them empty, the priests having fled. The streets were filled with those who had become infected, their families left with no option but to push them out the door. Christian communities, however, took an entirely different approach. They saw it as their responsibility to love the sick and dying, so they took them into their homes and nursed them. This action meant that many people recovered who otherwise would have died.

The world will once again know we are Christians, when we love like the early church loved!

Keep the SON in your eyes!
Pastor Tim

Vacation Bible School will be held on **August 12, from 9 AM-12 PM**. We are once again having a one day VBS.

We are looking for help! We are currently looking for leaders in the following areas:

Music & More – Leading kids in several songs and teach the bible theme.

Bible Adventures – Lead kids through incredible and fun interactive learning activities that make the Bible stories come alive!



Angelynn Roberts
McLennan Community College



Austin Avenue 
United Methodist Church
2017 High School Graduates
Congratulations, Ladies!



Claire Jarrell
Texas Tech University



Annika Larson
Baylor University



**Book Club
Gathering
June 5**

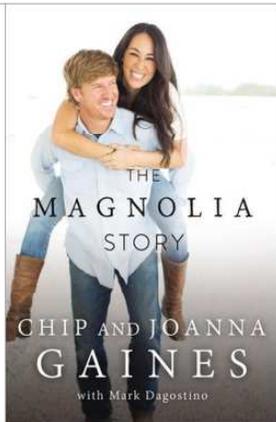
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NOTE: Location Change

Pipkin Center

Food will be provided



Summer Choir

Join us on Sunday
mornings
to sing the
hymns!

10:30 am
Rehearsal
May 14-August



Historical Austin Avenue—Tragic Fire of 1954

The 13th Street foyer cases now display memorabilia depicting the major fire which destroyed most of the sanctuary, including its Jacoby art glass windows and Kilgen pipe organ. Also lost was the large art glass window on the facade of the church which was given in memory of our servicemen and women who died in World War I. The original 1925 art glass windows in the tower were not damaged in the fire. Newspaper articles, pieces of the original green roof tiles and photographs of the rebuilding of the sanctuary are also included in the display.



Gildersleeve photo 1940s



Chancel & Kilgen Organ 1953





Congratulations on Piano Recital

Congratulations to the students participating in the Spring Piano Lab Recital. Six students entertained the crowd on May 9, 2017, with their sweet music in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments were enjoyed by all afterwards. We hope this is a program that will be returning to AAUMC in the Fall.




YOUTH SINGERS TOUR 2017

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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YOUTH SINGERS



YOUTH CHORALE



CELEBRATION RINGERS



CONCERT

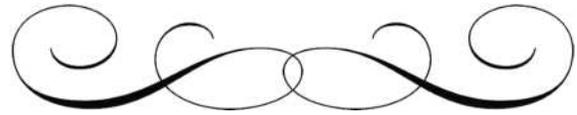
Austin Avenue U.M.C.

DATE *June 6* TIME *7:00 p.m.*

JANICE KINSLEY ACCOMPANIST
REV. STEVE HARTER CONDUCTOR



ARE YOU HOUSING ONE OF THE YOUTH CHOIR SINGERS??



First of all, thank you so much for offering your hospitality! Second, make sure the singers are returned to the church no later than 7:15 am, on the 7th!

Youth Summer Mission Trip

June 18-24

Durant, Oklahoma

Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers as they serve in such a marvelous way!



Cultural Music Camp

Including:

- Cultural Chorus
- International Rhythm & Movement
- Blacklight Theory
- World Drumming
- Piano
- Strings
- Guitar
- Visual Art and Much More!

July 31 - August 4 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Austin Avenue UMC, 1300 Austin Ave., Waco, TX

Kindergarten - 5th grade completed

\$125 per student
\$25 sibling discount
**Scholarships available*

For more information:
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Arc Cake Auction—Sunday—June 4



The Arc Summer Camp provides a safe, structured environment for children with developmental disabilities that often have no other place to go during the summer. Local schools are able to provide such a setting during the school year, but once school is out that setting is no longer available. Many of these children then have no other alternative; their parents often work during the day and cannot stay home to provide the care these children need. The Arc Summer Camp provides a vital service to these children and their families.

Some of the families are in need of scholarships to be able to attend this summer. Please help AAUMC & Arc to raise the money that is needed to allow several families to attend!

Here is how you can help:

- Bake a cake for the Cake Auction and join us on June 4
- Donate money for a scholarship

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 «City», «State», «ZIPCode»

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