

# Austin Avenews—November 2017

## Letters from Timothy

Several families out of town or out of pocket this past Sunday, and therefore not present at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch and Administrative Council meeting, at which I shared an update on the church planter project. I shared about an exciting development! We are investigating the possibility of partnering with FUMC Waco on planting a new worshipping community at Austin Avenue. There would be many details to work out, but there are clearly significant merits to forging a partnership that allows us to share in this project.

Something you may not be aware of (unless you've read one of our church history books) is that Austin Avenue was started by 5<sup>th</sup> Street Methodist Church. Our first pastor was the pastor of 5<sup>th</sup> Street Church. All of our founding Trustees and Building Committee, as well as most of our charter members came from 5<sup>th</sup> Street Methodist. It is one of the most inspiring stories of one church creating a new church that I've ever known. Here is the exciting "rest of the story." In 1920, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Church was renamed First Methodist Church. All this history is to say, Austin Avenue Methodist was begun by and out of First Methodist. We have a shared history that goes back to our very beginning. Please read the text of the historic marker located by the banks of the Brazos River, because this tells a part of our history. It is this shared history that makes me hopeful we will overcome any obstacles and find a way to forge a creative partnership in forming a new worshipping community at Austin Avenue in the heart of Downtown Waco. Please pray for AAUMC and our Sister Church FUMC as we explore this possibility together.

Keep the SON in your eyes!  
*Pastor Tim*



### We welcome the Ellis family to AAUMC!

Dwayne, Alyson, Laney & Jace joined our congregation on October 29, 2017. We also celebrate the baptism of Jace.

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### WORSHIP INFO

Sundays  
Sunday School..... 9:45 AM  
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM  
Radio Broadcast  
92.9 Shooter FM



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

### Austin Avenue Preschool

Contact 254-754-4685 or  
cbrigham@austinavenueumc.org

Don't forget the time change on Sunday, Nov. 5th—set your clocks back one hour!



Happy Thanksgiving  
Thursday, November 23rd  
Church & Arc Offices will be closed  
Nov 23rd & Nov 24th



*Join AAUMC as we count our blessings  
this special evening*

**November 15, at 5:30 p. m.** is Austin Avenue's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This is a wonderful time for us as a congregation to come together and share in a meal and be grateful for all that we have.

**Wednesday, November 15th—5:30 pm  
Followed by Organ Concert—6:30 pm**

There are several opportunities before the dinner to help in various ways. We are in need of people to help prepare the turkeys for cooking on Monday morning. Tuesday, there will be morning and afternoon opportunities to help with deboning, preparing the stuffing, carving the turkey breasts, etc. Wednesday morning, we will set and decorate the tables in the morning and make final preparations in the afternoon. If you would be willing to help, please look for a volunteer sign up that will be in the church office and in the 13th street foyer on Sundays. You may also call the church office to learn of all the different opportunities! We would love for you to join us!

We are also collecting non-perishable food items for **Food for Families until November 15th**. Please bring your food items to the church on or before that evening.

Plan to stay after dinner for a special Organ concert, presented by our own Jillian Gardner. This will start at approximately 6:30pm.



**COFFEE WITH PASTOR-COOKIE LIST FOR NOVEMBER**

The list for Coffee with Pastor to bring refreshments for the month of November is as follows:

- November 5<sup>th</sup>: Florence Carlson
- November 12<sup>th</sup>: Jean McReynolds
- November 19<sup>th</sup>: Kay King
- November 26<sup>th</sup>: Janis McIntosh

Please bring four (4) dozen doughnut holes and three (3) dozen cookies. You will need to provide serveware (trays, bowls, etc.) for your refreshments along with plates and napkins. Bobby will ensure that water and coffee is provided. Please have your refreshments set up by 10:35am in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Foyer.

Please remember if you cannot bring refreshments on your assigned Sunday you will need to call another person to trade with you or take your place.



**Monday, November 6th**



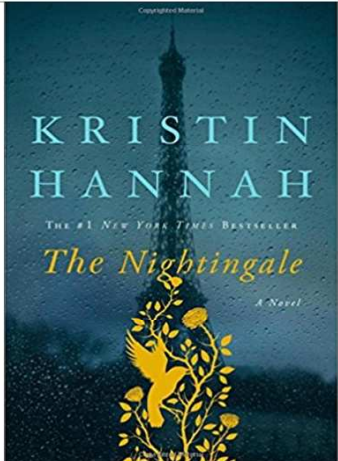
Music/Worship \* Hospitality \* Outreach \* Education \* Membership Care

**Ministry Teams Meetings  
6:00 pm  
Leadership Meeting  
7:00 pm**

**Book Club  
Monday,  
December 4  
12:00 pm**

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*Pipkin Center  
Lunch provided*



## Poinsettia Dedications

Give a poinsettia  
in honor of  
or  
in memory of  
a loved one!

It's that time of year again! Poinsettia sales for Advent will begin on Sunday, November 12, and will continue through Tuesday, November 28. We will be in the Narthex and 13<sup>th</sup> Street Foyer to take your order on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> before and after church. During the week orders can be placed through the church office through Tuesday, November 28, 2016 (by 12:00pm).

Monetary proceeds benefit our Children's Ministry.

Poinsettias can be donated to send to a Meals on Wheels Client and Shut Ins (after Christmas Eve); as an opportunity to honor a family member, church member, friends, etc.; and families can take photos in the Sanctuary after church services (you must bring your own camera/phone) to commemorate the holiday season.

**Cost:** \$12 each Poinsettia

**Method of Payment:** Cash or Check

**When and Where:** Sundays before and after church (see dates above). A list of all who purchase Poinsettias will be included in the Sunday bulletins on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias can be picked up following the Christmas Eve service.

### Needs for the Poinsettia Team:

Volunteers to sell Poinsettias before and after church on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>; volunteers to help unpack Poinsettias and place in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 around 1:00pm. This usually takes less than an hour to complete.

If you would like to volunteer to sell poinsettias and/or help unpack and place poinsettias on the dates noted, please contact the church office at 254-754-4685.



**Sunday,  
December 3rd  
at 3 pm**

Join us for an unforgettable family experience this Christmas as we learn about Jesus' miraculous birth and life!

Step back in time to Bible-times Bethlehem, exploring Jesus' miraculous love in an interactive marketplace setting—complete with experiences you'll remember and keepsake crafts you'll treasure.

This experience is an adventure for the whole family, and will help you discover more

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this Advent Family Outreach Event! You will soon be contacted by one of the members of our Education Team to see what area you might be interested in helping. There will be many different ways to help, including decoration preparation, donating items or money for decorations and supplies, set up, participation on the day of the event, following up with guests, and more! If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Christi at 254-754-4685 or [cgoldstein@austinavenueumc.org](mailto:cgoldstein@austinavenueumc.org).

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## *Austin Avenews*

*Save the Dates*

Nov 29—Hanging of the Greens and Supper  
Dec 3—Family Advent Event—*The Miracle of Jesus*  
Dec 4—Book Club—*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah  
Dec 5—The Gathering Place  
Dec 10—Lessons & Carols  
Dec 10—Youth Chorus of Central Texas Concert  
Dec 24—Christmas Eve Service @ 5:30pm  
Dec 25—Christmas—church closed  
Jan 1—New Year's Day—church closed