

Austin Avenews—February 2018

Letters from Timothy



I am using my article space to introduce you to our new coach, Steve Wende. Steve brings tremendous experience that will help us as we continue seeking a church planter and explore ways of partnering in ministry with FUMC Waco.

Keep the SON in your eyes!

Pastor Tim

Dr. Steve Wende

Dr. Steve Wende is a nationally recognized preacher, teacher and mentor. Steve recently retired from full time ministry in the Texas Conference of the UMC. In his “re-wirement,” Steve continues to live in fruitful ministry as a Coach with Passion in Partnership and as Senior Executive Consultant to the Strategic Resources Development Group, while providing additional coaching and consulting throughout the denomination. He has a special concern for those working through transitions in ministry, such as those experiencing a church expansion, pastoral change, or new congregational vision, and for those in positions of leadership, both clergy and lay, at the local or Conference level.

In his ministry, Steve has served two of the largest and most significant congregations in the United Methodist Church. He served University UMC of San Antonio, Texas from 1980-2001. There, he led the congregation in growing from 300 to 5,000 members, with an average attendance of 3,000. In addition he built a staff which, in the words of the noted church consultant Lyle Schaller, was “the finest I have had the privilege of observing in 42 years.” He then served First UMC of Houston from 2001-2016. While there, he developed outstanding leaders in both staff and laity for the effective management of ministries in Houston and around the world. In the process, he led the congregation in a re-identification of its mission to the “new urban” city around it. During this time, he also led the church in paying off over \$17 million in debt, while rebuilding the First Methodist Foundation and completing a major renovation of facilities.

Steve has been recognized for his work in the areas of spiritual growth, evangelism, and mission outreach. He has mentored many preachers and church leaders, and been a contributing editor for Preaching Magazine. In the United Methodist Church, he has served in numerous leadership positions including the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, the Task Force on Evangelism and others. In addition, he has been honored by his fellow pastors in his election to the last seven United Methodist General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

A native Texan, Steve graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1973 with high honors. In 1976 he received a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and in 1992 his Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is married to Dr. Karin Wende, a noted Bible scholar and teacher especially in the area of early Christian strategies for faith formation. They have two children: Michelle and her family live and work in Washington, D.C., while Meredith and her family live and work in the Houston area, where she is a pastor.

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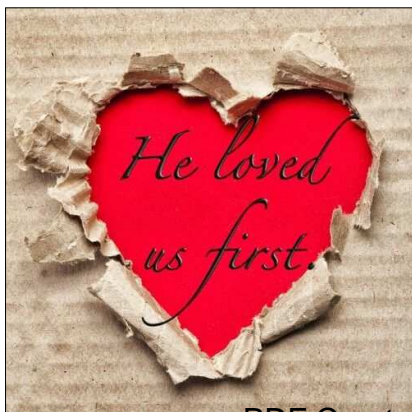
Sundays
Sunday School..... 9:45 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM
Radio Broadcast 92.9 Shooter FM



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

Austin Avenue Preschool

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





Welcome to our new Youth Director, Julia Castleman!

6th–10th grade Youth will be meeting at AAUMC on Sunday nights at 6:15pm, and will ride in the church van over to FUMC.

11th–12th grade Youth will meet here at AAUMC at 7:30.

There will be a 6th-10th grade Youth event on February 24th—more details to come.

All Youth are invited to the church-wide AAUMC Superbowl Party this Sunday, February 4th, starting at 5:00pm. There **WILL NOT** be regular Youth meetings that evening.

You are Invited!
Super Bowl
Potluck

1300 Austin Avenue
Sunday Feb. 4th
At 5:00 PM



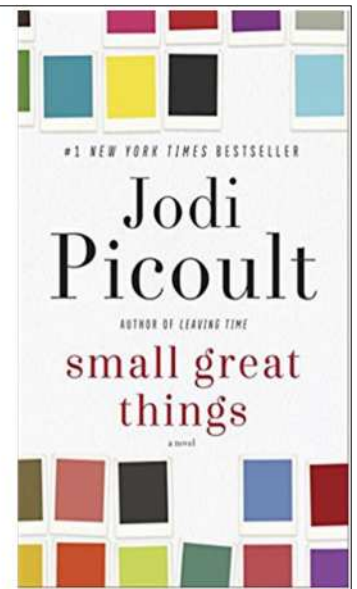
Book Club
Brown Bag

Monday, Feb 5

12:00 pm–2:00 pm



Bring your lunch
(drinks provided)
and join us in the
Pipkin Center.



Ministry Team
MEETING

Monday, February 5th

Music/Worship * Hospitality * Outreach * Education * Membership

Ministry Teams Meetings

6:00 pm

Leadership Meeting

7:00 pm

DISCERNING
THE
Voice
of God



BY
PRISCILLA
SHIRER

Spring Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays

February 7–March 21

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Church Library

Books available at study—\$15



Let us watch your children while you have a night out!

February 10
from 6-9:30 PM

Sponsored by the AAUMC Children's Ministry

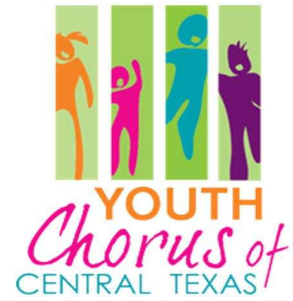
Ages 6 months—5th grade

Cost-\$10 first child,\$5 each child thereafter

Pre-Registration Required by Feb 2nd

Limited Spaces Available

Contact the church at 254-754-4685



Please join us for a special service of Worship & Music

Sunday, February 11th
11:00 am



← SHROVE TUESDAY →

PANCAKE SUPPER

February 13 at 6 PM

Pancake Flippers needed!



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

AT 12:00 PM

Lent @ the Hippo

Stories of Redemption

12:15-12:45 at the Waco Hippodrome

2/21: Rev. Dr. Leslie King and Rev. Erin Conaway

2/28: Rev. Tim Jarrell and Austin Nickel

3/14: Rev. Kerry Burkley

3/21: Rev. Mary Alice Birdwhistell

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Save the Dates

March 6 —Gathering Place
March 29—Holy Thursday Service
March 30—Good Friday Service
April 1—Easter Sunday