

## Letters From Timothy

Path 1 is a new branch of the General Board of Discipleship of the UMC. Helping start new, healthy churches is their charge. They have an informative page on their website that has helpful information about the 11 church planting models that have been or are currently being employed by the United Methodist Church. I excerpted the portion that describes the model we are using in our great work at Austin Avenue UMC. Part of the uniqueness of our model is we are starting the church within our church verses partnering with another congregation seeking to share facilities. I call attention to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence in the “Challenges” section: The new church does not exist to help the older church pay its bills, but rather to assist the older church in making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the neighborhood and the world.

### Church-Within-a-Church Strategy

In a world of very expensive real estate, many new churches will share space with other churches (both partner churches and other collegial congregations). Existing congregations choosing to share property may find that new churches may better serve their immediate neighbors, especially when the new church specializes in a certain racial - ethnic culture and/or a certain generation or social group. I call to your attention the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the Challenges section: The new church does not exist to help the older church pay its bills, but rather to assist the older church in making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the neighborhood and the world. I hope you will read and check out the page link printed below.

**Benefits** – This strategy enables us to re-establish or renew United Methodist ministry within established neighborhoods and to utilize church property that may have become under-utilized in recent years as neighborhood populations changed. This strategy enables us to plant urban churches much more economically than if we had to buy or secure ministry space. Churches that serve economically challenged populations may discover the shared facility strategy as a pathway to financial sustainability.

**Challenges** – Sometimes the mission field will best be reached in a setting outside the church building. If the new church is a United Methodist congregation, the host congregation should treat them as family. The new church does not exist to help the older church pay its bills, but rather to assist the older church in making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the neighborhood and the world. Where the relationships fall into “us/them” and paternalistic patterns, trouble follows. It is critical that effective cross-cultural training be done before the start of the project.

**Tempting Shortcuts** – In the early days we may not work intentionally to build a positive relationship with our partners. Prayer for one another and regular communication are essential. The district superintendent might check in early and often to see how it’s going in the first months. Where strong, collegial relationships are formed, this strategy can work well.

God has called us to an exciting new work. Please join me in praying that God will grant success that brings glory to Christ and establishes a new century of Kingdom work in Downtown Waco!

Keep the SON in your eyes!

Pastor Tim

Full Article  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/new-church-starts/strategies>

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### WORSHIP INFO

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

### Administrative Council

All in the Church are invited

Monday, May 1st  
7:00 pm



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

# Easter Season Opportunities

## Easter Egg Hunt

April 8 at 2 PM

Please bring filled eggs to the church no later than April 6!

No chocolate please!



Join us Good Friday—April 14  
for a performance of:

***The Crucifixion***  
by John Stainer

Featuring the AAUMC Adult Choir

Matthew Newhouse and  
John Jovicich, soloists  
Jillian Gardner, organ  
Daniel Malacon, conductor

LENTEN SERIES  
@ THE HIPPO  
DOWNTOWN

Wednesday, April 5  
12:15pm—12:45 pm

Guest Speaker: Bob Darden

THE  
GATHERING

A CITYWIDE PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

4/9/17 | 6:30 PM

Lenten Study with Pastor Tim  
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm  
Beginning March 15-April 19  
Pipkin Center

Books available on Amazon.com  
A few copies will be available  
at the church—  
check with Pastor Tim

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Service	April 9	- 11:00 am
Holy Thursday Service	April 13	- 6:00 pm
Good Friday Service	April 14	- 6:00 pm
Easter Brunch	April 16	- 10:00 am
Easter Sunday Service	April 16	- 11:00 am



**Pre-Service  
Music**

**We will have special  
music before  
church on:  
April 2 and April 30  
Handbells on April 9**



*Jillian Gardner*

*Organ Recital*

*Saturday,  
April 29, 2017  
3:00 pm*

*Jones concert hall  
(Inside McCrary music  
building,  
Baylor University)*



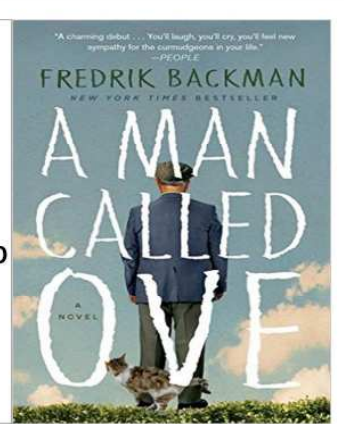


**YOUTH  
GROUP**

**April Schedule**

2nd Movie - "A Monster Calls"  
9th Tradition (Lesson)  
16th NO YOUTH—Easter  
23rd Putt Putt  
30th Downtown Walkabout  
Random Acts of Kindness

Brown Bag  
Book Club  
Gathering  
April 3—12:00p  
Pipkin Center



**Austin Avenue United Methodist Church is inviting you, your friends,  
and your family to a community  
Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 2:00 PM.**

Easter eggs are a beautiful symbol of the Resurrection. Yet most children only know that eggs are dyed and hidden for a fun hunt. We so often get wrapped up in the fun of the holiday, and dismiss the sacred nature of the day. As a faith community, it is important that we share the joy and the true meaning of the season with others.

To help share the beautiful symbols and meaning of this most holy season, we will host a great Easter egg hunt! There will be an area designated for children with special needs to hunt Easter Eggs.

If you are willing to help with hiding eggs or monitoring kids so they aren't able to run into the street, please let Christi know!

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Please bring filled eggs to the church no later than April 6!**



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**Address Service Requested**

«FamilyLabelName»  
«Address1»  
«Address2»  
«City», «State», «ZIPCode»

***It's Easter Lilly Time!***



Easter will soon be upon us and that means that Easter Lilies will be abundant to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. We will be selling Easter lilies for \$12 each starting **Sunday, March 26, 2017** before and after church services. Sales will continue on Sunday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 9, 2017. **The LAST DAY to purchase your lilies will be on April 11, 2017 by 12:00pm CDT.**

We will have the forms available at church and in the church office if you drop by AAUMC during the week. Checks should be made payable to Austin Avenue UMC with the notation of "Lilies" in the memo line of your check. Of course, cash is always a welcome form of payment with your purchase.

Our Parents Day Out Program will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the sale of the lilies. Sales of Easter lilies in past years have been robust and allowed the program to extend scholarships to families that could not otherwise afford daycare for their children. In addition, we will be delivering lilies to our Meals on Wheels clients and shut in church members.

I will need volunteers to help with the Easter Lilly sales on Sunday's before and after church, and to help place the lilies after Good Friday service on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Vickie Chamness at 754-4685 or by email at [vchamness@austinavenuemc.org](mailto:vchamness@austinavenuemc.org) if you are interested in volunteering to sell lilies and/or help place the lilies in the church after Good Friday Service.

Thank you for your consideration to purchase lilies for our Easter celebration!

Paula Floeck