

Austin Avenews—February 2017

Letters From Timothy

A quick update from our January Administrative Council meeting. The council approved our 2017 budget, which is set at \$557,068. To meet this budget it will require that we expend \$77,416 of interest income from our endowment. We are hopeful that we will receive additional giving through regular offerings that will help us meet budget without pulling out so much interest income from our endowment. With interest rates at current levels, \$77,416 represents several years of interest income and we would not be able to rely on this level of support again for several years. Thank you Ronnie Glaesmann and the finance team for all your diligent work preparing our 2017 budget.

The council also approved moving from a two-day a week Parents Day Out program, to a five-day Preschool, beginning this Fall. Our thanks to Christi Goldstein and the PDO Board for all their hard work. We look forward to this ministry and the opportunity it will offer us to serve families.

I also presented an update on our Church Planter Fund Raising effort which I will share here. I sent out a letter with a pledge card to the congregation several weeks ago. We have now received 21 pledges totaling \$109,324, toward our goal of \$150,000. There are still many we have yet to hear from and I am hopeful that when we do we will meet or exceed our goal. I also remind you that these gifts will be matched allowing us to raise the full \$300,000 for the three year church planting effort. Support for this campaign can be given weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, or as a one-time gift.

I also want to call your attention to the progress on our roof project. The roof is moving along very quickly and we anticipate its completion well in advance of Easter. In addition to replacing the roof and gutters, the contractor will replace the plexiglass covers on our stained glass windows. The current covers have become hazy and discolored. The new covers are greatly improved, will protect the windows, and allow a clear view of our beautiful windows from the exterior of the building. We are blessed to have all the cost of these projects being covered by our insurance. Thank you to Gary Herring and the Trustee Team for your oversight of this project.

There are many exciting things going on in the life of our church. I'm glad to be your pastor and I am excited about the future God has for us at AAUMC!

Keep the SON in your eyes!
Pastor Tim



We need 6-8 people for a special service project. On Saturday, February 4th we will be building a Wheelchair Ramp with Texas Ramp Project for a disabled person in McLennan County that can't afford to buy one. Please contact Brandt Goldstein at 254-644-7456 or bgoldtx@gmail.com for more information about this wonderful opportunity to change a persons' life in a single morning. If you want to donate to

the AAUMC designated fund for Texas Ramp Project, you may do so by going to our website at austinavenueumc.org and clicking the giving menu or by contacting Vickie at the church office.

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WORSHIP INFO

Sundays
Sunday School..... 9:45 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM



Altar Flowers

Call the church at 254-754-4685 or sign up on the Altar Flower Board (in the 13th Street Foyer).

What a wonderful gift...the gift that we can all share in the celebration of every week!



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



Special Thank You's!

The church has recently received two exciting donations!



Our thanks to Bonnie Hoge for donating her beautiful piano to the church. The piano is in the Fellowship Hall and will be used for our gatherings there.

Our thanks to Greg Salome, Arc Board Member, for donating a golf cart to the church. The golf cart will be used to shuttle people from the parking lot to the building on Sunday mornings and then back to their cars following worship.

If you are interested in driving the cart and being a part of this new ministry, please contact Vickie in the church office.

Tom Pearson, Associate Pastor

The Gathering Place Memory Care Activities and Respite for The Caregiver



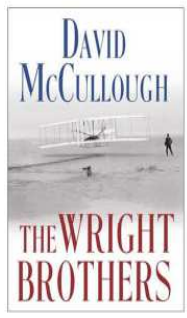
First Tuesday of Each Month

9:30 am—1:00 pm

Austin Avenue UMC—Fellowship Hall




Sunday Supper Club
Beginning Jan 29
5-7 PM
Pipkin Center
Open to all!
Childcare upon request!



AAUMC Book Club
Monday
February 13
12:30 pm
Pipkin Center

**2017 AAUMC Book Club Schedule
Pipkin Center**

February 13
April 3
June 5
August 7
October 2
December 4



BOOK CLUB

2017 Schedules

Ministry Teams 6:00 pm & Team Leaders 7:00 pm

Education~Community Outreach~Hospitality~Membership Care~Music/Worship~Parent's Day Out

Monday, January 9

Monday, August 14

Monday, March 13

Monday, November 13

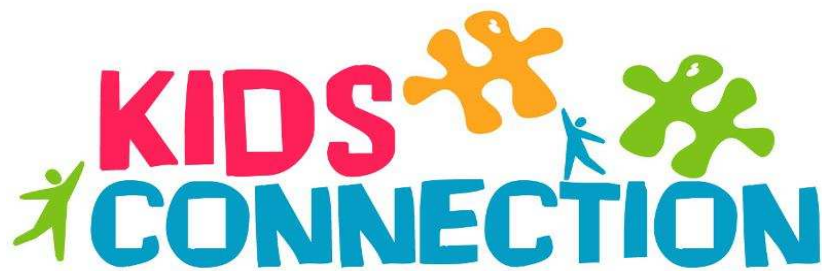


Administrative Teams

will continue to meet on the 4th Monday of each month unless otherwise notified

Trustees, Finance & SPRC (if needed) - 6:00 pm

and Strategic Planning—7:00 pm



February Kids' Connection

This school year, our children's ministry joined in a partnership with St. Alban's, St. Paul's and Frist Presbyterian to offer a ministry to 4th, 5th and 6th graders. We meet 4 times a school year, once at each church. The children are provided with lunch, play games, have a bible lesson and participate in a service opportunity.

On February 12th after worship, Austin Avenue will be the host church for Kids' Connection. We will be providing a spaghetti lunch, playing fun games, and learning about sharing God's Love through a lesson and by participating in a Kids Against Hunger packing and a project with World Hunger Relief, Inc.

If you would like to help by cooking spaghetti sauce, spaghetti or desserts, please let Christi know. You are also more than welcome to come participate in the fun! We would love some adults to help with the packing event if at all possible!

1 month into the New Year...all ready...Wow!

I was amazed, ecstatic, and almost had our plan back fire. The 22nd, had 12 youth show up! For our rag tag team of Youth on any given Sunday, that is Amazing! I was not expecting so many, and thank the Goldstein's for the ride, or else the Yogurt, would have been a "no gurt". I loved having everyone there and seeing what we could be; hopefully it is a sign of things to come for Austin Avenue.

Upcoming, we have Midwinter, we will be leaving Friday Night of Feb 3rd, and come home around noon on Sunday the 5th. (Those who are going, there will be a separate email to come.) We will not be having Youth on Sunday the 5th, due to us getting back later, and a long weekend. The rest of the month is below. Thank you to everyone who has provided a meal, ride, or brought youth to these nights, you can tell they are loving every minute here.

With that in mind, may I please ask that you let me know who is coming on Sundays. It makes it easier to plan all the awesomeness and "fun-ness". You will also be able to see pictures, and stay up to date with all we do.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/327995983946594/>

Zach zwalker@austinavenueumc.org

February Youth Night

DATE	EVENT	FOOD
5	NO YOUTH	NO YOUTH
12	COURAGE (Lesson) Psalm 121	?
19	Bowling	Roberts
26	Minute To Win It	Bell





More details coming soon! February 28—6:00 pm

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