



AUSTIN AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Letters From ~~Timothy~~ Leah

Dear Friends at Austin Avenue United Methodist Church,

It was such an incredible joy to worship with you on Sunday. I was privileged to preside over your church conference. I felt the move of the Spirit as your congregation took the “Next Faithful” step in exploring how the two oldest Methodist churches in Waco could be reunified for the purpose of spreading the Good News. The final vote was 60 to 9, with three abstentions. It isn’t lost on me that a congregation of less than 100 people left what is now FUMC Waco in 1900... to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to more people. And now 118 years, roughly that number is considering what it might look like to reunite in order to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to more people.

I want to say a very special thank you to your leadership team. I know the countless hours they have invested out of a love for Christ and this congregation. I ask that you join me in lifting them up in daily prayer as we work through the proposal process. No matter the outcome, I believe both churches will be stronger for having gone through this process and studied the hard truths of our current reality.

I also want to say how much I value and appreciate the calm and steady leadership of Rev. Tim Jarrell. Through his leadership, I have seen him lead your congregation in a very healthy direction. He has a true love for the people of Austin Avenue UMC and a deep appreciation for its history. I have seen Tim’s heart and how he wants the very best for the church and the surrounding mission field. I am humbled to serve with Tim and I know you are blessed to have him as your pastor and shepherd. Being a pastor is never easy, but times like these can be especially difficult, I hope you will join me in expressing your appreciation when you see him in the hall on Sundays or during the week.

I cannot wait see what God is about to do in Downtown Waco through “the people called Methodist!” May all that we do be Christ Centered and give Glory to God.

Storm the Gates!

Dr. Leah S. Hidde-Gregory
Central District Superintendent
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Matthew 16:18

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Traditional Worship11:00AM

Worship Streaming

Listen to our 11:00 traditional service on the radio via 92.9 FM. Watch our services live via our website and Ustream.



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

Austin Avenue Preschool
Contact 254-754-4685 or
cbriham@austinavenueumc.org

March 5th—The Gathering Place
March 6th—Ash Wednesday
March 10th—Daylight Saving Time begins
March 12th—Arc Sewing Class



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February



Preschool

Austin Avenue Preschool is gearing up for our 2018/2019 **Fundraising event** on February 8th at 6:00 PM. This year, we are hosting a spaghetti dinner & family event called **Festa di Famiglia**, which translates to Family Feast. We are looking to spend time together and raise funds to improve our existing playground and outdoor classroom.

The preschool asks that you strongly consider attending this event, and potentially partnering with them for this event. The Austin Avenue Preschool is a wonderful missional outreach of AAUMC, and relies heavily on Austin Avenue's support. To reserve your ticket, or sponsor this event, please contact Hallie Cook at hcook@austinavenueumc.org.

Children's

Children's Church has moved to the 11:00 AM worship hour. Kids are invited to attend worship with their families, meet with Pastor Tim for the Children's Time, then walk down to room 212 for Children's Church until 12:00 PM. We ask that any child wanting to attend children's church sign in with their parents **BEFORE** the service in the 13th Street lobby. We hope this change in schedule will allow for more kids to attend Children's Church!

THANK YOU!

Thank you AAUMC for a successful Angel Tree to support the children at West Avenue Elementary School. A Big thank you to everyone who participated!
Jeanette Morris—Angel Tree Coordinator

Youth

Bible Study will pick back up on February 10th at 6:30 PM at First Methodist on Cobbs Dr. We hope to see you there for this wonderful time with God's word.

On February 22nd, the youth group will be hosting a **Jr. High Event** filled with fun. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Adults

Book Club will be held February 4th at 12:00 PM in the Pipkin center. We encourage you to bring a brown bag lunch with you as we discuss "The Road Back to You" by Ian Cron.

Please join the Preschool on February 8th for their annual **fundraiser**. On February 10th, during worship at 11:00 am, the **Youth Chorus of Central Texas** will be performing.

The Gathering Place will meet February 5th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

College

College Bible Study meets on Tuesday nights at Baylor campus. College Worship is Thursdays at 8:00 pm in the Pipkin.



Don't forget to sign up to provide **Altar Flowers**. Please email info@austinavenueumc.org to donate.

Administrative Team Meetings, Trustees and Finance, February 25th.