



# AUSTIN AVENUE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Austin Avenue*

Thank you so much for the keepsake box that was given to me upon leaving AAUMC. I remember you speaking about it in sermons and know that it took a lot of time and hard work! I will greatly miss the staff and parishioners at AAUMC and am thankful for my 4 years there.

Thank you again!  
Jillian

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Sunday School 9:30 AM  
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Listen to our 11:00 traditional service on the radio via 92.9 FM  
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*Caritas*  
Beyond Hunger to Hope

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## June

### Children's

Vacation Bible School at First Methodist Waco will be held June 23rd– 27th from 6-8 pm each night. To register your child, or to volunteer, please visit [fumcwaco.org](http://fumcwaco.org)

### Youth

June 2nd, the Youth group will leave for a week of **Mission Work** in Little Rock Arkansas. They are taking around 100 people with them, and would appreciate any prayers for safety, and strength as they serve others for a week.

A full calendar of events for the summer is available online at [FUMCWaco.org](http://FUMCWaco.org).

### Adults

**Book Club** will meet, Monday June 3rd at noon to discuss the book “My Reading Story” by Pat Conroy.

On June 2nd at 10:30 am in the 13th Street lobby, we will host a **farewell reception for Julia Castleman**, who has accepted a position at Ovilla United Methodist Church. Please join us to say goodbye and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

June 9th immediately following worship, at 12:00 pm we will host our annual **Arc Cake Auction** to support the Arc summer camp. All proceeds go towards tuition and costs of the camp so that those in need can attend.

We will host a **Farewell Potluck Luncheon for Tim and Sarah Jarrell** June 23rd to say goodbye as they begin their journey with Cogdell UMC. The reception will be held after worship, at 12:00 pm, in the fellowship hall, and will be a potluck style lunch. We ask that you bring a dessert or side to share.

## Letters from Timothy

I was studying the various words for saying good bye as I write this last letter. A couple of things strike me: First, in many languages the word/s for bidding one farewell is linked to divine blessing: adios (Spanish), adieu (French), addio (Italian), adeus (Portuguese) = “To God.” When we say goodbye we long for the interchange to be an expression of wishing God’s best for the other. Second, in many languages the farewell is linked to expressing a desire to see one another again: arrivederci (Italian), auf Wiedersehen (German), au revoir (French) all contain an explicit desire to “see you again.” Third, my favorites, are words that express both hello and goodbye: ciao, shalom (Hebrew) and aloha are used at both ends of time together. I’ve found these words that do double-duty help us learn to rejoice in both our “hellos” and “goodbyes.”

It is my hope that for many, our lives have become deeply intertwined as we’ve shared these last six years of ministry together at AAUMC. Even if they haven’t, we’ve shared much that is good: a new roof for the church and window coverings for the stained-glass; refurbishing the Casavant organ; remodeling the Pipkin Center and main entrance to the first floor; remodeling of children’s area; upgrading fire and security systems; installation of new flooring on the main three levels of the church; establishing “Arts Partners” with Waco Ballet and Youth Chorus of Central Texas (YCCT); and the successful start of our Austin Avenue Preschool.

As we’ve shared life and ministry in the name of Jesus Christ our hearts and lives have become connected and for this I will forever give thanks! I’ll end with a couple of quotes on this business of saying hello and goodbye: “Don’t be dismayed by good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.” Richard Bach. “The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.” Charles Dickens.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Pastor, Shepherd, and Leader, God-be-(with)-ye.

Keep the SON in your eyes!

Pastor Tim

P.S. Thank you for allowing me to bring Kid’s Against Hunger along with me to AAUMC. Over the six years you have graciously housed the equipment, ingredients, and packaged meals, you have played a key role in providing over one-million meals that have been a blessing to kids in McLennan County (and other places around the state); for disaster relief after natural disasters; food for starving children in Mexico, Haiti, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Romania, and Uganda.