

Austin Avenews—March 2017

Letters From Timothy

Thank you to Carla Clowe for hosting recent last Book Club Meeting! Our next meeting will be April 3rd, and our book is Fredrick Backman's new novel, "A Man Called Ove." I am already reading it, and it is excellent.

Beginning March 16th, my son, Miller, and I will be going on a 10 day mission trip to expand the housing space at an orphanage in Quanamithe, Haiti. I serve on the board of Touching Lives Worldwide that operates this orphanage in Haiti, as well as a school for the deaf in the Dominican Republic. We have packaged Kid's Against Hunger food that we've sent to this orphanage. My son is raising his own support to cover the \$1,500 cost. If you would like to help you can make a donation to the church and mark it "Haiti Mission 2017" we will get it to the right place.

Next Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. After looking at several Lenten studies, I've decided on Eugene Peterson's classic book, A Long Obedience In The Same Direction. It is a great study on Perseverance as a disciple of Jesus Christ. We will meet at 6:00 in the Pipkin Center, beginning March 15th (the Wednesday after Spring Break), and will conclude on Wednesday of Holy Week (April 12). Copies are available through Amazon, and we will have a few copies available for purchase at the church (for non-Amazon users).

This year the downtown churches are sponsoring a new Lenten Lunch experience, which will be held at The Hippodrome. We have a fantastic lineup of gifted speakers. Please see the dates in the newsletter. We will also have posters in the church and posters available for you to post at work or in the community. More information to come.

Keep the SON in your eyes!

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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



February 12, 2017
Jameson & Kirsten
Graber
joined by transfer
from another
Christian
denomination,
and their son,
Mattias Frederic
Graber, was
baptized.



Monday, March 13

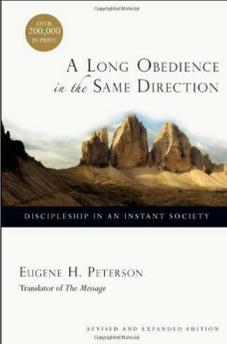


CHURCH MEETING

Music/Worship * Hospitality * Outreach * Education * Membership Care

Ministry Teams Meetings
6:00 pm

Leadership Meeting
7:00 pm



Lenten Study with Pastor Tim
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Beginning March 15-April 12
Pipkin Center

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

***The Church that Prays Together,
 Stays Together***

The AAUMC Prayer Ministry folks have been praying daily in their homes for our church, our ministers, the staff, and the people listed on the prayer list. The prayers petition God's direction, God's way, and obedience to God's will.

The AAUMC Prayer Ministry invites you to join us in prayer on the first Sunday of the month, at 9:30 a.m. in Evans Chapel.

We're Looking for Golf Cart Drivers!
 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 church office.





Dear Friends,
 Thank you for your recent gift of \$2,000. Your donation enables Meals & Wheels to continue to serve our homebound older adults with hot nutritious lunches, and helps them to remain independent and in their own homes. Meals & Wheels' mission is to nourish the bodies, minds, and spirits of older adults in the Heart of Texas through meals, activities, transportation, and volunteer support.

We are deeply grateful for your support and dedication to the people we serve. On behalf of Meals & Wheels staff, Board of Directors, and our clients, a very special thank you for your donation.

Sincerely, Janet E. Nors,
 Director of Development

Daylight Savings
 Time begins Sunday,
 March 12 Move your
 clocks ahead one
 hour the night
 before!



2017 AAUMC Book Club Meetings
12:00 pm—the Pipkin Center, unless otherwise noted



April 3 - *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman - novel
 June 5 - *The Magnolia Story* by Chip & Joanna Gaines/Thomas Nelson - nonfiction (meeting at Troy & Greg's home)
 August 7 - *A Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion - memoir
 October 2 - *The Whistler* by John Grisham - novel/legal thriller
 December 4 - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah - historical fiction

Discover Austin Avenue's Heritage in Needlepoint



The 13th Street foyer display cases now reflect the church's heritage in liturgical needlepoint. Church member and artist Joanne Moore McCulley, a graduate of the University of North Texas with an M.A. degree in art education, researched, designed and painted the canvases for 20 of the needlepoint kneelers in the chancel.

Over 650,000 individual stitches were needed for the completion of the kneeler project. A booklet, "The Life of Christ in Symbols," was printed to explain the symbols and flowers seen in Austin Avenue's chancel.

The initials of each woman who worked a kneeler can be seen in the corner of the individual kneelers. In 1980, the kneelers were dedicated to the Glory of God. Celebrate the history and heritage of Austin Avenue Methodist Church.

Florine Chapman

Lent @ The Hippo Lenten Series—Lunch

March 15 - Dr. Jonathan Tran.
March 22 - Ambassador Lyndon Olson
March 29 - Vivian Rutherford
April 5 - Bob Darden
More info to come.

Youth Upcoming Schedule

March 5— No Youth—Spring Break
March 12—A Lesson in Teamwork
March 19—Escape Room (I will need to know who is going to be there to plan ahead. Also, I will be asking for \$10 per spot).
March 26—Baylor Walkabout— Geocaching, walking, or playing Frisbee, weather permitting. It is time to go play . . . Outside!

**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!

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

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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 14th.

Please contact Vickie Chamness at 754-4685 or by email at vchamness@austinavenueumc.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