

April 1st—Book Club: "A Gentleman in Disguise"
 April 5-6th—Jr. High Retreat
 April 18th—LOCKED OUT (High School Event)
 April 14-2nd—Holy Week



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Letters From Timothy

Letter's From Timothy

We have an exciting opportunity to support Julia Castleman as she travels with Bishop Lowry and others who are exploring ministry within the United Methodist Church. In May of this year the group will travel on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland. (You may remember we supported the Campbell's as they went on this pilgrimage). Here is some information about Iona: "Iona is a small island in the Hebrides Islands of western Scotland. It was the home of St. Columba, a Scottish monk who led the spread of Christianity across Scotland and the English borderlands in the fifth century. Iona has had a Christian presence for over 1500 years and is what is known in Celtic Christianity as a "thin place," a place where the veil between heaven and earth is thin. Today, Iona is the home of the restored Iona Abbey and the Iona Community, an ecumenical Christian group that works for justice and peace in the world.

In our time on Iona, we will live in intentional community, beginning and ending our days in prayer at the Abbey and sharing our evening meal together. We will spend significant time in the unspoiled beauty of the island, hiking to beaches, cliffs and holy places to encounter the Holy Spirit in new and wonderful ways. Each evening, we will have the opportunity to discuss our experiences and the call to Christian leadership." I am asking you to join me as we seek to raise \$750 of the funds needed to send Julia on this awesome spiritual pilgrimage. Please mark your gifts: Julia/Iona (on the memo line). All monies are due to the church by March 13th. Thank you in advance for your support.

We continue praying for our sister church FUMC Waco as they make their way through a time of transition with the departure of a long tenured associate pastor. You are probably aware that the former pastor is forming his own (non-Methodist) church a short distance from First. As a sign of our support of our friends at First UMC, I invite you to join in Worship at one of their services this first weekend in March. Service times: Saturday, March 2nd @ 5:30pm; Sunday, March 3rd @ 8:15 or 9:30. We will have our 11am service at Austin Avenue on March 3rd. Sunday School classes can meet at your regular time of attend the service at FUMC Waco. Thank you for your support of our sister church!

Mark your calendar:

March 5th: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner sponsored by the youth and hosted at FUMC (See youth section for more details)

March 6th: Noon Ash Wednesday Service at Austin Avenue UMC

March 11-15: Spring Break for area Schools

March 31st: 5th Sunday Fellowship Lunch immediately after worship

Keep the SON in your eyes!

Pastor Tim

March



Preschool

A special thank you to all the families who served, or gave financially to our Preschool Fundraiser last month! All proceeds will go to helping AAP provide a better outdoor learning experience, not only for our kids, but for the city of Waco.

Children's

We feel that the time change to Children's Church has been a huge success and we've seen awesome growth in our Sunday School program over the past month. As we look forward to the Lenten and Easter season, please look out for information about our programs!

Youth

This month and next the youth group has some EXCITING events planned! On **March 5th**, we will be hosting a **Pancake Dinner** in the FLC (Family Life Center) at First Methodist. This event is a free way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday together, but we will be accepting donations to support the youth's summer mission trip. On **March 13th** there will be **no Bridge** service, as we will be taking the week off for spring break. Looking ahead in **April, the 5th and 6th**, we will be joining with other youth groups in the city of Waco to begin an annual tradition of retreating together. All junior high students are invited to attend **SKEDADDLE**: a Waco Jr. High Retreat at Highland Lakes for a weekend full of building bridges to Christ and other members of the Church. It's going to be a blast. Don't miss out.

For more information about events, or how to sign up contact Julia, or look online at firstmethodist.org

College

There will be no college worship March 14th. March 22-23 the college ministry will go to Enchanted Rock for our spring retreat! It's free to go and you can sign up online!

Adults

Please join us **March 3rd** for **worship at First Methodist** on Cobbs Dr. as a sign of our support for our friends at FUMC Waco, you are invited to join in worship at one of the services on the first weekend of March. You are invited to attend the Saturday, March 2nd contemporary service at 5:30 pm, or the traditional 8:15 am service March 3rd, or the 9:30am contemporary service also on the 3rd. We will have our 11am traditional service at AAUMC and Sunday School Classes can choose to meet or attend at FUMC. We are deeply appreciative of the support we received from FUMC during the Pilot program last Fall and this is a small way we can show our love and support for our sister church. Thank you for joining in this special day.

March 6th at noon, Austin Avenue will have an **Ash Wednesday Service**. We ask that you join us in beginning the Lenten season as we journey to the Holy Week together. Also, on March 6th, Barbara Powell's Bible study on Lent will begin. For more information you can contact Barbara or info@austinavenue.org.

Book Club will meet next month, on April 1st, to discuss the work "A Gentleman in Disguise."

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



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

**Administrative Team Meetings,
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March 25th.**