

Free Tax Service from AARP TaxAide begins on Thursdays in February

AARP and IRS trained tax counselors will be available to help file taxes again this year in the fellowship hall on Thursday mornings beginning February 5th and continuing until April 9th. This is the eighth year this free service has been offered in Burkburnett.

You do not have to be a member of AARP nor are there any age or income limitations.



THURSDAY DEC. 4th we are cooking lunch for the Wesley Foundation at MSU. We would love for you to join us as we serve the students from 11:00 to 1:30 at University United Methodist Church at 3405 Taft Blvd. The smile you give a student preparing for finals could be contagious! What a joy to help these students know that we care.... we have many college students from this church who are hopefully enjoying the hospitality of another church family in the cities where they attend. Its nice to know there is a connection! Come join us as we serve.

United Methodist Men

The Men's Monthly Breakfast is @ 8 a.m. the 2nd Sunday of every month at the 316 East 5th Street Thornton House. All men are welcome for breakfast & devotion.



The Circuit Rider

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS

DECEMBER 2014

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Services



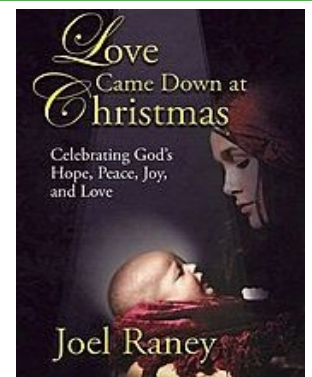
5:30 pm a Family Friendly Service. Bring your children and grandchildren and celebrate together the gift of the Christ child. Children are welcome to come and to participate in the service which reminds us of the story of Christ's birth -- and the promise that God who came to dwell among us as a gift still resides among us as we remember in

communion the mighty acts of Jesus Christ for our redemption. This candlelight service will have "child-friendly" battery lighted candles for the safety of our little ones. Nursery available.

11:00 pm a Traditional Service Church family and guests are invited to celebrate with lessons and carols the coming of the Christ child. Communion will be offered and traditional Christmas carols and the reading of the nativity story will culminate with the candlelight vigil that will end at midnight, welcoming the Light of the World.



*The Chancel Choir will present
 "Love Came Down at Christmas" Cantata on
 Sunday, December 21st during our 10:30 am
 worship service. Please join us.*



Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) Team Update

The team met Nov. 15th at the FUMC in Henrietta, where a facilitator from the North Texas Conference led the group discussion of their latest book assignment, "Bearing Fruit ~ Ministry With Real Results". The mission of the FUMC Burkburnett is to be fruitful in discipleship ~ preparing fertile ground to accomplish God's work.

"Fruitfulness" is defined as the quality of something that causes healthy growth. Our congregation is filled with hearts who desire to bear fruit for the Lord. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches."

The HCI books are also available for members to read and can be obtained from the church office. The team welcomes your prayers as they continue this vital study in the life of our church.



L/R: Bonnie Hoggatt, Jack & Shannon Miller & Georgianna Greenway



L/R: Marilyn & Jack Keck, Lahna Wood, Larry Jansen & Kelli Patterson
Other team members: Jeff & Audrey Ash, Dr. Tom Talbert, & Anne Strome



2015 New Year's Resolution

ADOPT A SPOT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Make a resolution to pick up trash on Texas 240. The next church Adopt a Spot trash pickup will be Saturday morning, January 10th, 2015. In recent months, our numbers of picker uppers has been reduced to a trickle. We need your help. Picker uppers will meet at the Cashion Baptist church parking lot at 8:30 am to pray and start.

In the case of inclement weather (rain, sleet or snow), the pick up will be automatically rescheduled for January 17th, same time and place.



You are invited to FUMC of Burkburnett Charge Conference on Sunday, December 7th @ 3:00 pm. This will be held @ Henrietta FUMC. Please meet at FUMC Burk at 2:00 pm to ride the van.



Seniors Social-

Thursday, December 18th @ 11:30

Join us for a covered dish lunch, fun and laughter. We'll have games and a place to fellowship with friends. If you are 50 over 50 or will be 50 some day, come and bring a dish and a friend! We meet in fellowship hall.

Would you like to donate 30 minutes each Thursday cleaning/straightening the Sanctuary? Please contact the office for details 940-569-3348



WE WILL HOST D-NOW JANUARY 9-11, 2015



D-Now is coming Jan 9-11, 2015! Since we are the host church, we are in need of extra help with host homes for FUMC Youth, providing snacks, baked goods for lunch on Saturday and help with merchandise tables. Please contact Patricia Veal if you can help, 940-631-8385.

D-Now is for 6th grade thru 12th grade youth

CLC Kids opening & putting up the new Nativity Set on the altar. Thank you generous givers who helped us make the purchase! The children love it!



If you or your group would like to volunteer at **Breakfast on Holy Ground** please contact Shannon Miller 224-3927 or email her @ js21miller@aol.com

If you have not had the experience of "Breakfast On Holy Ground" come join us and bring a friend! 8-9 am every Sunday.



The Beggar's Corner

A "SIMPLE" holiday

You have heard me speak of the "SIMPLE" holiday. I urge you to adopt this focus for the holidays.

S is for Salvation.

I is for Incarnation.

M is for Mission.

P is for Proclamation.

L is for Lordship.

E is for Exaltation.



This week focus on the gifts of salvation and incarnation. Isaiah the prophet speaks of the birth of Immanuel, meaning "God with us." An angel of the Lord tells Joseph that although things are not as he anticipated, the child to be born to Mary is from the Holy Spirit and "is to be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." When expecting a child, we would search for the very best place and the very best care for our new arrival. God purposes to send his son into the world in the riskiest and humblest place – into a world full of disease, darkness, brokenness, and fear. And the child is born in scandal, on the road, in a manger, to humble people *by design* for our sake. We are recipients of these, God's ultimate gifts. What would it mean to live as people sharing their gifts of salvation and incarnate love?

Next, focus on the one who prepares the way. John the Baptist has a *mission* to announce the coming of the promised one, the anointed one of God who will be in our midst. Later, Jesus reveals that he has been anointed to bring good news to the poor, to *proclaim* release to the captives, to let the oppressed go free; to *proclaim* the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19). We are called to do the same; to be "theotokos" -- bearers of Christ. Will you be a witness? What will your mission, your purpose be this season?

Finally, focus on the Lordship and Exaltation of Jesus Christ. Our Lord and Savior came that we might have life abundant. Not the seasonal excesses that lead to emptiness, but the spiritual exaltation of our Master that leads to eternal life. After considering what God has done for us, for all the world – living and dying that we might be set right with God -- we are filled with the appropriate mind of Christ to be faithful followers of our Savior. We seek to be emptied of our selfish nature, humble in spirit, and obedient to God's will.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Read and sing the Christ hymn from Phil. 2:5-11. Christ emptied himself, humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of denying himself in death, that you might have eternal life. It's really quite SIMPLE.... And beautiful. Make these simple preparations and have a blessed and inspired Christmas!

Lord, as you will, and as you know, have mercy. Amen. *Pastor Liz*



December

Tuesday & Thursday
Zumba Chair 4:00 pm
Zumba 4:30-5:15



Anniversaries

1 Perry & Marsha Howell
1 Dwayne & Kris Jackson
1 Joe & Tina Turner
18 Greg & Krysla Darden
21 Allyson & Michael Baughman
21 Larry & Tami Jansen
30 Nathan & Alissa Jephcott




Birthdays

3 Diane Nesevich
3 Briar Whitaker
4 Dallas Groenewold
4 Bob Veal
5 Shelby Hodges
5 Alex Patty
5 Steve Patty
6 Isabel Brantley
6 Hailey Gilly
6 Alissa Jephcott
8 Ryan Darden
9 Zane Ewing
9 Ashlee Jansen
9 Teresa Williams
9 Meagan Zaragoza
10 Jeff Ash
10 Landon Miller



10 Paula Utter
11 Rylee Dickey
11 Terri Gauthier
11 Mitzi McKinnis
12 Kaylee Dobbs
14 Bailee Krotzer
15 John Kessinger
16 Sarah Brewster
16 Nellie Dickson
16 Margaret King
17 Marsha Howell
17 Madison Wiese
18 Connor Johnson
18 Lynlee Krotzer
19 Brody Green
19 Kaitlee Zellner
20 Kathy Maxwell
20 Lynn Seman
23 Jo Arthur
24 Patricia Veal
25 Chris Seman
27 Stuart Felty
27 KadeyAnna Jackson
28 Lena Vieth
29 Carliss Norris
30 Heather Lawrence
30 Addison Lobaugh
31 Denna green

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6-7:30 p Girl Scouts	2	3 4 pm Logos 6 pm Youth	4 11:30 Wesley Feed @ MSU Wedding Rehearsal	5 Orris Wedding	6
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Remember in Your Prayers

Cassie Adams
Patsy Barton
Lucille Bohner
Joann Brammeir
Ruth Bublis
Don Burnell
Courtney Carpenter
Mary Cheney
Jennifer Chewens
Daniel Cove
Jonathan Dunn
Kim Fidler
Dana Flowers
Dwight Gaston
Jessie Halfhill
Pat Hatcher
Lisa Howard
Melynda Inman
Linda Jackson
Carla King

Terri Lindemann
Harold Lindsey
Stephanie May
Bobby McClendon
Pat Miller
Greg Motorna
Lloyd Muhlinghouse
Martha Pellikan
Bill & Martha Pickett
Karly Pitcox
Amy Powers

RAIN
Pat Reed
Tom Ridelhuber
Cathy Ross
Lyn Seebo
Peggy & Jack Sexton
Dr. Sherette Shaw
Peggy Simons
Visitors
Michael Thornton
Fred Whitted

Lois Williams
Sue Wilson
Maria Zaragoza
Homebound
ARMED SERVICES
Marlee Balis
Marc Beason
Dalton Bond
Andy Bublis
Randy McClendon
Taylor Moore
Thomas Moore

Emily Sariego
Mark & Kristen Schnell
Christopher Stone
Kyle Willett
Justin Williams
CHURCH & ITS MINISTRIES
Scouting
Youth
Nursery
Breakfast on Holy Ground
LOGOS
Children's Learning Center

*We welcome
updates on loved
ones every 30
days so that we
may share in the
celebration of
answered prayer.*