

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

A Message from our Pastor

I hope and pray that all of you are experiencing a meaningful Lenten season! I hope and pray that you have used these weeks to prepare yourself for an Easter overflowing with joy. Before we get to Easter, we have some special services and activities that y'all should be aware of.

The Thursday before Easter is commonly called Maundy Thursday, and on that day, we will share a lamb-based meal in Reeves Hall. After the meal, we will walk down to the sanctuary for a worship service centered around Holy Communion. I've led these services numerous times, and they are wonderful. If you're thinking: "But I don't like lamb!", please know that there have been numerous people over the years who have thought they didn't like lamb until they tasted my smoked, pulled lamb. Also, we will have some chicken as a safety net. Please go to our sign-up genius to see how you can help make this an amazing service!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAF22AAFACE9-55937222-maundy

On Good Friday we will offer a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary. This service will involve scripture readings and candles which are blown out after each reading. This kind of service offers an opportunity for us to remember, and feel, the sacrifice Jesus made. We will also have our prayer labyrinth set-up in Reeves Hall on this day from 1:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday will be a day where our United Methodist Men will cook for the community as we invite families to play and spend time together. This event will require volunteers. Please be on the look-out for ways you can sign-up and serve.

Lastly, we have ordered yard signs inviting everyone to spend Easter Sunday with us. You can pick up a sign at church. We invite everyone to place a sign in your front lawn and take a picture of yourself in front of the sign which you can then share on social media.

Let's make this Holy Week a time when all of us grow closer to Jesus and to each other!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS







Community Connection
Cookout and
Easter Egg Activities
Saturday, April 19

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Invite your friends & family!

JOYS AND CONCERNS



To add someone to the prayer list please email Laurie at Laurie@citypointumc.org or call the church office at 817-284-9371.

CHURCH FAMILY

AMPA HINSON KEN LEVAN HELEN MCCARLEY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

PAT TILSON (Gaylene Donnell Schueneman's mom)
GAE BEST (Jack Knowles' sister)
MARTA WHITE (friend of Janelle Rayfield)
PAXTON & BRENNON FALLON (friend of Brenda Bates)
NICHOLAS COUGHMAN (friend of Heather Rudzik)
BILLY GONZALEZ (family of Kenny Gonzalez)
CHAD RUDZIK (Heather Rudzik's father-in-law)
RACHAEL JACKSON (friend of Kirkdorffer/Knowles
and daughter of former members Dan & Norma Jackson)

Expressions of love and sympathy are extended to the following families.

Dande Snowden and family in the passing of her stepmother, Billy Jean McCoy, on March 2.

Tommy Phelps and family in the passing of his daughter, Sheryl Bowman, in February.

Frankie Simon and family in your prayers in the passing of her stepdad. Frankie works with Academy 4.

The family of Dorris Ferrell, spouse of one of our former pastors, Gilbert Ferrell. Dorris passed away on March 14. Services were held on April 2.



Please welcome our newest members.

DEBRA CHILDRESS

Joined by Profession of Faith on March 16, 2025.



April 4

Jack Hinson Ruth Portales

April 7

Sharon Wynn

April 8

Lynn DeMoss

April 9

Leah Cramer

Anne Noyes (102)

<u> April 19</u>

Duane Kirkdorffer Debbie Seitter

April 20

Ken LeVan

April 22

David Stein

April 30

Dixie Haynes

If your APRIL / MAY birthday is not listed, please contact the church office.

May 1

Ampa Hinson

May 2 Gene Wiley

May 8

Tony Robles

May 9

Tom Horst

Karen Murray

May 12

Lydia Cramer

Jay Hudak

May 15

George Scott Laurie Thompson

May 16

Dana Tate

May 18 Deneen Davis

May 20

Thomas Cribbs Diana Wynn

May 25

Max Wynn

May 31

Kyle Hantz



Happy Birthday to the following contributors to the Birthday Fun-d.

CANDISS KRUG BETTY MORRIS WALLACE

All donations given to the Birthday Fun-d this year will be used to pay the following Special Offerings at the end of the year.

Methodist Home Waco Providence Place San Antonio Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso Thanksliving Conference Offering

STAFF CELEBRATIONS







Congratulations to Sharon Cramer, our Children's Coordinator at CPUMC. Sharon was awarded the 2025 Teacher of the Year at Grace. E. Hardeman Elementary School in Birdville ISD where she is a Special Education Teacher. Congratulations Sharon, we are so proud of you!









Congratulations to Debbie Seitter, our Choir Director, on an outstanding celebration of music with her third Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting Recital on March 10. This was also the debut of the new umanitá Chorale! City Point had 24 that were able to attend this beautiful concert in support of Debbie and were blessed by the extraordinary talent and beautiful music of the program. We are so proud of Debbie.



MISSIONS INFORMATION



Presbyterian Night Shelter Sandwich Making

Reeves Hall Kitchen

2nd Tuesday, of the month, April 8, May 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Night Shelter Lunch Bags Needed!!

Drop off in Reeves Hall during PNS Sandwich Making on 2nd Tuesdays

Upcoming Drop off dates-

April 8, May 13
Suggested Items for Lunch Bags

(Items need to be non-perishable)

PLACE ITEMS IN
GALLON BAG OR GROCERY BAG

Peanut butter crackers Granola bars
Chips Vienna Sausages Applesauce etc.
Please include a bottle of water in each bag.

Contact Jack Teddlie or the church office for information or questions about CPUMC Homeless Ministries.



McCurdy Mission Trip 2025 Espanola, New Mexico June 21 - 28

Ask one of the awesome 2024 Mission Trip participants pictured above about their experience at McCurdy!

> For more information Contact Craig Wilkins or the church office.



EASTER WORSHIP YARD SIGNS

We have Yard Signs to invite your neighbors to Easter Morning Worship. Please pick one up in the church office or on Sunday morning.

We also ask that you have someone take a picture of you or you and your family with the sign in your yard. If you have Social Media such as Facebook or Instagram, post the picture and tag the church.

Please also send a copy of the picture to Laurie at Laurie@citypointumc.org to be used in a future newsletter.

GET PLUGGED IN



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mondays 9:30 a.m. - Duncan FLC Study, discussion, and fellowship!

"Give Up Something Bad for Lent" by James W. Moore

Newcomers are welcome!

If you would like more information please contact Mary Knowles or the church office.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - Duncan FLCSponsored by the United Methodist Men!

CURRENT STUDY
"The Road to Wisdom" by Francis Collins

All men are invited to join us on Wednesdays. If you would like more information please contact Jim Allen or the church office.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES

Thursdays - Room 104 Morning Study - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Evening Study - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Gospel of Mark
Bring your Bibles.
If you need a Bible, please contact the church office.

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

Thursdays - Room 102 Morning Study - 11:00 a.m. Evening Study - 7:00 p.m. Last Study date - April 10

Sundays - Room 102 12:30 p.m. Last study date - April 13

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.



The Lunch Bunch meets the third Monday of each month at 11:45 a.m.

Monday, April 21

Milo's Cocina Mexicana Restaurant 8407 Blvd 26, NRH, 76180

Monday, May 19

Olive Garden 8020 Bedford Euless Road NRH, 76180

Lunch Bunch from February!



Everyone is invited!

Contact Wavah Fore for more information or church office!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Thursdays April 10, May 8 10:30 a.m. Duncan FLC

Contact: Wavah Fore or Linda Harden



Tuesday April 15 1:00 p.m. Room 104

Contact: Ronda Hantz





10:00 a.m. Room 104

Wednesdays April 9, May 14

Tuesdays April 22, May 27 Contact: Karen Murray



Saturdays
April 19, May 17
2:30 p.m. Duncan FLC
Contact Rosemary Huneycutt





Sunday, April 27

After Worship in Reeves Hall Light Lunch will be served

Childcare available



UNITED METHODIST MEN



CP United Methodist Men Meetings

CHANGE!!!! Glen Lake Camp Workday scheduled for April 5 has been canceled due to expected weather. Meeting will take place in Duncan FLC on April 5.

Saturday, April 5 and Saturday, May 3 - Duncan FLC

The UMMen meet monthly on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, short meeting/planning, and then some work around the church. All men of the church are invited to attend. For more information contact CPUMMen President, Ralph Houy.

BLESSINGS



Wednesday Night Dinner & Worship

Don't miss out on the next Wednesday Night Dinner and Worship on April 23. We thank our recent speakers, Edie Strittmatter in January, Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddlie in February, and Max Wynn in March, for sharing wonderful messages with us. Make plans now to attend in April and May!

Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and worship on April 23 and May 28.

Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. (Reeves Hall) **Worship**: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

April 23 Speakers: Robert & Lynnette Beale

We aim to create a casual experience where we can explore together where we've seen God at work in our lives and community. Join us for this opportunity to connect, grow, and find midweek spiritual renewal. For more information contact Jordan Cramer.

Sharing a meal creates space for fellowship, conversation, and reflection. Those who prepare and serve are often the ones most spiritually fed. City Point is looking for volunteers to help with our Wednesday night worship meals! Whether you can cook at home, help plan and prepare, assist with cleanup, or

chop veggies, there's a place for you in this ministry. No one serves alone—we'll do this together! If you're interested, please contact Shawn Bridegam or the church office.



Amparo Hinson's
Birthday Party!

At City Point UMC

More information
to come!

INFORMATION ABOUT YEARLY OFFERINGS

Each year the local United Methodist churches are asked by our UMC Conference, the Horizon Texas Conference, to take up a special offering for ten different Special Askings offerings. In each Newsletter this year we will highlight those different offerings. We will not have special offerings in October or November this year for these ten offerings but encourage you to give to these special offerings throughout the year to celebrate your birthday by giving to the Birthday Fun-d. If one of these special offerings is meaningful to you, you can give at any time through the church. Just mark your giving with the appropriate names listed below. This fund will be used at the end of the year to give to these ten special offerings. These special day offerings are, Human Relations, One Great Hour of Sharing-UMCOR, Native American Ministries, UM Student Day, Peace With Justice, World Communion, Methodist Home Waco, Providence Place San Antonio, Lydia Patterson Institute, and the Thanksliving Offering.



This month we are highlighting Providence Place San Antonio and Methodist Home Waco.



Providence Place is a nonprofit organization that provides multi-purpose programming to various populations, including adult survivors of complex trauma, women facing an unplanned pregnancy, families with children under the age of three, and children and youth in foster care. For more information—www.provplace.org.

Methodist Children's Home is committed to serving youth who experience various levels of hardship. While the majority of the children in our residential program are ages 12-18, exceptions can be made for younger siblings to keep sibling groups together. For more information—www.mch.org

Again, we are not taking special offerings throughout the year but using funds given to the Birthday Fun-d at the end of the year to give to these special offerings such as Human Relations Day and One Great Hour of Sharing. Watch for more information about other special day offerings in future newsletters. If you have any questions about the Birthday Fun-d or any of these offerings please contact the church office.



2025 Goal - \$36,698.00

As of the end of March we will have paid \$9,174.51 towards this goal. The Easter Offering will go towards this yearly commitment.

Apportionments, also known as Connectional Missional Giving. Through Connectional Missional Giving, each United Methodist Church is asked to give a portion of their church revenue to "The Administration" if you will, of The United Methodist Church which will then determine where the greatest needs are and how can all United Methodist churches participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus. That is the focal point and that is where most of the money goes. Throughout the year there will be opportunities to help cover the cost of the apportionments. One of those ways will be the Easter Offering and the Altar Rail Giving on Communion Sunday on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

AROUND THE CHURCH



Thank you to Linda Kirkdorffer and Peggy Tolbert for the beautiful pictures they have added to the classroom hallway. If you have not been to that area in awhile make sure to check it out when you are at the church next.





Thank you to everyone from City Point that came out to support the Scouts Venture Crew and their Valentine's Dinner on February 14 in Reeves Hall. The Venture Crew meets on Sunday evenings in Room 104 twice a month.



EASTER HYDRANGEAS

Purple Hydrangeas are available for **\$20.00 each** to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday on April 20.

(Please fill out this form & mail it in or place in the offering plate on Sunday.

PLEASE PRINT

In memory of: Name(s):		
In honor of: Name(s):		
Given by: Name(s):		

WORSHIP



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Lenten / Easter Offering

This year's Lenten /
Easter Offering
will go towards our conference
Apportionments / Connectional
Missional Giving responsibility.



Sunday, May 4 After Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us for our quarterly church family meeting where you will hear updates from the church leadership and staff.

We have several different outside groups that meet regularly at City Point UMC! Pass the word to those that may be interested in taking part in one or more of these groups.

North East Al-Anon Family Group

Meets Mondays & Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105
Meets Tuesdays & Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 105
Al-Anon is a worldwide fellowship that offers as program of recovery for the families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic recognizes the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help."

Boy Scouts of America Troop 144Boys, Troop 144Girls, and Cub Pack

Meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Reeves Hall and upstairs.

The Venture Crew meets a couple times a month on Sundays in Rooms 104.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104

For more information contact the church office or show up to one of their meetings.

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