

# The **FIRST EDITION**

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### Come to the **Crossroads**

On Sunday, April 15th, First United Methodist Church Duncanville will unveil a new contemporary worship service. This new service, called **CROSSROADS**, will be a dynamic blend of music, multi-media and positive messages in the casual atmosphere of Aldersgate.

With a 9:00 start time, this service is meant to be a new option for those people looking to worship the Lord in a less-formal, more progressive atmosphere.

But we need your help because **CROSSROADS** is still under construction. Music will be a key part of **CROSSROADS** and we want to have a live band perform each week. If you are a gifted musician with talent on guitar, bass, percussion, keyboard or vocals and could give us either a part-time or full-time commitment then we want to hear from you.

Friendly, enthusiastic people are also needed as greeters and members of the hospitality team.

If you would like to help out in these areas, or any capacity, please fill out the form on page 5 and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office or just drop it by so we can contact you about joining this exciting new worship service.

So circle April 15 on your calendar. Everyone is invited to join us at 8:45 that morning for coffee and doughnuts with the **CROSSROADS** service beginning at 9:00. The next 45 minutes will be filled with song, sermon and soul-lifting fellowship with more than enough energy to last the entire family through the busy week ahead.

*Come to the **CROSSROADS**, where your life intersects with the cross.*

### OUR EASTER JOURNEY

**APRIL 1--PALM SUNDAY--11:00 am service**  
**John Rutter's ethereal and glorious Mass of the Children.** This work, performed by the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir and Children's choirs and accompanied by a chamber orchestra, is an exquisite marriage of the colorful timbre of children, youth and adult voices.

**APRIL 5--MAUNDY THURSDAY--7:00 pm service**  
**A service of meditation, the washing of hands and the Last Supper.** As you meditate in the sanctuary, one of our pastors will invite you into a smaller room for the washing of hands and the serving of the Last Supper as each aspect of this holy evening is explained and experienced.

**APRIL 6--GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE--7:00 pm service**  
**The Service of Darkness, with music provided by Musica Sacra, takes you through the last hours of Christ's Passion.** The chancel area is stripped and shrouded in black as the Christ candle is extinguished. By experiencing Good Friday you can more fully appreciate the incredible joy of Easter Sunday.

**APRIL 8--EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Four inspirational services starting with the Sunrise Service at 6:00 am and continuing with services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am.** The last three services will feature special music by the Chancel and Youth Choirs, Celebration Ringers and a Brass Ensemble and each will end with Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.



The Methodist Men  
are cooking  
burgers and  
hot dogs for the  
entire church

Sunday, March 11 at noon in Aldersgate

This is their way of saying  
"Thanks" for supporting them and  
their activities.

Join in the fellowship!



Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend so remember to set your clock one hour ahead when you go to bed on Saturday night.

**Charla Edwards and Elaine Schneider on Mission to Jamaica**



Elaine Schneider and Charla Edwards are leaving on March 24 for another 8-day mission trip to the rural mountain villages of Jamaica

with Won By One. Their small group of five people from across the US will spend the entire week at the Clarendon Infirmary which houses 136 physically and mentally handicapped people. Their needs are overwhelming, and they live in extremely poor conditions, rarely seeing a doctor. If you have ever taken care of bed-ridden loved ones, you might have medical supplies they need such as: disposable bed pads (Chux), reusable/washable bed pads, catheters, patient gowns, adult diapers (Depends, etc.), adhesive dressings, gauze, wound care kits, disposable gloves, twin sheets & pillowcases. Also needed ASAP are blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, reading glasses, and fingertip pulse oximeters. They will take donations to buy these items in bulk to take to the infirmary. Large or medium suitcases are still needed.

Call Elaine at 972-298-4149. Your prayers for a safe and successful trip will be appreciated.



The Southwest Dallas County Aggie Moms Club presents the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets in concert  
 Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary  
 Tickets are \$12  
 Contact President Connie Tucker for tickets or they may be purchased in the church office.

**Lenten Study**

by Mike Nichols

**"On the Road Again"**

by James Moore

This series explores the significance of Jesus' experiences on the road, and takes a closer look at some of the people he met along the way.

Not too late to join  
 Wednesdays  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Snack Bar



Our Missions Committee is looking for a few good readers to help at Central Elementary in Duncanville on Thursday mornings from 9-12 or a portion of that time. A background check will need to be done and the forms can be picked up at the church office. **Just a little time will reward many.**

Call the church office if you are interested and we will see that your name is passed on.

**Endowment Funds**

The Endowment Fund at FUMC was established in 2000. The fund increases in value through contributions, bequests, interest and dividends. After the close of a calendar year, the committee determines the amount of gain recognized on these investments and a certain percentage of these gains is distributed as grants. These grant requests may be made by any member of the church for items not in the approved operating budget. Examples are new ministries, enhancements to church properties, scholarships for youth trips, etc. Forms are available in the church office and are due by April 1 to Mona Barbee.



Chaz Womble on his acceptance to the Army. He will start boot camp March 21 at Ft. Benning and continuing in infantry and ranger school.



Youth WILL NOT meet Sunday March 11 – We will be on Ski Trip  
 March 18- YLT Meeting @ noon

DCYM meeting @ 2:30  
 Small Group Night  
 Easter Sunrise Service- April 8 –  
**ALL YOUTH NEED TO PLAN ON PARTICIPATING**  
 We will be working on this service starting March 25  
 Check your Mail- Summer info is coming soon!

Mission Trips, Camp, AYR  
 Important Dates:  
 April 22- Confirmation Sunday  
 May 20- Senior Sunday  
 June 8-15 – Choir Tour  
 June 18-22 – VBS  
 Senior High Mission Trip- June 23-30  
 Senior High Camp- July 2-7  
 Junior High Mission Trip- July 22-27  
 All Youth Retreat – August 10-12

**If you are interested in teaching Youth Sunday School (jr. high or sr. high) or helping out Sunday nights, please contact Janet.**

janet@fumcd.com or 972-298-6121



If you were not in attendance on Sunday, February 25, you missed the debut performance of the Legacy Choir. Their song was "Standing on the Promises." The group members are front Marilyn Pearce, Betty Morgan, Joyce Hutson, Doris Pool, Pat Kern; second row Barbara Blevins, Pat Carpenter, Roberta Sappington and Helen Usher; back row Alex Pearce, Dan Poole, Worthie Usher and Gary Blevins. If you are interested in being a part of this group, join them on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 11:00 a.m. in Harmony Hall.

The latest additions to our church family



Top is Roberta Sappington who has become a member of our church and has been a choir member for a long time.

Center is the Hooton family, father Jeff and children Celeste, Cristian and J.C. Celeste and Cristian were baptized on Sunday and J. C. was baptized last year with his confirmation class. They are moving to England this week. We wish them well.

Bob and Jeri Kindvall come to us from Church of the Disciple UMC in DeSoto. They have joined the Cup and Saucer SS Class.

Golf Tournament Date Correction

Saturday, April 28 at Mansfield National at 2:15 p.m. More info coming.

Introducing Our Crossroads Team



The Crossroads Team was spearheaded by the Genesis SS Class, with assistance from the Seekers and Pathfinders. They visited other churches contemporary services and developed a plan for success and excitement. At their first meeting were from left around the table, Delancey Spain, Todd Hemphill, Dave Scott, Steve Sobczak, Brantlee Sontag, Brad Ralph, Tawny Schaffer, Greg Losey, Marlies Peregory, Natalie Nickerson, Todd Nickerson, Mike Nichols, Marie Mitchell, Sheri Hollingsworth, Larry Spain and Pat Daniel (not in picture).

If you are interested in being a part of the new service, please cut this form out and put in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or just drop it by.

Yes, I am interested in participating. My life can intersect with the cross in the area/areas of: greeter, hospitality, musician, vocalist, other

Name Phone No. email

30 Hour Famine



Fifteen youth from our church participated in the 30 hour famine this weekend. The 30 hour famine is a fasting time from food for 30 hours. The youth are allowed to have juice and water only. We joined 5 other churches from our district at Kessler Park UMC for worship, small group and games, laser tag, and local mission work in West Dallas. This is a great experience for the youth to feel what it's like to be hungry like those in third world countries.

Louise Barton to be honored

Louise has recently retired from serving as the church librarian where she was a dedicated volunteer for more than 30 years. She began with 2 boxes of books and a few shelves in the Conference Room when it was in Alexander and has built the library into the current collection of books housed in a room designed for the library.

On March 18 the church will honor Louise for her many years of dedicated service in developing our church library. You can show your personal appreciation to Louise by donating to the Library Fund.



It's that time again when the Progressors class will be taking preorders for Easter Lilies in the Narthex on March 18th and 25th. Please stop by and order yours for your Easter celebration.



Our Confirmation Class 2007 visited the First United Methodist Church of Richardson and took part in Confirmation Celebration where they were joined by many other classes and met and heard Bishop Alfred Norris.

If you are interested in purchasing a hymnal or Bible for the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. A hymnal is \$19 and a Bible is \$14. There will be a table inside indicating the honoree and the giver.

**cares and concerns**

John Campbell  
Brantlee Sontag  
Sandy Courville  
Jon Kinslow  
Jimmy Dunham  
Martha Leewright  
Lou Fain  
David Knox  
Owenda Douglass  
Garland Smith  
R. E. Sullivan on the death of his wife, Christine  
Bill Sullivan on the death of his mother, Christine

Our military  
Our firefighters and police

**Death**  
Christine Sullivan

**Christian  
One Liners**

**Don't put a question mark  
where God put a period.**

**Remember**

**Call the church office and make us aware if you or  
someone you know in the church is in the hospital  
or plans surgery. 972.298-6121**

**memorials and honorariums****in memory of**

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**Class Notes****CUP & SAUCER**

Our thought for the day was given by our president Dan, "We should quit griping about our church because if it was perfect we could not belong to it." Oh what a beautiful day to serve God. We had 55 present Sunday including 3 visitors, Bill & Marilyn Turnbull, Erv & Sara's daughter from San Francisco. We are delighted that Bob & Jeri Kindvall are new members of our class & church. Thanks to our Pianist Mary Morriss for leading our opening song "More Love to Thee." Marlin Cowart led us in prayer followed by an inspiring lesson on love led by Peggy from 1 John 2: 7-11 and 15-17. Our next 3 lessons are on love. If you need a new quarterly, they are \$5 & \$6. Cinderella is our next social March 17 @ Cedar Valley College @ 1:30

pm. Prayer list: Myrt Airhart, Jo Dover, and Bob Cummings.

**NEW HORIZONS**

Our lesson last Sunday was led by David Gregory. Pat Harthcock played the piano to start the class, and Barbara Browder led us in prayer.

Remember next Saturday to turn your clocks ahead one hour for daylight savings time. You don't want to be late to Church or Sunday School. Joys this week go to Marie.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week: Larry and Willa Yost, class members suffering with the flu, Charles Cason, Angie Coby, Dr. James Goode, Rev. Joan Humphries, John Campbell, Chuck Weems, Danny Craig, Sandra Coyle, Lillie Ashcraft, Joanna Nelson, Mary Ann Davis, Nancy DeShazo, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Martha Williamson,

Cami Leigh Crews, Russell Gosko, Rev. Bill Stephenson, Jean Lewis, James Jordan, Billy, Jennifer, Mary Ann Lee, Ruby Edgar, Mavis Mathis, Sandra Rodrick, Charlene Martynowski, Lou Fain, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, and Karen Kelly.

On March 11th, our lesson will be "Striving for Pure Love" taught by Carole Deffebach. This lesson is the second in Unit 1 for the spring of 2007. The scripture background for the lesson is 1 John 3, so read your Bible this week and we will see you Sunday.

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for your convenience.

Our recent lessons were led by Lee Martin, Alice Dickerson and next week Sue Smith will give the lesson.

**UNITED CLASS**

Last Sunday we were inspired by Gary's involving the class with the meaning of John 15--vine and branches. We also shared Maudine's achievement of a major anniversary and 70 years of membership in this church.

Marie brought another of her thoughtful presentations on darkness is bad, Jesus love brings light. She emphasized the words by turning off the lights in our classroom. We all say "thanks" and "well done" to our teachers and our fellow classmates for their sharing their "lights."



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