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On November 6, we held our Church Conference and below are the minutes from that meeting. A new governing model for the church leadership was voted on and it passed unanimously.

The chairperson, Mary Paris, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with 18 members present. Pastor Bishara led the members in prayer.

There were no additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes from October 4, 2022. The minutes were approved.

Mary Paris was elected to be the recording secretary for these proceedings.

Mary Paris presented the Staff Parish Relations Committee report recommending that the pastor's salary be approved. Pastor Bishara requested a \$5000 decrease in salary because some deductions are necessary at this time. The vote was passed unanimously. A motion was not necessary because it was recommended by the SPRC.

Chairperson Paris explained that the Council had a tabled motion that requires our attention. George Angle made the "I move to take from the table the motion to adopt a new governing model for an alternative administrative structure within fifteen members." The motion was seconded by George Paris. Discussion followed. Rev. Bishara read a letter from the East District Superintendent, Philip Rhodes giving Rev. Bishara authority to preside over the Church Conference meeting to address the new governing model.

After further discussion, George Angle moved to amend the motion by increasing the number of council members to twenty-one. Dr. Martha Chapman seconded the motion. Suggestions of additions included three SPRC members, three Trustees members, three Finance Committee members, one adult Education member, one adult for Children's Ministry and a co-chairperson. The Church Council will be renamed the Administrative Board.

The vote was passed unanimously. The Nomination Committee will meet this month to propose members for the new Administrative Board with the new governing model.

Pastor Bishara answered questions and explained the issues involved concerning the General UMC.

George Paris made the motion to adjourn and Cathy Gordon seconded the motion.

Ruby Lane closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Paris



Breakfast with Our Neighbors

Join us our community breakfast this Sunday, November 13.

We will have the same format with all Sunday School classes joining together to share breakfast. This includes all children, youth and adult classes. There is no cost for this meal, but donations are appreciated.

Coming together with our community fits in exactly with what we are called to do -

to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Gathering & Coffee
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome from Mel Bishara
- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Questions??? or to make reservations:
Call the church office at 817/838-6834

We need volunteers to cook, help serve & stay after church to help clean up the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall.

The Community Table Food Pantry

is in need of the following non-perishable food items for their

Thanksgiving Baskets:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Stuffing Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Green Beans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Canned Cranberries



These food items will help families in our community have a Happy Thanksgiving!

The deadline to drop off these food items is Sunday, November 20. A grocery cart will be in the narthex for you to leave your items.

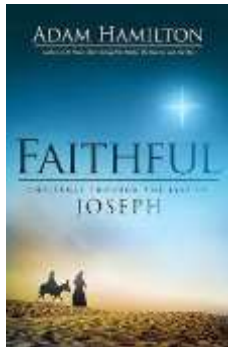




*Poinsettia Sales
Sponsored by the
United Methodist
Men*

The United Methodist Men are taking orders for Poinsettia plants to decorate our Sanctuary for the Advent Season. The cost is \$20 per plant. If you would like to order a poinsettia, you can purchase your poinsettia starting Sunday, November 20 or you can call the church office, 817/838-6834 or email Susan at office@st-luke-umc.com to place an order.

We have a limited number of plants this year, so please place your orders early.



Faithful
*Christmas Through the
Eyes of Joseph*
By Adam Hamilton

Led by Rev. Page Hines
Partners in Faith Classroom

Tuesday, November 29
Monday, December 5
Tuesday, December 13 & 20
10:00 a.m.

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the Nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. His courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation for humanity.

Come and join us for this beautiful Advent study.



On Monday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. the Patton Christmas Tree Company will be here to decorate our sanctuary and foyer. We invite you to come and help decorate the church and your classrooms for the Advent Season.

The company will return January 5, 2023 to take down the decorations, we invite you to come again to help take down your classroom decorations as well.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Marilyn Smith's cousin, Kim Masters; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Vicki Kovar; Lisel Richardson's Aunt Vicki; Sam & Ann Kiker; Ross & Betty Longeway; Sandra Mason; Byron Lechler; Sarah Harris' husband, Tom; David & Kay Stapp; Betty Holshouser; Ovella Russell; Lou Coursey; J. R. & Bettie Lennox; Scott Paris; Karen Angle's brother & sister-in-law, Jerry & Debbie Biles; Bill Henderson's daughter, Sandy; John Benson's son & daughter-in-law, Paul & Carolyn Benson; Larea Pippen's sister, Lanette; Steve Johnson; Danny & Jerry Chism; Bill & Pat Whisenant; Cathy & Art Gordon; Barbara Burnett's sister, Mary Neeb; Ron & Larea Pippen's granddaughter, Kassie; Bill & Pat Whisenant's daughter-in-law, Sheila Brown; Gail LaRue's daughter, Maya and her son; Patty Tucker; Pat Hooper; Libby Conant; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's sisters, Susan & Karen; Jack Bostick's sister; Pastor Ditu's sister & brother-in-law; Doris Crocker; John Kasonga's father; Raymond Hames; Don & Karen Carter; Mary Khoury & family; Michelle Paris' mother, Penny Collins; Marilyn Smith; Bart Hines; Burt & Marylou Moore

This Week's Concerns: Kelly Henderson's father; Angela Wienecke with the loss of her grandmother; Chuck & Carol Negrozio's daughter, Dee; Barbara Blair with the loss of her cousin; Cheryl Cantwell with the loss of her cousin; Bill Whisenant; those affected by isolation & loneliness; those affected by flooding and wild fires; those affected by gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine & the world; prayers for our nation; those affected by COVID-19; our first responders, doctors, nurses, essential employees & frontline workers

Our Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox



**The Community Table
Food Pantry**

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday & Thursday:
4:00—7:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, the food pantry offers the following:
Dairy Products, Meat, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Bread Products, Canned Vegetables, and Non-Perishables

*There's
always
room at
the table.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had fourteen in class Sunday including the Genesis Class. George Angle taught our lesson this week. Prayer concerns: Cheryl Cantwell with the loss of her cousin; Barbara Blair with the loss of her cousin; Carol Negrozio's step-daughter, Dee with her upcoming surgery; Danny & Jerry Chism. November Birthdays: Roxie Waters, 11/2; Beverly Bradley, 11/9; Wanda Calvert, 11/9; Bill Reeves, 11/24; and Jo Wommack, 11/26. *Mary Ross*

NEW COVENANT CLASS:

What a fun weekend at church! Saturday's Fall Fest went well. Didn't see many strangers, but did see some folks that haven't been out and about for a while. Such a good day, and the soups were a great hit! Then we topped the weekend off with 10 in attendance at class. We listened to session 3 of the *Follow* series from Andy Stanley. Another interesting and thoughtful series. Through Christ's love we are free from fear. By sharing His love to others as well, we help spread the loss of fear and set ourselves free. God will take care of us and we are assured a place at His side. Prayers for Linda Smith, Marilyn Smith, Don Carter and Gail Boyd. Hope to see you all next week at the breakfast. *Leslie Duncan*

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Greetings from the Upper Room Class. We are enjoying this beautiful fall weather. Attendance this Sunday was eight. We are thankful for a great Fall Fest and seeing some of our members who are unable to attend on a regular basis being there to help us celebrate the harvest of Fall Fest. We are thankful that Bill Whisenant was able to get his A-Fib under control this past week, and that Maya LaRue has been promoted to General Manager with her company. Looking forward to the all-church breakfast on November 13. Keep these members on your prayer list: Bill and Pat Whisenant, Gerry LaRue, Bart Hines, Libby Conant, and those who are unable to attend church. Gail LaRue delivered our devotion telling us to remember that in these times Jesus Christ offers patience, comfort and hope based on Romans 15:4 and from Psalm 52:8. God's great mercy is infinite and undeserved. Great job, Gail.

Happy Birthday:

Roxie Waters, 11/2; Charlie Hooper, 11/3; Betty Carter, 11/7; Bill Whisenant, 11/10; Gloria Lechler, 11/27
Wedding Anniversary: Byron & Gloria Lechler, 11/13

Prayer Meeting: Dr. Martha, Thursday • 5:15 p.m.

Resale Shop: \$135

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 20:1

Gloria Lechler

Youth News:



This Sunday, we shared with the youth about being transformed into the image of Christ. Our bible verse was: 2 Corinthian 3:18. In this verse, the apostle Paul recommends to us that we should be like Christ. There is an African saying: "Bad companies corrupt good people." It means that the more you are hanging with the wrong crowd, the more you might end up being like them. That is why the Lord Jesus is emphasizing that we live in this world, but we are not from this world. In this passage, the apostle Paul is encouraging us to be more like Christ. How can we be more like Christ? We can be more like Christ if we dwell in his presence. Seeking his face every day in his presence through prayer and meditation. If we are a friend of Jesus, hanging more with him, will make us become more like Jesus.

Stanislas



Mel and Susan Bishara were excited to win this year's quilt from Fall Fest.

They are pictured with Leslie Duncan. Leslie and Randy Fox provided the quilt this year.



*Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Gospel of John*

November 16 • 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall • We invite you to join us.



The Resale Shop is in need of volunteers to work Thursdays to help with pricing and moving merchandise. We also need volunteers to work Friday and Saturday!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Staff Parish Relations Committee
Tuesday, November 15 • 6:00 p.m.

Committee on Nominations
Sunday, November 20 • 4:00 p.m.

Both of these meetings will be held in the Partners in Faith classroom.



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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.

French Worship Service: In-person and Online Worship • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Table Food Pantry Open Tuesday & Thursday • 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT:

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Sunday, November 13, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Our Neighbors
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. East District Charge Conference/First UMC Arlington

Monday, November 14, 2022

9:00 a.m. Newsletter **DEADLINE**

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Community Table Food Pantry Distribution
 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Youth Activities
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 17, 2022

9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast - Bluebonnet Café
 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Community Table Food Pantry Distribution
 5:15 p.m. Prayer Group

Friday, November 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, November 19, 2022

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service



*Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
 for In-Person Worship or via our
Facebook page & You Tube:*

SLUMC—Haltom City

***Sunday, November 13, 2022
 23rd Sunday after Pentecost***

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance

Wednesday Night Youth Activities • November 2—7

Wednesday Bible Study • November 2—12

United Methodist Men Breakfast • November 3—7

Sunday, November 6, 2022

St. Luke UMC • 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—68

In-Person Worship—72

Online Worship—132

French Worship Service

In-Person Worship—26