SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Knit 1, Crochet too! • F24
  Create blankets and shawls for hospitals.

One Thousand Gifts • F12
  Women’s Bible study group.

The Kingdom and the Cross • F17
  Lenten Study - Why did Jesus have to die?

Classes are open enrollment.
You are invited and welcome to visit or join any class at anytime.

Wednesday Nights
Join us for Wednesday Nights this week!
Classes and programs are available for adults and children of all ages. Nursery Care is available for children under 5.

5:45-6:00 p.m. Sign In for Children and Youth Programs
6:00-7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages
  la Universidad de la Paz Financiera - F10/11
  Youth Grace Group - Upper Room
  Kids Konnect - FLC (Ed. Bldg.)
  Grace Group para varones en espanol - F20
6:30 p.m.
  Cornerstone Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
  Women’s Grace Group - F16
  Women’s & Men’s Grace Group (alternate weeks 6:30 p.m.)
7:45-8:00 p.m. Sign Out - Children and Youth Programs

Lenten Study
The Kingdom and the Cross
Join the Lenten Study starting today at 10:30 a.m. in room F17.

Why did Jesus have to die? We believe a lot of false narratives about the nature of God, things like “God helps those who help themselves”; “God blesses the righteous”; God might not be out for your good and you might be missing something.” But the author of “The Kingdom and the Cross” points us to the truth of who God is, revealed in Jesus.

This book zooms in on Christ’s work on the cross and what it means about who God is and how we are to love as His people. Understanding Christ’s work on the cross is crucial for any apprentice of Jesus. Here is a resource to help you see - and believe – more fully, that you might live more faithfully in His kingdom.

Pound of Love
The Pound of Love food distribution is Wednesday, March 13
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Courtyard. Your helping hands are always welcome: sorting, packing, distributing food or helping with clerical work. If you’d like to volunteer and give a Pound of Love, please arrive at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtyard.

New Member Classes
At the Methodist Church we Worship, Connect, Grow and Serve together. Interested in finding out more? New member classes meet March 17, 24 and 31 at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room.
**Announcements**

**Men’s Ministry BBQ Fundraiser**
Pick up your pre-purchased BBQ tri-tip, chicken or meals today. Thank you for your support.

**Food Pantry Supplies Needed**
Bags of groceries are given to those in need in our community between the monthly food distribution dates. During the holiday season we always need a few extra bags prepared. Please pick up nonperishable groceries and help us restock our Pound of Love Pantry. Items needed include: rice, beans, pasta, sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and inexpensive can openers.

**UMW General Meeting**
Attention all women of the church. It’s time for a call to prayer and self denial. Please join us on Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. for social time and snacks and at 9:30 a.m. for the program in room F10/11. We will look at the rich history of Methodist Women over the past 150 years. Please call the church office for more information 627-1660.

**Discovery Circle**
The Discovery Circle meets on the third Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Lee Huddleston’s home. Call 734-1201 for more information.

**Grace Groups**
Grace Groups are where we grow, experiencing Grace together. Groups are offered multiple times throughout the week, in homes and on campus. Please contact Kelly Deditius for more information 627-1660.

**Employment Opportunity**
An immediate employment opportunity is available on our nursery staff. The nursery staff provides childcare for children under 5 years old on Sundays and children up to 12 during special events. Hours vary, 4-10 per week, with a rotational schedule. Please contact Joanna or Kelly at the church office for application information.

**Caregivers Connection**
Our Caregivers Connection support group meets **Tuesday, March 19** at 1:30 p.m. in the FLC. We come together each month to share our experiences in caring for loved ones with dementia. This 24/7 job can often be exhausting. We are thankful for our caregivers and support them in all that they do week in and week out. Please invite any of these folks you may know to join us each month. For more information, please contact Pastor Don in the office.

**Administrative Council**
The next Administrative Council meeting is **Sunday, March 24** at 12:00 p.m. in room F21/22. Everyone is welcome to attend. This meeting is to discuss and review the outcome of General Conference.

**Altar Flowers**
Honor a loved one or remember a special person or event with altar flowers. Please select a date listed below and contact the office at 627-1660 or Gladwyn Burris at 732-3734 in the evenings. The following dates are available: August 11, September 29, November 3, 24 and January 12, 2020.

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**Stephen Ministry**
There is only one set of footprints in the sand when we walk with the Lord. He carries us through the tough times. Stephen Ministers are committed Christians who are trained to give confidential care by walking beside those who are hurting. **Please join us for an introductory workshop on May 4.** For more information please contact Dianne Sharples 798-1542.

**Children’s Choir**
Our Children’s Choir meets Sundays from 10:00-10:30 a.m. as part of our Children’s program. If you attend Oasis or Semilla, please consider arriving a little earlier so your children can participate in the choir.

**Youth Fundraiser**
Youth Ministry is holding a Spring See’s Candy Pre Sale Fundraiser Starting today through Sunday, March 24. You will be able to order candy today and pick it up Sunday, April 7 here at church. We hope you’ll enjoy what we’re call the **Sugar Rush See’s Candy Sale.**

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**SAM’s 2019 Events**
Our Senior Adult Ministry Breakfast and Bible Study has a couple of special events planned for the year:

- **SAMs Luncheon on Tuesday, May 21**
- **Roger Rocka’s “Calamity Jane” on Sunday, September 1**

Please contact Dennis Goodenough for more information.
SERMON NOTES
“Credo in Four Parts: The Church”

I Peter 2:1-12

WORSHIP ORDER
Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc.

Welcome
Praise
Message
Offering
Benediction

Feel free to stand or sit, as you are comfortable during Worship.

Registration
Help us keep track of church attendance. Please fill out our registration forms completely, then pass it to the next person in your row. Remember to include your current e-mail address. When it reaches the end of the row, return the folder and note the names of the others. After the service, greet your neighbors and welcome our visitors. Ushers will collect them at the end of the service.

Joys, Cares and Concerns

Please Lift Up In Prayer
Jackie Bough           Barbara Denton      Ronnie Radish
Don Sharples           Peg Gunter              Margaret Compton
Spencer Stinson      Christine Morse

Please Pray For
Grace Groups, Community Groups
Extend the Table, Men’s Ministry
Children’s Ministry, Student Ministry
Worship Arts Ministry, Stephen Ministry
Church Families with loved ones in the Military
DivorceCare, GriefShare, DC4K, Big D

Pray With Us
Get involved in an important ministry in our church and never attend a meeting. Send Willo Harris an e-mail requesting to be added to our prayer chain (or call 289-9145). It is all through e-mails, and all you need to do is pray for others, wjharris1@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday Worship Flowers
The flowers on the altar are in memory of loved ones. Bea Moring
This Week At The Methodist Church
FLC = Family Life Center

Sunday, March 10
9:00 a.m. Financial Peace University - F21/22
9:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service - Worship Center
10:30 a.m. Sunday “Connect” Classes
10:30 a.m. Oasis Contemporary Service - FLC
10:30 a.m. Semilla Servicio de Adoracion - Worship Center
12:30 p.m. SPRC - Conf Room

Monday, March 11
9:00 a.m. Healthy Hearts Exercise - F21/22
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - Conf Room
6:15 p.m. GriefShare - FLC
6:30 p.m. DivorceCare - F10/11
DC4K - E3
The Big D - Upper Room

Tuesday, March 12
9:00 a.m. Healthy Hearts Exercise - F21/22
10:00 a.m. ESL - Conf Room
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Thursday, March 14
8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast at Ryan’s - Off Campus
9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - F10/11
1:00 p.m. GriefShare - F15

Friday, March 15
6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study - FLC
9:00 a.m. Healthy Hearts Exercise - F21/22

Saturday, March 16
6:30 a.m. Children’s Ministry Volunteer Training - FLC

Mark Your Calendar

March 23
UMW General Meeting

March 24
Special Administrative Council