

The Woodway Word

We are a church family dedicated to making and nurturing disciples by sharing the love of Jesus Christ!



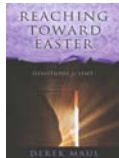
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Ash Wednesday "Servant's Table"

We will observe the beginning of Lent with a soup supper, "The Servant's Table", at 6:00pm. During this meal, we sit together at the table and ask each other if we can serve them. You cannot ask for something; it must be offered to you. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex for soup, bread and cookies. Following the meal, at 7:00pm., we will quietly go to the sanctuary for worship and imposition of ashes.

Pastor Dirk will be leading a Lenten study on Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning on Feb 21. This is a devotional that people can study on their own and are invited to participate in the weekly meetings. The meetings are not a requirement of the study.



Reaching Toward Easter offers a daily devotional pilgrimage through Lent, using the framework of the Gospel of John. Features include:

- Suggested scripture readings for each day
- Quoted scripture passages
- Prayers for personal devotion

Family Ministry Team Events:



All Church Sock Hop Dance:

Date: **Sat, Feb 25th** in Fellowship Hall

Time: **6:30pm - 8:30p**

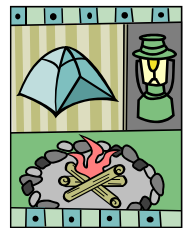
Snacks: Popcorn and Punch Served

Bring your Kids and Dance the Night away or just come to watch and Enjoy the company of others!

All Church Family Campout coming up in April at Meridian State Park.

Cabins will be available for those who don't have or want to sleep in a tent.

April 27 - 29



Sunday
Feb. 19th
9:15

Tech-Savvy Parenting

Would You Like To:

- Keep your child safe with all technology?
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- Know what ages are appropriate to introduce video games, online games, cell phones, or interaction on a social website?
- Learn what limits are appropriate?

Free 55-page book,
NET CETERA,
Chatting with Kids
About Being Online



Join Tammy Mathis in the Eagles' Sunday School Room February 19th during Sunday School for information & resources to help you be more Tech-Savvy.

Are you interested in what the Creator of marriage has to say about marriage? Any couples interested in a Bible Study focusing on Bible based strategies for communicating and bonding with your spouse, please contact Lisa Watson at eandlwatson@hotmail.com or 254-723-4718.



One Great Hour of Sharing is just a few weeks away on **March 18**. The offering given during One Great Hour of Sharing supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) so that it may respond immediately and effectively to emergencies here at home and around the world. Because One Great Hour of Sharing covers UMCOR's administrative costs, 100 percent of gifts designated for specific projects go to support those programs.



Pastor's Pen

Communication is the Key

- Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few ([Ecclesiastes 5:2](#)).
- If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless ([James 1:26](#)).
- The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly ([Proverbs 15:2](#)).
- The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil ([Proverbs 15:28](#)).
- But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned ([Matthew 12:37](#)).
- A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction ([Proverbs 16:23](#)).
- The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse ([Proverbs 10:29](#)).
- A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger ([Proverbs 15:1](#)).
- Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing ([Proverbs 12:18](#)).

The scriptures have much to say about communication. The above scriptures are but a few dedicated to helping us understand where God is on the subject. It is so easy to communicate poorly and cause harm in a relationship, a marriage, a job or a ministry. Often times poor communication is just careless and other times it is intentional. Either way it leads to pain and suffering and often times a mess that did not need to happen.

I relate to communication difficulties in a very real way. Not only do I communicate each week in varied ways but I have a responsibility to communicate the best way possible.

I remember when I was just getting used to email and I happened to send an email to Diana in all caps. Her reply was a question, "Why are you yelling at me?". I did not know that all caps were the symbol for yelling on email. I did it by mistake and yet it still caused a problem.

So what do we do to help in our communication with each other and with God? First, read scripture and see what and how God views communication. Second, engage our brain before we speak, email or write. Thoughtful reflection on any subject will allow us to communicate clearly and kindly. Third, we should always try to not harm anyone with our words or actions. (Did I forget that communication is in many forms including but not limited to verbal, written, actions and thoughts.) Fourth, if we do communicate something that is harmful that we take full responsibility and work to defuse the miscommunication. Repenting of a mistake and letting others know you are truly sorry goes a long way in healing the situation.

Well that is my contribution to the newsletter communication and I hope I have been kindly clear. Blessings, John

WOODWAY FUMC

Sunday, February 19

YOUTH MID-WINTER RETREAT	
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Worship
12:00 PM	Shepherding Team Meeting
1:00 PM	Financial Peace University
5:00 PM	Journey Group

Monday, February 20

9:00 AM	Prayer Group
4:15 PM	Journey Group
6:30 PM	Disciple III

Tuesday, February 21

9:00 AM	Meals and Wheels
9:30 AM	"Living God's Will"
10:00 AM	UMW Mission Circle
7:00 PM	UMW Contemporary & Koinonia Circles
7:00 PM	Lenten Devotional Study

Wednesday, February 22

9:00 AM	"Coping As Christians"
3:30 PM	W.A.C.K.Y. Wednesday
6:00 PM	"Servant's Table" soup supper
6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Thursday, February 23

6:30 AM	Journey Group
9:00 AM	Meals & Wheels

Saturday, February 25

10:00 AM	Laity Leadership Development Meeting
6:30 PM	Church-wide "Sock Hop" Dance

Sunday, February 26

9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Worship
12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
1:00 PM	Financial Peace University
4:30 PM	Youth Handbell Choir
5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:30 PM	Youth Snack Supper
6:00 PM	UMYF
5:00 PM	Journey Group
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Group

Monday, February 27

9:00 AM	Prayer Group
4:15 PM	Journey Group
6:30 PM	Disciple III

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 AM	Meals and Wheels
9:30 AM	"Living God's Will"
7:00 PM	Church Council
8:00 PM	Lenten Devotional

Wednesday, February 29

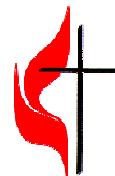
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Thursday, March 1

6:30 AM	Journey Group
9:00 AM	Meals and Wheels
5:30 PM	Girl Scouts

Friday, March 2

10:00 AM	OWLS - Games
11:30 AM	OWLS - Lunch & Program



Military Prayer Concerns



Sam Bowden - Norfolk, VA
 ET3 Daryl Cody - San Diego, CA
 Capt. John D. Dirk— Arizona
 Sunni Edinger - Alaska
 Pvt. Cody Farr—Ft. Benning, GA
 Capt. Chad Fitzgerald—Ft. Hood, TX
 Lt. Col. Jeff Ford - Offut AFB, NE
 Blake Krajca
 Lt. Jeff Leath - Afghanistan
 Capt. Jonathan Martinez - FL
 Capt. Marty Martinez - Schofield, HI
 Col. Tim Mundy - Afghanistan
 Capt. Timothy Rolling - Kuwait
 Cole Sillivant - McDill AFB
 Jessica Smith—USS Harry Truman
 1st Sgt. Dustin Terrell—Afghanistan
 Cpl. Scott Welstead - New Haven, CT

If you have loved ones serving in the military, please contact the church office so they can be added to this list.



David Norfleet
 Ray Fletcher
 Travis Bigham
 Julie Swanson
 Gordon Swanson
 Jon Hall
 Clyde McCauley
 Elizabeth Wall
 Alicia Straley
 Johnny Pippin
 Jill Quick
 D'Etta Knox
 Latesah Gordon
 Randy Cotton
 William Mock
 Darryl Clemmer
 Dick Jennings
 Will Ford
 Annetta Atkins
 Chuck Isbel
 Joan Rumph
 Earlene Pippin
 Peace

The Prayer Ministry of Woodway 1st UMC, an extensive network of pastors, staff and members, offer prayers in response to requests received. In an effort to keep our list current, we ask the following:

- Please provide information (prayer request, name & address of person being prayed for, your name & contact information)
- Requests are sent to the Prayer Group members via e-mail. They are shared with the pastor and staff. All prayer requests are held in confidence.
- Prayer requests are lifted in prayer for one month. Please update us at that time.

Sunday, February 19

A Heavenly View

Mark 9:2-8

Rev. John Dirk

Sunday, February 26

What is Blocking Your Relationship with Christ?

Mark 10:13-16

Worship Attendance

February 5	280
February 12	297

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

February 19

February 26

Greeters

Fred Quick
 Mike Reaves
 Suzzane Reaves
 Nick Smith
 Alison Smith

Fred Quick
 Gaylan McDonald
 Carolyn McDonald
 Sonny Dean
 Sydney Dean

Ushers for February

Terry Hurst
 Chris Milnes
 Roger Rice
 Bobby Caswell

Mark Mckee
 Fred Quick
 Russell Schaefer

Childcare provided for church events upon request. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Call Tammy Mathis at 733-5008.

Our e-prayer group is going strong, and many prayers have been lifted for church members and their family and friends. If you have a prayer concern that you want to share, contact Linda in the church office at wfumc@woodwayfumc.org.

If you are interested in joining the e-prayer team, contact the church office.



Many blessings and thanks, especially to Pastor John, members of the Pathfinders class, the e-Prayer group, the Monday Morning Prayer group, and the Prayer Shawl ministry for all the prayers, calls and cards during my recent heart procedure and pacemaker surgery in Austin. What a great joy and comfort it is to know that we are among some of the most and loving Christians we could ever hope to be a part of. God bless you all. Eloise and I are so grateful to all of you!!

J.D. Baskin

HAITI MISSION TRIP
May 14- 22, 2012

Sponsored by: Aledo UMC
Team leaders: Aaron Graham & Vicki Ramos



Aledo United Methodist Church is sponsoring an UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers In Mission) team to Haiti. A maximum of 10 individuals can participate on this mission trip. For more information, contact deandreadare@aledoumc.org or 817-441-8329.

WALK TO EMMAUS



The Walk to Emmaus is a three day spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servant hood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

It begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, tears and laughter, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

Several of our church members are working on Women's walk #380: Jena Mann, Gita Thamban, Chandra Londenberg, and Leigh Ann Moffett .

Contact the church office of one of the above mentioned members for application information.

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| Men's Walks | Women's Walks |
| #378 Feb. 16-19 | #379 Mar 22-25 |
| #382 May 17-20 | #380 Apr 19-22 |
| | #381 May 3-6 |



In memory of Nancy Hoyt
Phil & Kris Ford

In memory of Eleanor Weatherby
Ged & Joyce Collins
Bill & Janiece Hinkle
The Marvin Skinner Family
The Doug DeBerry Family
Brenda DeBerry

In memory of Billy Montgomery
Kerrie & Raymond Farrell

SENIOR MOMENT



Friday, March 2 **OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors)**
10:00 a.m. Games
11:30 a.m. **Lunch:** Ham
Program: Gary Penney, Cowboy Poetry

Tuesday, March 6 **Prayer Shawl Group**
9:30 a.m.
9600 Yellow Stone Road

Tuesday April 3 **Prayer Shawl Group**
9:30 a.m.
9600 Yellow Stone Road

Friday, April 13 **OWLS**
10:00 a.m. Games
11:30 a.m. **Lunch:** Chicken Tamale Pie
Program:

Please do not think you have to bring food to come to OWLS meetings. We always have more than enough and our wish is that YOU join us.

PLEASE REMEMBER BLANKETS FOR THE ADVOCACY CENTER AND X-LARGE CANNED GOODS FOR MISSION WACO.

COMING SOON - SEWING GROUP
Watch future newsletters for details



The Importance of Confidentiality

Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry because it is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, caring relationships.

Stephen Ministry is confidential.

Stephen Ministers don't reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to the pastors, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends, and not to other Stephen Ministers.

Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister - and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues - problems they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody - except the Stephen Minister, the care receiver, and the pastor or Stephen Leader who matched the two together - even knows that a care receiver has a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity so that if he or she doesn't want people even to know that he or she has a Stephen Minister, nobody will ever know.

One final point involving confidentiality involves the Stephen Ministry model of supervision, where confidentiality is also a key element. (Supervision, done twice monthly, is vital to Stephen Ministry so that Stephen Ministers can provide the best quality care possible to their care receivers.) In supervision, the focus of discussion is on the relationship between the Stephen Minister and the care receiver, rather than the details of what is going on in a care receiver's life. By not revealing a care receiver's name or any significant details, confidentiality is maintained; and supervision becomes a place where Stephen Ministers can support and encourage one another in ministry while they provide the best quality care to their care receivers. It's a model that has enabled life-changing ministry to happen in thousands of Stephen Ministry congregations since 1975.

Why this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high quality caregiving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of good ministry - and of our Stephen Ministry.

*Celebrating our Ministry Together
Through Your Faithful Generosity*

February

Month-to-date Gifts	\$ 28,935.25
Monthly Needs	\$ 71,460.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 87,861.70
Year-to-Date Needs	\$142,920.00

You may see a summary of our budget on the bulletin board by the offices. For more detailed information available to members, please check with the office.



JOIN US FOR DINNER!

Wednesday Night Dinner

Feb. 22 menu: Ash Wednesday Servant's Table

Feb. 29 menu: Fajitas

Although there will not be a separate children's menu, peanut butter and jelly will also be available as an option.

Cost is donation only and all proceeds will go toward debt retirement.

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship.

UMW KNIFE SALES

Thanks to everyone over the years who have purchased knives from our UMW and supported us in this project. This money goes to help buy supplies for our kitchen. I will no longer be handling the sale of the knives, but Pam McKethan will be doing this for our UMW units. Just call Pam at 848-2330 if you wish to order anything or buy what she has in stock. We recently ordered knives and they should be in any day now so she will have a good supply. Please continue to support our UMW by purchasing your knives from Pam. Thank you for being so good to make purchases while I have been handling the knife sales. I will continue to support this project by being a good cheerleader because it is a good product that we sell.

Thanks again for your support.

Kathy Naylor



JESUS LOVES YOU, KIDS!

GRACE MINISTRIES NEWSFLASH - 2/14/12



M.V.S. AWARD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!



Parent Workshop

Sunday, February 19

9:15 - 10:15 am

Topic: "Tech Savvy Parents"

Facilitator: Tammy Mathis

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- Free 55-page book, NET CETERA, Chatting with Kids About Being Online

It has been a while since we have honored one of our faithful servants. This month we would like to sincerely thank Mrs. Holly Helmer for her incredible faithfulness to our Acolytes ministry. Holly is one of those wonderful servants who quietly goes about her way making things happen without expecting anything in return. She does such a great job of working with the kids week after week, preparing them for leadership, and coordinating with the parents. Thank you, Holly, for drawing our future worship leaders into assisting with the service. The fruits of your labor will be evident for years to come!



Mrs. Holly Helmer

MOST VALUABLE SERVANT

DATE CHANGE!



Mark your calendars!

The **EASTER EGG HUNT** has been changed to **SUNDAY, APRIL 1st**. We will do the Egg Hunt only immediately after the worship service without other activities this year.

The **VBS Volunteer Kick-Off Luncheon** has been moved to **May 20**. This is for the adult volunteers only.

Parents, Bring your kids!

Sat., Feb. 25
6:30-8:30

Fun for ALL ages!



NEED MORE INFORMATION??? CONTACT Shawna Furman AT (254) 751-0411 OR shawna@woodwayfume.org TODAY!

Woodway FUMC Youth Connection



Central Texas Conference
Youth Ministry



Mid-Winter Retreats

Cen Tex Conference on Youth Ministry (CTCYM) at Glen Rose Camp.

18-19 Feb: "This weekend will focus on making things new and equipping students in their faith to create life-long disciples.

We will meet at the church at 6:45AM on Saturday morning and return Sunday about 3PM. Detailed information will be sent soon to those registered. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Live and Tell

If all you had was a small piece of cardboard, what one word would you use for your before and after experiences with Jesus? This is your story in a few words.



**Wednesday
Evenings**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 18-19: Mid Winter Retreat I
No Youth activities on Sunday night
- Feb 25-26: Mid Winter Retreat II
There **WILL BE** Youth activities on Sunday night
- Mar 4: Bowling for Jesus
- Mar 12: SPRING BREAK!! No youth activities
- Apr 14 : Six Flags Over Texas trip
- Apr 27-29: Church Camping Trip
- June 10-16: Sr and Jr High Youth Mission Trip
Eureka Springs, AR



Check us out on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/#!/WFUMCYouth>) and Facebook (search "Woodway FUMC Youth")!

Lenten Bible Study

Ash Wednesday is 22-Feb, and begins the season of Lent. To connect with the deep spirituality of the season, Youth Sunday School will be embarking on a **6-week study of the movie *The Passion of Christ***. This will be an opportunity to learn about and experience the wonderful gift that is Christ's death and resurrection on the cross.

We will start on 26-Feb and will be covering a portion of the movie each week. You won't want to miss this!

The Power of the Praying Teen by Stormie Omartian

The Sunday Evening Youth will be **starting a book study on 26-Feb** on *The Power of the Praying Teen* by Stormie Omartian.

It is a very powerful book and opens up the possibilities that prayer can do. If you have any questions, see Chandra or email youth@woodwayfumc.org.

God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.

Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me.

Bring me back from grey exile, put a fresh wind in my sails.

Psalms 51:10-12

Bowling for Jesus!

Join us on **Sun, 4-Mar** for Bowling Night. We'll **meet at the church at 5:30PM** for a light dinner before heading to the bowling alley for bowling games and great fellowship.





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Daily Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

See front page for details

TECH-SAVVY PARENTING

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Remember to have your blood pressure checked on the first Sunday of the month!