Axe Memorial UMC News

5th Sunday after Pentecost

13 July 2014

**PRAYER LIST**

**Friends and Family:**
- Thomas McGee, brother-in-law of Grace McLeroy
- Billy Copeland, friend of Ann Flynt
- Brenda Williams, friend of Jo Slater
- Aranea & the Horn Family, friends of Beate Hall

**Axe Church Family:**
- Alice Griggs
- Imogene Stroope
- Marilyn Woolsey
- Glynn Higgs
- Mary Gooch
- Sally Killion
- Elissa Norris
- Jane Bach
- Betty Flynt
- Shirley & Dennis Geerts
- Ray Lasater
- Bill & Betty Pierson
- Bill Ballard
- Carol McKenzie
- May Belle James
- Tammy Malone
- Matthew Morrison
- James Cloud

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Hello! We the people of Axe Memorial would like to welcome you to join us live and in person in church for worship! We are a body of Christians united by the Holy Spirit who are called to celebrate and share the joy of Christ. We hope you’ll join us!

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9:30 AM Sunday School*
10:45 AM Worship*
*Child Care provided

This week at Axe:

**Sunday 07/13**
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 12:30 PM Blood Drive
- 5:00 PM UMYF
- 6:30 PM KFC Drum Ministry

**Monday 06/30**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**Tuesday 07/01**
- 7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion

**Wednesday 07/02**
- 7:30 PM Choir

**Thursday 07/03**
- 7:00 PM Servicio

**Saturday 07/05**
- 10:00 AM Garage Sale

**Sunday 07/06**
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM YLT
- 5:00 PM UMYF
- 6:30 PM KFC Drum Ministry
- 7:00 PM Girl Scouts
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Do you buy groceries? Do you eat yummy foods that are sold with box tops for education? Turn them in to the box in the Narthex to see them go to Southgate. It’s an easy way to help get things for the school. Some schools have funded whole computer labs on the funds raised using box tops for education. Southgate also collects Campbell Soup Labels. They also accept used ink cartridges. They can all be turned into the same box.

AXE UMC NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are in need for a Statistician and a Financial Secretary. Both positions work under the finance committee direction. Both positions require a working knowledge of bookkeeping, excel spreadsheets, data input and general computer operation. The amount of time involved changes from week to week. It will mostly be determined by your organization and timely updating of information. Training will be provided. Office space will be provided.

For more information, please contact John Duncan at 214.803.6846 or media@axeumc.org

We really need your help!

“We really need your help!”

DOOR CLOSING & ANOTHER OPENING WIDER

About a week or ago the Hearts & Hands food pantry lost support from a twice a week supply of produce – 1,600lbs. “Oh what shall we do?” worried the concerned volunteers? How can we continue to feed those in need who continue coming to our door step? They prayed & had faith in God’s plan.

A day or so later on a trip to the North Texas Food Bank, food was in abundance so we received twice the amount of food we normally get – 3,600lbs. Another day later at the Walmart (one truck pick up) we had to call for three trucks to pick up twice the amount of food waiting for us – 1,248lbs. One truck filled completely with bread (badly needed) from a brand new source.

A miracle? God opening another door wider than the one that closed.

He has a plan for us. Praise be to God

Hearts and Hands Ministry Announcements

One Word: Jelly. Also known as preserves, jam, and that sweet, tasty stuff in jars. The food pantry needs it.

Also, check out the awesome story above!
I guess I just wanted a special sort of driving experience a few weeks back so I drove I-635 west from US75. The construction going on is an awesome thing to see. When I drove the freeway the traffic on I635 going west from I30 to US75 was actually worse than that after US75. All this highway construction going on to build more lanes and wider lanes for traffic is because so many of us have so many places we want to go. There are many growing cities here and we need more roads that we might be able to get to all these places. So we keep building more massive super concrete roads. It is difficult to conceive that before there were cities, before there were highways, there were only wilderness roads.

The American Wilderness Road was the principal route used by settlers to navigate the Appalachian Mountains. For more than fifty years it was the only way to reach Kentucky from the East. Wikipedia records that the first European explorers of the southern Appalachian Mountains were Spanish.

Hernando de Soto and his troops traversed the region in 1540 and 1541 searching for gold. He was followed by several other Spanish expeditions. The first recorded English explorations of the mountains were those of Abraham Wood, which did not begin until around 1650. It was over 200 years after Hernando de Soto expedition, in 1775 that the famous, Daniel Boone "blazed" a trail for the Transylvania Company from Fort Chiswell in Virginia through the Cumberland Gap into central Kentucky. It was later lengthened, following Native American trails, to reach the Falls of the Ohio at Louisville.

The Wilderness Road was steep, rough, narrow, and it could only be traversed on foot or horseback. Despite the adverse conditions, thousands of people used it. They traveled the wilderness road because it was their desire to reach a new destination. Their motivation to travel such a wilderness road was the expectation of a better future where they were headed. These travelers were not homeless people. They had homes and families and loved ones. Still they chose to leave the comfort and safety of their homes, their families, and friends to seek something new and better.

For first time travelers on such a road it was certainly not what they expected. The way was not easy. The way was not straight and the going was not smooth. Progress was difficult. In spite of the hardships in traveling the road, thousands used it, because they wanted to get to a new destination.

So it is that we find ourselves as a body of believers, as a church, poised at a wilderness road. We know the same apprehension and doubt that must have gone through the minds of those early travelers. The way will not be easy. The way will not be straight and the going will not be smooth. Progress will be difficult and there will be times that we like the children of Israel will ask why we even started this journey. Now and in those times to come may God grant us the grace to remember what is before us is greater than what is behind us. God is doing, God is doing a new thing. May we be reminded that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning. Great is God faithfulness.

We can go forward in the confident assurance that God is with us. We are not alone. This wilderness road will one day be a bustling freeway connecting the people of faith. Persons who have come to know the blessing of the diversity of God will travel the path we blaze to know the joy of Christian fellowship in the love of God.

I applaud all of you who travel this road with us. May the grace of God abound in your life and the sweet communions we share in Holy Spirit rest, rule, and abide with you now and for evermore.

Pastor Minor
Planning on submitting to the newsletter? The deadline for articles and information is on Tuesday’s at 5:00 PM. Anything submitted after that is subject to the editor’s discretion and ability to fit it in.

Come to AAA in July on the 14th. We will be meeting in McGee Hall and have sandwiches & ice cream sundaes. The program will a patriotic one by Rosemary Rumbley. Hope to see you there.

KIDS/ YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

KFC Drum Ministry
Most Sunday evenings
5:00PM to 7:00 PM
Grades K-5

Rising Stars Summer Program
June 30 to August 1
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thank you so much to everyone who donated towards the drum ministry! We gained around $1000 which allowed us to purchase around ten drums and many rhythm instruments. The kids are having a blast and we have around 11 coming each week to drum class and KFC. Please continue to pray for the children’s programs and that we can always meet the needs of these young children. Thank you again for your support.

Terri Knagg

MEET THE WORSHIP TEAM!

Chair: Joan Poarch
Team Members:
Brooks Flynt
Lu Hester
Christian Ramirez
Sandy Freeman
Winona Fitzgerald
Ed Wallick
John Duncan
Teri Knagg
Julian Reed

Co-Chair: David Rivera
Guillermo Ramirez
Pablo Gomez
Peggy Land
Cathy Arrington
Susan Wyatt
Don Woolsey
Frances Olson
Bill Flynt
James Minor

AXE MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT
The next Axe movie and game night will be July 25th at 6:30 PM. We hope you’ll join us for fun, games, and a film... which will be: The Monuments Men. This film stars George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, and more! Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history. The Monuments Men centers around an unlikely WWII platoon, tasked with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners.

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY
UMYF
Every Sunday,
meet in the gym!
5-7pm

YLT Meeting
July 20th at 4:00PM
in Conference Room

Splash into Summer
Food & Fellowship! Our youth will
enjoy UMYF off campus hosted by
members of our church family.

July 20: Open
(see me if you would like to host)

August 3:
The Arrington’s

Diana Diaz is a blessing to our Rising Stars Summer Pro-
gram. She has found a home as the volunteer teacher for the
Kinder and First grade students. Diana is 16 years old and at-
tends Garland High School. She is an amazing gift to our volun-
teer team and she shines her light of Christ everyday.

Some of Diana’s favorite things about the summer program
is the attachment that comes with meeting some of the kids. To
Diana, helping with program is more than just volunteering, it’s
getting to know the kids and the parents and being able to have a
good time with them.

Diana is a product of the summer program at Axe. She de-
cided to become a volunteer because she greatly enjoys watching
the kids grow as the program goes on. Diana said, “I like being
able to help the kids and sometimes even make a difference in
their lives.”

Her hopes for this summer is for her class to understand
that summer programs can be really fun and that even though
some of the kids live entirely different lives than them, they can
still all manage to get along and have fun being around each oth-
er.

We are so thankful to have a dedicated youth volunteer.
Diana’s strengths have
greatly benefited our pro-
gram. She has well de-
served this article and
acknowledgement of one
of our GREAT volunteers!

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Record of Stewardship
July 6, 2014

“And I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and I will support
it with...

My prayers
My presence
My gifts
My service
My witness

Prayers
Please see prayer list
Presence
Sunday School 85
Worship 101
Visitors 2

Gifts
For general operation fund:
$5,737.00
YTD receipts for general budget:
$128,161.00
YTD General Budget
$152,076.00

Service
Help make tamales next Sat-
urday at 6:00 AM!

Rising Stars Program
Witness
Opportunities to witness that are ongoing:
Hearts and Hands Ministry
Stephen Ministry

1 Corinthians 12
You missed out on a wonderful opportunity to assist with the tamales this weekend, but fear not! There is a need for even more tamale making this coming weekend.

Ramon has requested that any and all volunteers arrive by 7:00 AM and no earlier than 6:00 AM. It’s early, but it’s worth it. Please let Ramon know that you will be able to be there. Check out the crew from today!
ELECTRONIC GIVING DOESN’T TAKE VACATIONS

This summer, if you can’t make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Axe UMC relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Simply visit axeumc.org and locate the donation link.

We thank you for your continued support!

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

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