



Axe Memorial UMC News

August, 2015 Issue 1

“Called to celebrate and share the joy of Christ.”

We are a group of Christians united through the Holy Spirit who are called to share and celebrate the joy of Christ! We hope you'll join us!

Live Nativity Requests

The Advent season and, of course, our live nativity will soon be upon us. We are working on securing the live animals which are a big attraction for families with children. Donations for this important cause will be greatly appreciated, the earlier the better.

We are also in need of some new costumes to replace older ones in poor repair. We need some costumes in smaller sizes, so if you can do some sewing, please let me know. Your help will be deeply appreciated. We are trying to avoid the stress of a last-minute push. Together we can get it done.

Please call or text Juli Amspoker at 214-803-3916 to help on this project. Thank you!!

Game Night

Mark your calendar for August 28th at 6:00 p.m. The movie selection will be announced later. Bring a snack to share and enjoy a night of fellowship!

There's always something new happening at Axe! Check out the Hearts and Hands update this week– it is worth the read!

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**Every Sunday in the gym from 5:00 p.m.
to 7:00 p.m.**

We hope you'll join us!

Memorials

In Memory of Ann Flynt:

To AAA:

From Pacesetters Class

In Memory of Julian Foster:

To food Pantry:

From Pacesetters Class

In Memory of Vickie Fitzgerald

For Live Nativity Animals

From Tammy Fitzgerald

FLOWERS!

We all enjoy the lovely flowers in the sanctuary each Sunday. These are usually the result of donations made by members to honor or remember a loved one on a special date. If you would like to help assure we have fresh flowers each week, perhaps you would be willing to participate in this ministry. To order flowers, you simply call Jo in the church office, 972-278-2175. She will check to be sure your requested date is available and will instruct you as to how to pay for them. The cost is \$45.00 for the two arrangements. You may take them home or ask to have them taken to a shut-in or to someone in the hospital. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Stephen Ministry

Do you need someone with whom you can talk and share about life, or perhaps, know someone who is trying to carry some burdens alone? We have a Stephen Minister who is ready and willing to listen. You may contact John Duncan or Bea Knagg to learn more. Call Jo in the church office for contact information.



Attendance and Giving

July 19th:

Sunday School: 111

Worship: 116

For general operations fund:

\$2,402.00

YTD General Budget: \$150,459.00

July 26th

Sunday School: 102

Worship: 108

For general operations fund:

\$4,402.00

YTD for general operations fund:

\$131,855.00

YTD General Budget: \$156,089.00

July online giving: \$2,134.00

August 2nd

Sunday School: 94

Worship: 110

For general operations fund:

\$6,012.00

YTD for general operations fund:

\$137,874.00

YTD General Budget: \$160,609.00

1700 W. Kingsley
Garland, TX 75041
(972) 278- 2175

9:30 AM English Language Worship*

10:45 AM Sunday School*

11:30 AM Spanish Language Worship*

*Child care provided

Both services in the Sanctuary

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AXE UMC CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

The Southern Plainsman Quartet



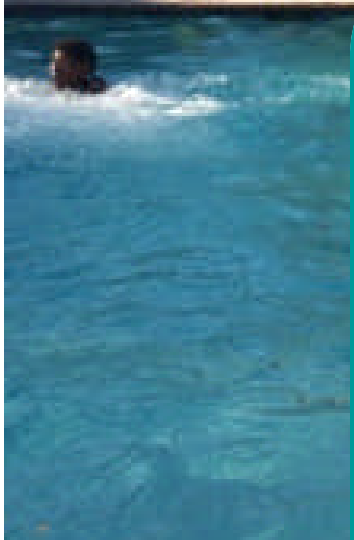
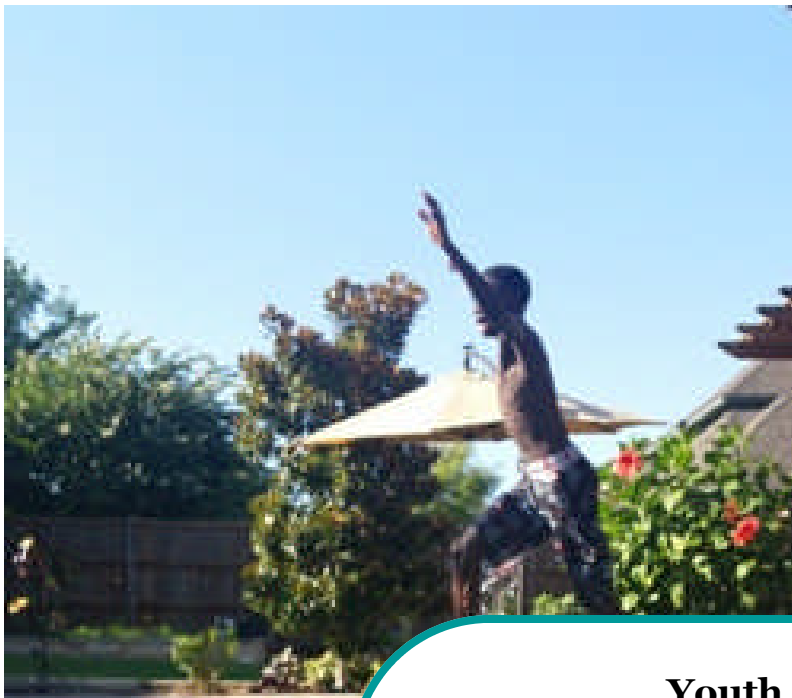
In Concert at Axe Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Show starts at 6pm – Doors open at 5:30pm

Concert is FREE – Request a Love Offering

Delighting audiences and lifting Spirits from coast to coast for more than 30 years. Named Louisiana's Goodwill Ambassadors. Their primary goal is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, via the medium of gospel music and Christian witness.



Youth News

Our youth group ventured off to a Sunday night of fellowship at Pat & Cathy Arrington's house. We are beyond grateful for their generosity & radical hospitality of opening their home for the youth ministry at Axe. We had a delicious meal together while we sat on the patio and enjoyed conversations. We followed by jumping in the pool for some splashing and laughter. Building relationships and bonds is essential for a healthy youth group. Thank you to the Arrington's for fostering such a positive environment for our young people.

Life Line Screening

Axe Memorial United Methodist is pleased to offer a preventative health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventative health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings on 8/24/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries (a leading cause of stroke), abdominal aortic aneurysms (which can lead to a ruptured aorta), hardening of the arteries in the legs (a strong predictor of heart disease), atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat (closely tied to stroke risk), and bone density screening (used to assess the risk of osteoporosis).

Register for a Wellness Package (all five tests) for only \$149 (\$139 with member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit <www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners>.

Box Tops 4 Education!

Remember, Axe is cooperating with the community by collecting and sending our Campbell soup labels and "Box Tops 4 Education," along with our used ink cartridges to Southgate Elementary School. A box for these is provided in the Narthex by the usher's closet.

Back To School



Our annual back-to-school event is quickly approaching, and we are working with New World UMC to create one big back-to-school party! It is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th at New World and will be open to our kids as well. They plan to have a NEW pair of shoes for each child attending, so we are all asked to help by purchasing a NEW pair of shoes, child's size 11 through adult size 12, and bringing them to church in the original box. We will also be handing out backpacks and school supplies at this event. Free haircuts and other services will be offered as well. Save the date and make plans to help out with a great kids' ministry! More details will be given later.



Hearts and Hands Update

Hearts & Hands is staying busy.

When we began, we intended to help those in need with supplemental food. We did not want anyone to go hungry and you (the Church) supported us in this Axe ministry. You volunteered time and money to make the food pantry work and it did. Thank you.

We began by helping 10 to 12 families per week and we now see at least 120 families each Tuesday & Thursday, or 240 to 250 per week. You made this possible. Thank you.

After helping those in need with food we have discovered that we are only touching the tip of the iceberg. Yes, we are doing great work but more remains to be done.

We now offer showers to the homeless and are on the lookout for other resources to fill the needs in addition to food. We are now Hearts & Hands Community Outreach of Garland and you made that possible. Thank you.

Over a month ago we began a hard journey with a young man living in his car. We helped him with showers and a job interview. We helped him in getting his car running for work. We helped him with food and gas. He came to church. I would love to report a fairy tale ending, but that is not the case. A few backslides occurred. The good news is he is now employed and has a room in a house in our neighborhood.

Three weeks ago a family (a mom & two kids) living in their car was sent to us and needing showers, so we opened up. They also needed food and we helped out. They have been using our facility each day we are open for showers and now help with the food pantry as well. They still live in their car today but it is a work in progress.

Last week another call came in for help. A family (Mom & three boys) were staying in a hotel and were out of food. We opened up and supplied them with food. This is another work in progress with no quick solutions.

These are just a few of the lives we are dealing with every day and you made a difference to them. We would like to continue exploring ways to make things better for those in need in our neighborhood. We will be receiving a grant for emergency housing this fall and likely will spend all of it and more with your blessing.

Hearts & Hands is no longer just in the food pantry business. With your help we are going to provide other services for those in need. As our volunteer base grows, so does our ability to do God's work.

Thank you once again.