



# Axe Memorial UMC News

September, 2015 Issue 2

“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 September 25th at 6:00 p.m. The movie selection will be announced. Bring a snack to share and enjoy a night of fellowship!

There's always something new happening at Axe! Don't forget: 100% Sundays!



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

**We hope you'll join us!**

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## Attendance and Giving

**September 6th:**

**Sunday School: 104**

**Worship: 101**

**Visitors: 4**

**For general operations fund:**

**\$6,468.00**

**YTD for general operations fund:**

**\$156,411.00**

**YTD General Budget: \$**

**185,147.00**

**September 13th:**

**Sunday School: 95**

**Worship: 95**

**Visitors: 4**

**For general operations fund:**

**\$2,918.00**

**YTD for general operations fund:**

**\$159,329.00**

**YTD General Budget: \$191,605.00**

## 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.



## 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.

**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**

**Facebook.com/AxeMemorialUMC**

**Twitter: Axe\_MemorialUMC**

## 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.

### **Trustees Say “Thank You”**

The trustees wish to give a big shout-out THANK YOU to our Boy Scout troop for the cleanup efforts they have performed in our church courtyard. They have “adopted” the courtyard as a project one Saturday each month. In addition to leaf-raking one Saturday, they also met with Dave Hester on another Saturday to learn about the ins and outs of the cleaning and maintenance of the two massive air handlers. What a great contribution!

### **Sunday School**

Reminder that during the Sunday School hour we should send our children & youth to the appropriate rooms.

Nursery- 0-3yrs

Children Sunday School– 4yr-5th grade

Youth Sunday School- 6th-12th

We need to encourage our young people to attend Sunday school to be a part of an age appropriate experience learning about our amazing God.

### **Klassy Krafters**

The Klassy Krafter will meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings.

Time: 9:30 till Noon

Where: Craft Room

Date to Begin: September 10, 2015

Please join us to make craft items to brighten the lives of others!!!

Need Information?

Contact Faye Cocke [fcocke@verizon.net](mailto:fcocke@verizon.net) or call cell 214-287-7185

### **AAA Announcements**

Charles Killion has graciously invited AAA & 2 By 2 Class members to come to his lake house for hamburgers & fun on Sept. 19. We will meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool there. Bring lawn chairs. and join us.



### **100% SUNDAYS**

The Member Nurture Team encourages 100% attendance to the morning worship services during the fall season. Each of us has vowed to support our church with our presence, prayers, service, and witness. Let's be hospitable to friends, guests, and members we haven't seen in awhile. Send a note of caring and invitation, make a phone call, be in touch with someone and tell them of the renewed excitement at Axe Memorial United Methodist Church.

**Be Bold!** Invite someone to Worship! I can do all things through Christ WHO STRENGTHENS ME. (Philippians 4:13)

## **Snack Supper**

The Youth Ministry Department is in need of some followers of Christ to provide snack supper for the UMYF group. Dining around a table in fellowship is symbolic of communion. It is a sacrament in the Methodist church that we value greatly.

Each Sunday we dine together and use this as an opportunity to get to know each other more and bond. We would love for someone new to come to provide dinner and dine with us and get to know some of the youth that are moving through this program. We meet Sunday evenings from 5pm-7pm. We have a time for games, bible experience, and we follow with a fellowship meal together around 6:30pm. As of now we are averaging 6 youth. It is not a huge group, but we are mighty. We look forward to you and you family or Sunday school class signing up together.

Most of the dates for the fall have been filled, but contact Sheena to sign up for future dates.

P.S. Don't feel like cooking? Sunday Schools can sponsor a pizza or burger night for the youth. Easy cleanup with all the same fun and fellowship. –Beate

## **THE HISTORY OF OUR WALL OF HISTORY**

Our history of Axe Memorial began in July 1, 1951, but this is only the history of our "Wall of History," except it was called "The Hall of History" at first.

It all began at a meeting of the United Methodist Men in 1986. The idea was proposed by Jerry Marroquin to put up some pictures of all our past ministers on a hallway of our church. The proposal was accepted and it would be supported by our own treasury. Thus started the work on Axe Memorial UMC "Hall of History". Ms. Eleanor Garrett, our church historian at the time, set out to obtain photos of all past ministers up to that date. The ministers were very happy to cooperate to make this possible. Tom Browning, owner of a trophy and etching company, supplied the first frames free of charge. They were engraved with the names and dates of service of our ministers.

It didn't take long for more photos and mementos of the history of Axe to be added. In time it got too big for just one wall. The United Methodist Women embroidered a beautiful wall hanging with the history of Axe sewn into quilting blocks. This required the use of another wall.

The name was changed to "The Hall of History" in order to make room for all we wanted to share and remember. This created more room to continue the history of Axe Memorial. The hall is kept up to date with Jerry Marroquin as coordinator. Each time we get a new pastor, other workers, or staff members, we try to make the addition of a photo happen as soon as possible. Let's keep this wonderful history of our church going!