



# Axe Memorial UMC News

October, 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!**

## **Game Night**

Game night for October will be a volunteer opportunity! Sign up with Sheena to help with the fall carnival. There's a perfect job for everyone!

## **Live Nativity Update!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the live nativity fund! We have met and exceeded our goal for our funds to bring the live animals to Axe!

The extra funds were used to purchase material for new costumes. Emma Waggoner and Barbara Venable donated their time to make these new costumes.

Now, it is your turn! This is a request for your time on the two nights of the live nativity as actors. There's no need to memorize anything— just walk through the story and be there. Contact Juli to sign up in advance.

I hope you like Chili! Two opportunities for chili in the months ahead— one at Axe and one with the Emmaus Community.



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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!**

**Attendance and Giving**  
**Online Giving for September:**  
**\$2,487.00**

**September 20th:**

**Sunday School: 99**

**Worship: 111**

**Visitors: 5**

**For general operations fund:**

**\$3,353.00**

**YTD for general operations fund:**

**\$162,682.00**

**YTD General Budget: \$198,063.00**

**September 27th:**

**Sunday School: 103**

**Worship: 125**

**Visitors: 1**

**For general operations fund:**

**\$3,385.00**

**YTD for general operations fund:**

**\$166,367.00**

**YTD General Budget: \$204,521.00**

**October 4th:**

**For general operations fund:**

**\$7,354.00**

**YTD for general operations fund:**

**\$176,208.00**

**YTD General Budget: \$210,979.00**

**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.

**Gifts Given to the Church**

**In Honor of Ida Noack**

*To the Hearts and Hands Food Pantry*

From Don & Shirley Noack

**In Memory of Lorraine Christian**

*To Audio/Visual Funds*

From Dave & Lu Hester

## 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.



### 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 Krafteer 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

**1700 W. Kingsley  
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**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**



## **Axe Memorial 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off**

Prizes will be awarded! Sign up TODAY!

Deadline: October 15, 2015

Notify Sheena Gordon at 469-563-8183 or [sheena@axeumc.org](mailto:sheena@axeumc.org)

### **Soul to Soul**

It's funny how God will give us exactly what we need. I was reminded recently that God will provide for us, now matter what. I was having a rather bad day and some things were weighing heavily upon my mind. Essentially, I was dwelling upon a mistake I had made and letting it eat me up. I stopped for a moment and prayed to God for something to make it better. Not the most precise prayer, but I have often found that God knows exactly what we mean, no matter how simply we express it.

Not two hours later, I was interacting with a very nice family and their toddler came walking up to me and said "up". Now, I'm not a mom, but I know that failure to follow that simple command combined with a request can lead to temper tantrums like you would not believe. It's only now that I realize the direct correlation between my request to God and the kid's request to me.

How often do we whine and cry when we do not get our way? How often do we beg and plead for something because we want it, we need it? I'd say we, as a whole human race, have a lot more in common with young children than we'd care to admit. I know there have been times when I've felt like God has given me nothing I've prayed for (I'm still waiting on that pony from when I was four, okay?), but there's a catch to this. God has always provided what I needed. It's more than just our spiritual vegetables or no sugar before dinner, God, as our heavenly father, truly gives us what we need when we need it. An encouraging word, an opportunity to redeem ourselves, and sometimes, just sometimes, exactly what we wanted too.

-Beate Hall

### **Walk to Emmaus**

Have you ever gone on a Walk to Emmaus? The Dallas Emmaus Community is having its 2015 annual chili gathering on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30. This will be at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment Pavilion. Please bring your favorite chili and fixins, a side dish, dessert, or drinks to share!

The chili gathering will be followed by Candlelight for walk #260.

Directions and a map may be obtained at [www.DallasEmmaus.org](http://www.DallasEmmaus.org).

## Coming Events

October 11	Children's Sabbath	9:30 AM
October 18	Laity Sunday	9:30 AM
October 24	Garage Sale	9:00AM
October 30	Fall Carnival/Chili Cook-off	6:30 PM
November 1	All Saints Sunday	9:30 AM
November 14	Girl Scouts Award Program	9:00 AM
November 26	Thanksgiving Day	
November 27	Movie and Game Night	6:00 PM
November 28	Hanging of the Greens	9:00 AM
November 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	
	Charge Conference	2:00 PM
December 5	AAA Christmas Luncheon	
December 13	Christmas Cantata	9:30 AM
December 19	Breakfast with Santa	9:30 AM
	Live Nativity	6:00 PM
December 20	Live Nativity	6:00 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 PM
December 25	Christmas Day	
December 31	New Years Eve Party	6:00 PM

### FALL INTO FUN AT AXE MEMORIAL'S FALL CARNIVAL

Come Join Us: Friday, October 30, 2015 from  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Food is \$5 Adult \$2 Child

Food Served 6:30-7:30PM

Free Games, Crafts, Prizes, & MORE FUN

For more information contact Sheena Logan-  
Gordon

### 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.