

WHEATLAND'S WIT & WISDOM
MARCH 2017

WELCOME TO WHEATLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ST. PATRICK

MUSINGS FROM THE GARDEN – February 2017

March 2017

MUSINGS FROM THE SIDEWALK



As I walked toward the Fellowship Hall last Sunday, I was greeted by the white iris that had begun to bloom. They are always so beautiful and a wonderful reminder that Spring is on its way. I remember that last year someone had told me the story about who planted them and I mused at the fact that Wheatland is about family in so many ways – from those who take care of the grounds to those who cook and serve in other capacities.

As a family of believers, we begin our celebration of the season of Lent; that time of special celebrations of remembrance and personal examination. Our journey begins with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes reminding us our mortality. On Palm Sunday, we will process into the sanctuary and wave the palm branches as the people did when Jesus the Christ triumphantly made His entry into Jerusalem. From here our studies and devotions will take us through Holy Week.

On Maundy Thursday, we will come together for Holy Communion and a foot washing ceremony to remember how Jesus washed the feet of the disciples in humility as He revealed Himself as an humble servant. This will be followed by the Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) on Good Friday. Early Sunday morning, we will meet for a Sunrise service followed by breakfast with the family before our regular scheduled worship service. Last year as we had service in the early morning, the birds began singing when we did. I am still not sure who made the most joyful noise before the Lord.

For me, this time of year brings back memories of our family getting ready for Easter before James and I were in ministry. We got the children up and dressed for Sunrise service. I wonder now if I made breakfast for them. I probably did but I dare not ask because the truth as I remember it might not be the truth they remember. They always wondered why we had to go to church so early on Easter Sunday. In the back seat of the car, they laid on each other's shoulders trying to grab that last bit of sleep as we drove to church. It was a special time for them and for us.

RESURRECTION – from darkness to light; from Golgotha to Glory; from a crown of thorns to a new crown.

May this time bring special memories for you.

Pastor Sandi

2017 HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

Wheatland UMC is hosting the March meeting on Thursday, March 23 from 1:30 to 2:30. Any questions please call Karen Burnett (Healthy Ministry) 214-356-0694.
Please Come!

National Health Observations at a Glance for March, 2017

Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month
National Cheerleader Safety Month
National Colorectal Cancer Awareness onth
National Endometriosis Awareness Month
National Kidney Month
National Nutrition Month
Problem Gambling Awareness Month
Save Your Vision Month
Trisomy Awareness Month
Workplace Eye Wellness Month\
National Sleep Awareness Week March 6 – 13
National School Breakfast Week March 6 – 10
World Kidney Day March 9
National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day March 10
Patient Safety Awareness Week March 12-18
Brain Awareness Week March 13 – 29
Tsunami Preparedness Week March 19 – 17
National Poison Prevention Week March 19 – 25
National Native American HIV/AIDS Day March 20
American Diabetes Alert Day March 22
World Tuberculosis Day March 24

Health Ministry Team February Service Project

Healthy Ministry team made visits to several of our shut-ins. We took them care packages. We showed them that they are still a part of our church family and loved & missed by all .

Millie Scales celebrated with Pat Gurson on Valentine's day.

Several Wheatlanders, old & new helped Johnnie Mae Snipes celebrate her 95th birthday. She was overwhelmed as Beverly M., Karen Burnett, Millie Scales, Brenda Lagard, Elisean and Robin Stine brought cake, balloons, etc. And we were all

surprised when several of her family members arrived-they had no idea we would be there. A good time was had by all.

We have also visited Gigi Nolan. Edie Combs visited Sarah Gaston in Waxahachie, her husband Al has had a stroke and is in a rehab in Arlington. They all need extra prayers due to bad health problems.

We will continue to visit and will keep you updated!

Beverly Martinez



Millie Scales with Pat Gurson



Johnnie Mae Snipes 95th Birthday

Hunger Solutions for the Faith Community

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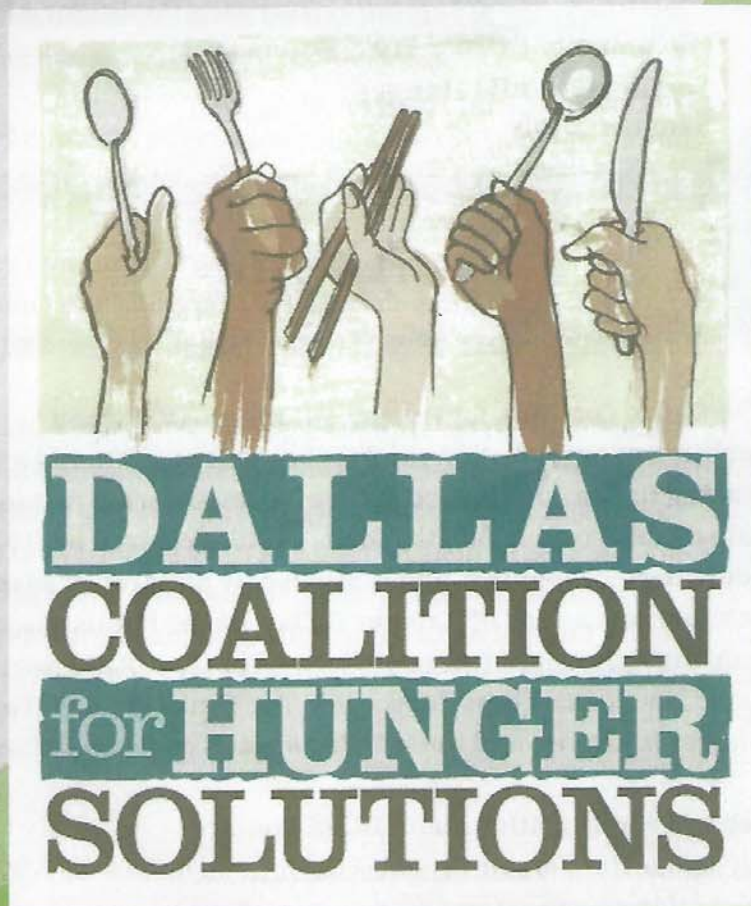


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About

The Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions (DCHS) is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to making Dallas County food secure by empowering residents to gain equal access to healthy food. DCHS is chaired by U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, and is also led by Children at Risk, Community Council of Greater Dallas, Dallas Baptist Association, the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, FEED 3, GROW North Texas, the North Texas Food Bank, The Senior Source, Texas Hunger Initiative, and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

For more information about DCHS, contact
[Wyonella Henderson-Greene@baylor.edu](mailto:Wyonella.Henderson-Greene@baylor.edu) or 214-367-3771.



Introduction

More than 1 in 5 adults and more than 1 out of 4 children in Dallas County are food insecure and at risk of hunger. These statistics represent hundreds of thousands of individuals who struggle each day to obtain enough food to get by. This is unacceptable and unnecessary.

The faith community can play a major role in dramatically improving food security in our city. Every congregation can take action to ensure that children, families and seniors have the food and nourishment they need to flourish.

In this guide are 10 tested, effective solutions to the problem of hunger that your congregation can implement. These solutions take advantage of existing programs and resources in the community. They generally require limited financial commitments from your congregation. But they can make a very substantial impact on hunger.

This guide is designed for use by congregations, but all who are concerned about hunger are encouraged to utilize it as well. For more information about the Faith Community Hunger Solutions Action Team, contact Dabney Dwyer, Dwyerdab@gmail.com or Jana Jackson, JanaJackson@dba.net.



Nourishing Neighbors



NOURISHING NEIGHBORS

1 Overview

We believe that hunger is unacceptable, especially among senior citizens. Most of the time, seniors who experience hunger lack convenient access to food sources like grocery stores. This severely limits the opportunity for a balanced diet and an active, healthy lifestyle. At the North Texas Food Bank, we don't think these hungry, homebound neighbors should be forgotten. Nourishing Neighbors is a program specifically targeting homebound seniors and mature adults with disabilities.

Impact on Hunger

- ◆ Participants receive at least 10 pounds of nutritious, easy-to-prepare food, including fresh produce, and pet food every other week.
- ◆ This volunteer-driven program allows our community to build stronger ties as we feed and socialize with neighbors in need.
- ◆ Community outreach is essential to this program. People who are homebound are often hard to identify simply because they are literally hidden behind the closed doors of their homes.
- ◆ Nourishing Neighbors is free to participants. It is funded solely by donations and depends on volunteer participation.

How to Help

Your congregation can help by:

- ◆ Recruiting volunteers to deliver groceries to senior homes.
- ◆ Helping to identify persons in need and interview applicants for enrollment.
- ◆ Becoming a distribution hub to service seniors in locations across our 13 county service area.



ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE



You can make donations to Wheatland's Capital Campaign online. It's simple. Just go to our website at www.wheatlandumc.org and click on the "Donate" button. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Take advantage of this simple way to donate and support our Capital Campaign.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LEADERSHIP AND MEETINGS FOR 2017

United Methodist Women Monthly Meeting

Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 am

Wheatland Fellowship Hall

Program: Call to Prayer and Self Denial

Brunch provided, all women welcome

Upcoming UMW meeting dates and locations:

March 11 at Wheatland UMC

April 8 at Glen Oaks UMC

May 13 Spring Tea at Wheatland UMC

June, July and August no scheduled meetings

September 9 at Glen Oaks UMC

October 14 at Wheatland UMC

November 11 at Glen Oaks UMC

December 9 Christmas Party at Wheatland UMC

WEBSITE UPDATED

Visit the newly updated Wheatland website at www.wheatlandumc.org. Enjoy the scrolling events on the home page, weekly sermons, and monthly newsletters. Email Kathy Priester if you would like access to the password protected online directory: priester@uta.edu. Additional material will be migrated from the old website, but current events are available now.

The events on our website are linked to our Facebook page, so be sure and “Follow” Wheatland on Facebook by searching for: Wheatland United Methodist Church. When an event is posted on the Wheatland Facebook page, it will also be posted in your news feed. This is an easy, cost-free, means of promoting the church events to your family and friends and welcoming newcomers to our church family.

THANK YOU TO OUR WEBMASTERS

A huge thank you goes to Kenneth Priester for volunteering to be our new church webmaster. Even though he lives in Austin, he has worked closely with Paul Foreman who managed our church website for many, many years, and is responsible for most of the photos and historical links (still to be migrated over to the new site). Thank you Paul and Kenneth.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING RAISES \$2,548,511

Thanks to generous donations on Super Bowl Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring annual drive has raised \$2,548,511 in cash and food items. Wheatland contributed \$128 toward this total. All money and food collected at Wheatland was donated to Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid (OCCEA).

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

As Property Management Team Chair, I would like to thank all those that volunteer to do work around the church. However, please let me know when you want to do something before going into action. All work is very much appreciated. I must ask that if you decide to trim trees or cut shrubs or clean flower beds, after letting PMT know about your plans, please pick up the debris and cuttings. Our lawn keeper gets paid to cut the grass and keep the grounds in good condition, not to pick up after someone else's work. We have to pay him to pick up left over debris. I appreciate all the volunteer work, but must ask that you pick up after your work.

Thank you for all you do!

Jan Cavender, PMT Chair





Time for the Easter Bunny to hide eggs on Palm Sunday! The Wheatlandettes will assist the Easter Bunny by stuffing the eggs (we have plenty). But we need candy! Please bring candy that will fit into the small plastic eggs. And just a reminder, chocolate melts in plastic eggs in the sunshine. We will have a wonderful Palm Sunday of waving palms, having Fellowship Lunch (covered dish dinner) and the Easter egg hunt. So bring out the grand kids and great grand kids! This will be a wonderful day of fun, fellowship, food and Easter eggs!

The Wheatlandettes

Wheatland United
Methodist Church

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Methodist Church – the
country church in the city
– strives to be a
welcoming congregation
worshipping God
together; increasing in
faith and discipleship
through prayer, Bible
study and fellowship;
caring for one another;
and reaching out to the
community and the
world.*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY Service at 7:00 PM Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Prayer meting 6:00 PM K.T. Rosner's Birthday	2	3	4 UMM Meeting 9:30 am
5 Adult Bible Study 9:00 Fellowship Hall Worship 10:30	6	7	8 Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Prayer meting 6:00 PM Lou Scott's Birthday	9	10	11 UMW Meeting 10:30 AM Chick Libby's Birthday.
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