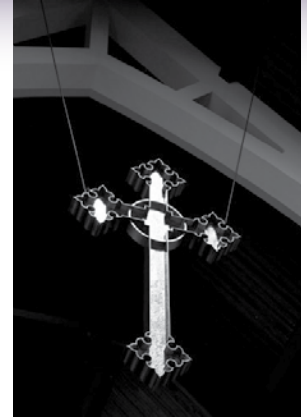


Alamo Heights United Methodist Church

It's all about COMMUNITY



The Pumpkins Are Here! But these are not just any pumpkins. These are Pumpkins with a Purpose. It is true that you probably see pumpkins at the grocery store and at the discount store, but they are not the special pumpkins destined to be Alamo Heights UMC pumpkins. Our pumpkins have purpose. Each pumpkin you purchase will help support one of the many outreach missions of our church. Our pumpkins have special jobs to accomplish. They arrived on October 7th, and are ready for you to take home to make your home more joyful and someone else's life a little happier. Let's make sure we have a pumpkin on every porch. Come pick a pumpkin and tell us which of our missions you want to support. Our pumpkins can help build houses, support people in prisons, provide clothing for children in need, feed people who are hungry and help people who have suffered burns. Come by the Pumpkin Patch and get your pumpkin started on its mission. Pumpkins will be available until October 31.

**These are No Ordinary Pumpkins
These are Pumpkins with a Purpose**



OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY



Sacred Sounds Concert: The Work of the Church

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, October 22

3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for our annual inter-generational celebration of choral music and congregational hymns. There is no charge for the Concert. Following the Concert, our New Zion Youth Choir will host a delicious celebration of frozen delights at 4 p.m. in the CLC. All proceeds from the Ice Cream Social will benefit the New Zion Youth Choir Summer Mission.

Sisters Show: Dance!

Tuesday, October 24

7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

No charge for this event

Sisters Mary Lou Russell and Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins will again present a concert of music by Mary Lou accompanied by an exhibit of art works by Neka. Music will include dances by Chopin, Debussy, Kodaly, Prokofiev, Milhaud, Antheil, Joplin, & Cole Porter...and still be over in an hour. Also featured will be a sneak preview from Neka's painting selections from her upcoming series "FEMME," celebrating the beauty of femininity. The evening will end with the traditional performance of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor on loud pipe organ.



Photo by Bruce Jenkins



Lunch on the Lawn

Sunday, October 29

10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Let New Zion Youth Choir do the cooking for you on Sunday, October 29. Enjoy King Ranch Chicken while dining alfresco on the lawn overlooking the Pumpkin Patch. \$8 per person. All proceeds support the New Zion Choir summer mission.

Christmas Eve Worship Time Change

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will combine the New Heights and Sanctuary worship communities for a joint morning service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Our traditional Christmas Eve services will be held in the Sanctuary at 2:30, 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Please note there will be no 11 p.m. service this year.

New Heights will worship in the CLC at 6:00 p.m.



Need Prayer?

Call 826-4628

Our 24-Hour Prayer Room!



Prayer Room Celebrates 20 Years of Ministry



On Sunday, September 24, the AHUMC Prayer Room hosted a celebration reception after each worship Service for all to enjoy. Delicious *Anniversary Cake*, homemade goodies, and punch were offered along with joyous smiles and sharing about this wonderful ministry of prayer.

Information about the Prayer Room was available and persons could sign up to serve for an hour a week. A brief training is given to all new intercessors.

A special *Thank You* to Barbie Lee and Libby Hannah, Prayer Room Coordinators and all the wonderful Day Captains and intercessors for blessing us all with your prayers and leadership. Pictured above left are Lynn Lambert and Janie Keator serving treats. Lauren Ahrens and Nancy Armstrong (top right) offer Anniversary Cake while Diana Ridgway and Georgia Thomas invite new intercessors to sign up!

If you would like to know more or are interested in serving the Lord by praying for others, please contact Barbie Lee at 210- 828-1865.



Do You Have a Heart for Holy Communion?

A new Communion Guild is being organized to help prepare the Communion elements on the first Sunday of every month as well as special times such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. If the Lord has given you a special love for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, might the Lord be calling you to serve in this way? Work involves filling cups with juice, preparing bread and setting up the altar as well as checking between services to get all ready for the next service. Training is provided. The goal is to have teams of 2-3 persons who would

rotate responsibilities throughout the year, hopefully serving 2-3 times a year. Therefore, we are praying for 15-20 people to offer their gifts in this special service. If God is calling you, please contact Mitzi Dunn, Coordinator, at 210-410-4892. You will find a blessing in serving the Lord in this way!

Thank You Jackie Freeman & Barbara Boemer, and Welcome Mitzi Dunn!

Jackie Freeman, our wonderful Communion Coordinator for the past several years, has entered Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary this fall to pursue ordination into full time ministry. While we will miss her and are truly grateful for her years of devotion, commitment, and service, we pray God's blessings on Jackie as she begins this part of her journey answering God's call. We praise the Lord for all that Jackie means to our church. We are also blessed to have Barbara Boemer (Coordinator of the Chancel Guild), who has served as interim in Jackie's absence. Thank you, Jackie and Barbara, for blessing us in so many ways!

We also say welcome to Mitzi Dunn who has graciously stepped forward to become the new coordinator for our Communion Guild. Mitzi serves on the Chancel Guild and sings in the Joy Singers. We are truly grateful to God for her leadership and willingness to serve!



Chapel at Mt. Wesley, Kerrville, TX

EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK 118 **BEST WALK EVER!**

Mount Wesley- September 28th- October 1st

Last month, 36 women attended the Walk to Emmaus held in Kerrville, Tx. This walk was led by Valerie Slade and Dinah Shelly. This retreat was powerful with the Holy Spirit working on the hearts of those who attended. The message of Emmaus is that God loves each of us even before we are born. As children of God, we don't have to do anything to earn His love- just receive it. God meets us where we are.

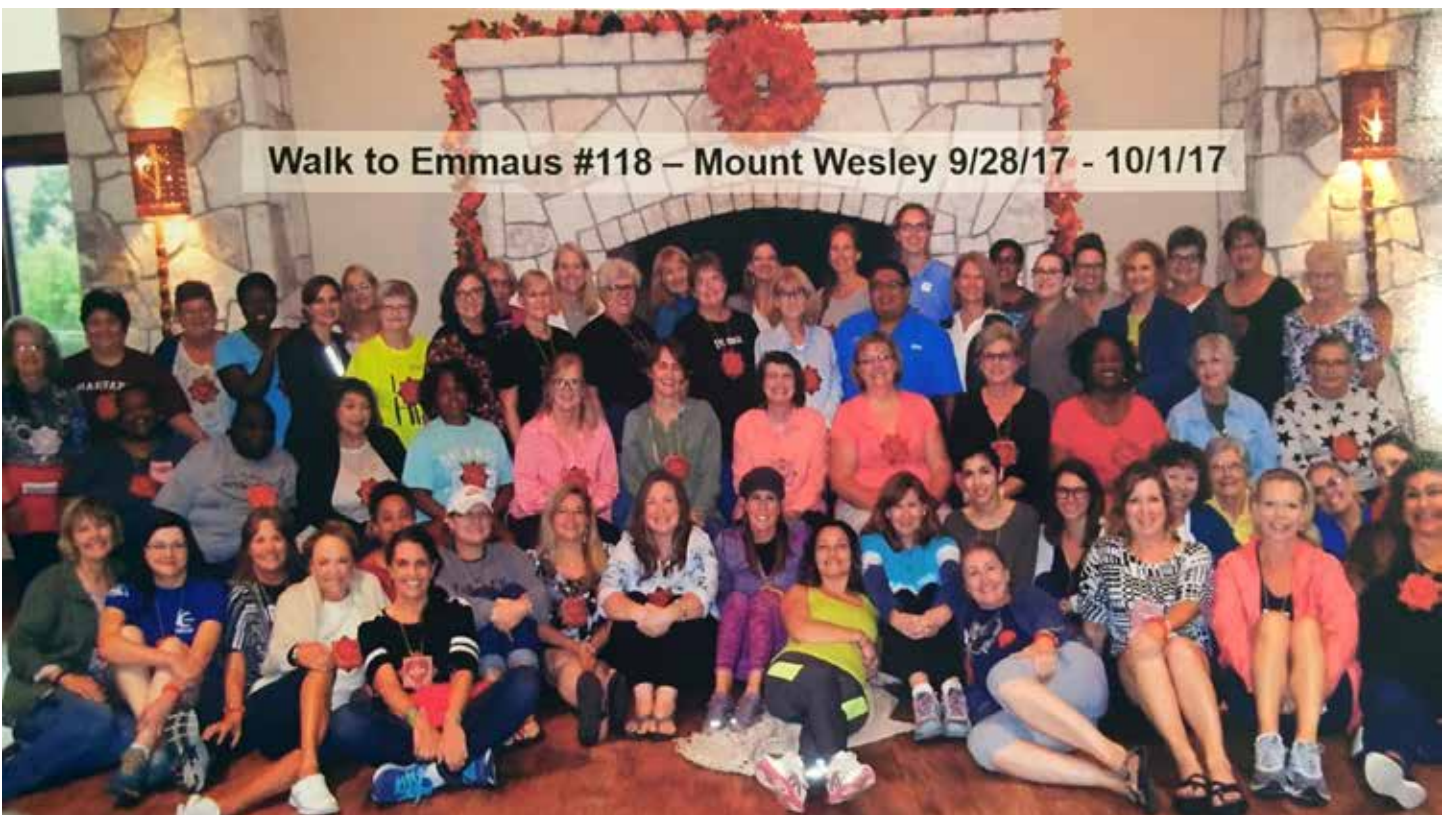
Pilgrims attending this walk from AHUMC were: Megan Wright, Dana Hawkes, Veronica Gill, Kim Sheffield, Tricia Miller, Crystal Ennis and Amy Soupiset.

Pilgrims attending from our sister churches Asbury and Riverside were: Mary Beaty, Lori Nease, Susie Freeland, Laurie Cheves, Cindy Kilgore, Mikaela Rios, Jeannie Scott, Denise Sample, Carol Hicks, Mechell Salmon, Lisa Barber and Faye Crowell.

Those serving on the team from AHUMC, Asbury and Riverside were: Gloria Dear, Judy Zimmerman, Lauren Wert, Denise Whistler, Diane Ortiz, Robert Ortiz, Janet Weatherston, Linda Marceau, Kathryn Hancock, Lani McEwen, Janet Funari, Chip Slade, Jack Wright, Nicholas Weatherston, Randy Marceau,

Susan Mengden, Nan Rose, Stacy Darr, Monica McNitzky, Renee Kizziar and AJ Allee

COMING SOON: EMMAUS MEN'S WALK 119! This walk will be led by Blake Taylor and Scott Heare- both from Riverside. Registration will open in November 2017. Stay tuned for more details!





AHUMC Community Caring Corner

News of Our Church Family

Prayers of healing for those hospitalized in Oct.

Chaney Carroll	Jean Graham
Richard Jackson	Gabriella Karickhoff
Keene Martin	Ian Horner
Shirley Hastings	Dorothy Watson
Ruth Carlson	Hike Jackson
Chaney Carroll	Jean Graham

Baptisms

Jack Porterfield IV
Jennie Westmoreland
Georgia Cadwallader
Milani Sakhel

Prayers of Comfort for the Family of:
Barbara Hanna

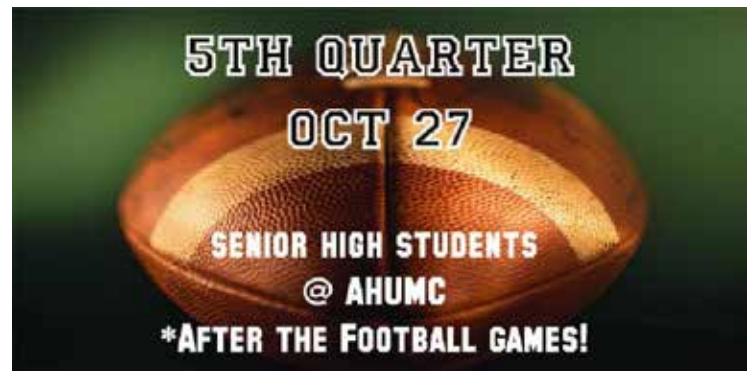
FREE Family Movie Night



Join us on **Friday, October 20**
in the CLC!

6-6:30 pm – Crafts & Games
6:30-8 pm – *The Secret Life of Pets*

Bring a camping chair, blanket, or sleeping bag
for optimal movie enjoyment! Movie snacks provided.
Feel free to bring your own dinner.



Fall Sermon Series Rest for Your Souls

October 15

Topic: *The Great Invitation*

Text: Matthew 11:28-30

Theme: Jesus issues an ancient invitation to rest as a way of life.

October 22

Topic: *Subversive Sabbaths*

Text: Exodus 20:8-11

Theme: Sabbath was an anti-Egyptian act. Egyptians viewed people as commodities and human worth was based on production.

October 29

Topic: *The Badge of Busyness*

Text: Genesis 2:1-3

Theme: The only commandment we brag about breaking is the Fourth. Apparently, we are more important than God who made time to rest.

November 5 All Saints

Topic: *Sabbath as Sign*

Text: Exodus 31:12-17 (see also Ezekiel 20:9-10)

Theme: Sabbath is a sign of our relationship with God and therefore, a witness to the world.

November 12

Topic: *Relationship, not Rules*

Text: Mark 3:1-6

Theme: Sabbath is not primarily about obeying rules, but rather about enjoying a relationship.

November 19

Topic: *The Open Door*

Text: Isaiah 56:3-8

Theme: Sabbath is about a life devoted to equality and inclusion.

November 26

Topic: *The Bridge*

Text: Hebrews 4:1-4

Theme: Sabbath bridges past and future; creation and new creation, earth and heaven.

The Live Nativity Scene

An AHUMC Tradition

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Monday, December 18 – Thursday, December 21

Front Lawn of the Church

Begun by Harold Burkhardt in 1950, the Live Nativity Scene continues to offer a simple but beautiful re-telling of the Christmas Story. Offered in 15 minute segments between 7:00 and 8:15 p.m. in front of the Garden and Prayer Chapels each evening, the ancient and beautiful story comes alive through actors, scriptures, and song.

Be on the look out for sign-up forms in the Atrium as the season approaches. We will also need help during production as well as assembling the set on a Saturday beforehand. If you have further questions you may contact Alison Calloway Band at Alison.C.Band@gmail.com or 210-896-1492. Sign up as an individual, family, Sunday School class, or study group.



Thursday Lunch Bunch Announces

December Holiday Delight!

Saturday, December 9

1:00 - 9:30 PM

Join us at **The Rockbox Theater** for
The Christmas Musical Show
A Delicious Dinner at Andy's Restaurant
A return trip home via Johnson City
to see its beautiful Christmas Lights!

Cost: \$55.00 -Make checks payable to AHUMC
Reservations deadline - **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21!**

Registration for Thursday Lunch Bunch Participants
Begins Oct. 12

Registration for any interested person
Begins Oct. 22

2017 Operating Budget – \$4,000,000

Needed Through September: \$2,622,127

Received Through September: \$2,216,761

Shortfall: \$405,366

*Everything comes from you, O Lord, and we have given you
only what comes from Your hand. 1 CHRONICLES 29:14*

Join us for Thursday Lunch Bunch in November and December

Join us for Thursday Lunch Bunch in November and December Ready for fellowship and a tasty meal? Call the church 210 826-3215 for reservations and join us for all the fun at 11:45 with the meal served at noon. There are no dishes for you to clean up, and where else can you enjoy a meal like the ones listed below for a mere \$5.00? The fellowship, music, and fun are all free. If you enjoy games, come at 10:30 for Bingo.

November 2 – Ready to start your month with a new experience? Our menu for the first week of November includes Punch, Crispy Baked Fish with homemade Tartar Sauce, Corn Casserole Broccoli Slaw, Hushpuppies and Apple Cobbler.



Dick and Sally Ann Thornton

November 9 - Join us for a special Veteran's Day Celebration complete with decorations and music, and one of our favorite menus. Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Mixed Seasoned Vegetables, rolls and Spice Cake

November 16 – Join us for an early Thanksgiving meal of Turkey and Cornbread dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, yeast rolls and pumpkin or pecan pie.

November 23 – No Lunch Bunch Happy Thanksgiving to all!

November 30 – Ready for Italian! Come and join us for homemade lasagna, garden salad, garlic bread and Orange Pineapple Cake

December 7 – *Christmas Delight*- Don't miss out on this holiday tradition! Please join us for a delicious meal of Beef Burgundy over egg noodles, Apple and Strawberry Salad with balsamic dressing, yeast rolls and the best bread pudding with vanilla sauce in town! The festive décor is well worth a look and there is always a little surprise for everyone. Make your reservations now!



Servers-Genie Clayton-Tim Gillian-Helen Groos-Lynn Breuer-Paula Rast-Betty & Ken Gruner



Servers-Patricia & Harold Burkhardt



Cooks-Carolyn Edwards-Bruce Michel-Diana Byers



****EXTRA! EXTRA!**** **December 9** - Follow up the “*Christmas Delight*” with the *December Holiday Delight!* Join us for a charter bus trip to Fredericksburg, TX for a fun Christmas Show at the Rockbox Theater followed by dinner and a drive by through Johnson City to see the festive lights! (**Details on Page 6**)

December 14 – How about a little Tex-Mex! Today's menu is King Ranch Chicken, tomato salad with guacamole, chips and salsa, and Brownies. This is our last meal of 2017. Lunch Bunch returns January 4, 2018. See you then!

***Menus are subject to change

Rev. Donna Strieb is excited to be the new Thursday Lunch Bunch Pastor for those who attend as well as those who serve on the TLB Team.

***By Love, Serve One Another
Galatians 5:13***



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Coming Up

visit www.ahumc.org for details on these and other upcoming events

Family Movie Night
October 20

Sacred Sounds
October 22

Sisters Show
October 24

Trick or Treat for a Cause
October 29

Taizé Service
Nov. 1



Join us at ahumc.onthecity.org

This fall our children will be helping feed the poor in our own community. Just as God cares for us, we can show our love for Him by caring for others.

Each month this fall, our children will vote on one food item they would like to collect to give to children less fortunate than they are. We'll send home a note indicating which food item the children selected to bring in. At the end of the month, the food items collected will be taken to the Hope Center for distribution to those in need in our own community.

Thank you for helping our children exemplify the Father's love through loving each other.

With thanks,
Children's Ministries @ AHUMC



Last night David Roper sent me a video of our students reciting the Shema from the Launch Retreat.. we can be louder. - David McNitzky

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