



The Messenger

The Newsletter of Fairwood UMC

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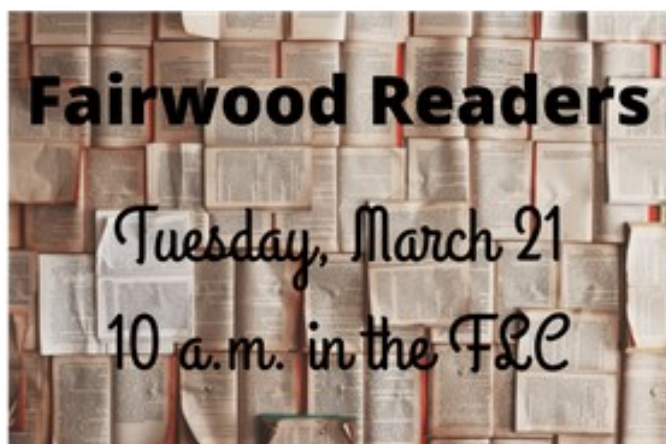
Advent Bible Study

Jim Showen will be leading an Advent bible study for six weeks beginning Thursday, March 9. Each study will take place on Thursdays in Gaut Parlor at 1:30 p.m.

Books for the study will be provided. If you would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Showen at jimlaqshowen@yahoo.com or 903-330-3142.

Flower Dates Still Available

If you would still like to schedule a date to provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one for the chancel for 2017, please contact Marie Jackson.



Fairwood Readers

The first meeting of the year for the Fairwood Readers is Tuesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. in the FLC. All are welcome!

Food, Glorious Food!

Friday, March 3



6 pm. @ Mama's Restaurant on 5th

Upcoming Emmaus Walk

The spring Walk to Emmaus Events will take place at Disciples Crossing in Athens. If you have any questions, please contact Debra in the church office.

Men's Walk: March 2-5

Women's Walk: March 9-12

East Texas Food Bank

Fairwood will be volunteering at the East Texas Food Bank on Thursday, March 23 at 1 p.m. Volunteers should meet at the food bank. All are invited to help! If you have questions about volunteering, contact Claudette Hogenmiller.

FAIRWOOD college night



UMCOR Opportunity

College students from Tyler Junior College and UT Tyler will be going on a mission trip to the UMCOR Depot in Conroe April 7-9. They will be making flood buckets for disaster response. The group is asking local churches to help gather items for the buckets. If you would like to donate items for flood buckets, please bring them to the church during the month of March. Please drop off items at the church office Below is a specific list of the items needed.

- **5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid**
- **Liquid laundry detergent** (50 oz. or 25 oz. bottles only)
- **Liquid household cleaner** (12-16 oz., no spray—can be mixed with water)
- **Dish soap** (16-28 oz. bottle)
- **Air freshener** (aerosol or pump)
- **Insect repellent spray** (6-14 oz. spray or pump with protective cover)
- **Scrub brush**
- **Cleaning wipes** (reusable, no terry)
- **Sponges** (no cellulose)
- **Scouring pads** (no stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads)
- **Clothespins**
- **Clothesline** (50 or 100 feet)
- **Heavy duty trash bags** (3-45 gallon bags)
- **Dust masks**
- **Durable dishwashing gloves**
- **Work gloves** (leather palms)

Save the Date!

March Lunch Bunch

Save the date! Lunch Bunch will meet on **Friday, March 24** at Loggins Restaurant at 11 a.m.

Fellowship and Thursday Night Life

Thursday Night Life at Fairwood gives local college students from the UT Tyler Wesley Foundation a chance to gather each week for food, fellowship, and following God. What started as an event that would be deemed a success if three students came has grown to an average attendance of over 10 students gathering at Fairwood each Thursday.

With a budget of about \$30, the students shop for groceries to prepare a meal to feed the group before taking part in a bible study and playing games.

On the third Thursday of each month, these college students blend with Fairwood members for Fellowship where they can enjoy a meal and develop relationships.

Please consider joining the Fairwood community and the students from the UT Wesley House on **Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m.** in the FLC for a potluck meal and fellowship! ****Fellowship is the fourth Thursday in March due to spring break.****



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

-Jeremiah 29:11

03 Matthew Coker	16 Jean Morris
05 Doug McNeece	17 Johnnie Wanger
05 Stacy West	20 Glen Hicks
07 Jill Zavala	24 Milton Jackson
10 Mona Ford	27 Carlie Clover
10 Skeet Hanssen	27 Cassie Whitman
12 Jeanne Sellers	
13 Brad Wilson	

March 2017 Fairwood Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30 AM Meal Service at Green Zone 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Choir Practice	2 6:45 PM Thursday Night Life (FLC)	3 6:00 PM Food, Glorious Food at Mama's Restaurant on 5th	4
5 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:45 AM Worship 1:00 PM Mundo de Fe	6 2:30 PM Prayer Team (Library)	7	8 6:00 PM Choir Practice	9 1:30 PM Advent Bible Study (Gaut Parlor) 6:45 PM Thursday Night Life (FLC)	10 12:30 PM Chatterboxes	11
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