



FAITH UMC NEWS



By now I hope you have all heard about our new Grow Team. In fact, I hope you've taken some steps to learn how you can be involved, because it exists for anyone and everyone interested in the future of Faith UMC! The goal of Grow Team is simple: to revitalize current ministries and launch new efforts to have a greater impact on our church and in our community. Anyone with ideas, energy, and a willingness to be involved is invited to be part of this team. I hope that's you!

I want to share with you three themes that are at the heart of Grow Team:

Everyone is called to ministry. Every follower of Christ is called to serve. There are no age restrictions, educational requirements, or specific abilities needed. We all have a place in ministry. A church where only the pastor is doing ministry is a church that isn't doing very much! We may not all be called to the same type of ministry, but we all have work to do!

Everyone grows in Christ through serving. When we are using the gifts, talents, and abilities we've been given to serve the Lord, we will grow. Just like anything else we do, the more often we serve, the more effective we become. It becomes a two-fold blessing: we are more effective in serving others, and we grow closer to Christ.

Everyone has spiritual gifts useful to the church. There is not a follower of Christ who hasn't been gifted by the Holy Spirit. Our gifts may be different, but they are all useful and necessary for the work of the church. The church carries out its mission so much more effectively when we are all using these gifts in service to the Lord.

It is a beautiful thing when our gifts and passions come together with unmet needs in our community. Lives are changed, hope is restored, and growth happens. Let's grow together!

Grace and peace,

Brandon



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UP-COMING EVENTS

February	10	A snack meal to be prepared and served at the Firehouse
	12	Church Council at 6:00 pm
	14	Valentine's Day
	15-16	Youth Retreat at the church
	16	Women of Faith will meet @ 10 am
	17	Boy Scout Sunday. A covered dish meal to follow worship as we honor our scouts.
	17	GROW team meeting @5pm
	20	Faith Roots Modern Worship Kick-off Event @ 7pm
	24	Apodaca baby shower @ 2pm
	March	3
9		Murder Mystery Dinner
9		Daylight Savings Begins - spring forward



Lise VanWinkle passed her citizenship test and interview on January 29.

Her Oath Ceremony will be held in Montgomery on

Tuesday, February 5 at 2pm.

Congratulations Lise!

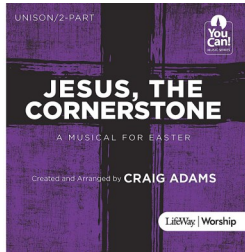
Firehouse—A meal of chili, cornbread and cupcakes will be served at the Firehouse Shelter on Sunday, February 10th. If you would like to help provide a food item or serve, please contact Lori Ennis. You can text Lori at 540-0592. The group will leave from the church at 2pm and return around 5:15

Women of Faith will be meeting on the third Saturday of each month. The February meeting will begin at 10am in the Fellowship Hall on February 16.

Youth Gravity retreat: 2/15-16: The morning service project will be at 3 hots and a cot on . We are excited the youth of Clay UMC will be joining us for our retreat. We will also be having breakfast and Sunday school at Clay UMC on Sunday, Feb. 17th

Boy Scout Sunday—February 17. There will be a covered dish meal after worship as we host Troop 124 Scouts and their families.

GROW Team will meet on Sunday evenings at 5pm. The next meeting will be on February 17. How can we reach out to others, in our church and community, to make disciples of Christ?



The Praise Team will start work on the Easter Musical—Jesus, The Cornerstone—in a few weeks. The Praise Team is looking for additional voices. Interested in being a part of this powerful, worship experience? Talk to Josh.

Faith Roots Modern Worship Kick-off Event

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

6:30 pm

This will be a "modern worship service" led by Joshua Apodaca and hosted by Faith Roots. We will sing contemporary songs and have guest speakers. On February 20, Skip Pennington will share a devotion. The service will start at 6:30pm, There will be child care available. EVERYONE is invited !

February Sermons

For the next 3 weeks we are going to do a short series on Jonah called "Reluctant Hearts Relentless Grace." While we'll be talking about a lot of verses, for each week we'll highlight the following:

2/10: Jonah 1:1-3

2/17: Jonah 3:10

2/24: Jonah 4:1-3

*A Memorial Service will be held
Friday, February 8, at 2pm
At Faith UMC
To honor the life of
Frank Brayman*

The Brayman family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society or to Faith UMC.

Following the memorial service, a meal will be served. Contact the church office, 681-4429, or Tammy Kittrell, 205-544-7889, if you can help.

February Youth News



Firehouse Shelter

Faith UMC will provide the afternoon meal for the Firehouse Shelter on Sunday, Feb. 10. We will meet at the church at 2pm to travel to the Firehouse Shelter. We will fellowship and serve the meal, clean up and return to Faith UMC around 5:15pm. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated!

Please see Lori Ennis for additional needs and information.

Gravity Youth Retreat

We will have our annual in-house Youth Retreat Feb. 15-17. (Fri-Sun). This retreat is for all youth 6th-12th grades. It is a time for us to grow together, serve, and worship. Youth participants DO NOT have to be regular attendees at Faith UMC. If there are young people in your neighborhood that you would like to invite, we welcome them with open arms.

We will explore the five tenants of membership within the church as the hands and feet of Christ: Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. Our overall theme will be Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.

The retreat will begin on Friday Feb. 15 @ 6:30pm with registration and dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We will participate in Prayer Centers and look at who we are as children of God and as individuals within the community of faith. Friday evening activities will conclude at 9:30pm.

On Saturday, Feb 16, we will meet for breakfast at 9am and we will depart from Faith UMC at 10am to participate in a service project at Clay UMC where we will also be served lunch. We will return to Faith UMC at 2:15pm and then have structured free time until 4:30pm. Following free time we will go to Three Hots and A Cot to prepare and serve pancakes and to fellowship with the residents. At 7pm we will return to Faith UMC for dinner and debrief followed by worship and communion. We will dismiss at 9pm.

We will meet at Faith UMC for breakfast at 9am on Sunday, Feb 17, followed by our discussion and sharing time during Sunday School. After morning worship we will have a pot luck meal celebrating Boy Scout Sunday and dismiss following the meal.

There is no cost to participants in the retreat and if you need additional information or have any questions, please call Ms. Angela or Ms. Lori E. We hope to see everyone there!

Youth Confirmation Class

We will begin a Youth Confirmation Class on Wednesday February 20 at 6:45pm. We will meet through Wednesday April 17 prior to Easter Sunday. This class will be geared toward youth 6th – 12th grades however if there are others who wish to participate, all are welcome. The class will be team-taught by Rev. Brandon, Ms. Angela, & Ms. Lori E. We have allowed for several weeks but are not locked into a certain timeframe. We will take our time and if we need to spend more than one week on a topic we are prepared to do so. All materials will be provided for participants.

We would like to have mentors for our youth and or older participants. If you are willing to mentor, please contact Rev. Brandon, Ms. Angela, or Ms. Lori so we can outline our specific needs to you. We are planning to do a few group mentor sessions so that participants can get to know each other and share ideas, questions, and thoughts together.

A variety of resources will be utilized for this class. If you have questions about curriculum, please contact the church office and we will be happy to share the materials with you.

The Youth will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm in the Youth Room. Our schedule is as follows:

Wed. Feb 6 Youth Lesson

Wed. Feb 13 Youth Game Night

Wed. Feb. 20 Confirmation Class

Wed. Feb. 27 Confirmation Class

Save the Date....

We will celebrate Graduation Sunday on May 19 for our high school students, during and following morning worship. At this time we know of three students that will be graduating or have completed early graduation requirements for high school in 2019. Mr. James J. Musso (JJ), (graduated Dec. 2018), Mr. Dylan Styles, and Mr. Logan Higgins If there are others please let the church office know we want to celebrate their achievements!