

EFUMC Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, December 30

11:00 a.m. 2019 Donation Deadline

Tuesday - Wednesday

December 31 - January 1

Office Closed

Welcome,
2020!

Office Hours

Monday

8:30 a.m. - Noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Wednesday

Closed

Thursday

8:30 - Noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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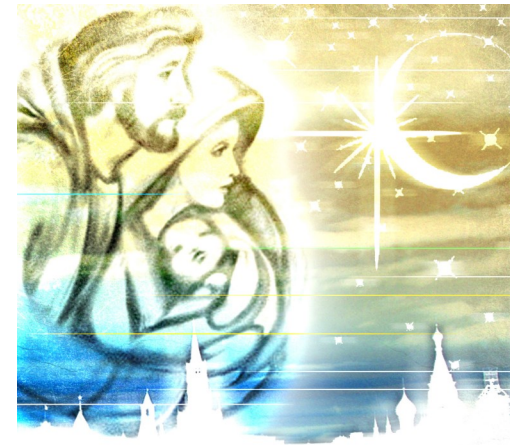
Office Manager: Kitty Daniels,
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Director Traditional Music: Dr. Ralph Boggess

Organist: Steve Ellison

Director Contemporary Music: Sara Bowden

Nursery Worker: Sharon Sheriff



Then *Joseph* Got Up,
took the child and his mother by night,
and went to **EGYPT.**

Matthew 2:14, NRSV

December 29 Volunteers

Combined Service

Greeter: Carmen Baxter, Mary Rose Gathman

Mugging: Mike Gasque

Traffic Jam: Linda Galloway

Altar Guild: Daisy & Jim Ruud

Acolyte: Zane McCord

Lay Reader: Bill Baker

Nursery: Jan Jackson

Ushers: T. D. Burnette, Jim Fogle,
Jimmy Jones, Riley King, Dale Mayson

Visitor Registration: Linda Galloway

Welcome Table: Gary Mathis

Technical Support: Jeff Knox

January 5 Volunteers

SonRise Service

Greeter: Mary Ann & Buddy Jordan

Ushers: Charlene & Larry Fetterly

Lay Welcomer: Lee McDow

Lay Reader: Mike Gasque

Communion: Mary Kay & Chuck Ouvry

Mugging:

Traffic Jam:

11:00 Service

Altar Guild:

Acolyte:

Greeter:

Lay Reader:

Nursery:

Ushers:

Visitor Registration:

Welcome Table:

Mugging:

Technical Support:



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*Providing families and individuals a Christ-centered option
in an increasingly complex and changing world through:*

Welcoming well

Meaningful worship

Encouraging small groups

Training teachers and leaders

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2019

Chimes of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Ken Owens

Opening Voluntary

“Fanfare on ‘The First Noel’”

CHARLES CALLAHAN

*Hymn No. 218

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

CAROL

Responsive Reading No. 199

Canticle of Mary

Bill Baker

Video

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Children’s Moments

Rev. Deana Gentry

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23
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Rev. Owens

Sermon

Rev. Owens

*Hymn No. 217

“Away in a Manger”

AWAY IN A MANGER

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering & Offertory

“Glory In the Highest”

*Doxology

“O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore You”
(Chorus Only)

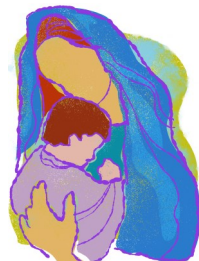
Seasons of Praise

*Song

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

*Blessing

**Those who are able, please stand.*



Human Relations Day Sunday - January 19

Journey of Faith United Methodist Church in Humble, Texas, is making a difference in the lives of low-income families through a partnership with Head Start.

The church campus is home to the school-readiness program’s new 5,700-square-foot center.

“They opened their arms (to us),” said Pamela Butler, senior manager for the Harris County Department of Education Humble Head Start Program. “(The church) supports us in all kinds of ways by reaching out for special holidays. They adopt us during the Christmas holidays and share things like that. So, we all benefit as a community.”

Journey of Faith’s partnership with Head Start is made possible through a Human Relations Day grant.

Head Start is a federally funded program that prepares preschoolers from low-income families for kindergarten. In addition to educational instruction, the center serves meals and snacks, offers family and disability services and developmental screenings.

“When they don’t get the program that we provide ... they just don’t have the opportunity (to get ahead), because they’re at home and sometimes the parents don’t work with them at home. So, this is the first ... opportunity they have to start and prepare them for school.

“We work on their social skills, their emotional skills, sometimes they have separation anxieties, listening skills. We just kind of work with them to give them the same advantage that some of the children would have if they’re already in preschool programs or private programs,” Butler said.

She said it’s a community effort to educate the children and, in turn, the whole community benefits. Journey of Faith helps with recruitment efforts and the Rev. Vincent Harris, lead pastor at the church, is one of the “Super Mentors.”

“Sometimes, children don’t have male role models, so once a month, Pastor Harris comes and reads to the children ... (and) he gives each child a copy of the book.”

The Humble campus serves 74 children and is at capacity, with a waitlist of more than 70. Butler said the program focuses on literacy, math and science, as well as social and developmental skills. Some of the children have developmental delays and speech problems.

Butler said she often hears from parents who are thankful for the program. She said they are amazed at the progress their kids show in such a short amount of time.

“After being a part of our program, they’re speaking, their social skills are ... much better. And they’re ready for kindergarten ... What we offer here — we don’t just look at the child, we look at the entire family. And, it really works. Head Start really works!”

Without Journey of Faith and United Methodists’ generosity on Human Relations Day, many of these children would not have the same opportunities.

“It’s a community effort. You have to not just reach the child, you have to reach the entire family and the entire community, because it takes everybody... If a piece of the puzzle is missing, then the puzzle is incomplete.”

Julie Dwyer, general church content editor, *United Methodist Communications*

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God’s children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

When you give generously on Human Relations Day, you encourage ordinary people to have a voice in changing the world.



The EFUMC Staff gives thanks for all the gifts and well wishes this holiday season. We especially thank all the faithful volunteers that help make our jobs so much easier throughout the year.

YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Group will resume on January 12, 2020

Lake J Ski Trip is February 7-9 - YOUTH AND PARENTS! Put this on your calendar and start preregistering for this trip by letting Deana know if you are planning to attend and if you are bringing friends.

Don't have youth but would love to support youth ministries?

We have a snack supper every Sunday for youth. If you would like to provide a dinner, let Deana know. We also need two subs who are available to teach Youth Sunday School.

Children's Sunday School Teachers Needed

Starting January 5, we need at least 2 additional teachers. Each teacher would teach once a month. We also need a few assistants. Please let Deana know if you are feeling called to this vital ministry.

EFUMC Financial Report	
As of 12/23/2019	2019 Actual
Operating:	
Pledged Revenue	359,203
Non-Pledged Revenue	162,690
Total Operating Revenue	531,720
Operating Expenses:	(540,047)
Under	(8,327)
Annual Budget	623,884
% of Budget Received to Date	87%
Non-Operating Revenue	53,931
Weekly offering	12,740
Weekly goal	13,000
Under	(260)
Attendance	
Sunday School:	82
SonRise Worship:	57
11:00 Worship:	149

2019 donations are due in the office by 11:00 a.m. TOMORROW. If mailed they must be received tomorrow. Thank you for your faithful support of EFUMC!

Guests! Thank you for joining us in worship. If you will leave us contact information, we will be glad to send you the weekly bulletin by email. **First time guests, please fill out the bright yellow card and give it to the "Mugger" at the door.**

If you would like a copy of the **January Informer**, it is now available in the Narthex.

United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fran Smith will present the Service of Prayer and Self-Denial Annual Program. Please attend and enjoy fellowship and lunch. In case of inclement weather UMW meetings will follow the Pickens County School District cancellations.

Children are invited to an **Epiphany Party** January 5 during the Sunday School hour. Meet in your regular Sunday School classroom and then there will be crafts, games and snacks. Let Deana know if your child has any food allergies.

As we prepare for the new year, would you consider giving one morning to help in the church office? Typical duties include answering the phone, and greeting and directing guests. Thursday is the day the bulletin is folded, so there is a special need for those mornings, as well as Mondays when the offering is counted. **Please contact Kitty if you are interested in serving.**

General Conference 2020 Listening Sessions

As we approach General Conference which is May 5-15 in Minneapolis, the SC delegation is holding listening sessions. They will explain how the UM system works, hear concerns and answer questions. Questions may be submitted in advance. The delegation is equally split between laity and clergy.

Two sessions are of interest to us. One will be at 3:00 p.m. on February 16, at Mauldin UMC. The other will be an online session at 3:00 p.m. on February 23.

Registration is free, but please register in advance, at umcsc.org/gc2020.

Judge Jackie Jenkins is the head of the SC delegation, and she writes, "We are primarily here to listen to you. Therefore, we are asking that you feel free to speak from your heart because this is a holy time; it's a holy conferencing. Oh, what a wonderful opportunity to make a difference that matters! Oh, what a magnificent obligation. And, we covet your prayers. We ask that you pray for us as we pray for you during our pilgrimage to Minneapolis to do God's work for our church."