

February Missions

Souper Bowl of Caring 2022

Super Bowl VXi is fast approaching, which means the Souper Bowl of Caring is also coming up. This is a mission our church has long embraced. It started when a youth prayed for those who didn't have a pot to put soup in. As part of the observance, we will be conducting a canned soup drop-off to benefit the Lions Food Pantry on the TAMU-C campus.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place on [Saturday, February 12, from 11:00 to 1:00 curbside in front of Mugs](#). You don't even have to get out of your car! Just hand your donation of soup or chili--even a canned stew-- to a waiting volunteer. In case of rain, the drop-off spot will be the Farmers Market pavilion on Bonham Alley.

If you would like to join the campus volunteers in 30-minute shifts, please call Judy Rudoff at 903-366-2634.

Last year, the drive yielded about 300 cans. Can we top that this year? Let's try!



LET'S TACKLE HUNGER!

February Mission of the Month supports our local food pantries. This year continues to be different in many ways. But, one thing is the same: the need to tackle hunger.

This year, the need for hunger relief in our country continues to grow, and our local food charities need our help! All \$1 bills and designated gifts will go to the Commerce Food Pantry and the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Just imagine what good could happen if everyone watching the big game gave just \$1 to a local food pantry!

To give online go to <https://map.tacklehunger.org/> and choose your charity.

"MEAT" THE NEED

Families are always in need of protein, but food pantries often don't have enough. While shopping this month, pick up an extra can of tuna, chicken or chili. Let's work together to help "meat the need" in our community. All donations will be delivered to the Commerce Food Pantry and the Bread of Life Food Pantry.



In this Sunday's reading from the Old Testament, Jeremiah 1:4-10, the Word of the Lord comes to Jeremiah in a dramatic way and young Jeremiah is humbled. He says "Ah, Lord God, truly I do not know how to speak, for I am ONLY a boy."

Only is LONELY. The Lord seems to reprimand Jeremiah for saying "only" a boy. God charges him with a task and promises him help and hope. Jeremiah would never be "only" again! Nor will you and I be "only". The Lord promises to deliver and to be with us... Jeremiah, and you, and me! "God with us." In Hebrew it is rendered --"Emmanu-EL"-- where "EL" is God and "emmanu" is human. Not just "A God" but "THE God", in human form, in Christ, in one another! The LORD GOD, the ONE.

Though you and I may feel LONELY, we are never, ever, "ONLY". **Never** and **only** are extreme words. They are at the edges and absolute. But "**always**" is just as extreme and just as absolute! And in a **more positive way!** With God, the words of the statement "I am" are in the past, the present, **AND the future!** Past, Present, and Future equals always! God promises Jeremiah to put words in his mouth and give him power. The Lord God says to Jeremiah, "I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to decide, to discern, and to deploy. To build and plant!"

I believe the church is full of Jeremiahs. You and me. And they and we. What are we building? Never say I am "only". Because of God's presence, Jeremiah was strong. So are you! And so am I.

O Lord, be to us a Refuge, a strong Fortress to save us, for you are our Rock and our Redeemer! (Psalm 71:3)

Proud to Be Your Pastor,



Valentine's Potluck

Sunday, February 13
after worship in the
Family Ministry Center



Connect Team will provide cake.
Please bring a main dish or side dish to share.

In recognition of Scout Sunday, local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and their families are invited to this potluck luncheon.

We hope you will join us!

Children's Sunday School

Children ages 4-8 are invited to join us for Sunday School during worship, directly after the Children's sermon.

We will meet in the Family Ministry Center for Bible lessons and snacks.

If you are interested in serving as a helper or teacher, contact Amy Stark.



One Room
Sunday School

Prayer List 1-28-22

Recent Concerns:

- Family of Jean Arnold
- Family of Paul Johnson
- Henry Basiliere
- Gene Lockhart
- Carol Alden
- Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother)
- Janet Skauge
- Pat Skauge
- Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson)
- Julie (Janeen Kvanli's sister)

Continued Prayers (long term):

- ***Our world, country, & leaders***
- Lavinia Atchley (Harriet Williams' aunt)
- Harold & Becky Coker
- Jack Gray
- Cindy Jenkins (Tiffany Harrison's mother)
- Robert Jenkins (Tiffany Harrison's father)
- Mabel and Carl Little
- Brenda Mosley Longhoffer (Lisa McGuire's friend)
- Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents)
- Robert Seay
- Dudley Shaw (Robyn Elwell's brother-in-law)
- Christi Webster's friend with breast cancer
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Austin:

- Ruby Vander Velde

Discovery Village Rehab:

- Virginia Collier

Draughn's/Country Home Estate:

- Mary Louise McMahan
- Jayne Williams

Legacy Oaks (Midlothian):

- Jerry & Sandy Hutton

Oak Manor:

- Helen Cole

Those serving in our military:

- 2nd Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- Lt. Dan Barton
- Daniel Chamberlain
- Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
- Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick Stogner
- Col. Keith Williams
- Major Bob Farmer

February Birthdays

- 2/6 Robert Barton
- 2/13 Zaek Basden
- 2/16 Betty Casselberry
- 2/17 Kelly Frey
Ginny Haight
- 2/19 Brooks Clark
- 2/21 Richie Bruister
- 2/22 Ben Doughty
- 2/26 Wesley Jensen
- 2/27 Cathy Giles

February Anniversaries

- 2/8 Wyman & Harriet Williams
- 2/12 Jeff & Jan Helton
- 2/16 Craig & Katy Jensen
- 2/17 Tom & Suzanne Bailey
- 2/26 Joe & Amy Williams

Angel Tree Update

Angel Tree would like to say thank you to all the angels who adopted and/or baked cookies this year, FUMC's 22nd year to participate. Your lovingly bought and beautifully wrapped gifts were very much appreciated.

We are particularly grateful for The Prayer Shawl Ministry (a secret weapon for good at FUMC) and its support of this mission. It not only purchased gifts for ten children; it also provided the giant gift bags we used for each family's gifts. It also furnished large bags of candy for the families to enjoy. (While we think some caregivers may have had visions of hyperactivity, we're sure the children only had visions of sugar plums). 😊

Thanks to Judy Anderson, Kay Jensen, Linda King, Lee Riddle and Frances Sartwell from our congregation who baked cookies to show our support and love. We pray that the prisoners, caregivers and children all felt the love this season embodies.

In Christ,

Tricia Dempsey and Judy Rudoff

Little Ark News

Here are a few recent Little Ark pictures that reflect some of our Christmas activities, the New Year's balloon arch and playtime!



In case of emergency pastoral care need,
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