

# Benbrook United Methodist Church

MARCH 2019

## *The Spirit...*

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**Vision Statement:** Our vision is for Benbrook UMC to be Benbrook's vibrant, loving, Christ-centered fellowship for worship and witness, united in mission and service to our neighbors.

### **BUMC Staff**

Rev. Don Petty  
Senior Pastor

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Director of Children's Ministry

**Focused on Christ;  
United in Prayer**

Dear Church Family,

We are about to enter into a new season in the church year. Lent is a 40 day period of time (minus Sundays for those of you counting), starting on Ash Wednesday and ending at midnight the Saturday before Easter Sunday. It is meant to reflect Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness as described in several of the Gospels.

One of the most notable things that defines Lent is the practice of spiritual discipline. You may have heard about the discipline of giving up something for Lent. Why do we do this? Quite simply it is because it represents a time of fasting and self-denial. When we give up that which we crave or are comfortable with, the space and friction invites us to reflect upon the sacrifices that Jesus Christ has made for us.

If you delete something from your life I challenge you to add a spiritual discipline in its place. Perhaps that discipline is more time in prayer. Perhaps it is starting to or deepening your daily reading of the Bible. Perhaps it is more time spent listening to those you disagree with, in hopes of Christian love in seeking to understand and pray for them. Whatever it is, don't let the space created be a void without the Holy Spirit willing and able to speak to you.

Also, I encourage you to mark the start of Lent by coming to our Ash Wednesday Service. It will be on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 PM for a short 30 minutes. When we gather, we will place a small amount of ashes in the sign of the cross on our foreheads. While this action might seem a bit strange, it is a way of outwardly expressing the desire for repentance that we seek in our hearts and actions throughout Lent. Scripturally, whenever Israel was in mourning, the leaders would lead the nation in a time of repentance, which included dressing in sackcloth and wearing ashes. While sackcloth is not projected to be the latest fashion trend this Lent, I still want to strongly encourage you to come out to this special Ash Wednesday service.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Don



**March 10**



Prime Timer events are open to those 50+.

The Prime Timers enjoy breakfast and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month at Westside Café. Please contact Frances Covington, at 817 249-0084 to reserve your seat for the next breakfast on March 16th.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet March 8th and 22nd. Feel free to contact Frances for more information at 817 249-0084.

Remember our home bound members and those in the nursing homes. Please consider sending them a note or making a call to brighten their day. Missed someone in church for a few weeks? Please call to check on them.



*Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before Lent fasting begins. Join us in Reed Hall for a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 5 from 5pm till we run out of food.

Love offering greatly appreciated.

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## Lenten Biblical Meal

Breaking bread together, even today, seems to say we are friends; we share a common bond. For some of us, our fondest memories are those that came as we gathered around the family table.

You are invited to come and celebrate with us at a Biblical Meal on **Sunday, March 31** following Traditional Worship. We will have a time of fellowship as we recreate a meal that would have been common in Jesus' day.

A list of foods reminiscent of that time will be posted in the Narthex. If you are willing to provide food, please sign the list.

## Ladies enjoy fellowship time

Our next meeting of Mary and Martha Fellowship is Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm in Beavers room. You can join us at any time during the year as our programs are new each month.

We strive to present fun inspirational programs with time allowed for discussion and light snacks.

Please consider bringing donations of toiletries for WestAid families, our monthly project.

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## Teaming up for the Fight

Cancer has touched all of us in some way. And we want to stop this disease in its tracks. We've spent a few months fundraising for the American Cancer Society. On the day of the event, we'll honor the lives lost to cancer, celebrate survivors, and support the caregivers who so selflessly help others. **Relay For Life** is a unique fundraising festive atmosphere with entertainment, food, activities, and camaraderie.

BUMC has had a team participating in Relay for 15 years. It's not too late to join our efforts. Each team participant who raises \$100 in donations by **March 15** will receive a special Relay t-shirt. BUMC needs **YOU** to be on their team. Together, we'll be a part of making a difference in this important cause. **Relay For Life** will be held at Benbrook Middle-High School on **April 26** from 6pm – 11pm.

## Survivor Celebration

A dinner will be held in your honor **Thursday, March 28** at Benbrook Senior Center. Contact Jane McMillan to register.

Following opening ceremonies, all cancer survivors are invited to lead the lap to officially start the Relay with their "Victory Lap." Whether you are a cancer survivor for 20 years or 2 days you are invited to take part in this celebration. Your strength and courage help the community see that cancer survivorship is real—that we are making progress in the battle against cancer.

Please contact team captain Jane McMillan to participate or if you would like more information concerning the Relay. Office hours are 9am - 3pm Monday thru Thursday. 817.249.1257

## Words of thanks

“The family of Mildred Rainwater would like to thank the church family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and the wonderful meal that was prepared for such a large family. We appreciate you and your thoughtfulness.”

Jo Green & Jean Rainwater

## Board game night

Come fellowship with the Youth on Wednesday evenings in Reed Hall at 6 pm and play some old fashion board games, or try your hand at a trivia challenge, or a geography location game. Youth will not meet on March 13 due to Spring Break. If you'd like us to provide dinner for you, please text Teri Houston-Martin at 817-675-9479 before 5 pm on Wednesday.

## Congratulations on the New Arrivals



Natasha Witchley and Darrell Elliott announce the birth of Enoch James (E.J.) born January 30. Zoe is E.J.'s big sister. We thank God for this blessed new life and welcome him into our church family.



Barbara and Gordon Hoelscher are excited to announce the birth of their second granddaughter. Audrey's proud parents are Ginny and Andy Johnston. Alice is Audrey's big sister. We thank God for this blessed baby.

## Military birthday

Please send a card, extend a hand or hug to Lorren Runion to celebrate his birthday March 16.

Remember to include all military personnel in your prayers. - Military Care

**If you judge people, you have no time to love them. —Mother Teresa**

## Lunch-to-Go

We will be taking orders for sack lunches on Sunday, March 3 and March 10. Your choice of chicken salad or ham and cheese on a tasty croissant, chips and a sweet treat. Adults \$5 – \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds benefit **Benbrook's Relay for Life**. Lunch pick up is Sunday, March 17 in Reed Hall following the traditional service.



## New District Superintendent announced

Bishop Mike Lowry, episcopal leader of the Central Texas Conference UMC, has announced that Rev. Louis Carr will be appointed as the District Superintendent of the North District of the Central Texas Conference effective March 1, 2019. Louis succeeds Rev. Travis Franklin who is leaving the cabinet to take over as the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Grapevine. Rev. Carr currently serves as the senior pastor of Harvest UMC.

## Calendar of Special Events

March 2	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
March 5	Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	5:00 pm
March 6	Ash Wednesday Service	6:30 pm
March 8	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00pm
March 12	Mary/Martha Fellowship in Beavers Room	7:00 pm
March 16	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00am
	Men's Bible Study	10:00am
March 19	Trustee meeting	7:00pm
March 22	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00pm
March 26	Administrative Council	6:00pm
March 31	Biblical Meal	noon

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**JOYS AND CONCERNS - Please use this list during private prayer.**

**Celebrations**

The birth of E.J. Witchley-Elliott  
The birth of Audrey Johnston

**Remembrance and Celebration of Life**

Rosemary Mobley  
Mildred Rainwater  
Anita Banks

**Ongoing need for prayer**

Jerry Graves	Pastor Don Petty and family
Karen Witchley	Church Staff and Lay Leadership
Cotton Johnson	Police Officers and Firefighters
Cindy Ellis	
Frances Jones	
Tessa Trimble	

**Homebound**

Nancy Davis  
Lolly Pinkston

Jean & Thurman Hefty

**Assisted Living**

Pat Ashburn  
Aggie Cassady  
Theda Kornegay  
Linda Sullivan

**Nursing Facilities**

Joan Lamb-Hardin  
Joyce Kimberlin

**Remember to keep members of our military  
and our nation's leaders in your daily  
prayers.**

**Please inform the Church office of any changes to this list.**