

THE
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FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER OF A&M UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Journey
of
Discipleship



Rev. Preston Greenwaldt
Senior Pastor

THE PASTOR'S CORNER



The first thing that the kids say to me when we drive in the Summer is 'turn on the air, please!!' Typically it is the first thing that my wife says to me when we get home from a long day of work or transporting kids back and forth. Generally it is the first thing I say when I get to the office in the balmy morning hours of July.

How many of us would shop at Walmart or Target without them running a cool 62 degree temperature inside? How long would we make it sitting in the still air of our offices if there was no refrigerant running through a cooling system out back? Would we entrust our children's lives to a school system without central air? Especially now we know how good it is and how blessed we are to have it.

We have built every facet of our life around having central AC/window units/swamp coolers in Texas. It is surprising people lived without them at all. Yet the city of Houston was founded on June 5, 1837. Bryan Texas was founded in 1859 as a colony of Stephen F. Austin. Dallas was founded in 1841 and San Antonio was founded in 1718. Yet air conditioning was not invented by a 25 year old Engineer named Willis Carrier until 1902. I would like to tell you it was founded in Texas

where people desperately need it. However, it was founded in New York City! Do they need AC in NYC?

In a world that is seemingly growing more secular, I am finding how much my life is becoming more about Jesus. It is built around my Christian Community. Clearly it is at my work place, but it is also in my home. It is in the songs my children sing. It is in the prayers before every meal no matter where I am. It is in conversations with my friends. It is in conversations with my extended family. My social life is built around it. My hopes are built around it. My joy is sourced from it. If you removed it from my life I would be more lost than if the cool air of reprieve was removed from the places where I spend my time.

How do people live without the Jesus that gives us hope to get up in the morning and peace when we go to bed at night? Yet we are surrounded by people who have decided that they don't need God. People who have founded their lives in a community without a church that celebrates with them their greatest blessings and prays for relief in the very worst moments.

So much of the fall for me is becoming focused again. It is

a time for my family to once again be surrounded by all of the people that we have loved for the last two years and all the people we have just recently met. Yet I wonder in this season of refocusing what's inside the walls of my house... what about the people on its exterior? Do they not have a church simply because they haven't been asked? If I did ask them.. aren't I certain that our church offers so much of the life that people are missing?

So I invite you to invite someone else into the cool. Introduce them to this old story of salvation so it might be the greatest innovation that God has ever created in their lives. Maybe it is time that we stop inviting people to come to church and start inviting them to be a part of it. Frankly I don't know how I would survive now that I know how good God really is.

My prayer is that people would come out of the heat and into the light. Willis Carrier probably had no idea how desperately people needed his invention all the way up there in the Big Apple. The truth is we will never really know how deeply our neighbors need a Church in their life. The question is will you be the one that brings them there?



On July 15, 2018, Rev. Katy Ware Haislet joined us as our new Associate Pastor. Katy was born and raised in Cleburne, Texas, where she attended First United Methodist Church. Upon graduation from high school, she joined the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2003. Katy is a third-generation Aggie. During her time at Texas A&M she was very involved in the Methodist Student Center and Traditions Council and she never missed a home football game.



It was during her time at A&M, attending the Wesley Foundation and A&M UMC, that Katy received her call to ministry. Katy graduated from TAMU in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and a minor in Business Administration. That summer after graduation, she moved to Wilmore, Kentucky to attend Asbury Theological Seminary where she earned a Master of Divinity. Katy is in her 12th year of pastoral ministry, serving 7 years at Trinity UMC in Beaumont, Texas and 4 years as Senior Pastor at Hempstead FUMC and Lynn Grove UMC in Navasota.

In April of 2018, Katy and her husband, John, who is also an Aggie, were married at A&M UMC and have many connections to this church. They were honored to be the first wedding to include the newly renovated organ. John's grandparents, Marge and John Haislet, were instrumental in the original organ installation. A&M UMC was John's childhood church and has been his home church since moving back to College Station. Before moving to Tyler, John's parents, Jeff and Mary Haislet, were also active members of A&M UMC. Katy's parents, Bill and Linda Ware, along with John's dad, Jeff, all attended A&M UMC in the 1970's. In fact, Katy's dad was a summer youth director at A&M UMC in 1974.

Katy is very excited and honored to join the team at A&M UMC. She has a passion for connecting people to God and one another through the Church and can't wait to do that in Aggieland!

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Winter Messenger Deadline
October 1st
(November, December, January)

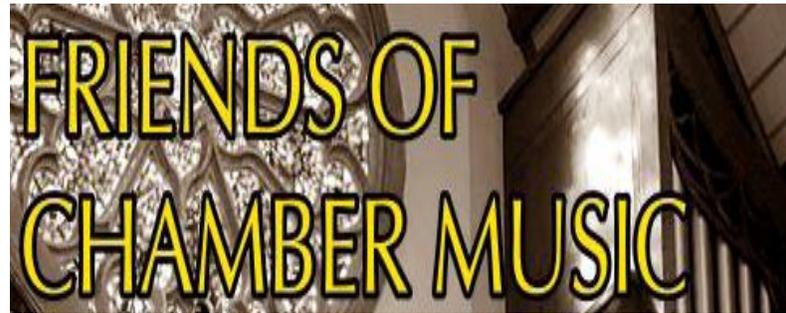
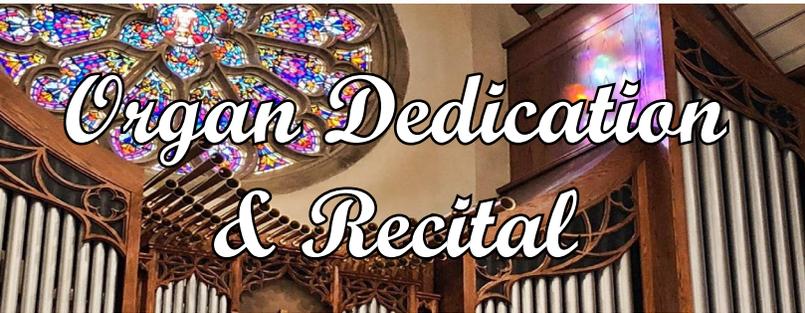


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Sounds of Worship



Ken Cowan: Organ Dedication Service September 16

Join us and organist Ken Cowan for a special worship service to dedicate the new Peragallo Pipe Organ, Op. 751.

Ken Cowan is one of North America's finest concert organists. Praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, he maintains a rigorous performing schedule which takes him to major concert venues and churches in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

Jungjin Kim: Organ Dedication Recital October 28

Join Dr. Jungjin Kim for an organ recital featuring selections from the best of the classical cannon. This is an event that you won't want to miss!

September 21 WindSync | Wind Quintet

In its ninth season, the prizewinning Houston-based wind quintet builds highly thematic programs that feature landmark quintets, new works by American composers, and premiere arrangements of standard repertoire with the goal of increasing accessibility and cultural significance of wind chamber music. WindSync is recognized for dramatic, fully memorized concert presentations that often feature collaborators from the worlds of music, dance, and multimedia.

10/26 Bach Society Houston

Bach Society Houston was founded in 1982 at Christ the King Lutheran Church to present Bach's cantatas in the context of a Sunday evening vespers service, inspired by the example of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan. The late Robert Lynn was engaged as Music Director, and together with Rick Erickson worked to establish an ensemble that reflected the latest research and scholarship of historically-informed performance practice of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. A series of Bach Vespers was the Society's first offering; the response of the public was overwhelming, and attendance at our home venue of Christ the King remained at capacity over the years as the number of presentations steadily increased.



A&M United Methodist Church is proud to be host to numerous musical organizations in Bryan/College Station. This year's season includes our own Organ Recital Series, hosting concerts by Texas A&M University, Friends of Chamber Music, and more! Keep up with all of the musical happenings at the church by following us at www.facebook.com/AggieMethodistMusic

Newcomer Lunch

August 12th • 12pm

Fellowship Hall

RSVP to (979) 846-8731 or office@am-umc.org

Children's Music Fall 2018

Joy Choir (1-5)

Sundays, 5:15-6:00pm - Choir Room

Kids Chimes (2-5)

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30pm - Bell Room

Cherub Choir

Sundays during the Sunday School hour

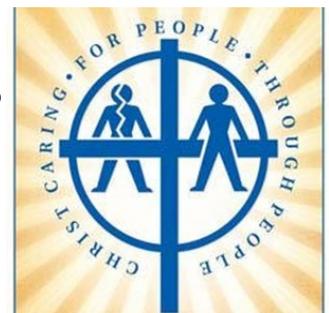
Senior Team

Senior Team will be releasing its Fall schedule of events soon. Watch for announcements in the bulletin, eNews or through your Sunday School classes. There are some fantastic activities and events coming soon!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a way congregations can provide high-quality care and outreach to hurting people in the congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers care for those dealing with grief, divorce, job loss, hospitalization, financial struggles, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness, and many other life difficulties.



We invite you to contact one of our pastors to discuss Stephen Ministry. They'll be glad to answer your questions and help you get in contact with appropriate Stephen Ministry leaders.

Are you new to A&M UMC?

Have you been here for a while, but want to become more involved in the life of the church?

We invite you to visit with any of the staff or lay leadership of the church. We'd love to connect you with studies, ministries, missions, or other areas where you can develop relationships with others in your church family while growing in your faith.

CONNECT with US

GAME DAY PARKING FUNDRAISER

\$20 DONATION

Lot Opens 3 Hours Before Kick Off

Are you looking for parking during Aggie football games?

A&M UMC ministry programs sponsor game day parking in the church parking lots. The parking lots open three hours prior to kickoff and remain open for one hour after the end of the game. Donation of \$20 per vehicle. Spread the word!

Date	Game	Sponsor
8/30 (Thursday)	TAMU vs Northwestern State	Adult Discipleship
9/8	TAMU vs Clemson	Music Ministry
9/15	TAMU vs La-Monroe	College Ministry
10/6	TAMU vs Kentucky	Family/Children Ministry
11/10	TAMU vs Mississippi State	Ekklesia Ministry Team
11/17	TAMU vs UAB	Weekday School
11/24	TAMU vs LSU	Youth Ministry



Wednesday Evening Studies & Small Groups - Fall 2018

Join us on WednesdayNights this Fall (begins August 29th)

Start the evening with dinner & fellowship at 5:30pm in the Great Hall (\$5 per person, \$20 family max), then join us for small groups and Bible studies:

- ◊ Pastor-led Study
- ◊ New Men's Bible study / small group facilitated by Todd Wood
- ◊ Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group facilitated by Cal Bonugli
- ◊ Women in Fellowship
- ◊ Youth & children's Activities, too!

Need more information about small groups, Bible studies or SUn-day School classes at A&M United Methodist Church? Contact Anne Campbell-Smith at (979) 846-8731 or anne@am-umc.org.

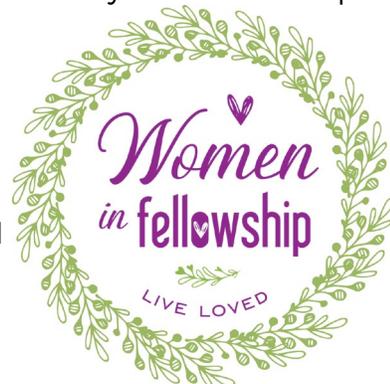
Women in Fellowship

Women in Fellowship (formerly Mom Time) is excited to invite all women to join us for a year of fellowship and fun.

Do you remember the response we make when a new member joins our congregation? We renew our vows to uphold our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

This year we will explore what that really means for us. Our evenings will vary and include fellowship, speakers, Biblical exploration, small groups or crafts and a lot of laughter!

Join us Wednesday nights 6:15-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Ellen Paloma (ellenpalomo@gmail.com), Cameron House (cameronhouse@gmail.com) or DeEsta Garrett (deesta1@outlook.com).





United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

The UMW invites all women to join them during their General Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the Annex Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S Prayer Breakfast

Last Wednesday of the Month
August - May
7:00 am.
Fellowship Hall



Support the Brazos Church Pantry:

GRAB a bag

BUY food items on the list

RETURN the food items on Communion Sunday

OR

Place a donation in the envelope



An outreach ministry of
A&M United Methodist Church

I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25:35



UMW Garage Sale

August 25th
Annex Fellowship Hall

Donations now accepted

contact Nancy Schneider or Joyce Louis for info

UMW School Kits

Don't like to shop, but want to make a donation? Cost per kit - \$11

Donations of the following are needed:

- blunt, round tip scissors
- loose leaf paper
- (6) unsharpened #2 pencils
- (3) 1 subject spiral notebook
- (1) individual sharpener
- (1) 2 gallon ziploc bag
- eraser
- 24 count crayons



Summer Fun!



Step Up and Serve!

CONFIRMATION MENTORS

Confirmation Mentors are adults who are paired with members of our 6th grade Confirmation class. They help guide them as they learn what it means to be Christian and a member of A&M United Methodist Church. We are seeking individuals to make a commitment to help guide confirmands on this spiritual journey. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Gwenda Beavers at (979) 846-8731 or gwenda@am-umc.org.

Adopt 
AGGIE

Adopt-An-Aggie signups will be open throughout the months of August and September.

YOUTH COUNSELORS, JC CLUB & LAMBS LEADERS NEEDED

We have the best children & youth in the area! And...we have opportunities available to work with them. Here's your chance to help the next generation learn about the Christian faith and to build relationship within the church.

BIG BROTHER & BIG SISTERS

As the nation's largest volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS) makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18 in the local community.

The mission of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Texas is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas currently has 50 children waiting to be matched with mentors. For more information on volunteering to mentor a child, please contact Terry Dougherty, BB/BS Branch Coordinator at 979-224-3660 or email at tdougherty@bigmentor.org

get
Involved
unteer

Be a part of our community as a Volunteer! All age-level ministries are looking for weekly volunteers to help teach Sunday School, lead Bible Studies or small groups, be prayer partners, donate a meal, help with mission projects, etc. There are many ways to get connected, each with different time commitments, but all are worth your time! If you don't where to start, contact April Place at april@am-umc.org to get started.

Children & Family

Are you on the Children's Ministry E-mail List?

Send an e-mail to gwenda@am-umc.org to be added to the contact list and receive all the reminders and breaking news from the Children's & Family Ministry program.



Confirmation Class Parent Meeting
September 9th
C-211, 5-6pm

Confirmation Class officially starts
September 9th
9:45 -10:45 am

August 26th
2-4pm
Annex Area

Parents of infant-6th grade must remain with their children - bring a lawn chair & enjoy an afternoon of fellowship!

 A collage of school supplies including a magnifying glass, a red alarm clock, a ruler, a soccer ball, and a paint palette.

Back to School Bash
All Ages

 A person's hands holding a black leather-bound Bible.

3RD GRADE BIBLES
WILL BE GIVEN OUT IN
SEPTEMBER

PARENTS:
LET GWENDA KNOW WHICH SERVICE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND VERIFY THE SPELLING OF YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL GWENDA BEAVERS AT
GWENDA@AM-UMC.ORG

Fall Dates:
September 22nd
October 27th
December 1st
9-11 am - Great Hall

Parents and their children (1-4 years - sorry, no tagalongs) are invited to join us for a morning of Bible lessons, crafts and activities.

A new playgroup for children ages 1 - 4 years.

 A group of colorful cartoon children holding hands.

little disciples

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."
Matthew 19:14

 A teal brushstroke background with the text "WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT A&M UMC" in a bold, black, hand-drawn font.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT A&M UMC

RESUME AUGUST 29TH

Children & Family

Flat Jesus on the Road



WHAT'S HAPPENING

JC Club Leaders Needed - Let Gwenda know you want to lead this great group of 1st-6th graders.

JC Club (1st-6th grade) & **LAMBS** (toddlers-K) meet on Wednesdays at 6:15pm during the school year beginning August 29th.

TEAM456 (4th, 5th & 6th grade) meet on Sundays at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall, beginning September 9th. Parents are asked to sign up in rotation to provide snacks.

Save the Date: Children's Ministry Parking Lot Fundraiser - October 6th - watch for details.





UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/26 – Back to School Bash 2-4pm
- 10/14- Youth-led Services
- 10/14-28 - Wall of Money Fundraiser
- 11/2-4 – Fall Retreat
- 11/24 - Parking Lot Fundraiser

OCT. 14TH

YOUTH SUNDAY

TRADITIONAL SERVICES

VOLUNTEER TO BE A
**YOUTH
COUNSELOR**

Youth Counselors Needed

Contact Zac Gilts at zac@am-umc.org to learn about how you can become involved with the youth program.

WEDNESDAY YOUTH
bible study

Youth Bible Study Wednesday Nights

6:15pm – 7:45pm
Meet in the Youth Commons

All youth are welcome and encouraged to join us for dinner at the Church beginning at 5:30pm followed by Youth Bible Study in the youth, commons from 6:15pm – 7:45pm.

Wednesday night youth Bible study begins August 29th.

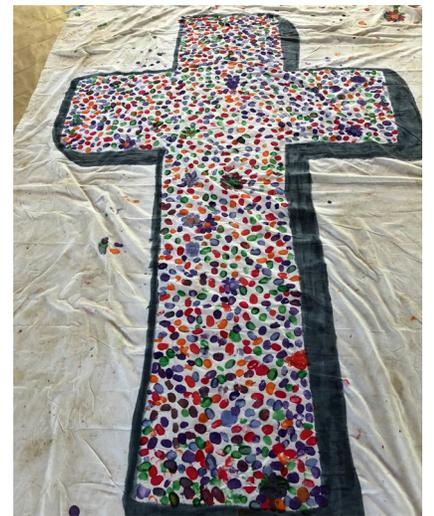
SUNDAY YOUTH
fellowship | service

Sunday Youth Schedule

- Back to School Bash - Aug. 26th -2pm
- MYF - Sep. 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th @ 6pm
- Youth Potluck / Parent Mtg - Sep. 9th @ 12:15pm
- Youth Sunday Rehearsal - Oct. 7th @ 12:15pm
- MYF - Oct. 14th, 21st, & 28th @ 6pm

We want you to be involved! The eNews will go out weekly with updates and announcements of upcoming events, as well as periodic reminders of what we have done together. To be added to the eNews list, e-mail Zac Gilts at zac@am-umc.org.

YOUTH





College Ministry Fall Schedule

College Worship: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month.
Gastrochurch: 2nd Thursday of every month
4th Thursdays: fun activity TBA!

If you're interested in baking desserts for the college students one Thursday night or volunteering to help cook, contact Anna at anna@am-umc.org.



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COLLEGE MINISTRY

Join our church family!

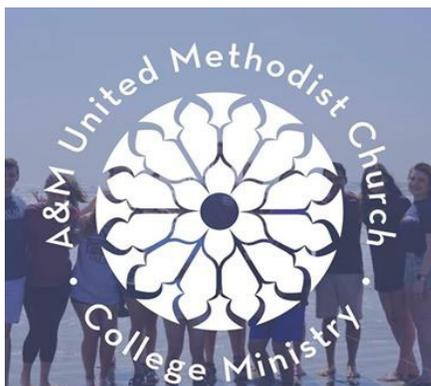
WELCOME BACK BBQ & COLLEGE WORSHIP

THURSDAY 8/23, 6:30 PM
GREAT HALL

College Ministry

Student Joining Sunday

September 30th



Want more information about College Ministry at A&M UMC?

Email Anna Abernathy at anna@am-umc.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and SnapChat: [@amumccollege](https://www.instagram.com/amumccollege)

Coffee House Updates

The Coffee House has an exciting announcement: We are starting an art gallery! We've been working on renovating our walls to be able to hang multiple sizes of artwork and installing track lighting. The gallery will play host to a rotating display of student art as well as artwork by members of our congregation. The first display will open on August 26th and will consist of artwork by members of the Lost & Found class.

We'll also be rolling out a new College Hangout Room, formerly known as the "Quiet Room." Be sure to check out the new space!

Special thanks to Ann Marsh and Paula House for their hard work fixing up the space this summer, and also to Judy Smeins, Patricia Burchfield, and Larry Patton for their insights.

The Coffee House is looking for volunteers this fall! If you're interested, email narikobnakachi@gmail.com. Mandatory training for all volunteers will be Sunday, August 26th at noon in the Coffee House. Lunch provided.



Join in the fun & adventure that is A&M UMC College Ministry:

- ☐ Sunday, August 5th: tumbler-stuffing in the breezeway
- ☐ Sunday, August 19th: passing out water on-campus to students and families who are moving in
- ☐ August 20th-24th: Howdy Week! We need helpers to slice watermelon, make lemonade, and cook and greet students at our Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, August 23rd. Contact Anna if you are able to help!
- ☐ BBQ & Worship : August 23rd
- ☐ Student Joining Sunday: Sept. 30th
- ☐ College Retreat - October 19th-21st

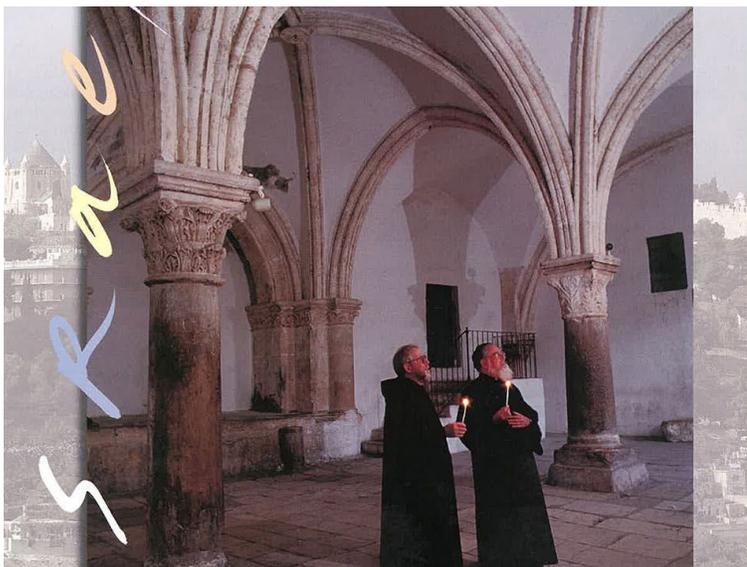
Many thanks to those serving on the 2018-2019 College Ministry Team:

Chris Engel, Julianne Hampton, Jack Harling, Lorrie Hill, Aaron Marien, Macy Melton, Nariko Nakachi, Jillian Sanders, Kristen Schiller, Robbie Swanson

Young Adult Ministry

Sunday School @ 9:45am in Room S-215 • Small Groups • Special Events

Facilitated by Anna Abernathy - anna@am-umc.org



Travel to the Holy Land
with
Rev. Preston Greenwaldt
February 3rd - February 16th, 2019
Email: preston@am-umc.org
for details



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