

THE POINT

CITY POINT UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



FEBRUARY / MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



As we creep toward spring, I invite y'all to be on the lookout for new life sprouting up around us and within us. There are things happening in this church, some are apparent, and some are happening behind the scenes - or to add to the spring metaphor - some are germinating under the surface and are getting ready to burst into the light.

We continue to attract new people to our church, and the kindness, the energy, the warmth, the hospitality that all of you display every Sunday is encouraging people to come back! Part of the reason guests are choosing to visit us is because our services can now be viewed online. If you ever want to see a service you missed, we strongly encourage everyone to watch us through our website. Simply go to www.citypointumc.org and watch our services without any pesky ads. While you are on our website, be on the lookout for changes we will soon be making. These changes will make our website more welcoming to people looking for a new church home and will make it easier for all of us to stay up to date with the ministries of our church.

John Wesley believed that one of the best ways to grow as followers of Jesus was to be active in small groups. He felt these groups help us to find the support and encouragement needed to grow in our faith. Some of you have been active in a small group for decades, but for those of you looking for a small group to join, we will be creating new groups. For these new groups, and for groups that have been chugging along for years, we are encouraging everyone to look at the book "*A Disciple's Path: A Guide for United Methodist*" during Lent. Please let us know if you are interested so we can buy the books for you!

This is going to be a busy spring, and I have faith that it will be a very fruitful season for our church and our community!

Peace,

Pastor Ramiro
Ramiro@citypointumc.org

Ashes in Parking Lot
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Ash Wednesday
Worship Services
In Sanctuary**
12:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Ash Wednesday
March 5

JOYS AND CONCERNS



Prayer REQUESTS

To add someone to the prayer list please email Laurie at Laurie@citypointumc.org or call the church office at 817-284-9371.

CHURCH FAMILY

AMPA HINSON
KEN LEVAN
PEGGY ZEIMEN

FAMILY & FRIENDS

PAT TILSON (*Gaylene Donnell Schueneman's mom*)
SUSAN FALLON (*friend of Brenda Bates*)
GAE BEST (*Jack Knowles' sister*)
BODIE (*student of Heather Rudzik*)
KELLER ISD (*where Heather Rudzik works*)
KEVIN BROWN, AUSTIN DAVIS, LARRY JENKINS
(*friends of Char Hudak*)
ALLIE HUDAK (*Char & Jay Hudak's daughter-in-law*)
RHONDA (*Camden Rudzik's co worker*)
MARTA WHITE (*friend of Janelle Rayfield*)
LEE KELSOE (*Chloe Kelsoe's dad*)
ATHENA CAMPBELL (*friend of Meg Feula*)
WAYMAN MATTHEWS & FAMILY (*Deneen Davis' cousin*)

Expressions of love and sympathy are extended to the following families.

*Susan & George Scott and family in the passing of
Susan's mother, Betty Miller, on January 2.*

*The family of Kay Straughn who passed away on January 1.
Kay is a former member of the church.*

*The family of Jean Russell who passed away on
December 18. Jean is a former member of the church.*

*Hayden Ponder and family in the passing of his mother,
Emily Ponder, on December 14.
Hayden is one of our past Choir Section Leaders.*

*Gaylene Donnell Schueneman and family
in the passing of her dad, Lonnie Tilson, on January 21.
Lonnie was a former member of the church.*

*The family of Don Clark, a former member of the church.
Don passed away on January 13.*



February 1

Jack Knowles

February 9

Jake Allen

February 18

Candiss Krug

February 19

Patty Hawkins

February 21

Linnea Grindley

February 22

Ronda Hantz

February 23

Betty Morris-Wallace

February 24

June Brook

Bill Munson

February 26

Jim Bustamante

March 8

Camden Rudzik

March 11

Gayle Tate

March 17

Mike Almy

Howard Brook

Wanda Yaggi

March 20

Ava Beale

Ellie Beale

March 21

Russell Houy

March 30

Doris Elliott

If your FEBRUARY/MARCH
birthday is not listed, please
contact the church office.

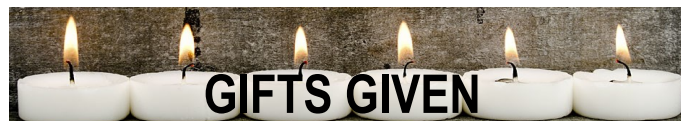


Happy Birthday to the following
contributors to the Birthday Fun-d.

JACK KNOWLES

All donations given to the Birthday Fun-d
this year will be used to pay the following
Special Offerings at the end of the year.

**Methodist Home Waco
Providence Place San Antonio
Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso
Thanksgiving Conference Offering**



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of: Betty Miller
(Susan Scott's mom)

Given by: Jim & Carol Sharp
(designated to UMCOR Global)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

GIVEN BY:

Carillon Handbell Choir
Sharon & Jordan Cramer

Beth Doty
Char Hudak
Helen McCarley
Dana Tate
Gary & Peggy Tolbert

GIVEN BY:

Mike & Amy Tate Almy
Mike & Amy Tate Almy
Bill & Mona Bailey
Bill & Mona Bailey
Brenda Bates
Brenda Bates
CJ Bowie
Amy, Shawn, & Jade Bridegam
Church Staff
Sharon & Jordan Cramer
Sharon & Jordan Cramer
Davison/Thompson/Kavanagh family
Kenny Gonzalez
Kenny Gonzalez
Rick & Linnea Grindley
Rick & Linnea Grindley
Linda Howe Harden
Jack & Ampa Hinson
Jack & Ampa Hinson
Jack & Ampa Hinson
Jack & Ampa Hinson
Aletha Houy
Mary & Jack Knowles
Mary & Jack Knowles
Candiss Krug
Suzan Harmon Lear
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Helen McCarley
Louis & Karen Murray

Lisa Rodriguez
Lisa Rodriguez
Laurie Thompson
Jim & Carol Sharp
Dana Tate
Gene Wiley and family

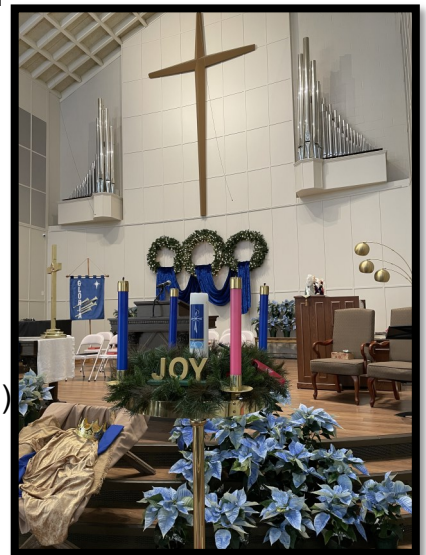
Thank you to everyone who gave poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one. Your contribution to the beauty of the Sanctuary during Advent and for Christmas Eve is greatly appreciated.

IN HONOR OF:

Candiss Krug
Elizabeth "Bibby" Smith
(Jordan's grandmother)
CPUMC New Beginnings Class
Wanda Yaggi
Wavah Fore
Tate-Almy Family
Sandy Thompson

IN MEMORY OF:

Eddie Tate
Bill, June & Betty Almy
Rev. J.P. Watson & LaVerne Reichelt
Paul & Mozel Bailey
Parents: Jack and Betty Cone
Grandparents: Raymond and Mabel Price
Scot Bowie
Thomas Maddux
Rev. Bobby Baggett and Mark & Alice Hancock
Brooke Estella Cramer (Jordan's sister)
Veronica Marie Britton (Sharon's sister)
Rev. Claude W. & Jacqueline Davison
Shannon Gonzalez
Tina Johnson
Glen & Dorothy Grindley (parents)
Earl & Minnetta Erickson
Mc & Inez Howe
Travis & Doris Hinson
Patricia Ann Hinson
Alejandro Reymundo
Lisa Taylor
Mary Nell Bear (mother)
Mc & Inez Howe (our parents)
Winlon & Velma Knowles (our parents)
Marsha McKinnis
Dan Harmon
Herbert & Joyce Lipsey
Jackie Davison
Jerry Clark (Karen's dad)
Mr. & Mrs. Newton Murray (Louis' parents)
Heidi Schmitz
James Schmitz
Mildred Hubert and Jonathan Baggett
Alice Hancock
Eddie Tate, Jr.
Bettye Jo Wiley



ACOLYTES AND ADVENT / CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING



Acolytes for December included Easton Allen, Cameron Clement, Charlotte Clement, Leah Cramer, Lexi Cribbs, and Jackson Snowden.



Hope Candle
The Cribbs Family
Thomas, Lexi,
Eleanor, & Hazel



Peace Candle
The Bridegam Family
Shawn, Amy,
Jade, & Karen



Joy Candle
Duane & Linda
Kirkdorffer



Christ Candle
The Allen Family
Jim, Nancy, Jake,
Julie, Wesley,
Robert, Kendal,
Joshua Desoto, and
Maddie Purvis.



Love Candle
Eddie Strittmatter,
Kenny Gonzales
Tommy Phelps,
Greg Vanhooose,
Larry Winnett,
and Cameron
Clement



DECEMBER MUSIC BLESSINGS



Sunday, December 1

The CPUMC Choir sang *“The First Noel”* arranged by Dan Forrest for the Opening Music.
Katie Schulte sang *“Sussex Carol”* arranged by C. Ruck for the Offertory.
The Chamber Singers sang *“The Star Child”* by C.R. Young for Communion.

Sunday, December 8

Morgan Drummond sang *“Night of Silence/Silent Night”* by D. Kantor for Opening Music.
Ethan McGregor sang *“Ev’ry valley shall be exalted”* by G.F. Handel for Offertory.
The Chamber Singers led the closing hymn.

Sunday, December 15

The Choir sang *“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”* by Purifoy with Eduardo Guerrero as soloist for Opening Music.
Lydia Taylor sang *“Gesu Bambino”* arranged by Liebergen for Offertory Music.
Isaiah Allen sang *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* arranged by Walters for Communion.

Sunday, December 22

The Carillon Bell Choir Ringers played *“O Come, all ye Faithful”* arranged by Page for Opening Music
and played *“What Child is This”* arranged by Page for Offertory Music.
The Children’s Bell Choir played *“Joy to the World”* during Children’s Moment.

Christmas Eve

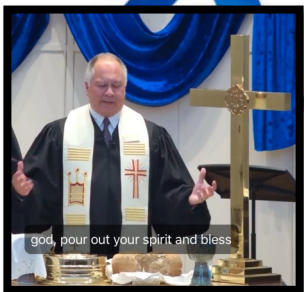
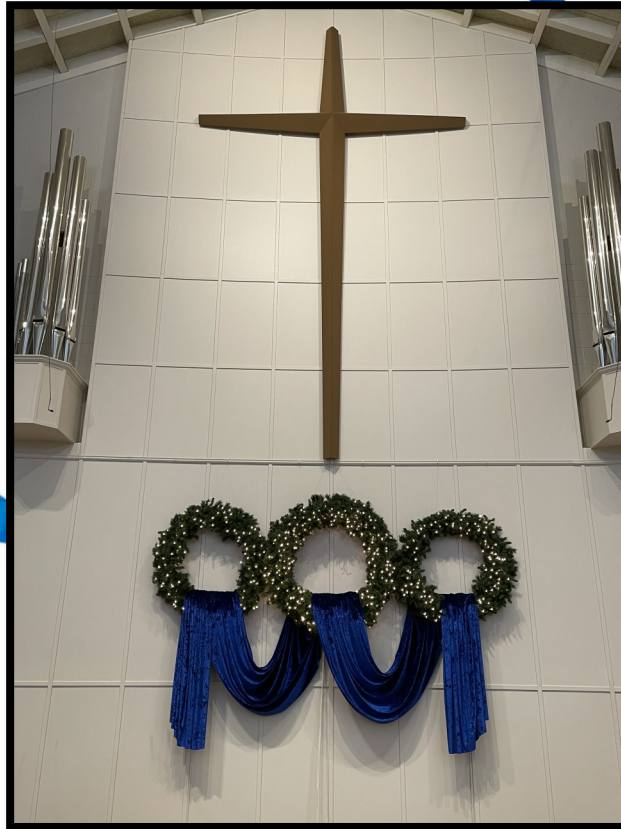
Candiss Krug played *“Hark! The Hearld Angels Sing”* by Lani Smith on the Organ for Opening Music.
The Carillon Bell Choir Ringers played *“Sing we now of Christmas!”* arranged by Page for Offertory Music.
Debbie Seitter sang *“O Holy Night”* arranged by Adam for Communion.

Sunday, December 29

Jackson Snowden played a medley of Christmas songs for Opening Music.
Morgan Drummond sang *“Once in Royal David’s City”* arranged by Boyd for Offertory Music.



ADVENT / CHRISTMAS JOY



MISSIONS INFORMATION



CITY POINT UMC HOMELESS MINISTRIES

Presbyterian Night Shelter Sandwich Making

Reeves Hall Kitchen

2nd Tuesday, of the month,
March 11 & April 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Night Shelter Lunch Bags Needed!!

Drop off in Reeves Hall during PNS
Sandwich Making on 2nd Tuesdays

Upcoming Drop off dates-

March 11 & April 8

Suggested Items for Lunch Bags

(Items need to be non-perishable)

PLACE ITEMS IN

GALLON BAG OR GROCERY BAG

Peanut butter crackers Granola bars
Chips Vienna Sausages Applesauce etc.
Please include a bottle of water in each bag.

**Contact Jack Teddlie or the church office
for information or questions about
CPUMC Homeless Ministries.**



BILLY BOB CROCKER BAKE-OFF

Sunday, March 30
After church in Reeves Hall

**Men! Start planning
your desserts now!**

**Proceeds benefits
McCurdy School
Mission Trip!**



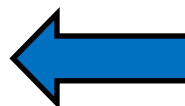
McCurdy Mission Trip 2025

Espanola, New Mexico

June 21 - 28

Information Meeting

Sunday, March 9 after Worship in Reeves Hall



**Ask one of these awesome
2024 Mission Trip participants
about their experience at McCurdy!**

INFORMATION ABOUT YEARLY OFFERINGS

Each year the local United Methodist churches are asked by our UMC Conference, the Horizon Texas Conference, to take up a special offering for ten different Special Askings offerings. In each Newsletter this year we will highlight those different offerings. We will not have special offerings in October or November this year for these ten offerings but encourage you to give to these special offerings throughout the year to celebrate your birthday by giving to the Birthday Fun-d. If one of these special offerings is meaningful to you, you can give at any time through the church. Just mark your giving with the appropriate names listed below. This fund will be used at the end of the year to give to these ten special offerings. These special day offerings are, Human Relations, One Great Hour of Sharing-UMCOR, Native American Ministries, UM Student Day, Peace With Justice, World Communion, Methodist Home Waco, Providence Place San Antonio, Lydia Patterson Institute, and the Thanksgiving Offering.



This month we are highlighting Human Relations and One Great Hour of Sharing/UMCOR.



What is Human Relations Day is a special Sunday across our denomination, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. With Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we celebrate and have this offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life. This offering supports important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation.

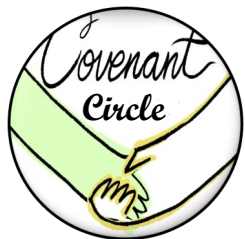
What is One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR-United Methodist Committee on Relief) This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

Throughout the year when there are disasters you can give through the church and these offerings will be sent to UMCOR Disaster. Over the years your donations to UMCOR have helped with Hurricane, Tornado, Fires, and most recently the fires in the Los Angeles area. When you give to UMCOR for disaster relief, 100% goes to that project, which is different that the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.



Apportionments, also known as Connectional Missional Giving. Through Connectional Missional Giving, each United Methodist Church is asked to give a portion of their church revenue to "The Administration" if you will, of The United Methodist Church which will then determine where the greatest needs are and how can all United Methodist churches participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus. That is the focal point and that is where most of the money goes. Throughout the year there will be opportunities to help cover the cost of the apportionments. One of those ways will be the Easter Offering and the Altar Rail Giving on Communion Sunday on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



The Inez Reeves Circle and the Rainbow Circle have merged!

Join this merged Circle group on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

**Thursdays
March 13, April 10**

**10:30 a.m.
Duncan FLC
Contact: Wavah Fore or
Linda Harden**



10:00 a.m. Room 104

**Tuesdays
February 25, March 25**

**Wednesdays
March 12, April 9**

Contact: Karen Murray



**Saturdays
March 15, April 19**

2:30 p.m. Duncan FLC

Contact Rosemary Huneycutt



Sunday, February 23

After Worship in Reeves Hall

Light Lunch will be served

Host: Craft Group

Program: Soul Care - led by Karen Murray

Mission Giving—UMCOR (LA Fires)

Childcare available

**Sunday, April 13
Reeves Hall**



UNITED METHODIST MEN



CPUMMen Breakfast & Fellowship

Saturday, March 4 - Duncan FLC

Saturday, April 5 - Glen Lake Camp Workday

The UMMen meet monthly on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, short meeting/planning, and then some work around the church. All men of the church are invited to attend. For more information contact CPUMMen President, Ralph Houy.

BLESSINGS



Wednesday Night Dinner & Worship

Wednesday Night Worship started in January with Edie Strittmatter sharing a message and with Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddle and Jordan Cramer serving Communion.



Make plans now to be at the next Wednesday Night Dinner and Worship on February 26. Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and worship every fourth Wednesday of the month in Reeves Hall.

Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Worship: 6:30 p.m.

February 26 Speaker: Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddle

March 26 Speaker: Max Wynn



We aim to create a casual experience where we can explore together where we've seen God at work in our lives and community. Join us for this opportunity to connect, grow, and find midweek spiritual renewal. I'm eager to worship with you and continue on this journey of faith together! For more information contact Jordan Cramer.



**Thank you to everyone who provided Chili for
this year's Chili Cookoff!
Proceeds went to 2025 Apportionments.**

Congratulations to our winners!

MILD CHILI

1st place Christina Posey

2nd place Meg Feula

SPICY CHILI

1st place Tim Tucker

2nd place Shawn Bridegam



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Community Connection
Cookout and
Easter Egg Activities**

Saturday, April 19

Watch for more
information to come!!

GET PLUGGED IN



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mondays 9:30 a.m. - Duncan FLC
Study, discussion, and fellowship!

Current Study:

"Help. Thanks. Wow." by Ann Lamott
The study will run until Lent.

Newcomers are welcome!

If you would like more information please contact Mary Knowles or the church office.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - Duncan FLC
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men!

NEW STUDY STARTING 2/19:

"The Road to Wisdom"
by Francis Collings

All men are invited to join us on Wednesdays.
If you would like more information please contact Jim Allen or the church office.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES

Thursdays - Room 104
Morning Study - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Study - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Gospel of Mark

Bring your Bibles.
If you need a Bible, please contact the church office.



The Lunch Bunch meets
the third Monday of each month
at 11:45 a.m.

Monday, February 17, 2025
BJ's Restaurant (by NE Mall)
952 NE Loop 820, NRH, 76180

Monday, March 17, 2025
Amy's Restaurant
477 W. Harwood Road, Hurst, 76054



Everyone is invited!



*Contact Wavah Fore
for more information
or church office!*




JOIN THE CHOIR AT CPUMC

They meet at
8:30 a.m.
Sunday mornings!

Contact Debbie
if you would
like more
information.



STAFF CELEBRATIONS



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CHORALE

Debbie Seitter | Conductor
Amy Stewart | Collaborative Pianist

Monday March 10, 2025 | 7:00 PM
Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU

Free Concert
Art Installation and Reception to follow

You are cordially invited to the final Doctoral Conducting Recital of Debbie Seitter featuring umanità chorale in their debut performance!

The concert is on **Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Van Cliburn Concert Hall at TCU. The address is 2805 S University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76129. The performance is free and lasts about 45 minutes!

We hope you can make it!



Our Ministry Coordinator, Jordan Cramer, reached a significant milestone at the beginning of February! As a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, Jordan has spent years preparing through meetings, coaching sessions with mentors, and interviews with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry—all to help him grow in his calling. On Monday, February 3rd, he took the next big step by interviewing with the Board of Ordained Ministry to determine his readiness for clergy leadership. We are thrilled to share that Jordan successfully completed his interview and will be commissioned as a provisional elder in the United Methodist Church! His commissioning service will take place during Annual Conference in June, and we'll share more details as the date approaches. We celebrate this exciting achievement with Jordan and look forward to seeing how God continues to work through him. Congratulations, Jordan!"

From Jordan: Thank you for all your prayers, good vibes, and well wishes. This journey has been incredible, and I'm beyond grateful to walk it alongside such a loving church family. You have helped me grow in so many ways, and I look forward to continuing this journey together. I love you all so much. Praise be to God!

JANUARY/FEBRUARY WORSHIP BLESSINGS



Scout
Sunday
February 2



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Welcome
New Members

Please welcome our newest members.

C.J. BOWIE

Joined by transfer from another UM Church on January 19, 2025.

JAKE & JULIE ALLEN

Joined by transfer from another UM Church on January 26, 2025.

GREG VANHOOSE

Joined by transfer from another UM Church on January 26, 2025.

THOMAS CRIBBS

Joined by transfer from another UM Church on February 2, 2025.



Women's Walk to Emmaus will be held Thursday, February 27– Sunday, March 2 at Glen Lake Camp. City Point UMC has 2 pilgrims on this Walk. Please keep them and those serving from this church in your prayers.

PILGRIMS:
Robin Clement
Edie Strittmatter

SERVING ON TEAM: Ronda Hantz, Heather Rudzik, Pastor Ramiro Rodriguez and Laurie Thompson

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives. The Walk includes a 72-hour short course in Christianity that is wrapped in prayer and signs of sacrificial service.

There will be a Men's Walk to Emmaus October 16-19 also at Glen Lake Camp. Pastor Ramiro will be the Spiritual Director for that Walk. If you are interested or would like more information about the Walk to Emmaus please contact Pastor Ramiro or Laurie in the church office.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



City Point UMC Members serving at Binion Elementary School through Academy 4. For more information about Academy 4, contact Jim & Nancy Allen or the church office.



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Children's Ministry Coordinator: Sharon Cramer ~ Sharon@citypointumc.org

Choir Director: Debbie Seitter ~ Debbie@citypointumc.org

Organist: Candiss Krug ~ Candiss@citypointumc.org

Visuals: Tyler Wilkins ~ Tyler@citypointumc.org

Building Superintendent: Bill Munson ~ Bill@citypointumc.org