

# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## A story from Pastor Rhea

An elderly woman who lived in a small village had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of this, the pot spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Have you not noticed that there are flowers only on your side of the path? I always knew you had this crack, so I planted flowers on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. Now I am able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the house. Without you, there would not be so much color and beauty in our home." - Author Unknown

See you Sunday!

Rhea





# Sunshine Gang Valentine dinner

This evening, February 9, The Sunshine Gang  
and More will enjoy a special  
Valentine Dinner  
at Easley's Steak House in Canton.

All are welcome but I need to give them an estimate  
of how many to prepare for so please  
let me know if you plan to come. They should  
have plenty of room so come ahead even if you  
don't get a chance to call, text or email me.

The bus will leave the church at 5:00 p.m.  
If it is full, we will have cars to follow!  
If you plan to meet us in Canton,  
we should be in Canton at 5:30 p.m.

Hope to see you!  
Carole

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## TRUSTEE MEETING



Tuesday, February 13  
7:00 p.m.

Admin Building Conference Room

## Finance Committee Meeting



February 13, 5:30 p.m.

Admin Building Conference Room



We have some folks that would like to have  
a ride to church and Sunday School on  
Sunday mornings. If you would like to be a part of  
Kaufman FUMC Bus Ministry or  
ride-share ministry, contact Pastor Rhea.

## Your Talents

*"From 3-Minute Devotions (Weekly Devotionals), published by Barbour Publishing. Used by permission."*

Author Leo Buscaglia said, "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

What's your talent? Is it balancing numbers, writing stories, being a homemaker, caring for others, making people laugh, baking sweets, preaching, teaching?

Not sure what your gift is? Well, what are you good at? What do you enjoy doing? What talent do you feel a burning need to share? What do you feel God leading you to do?

Whatever your answer is to these questions, that is your gift!

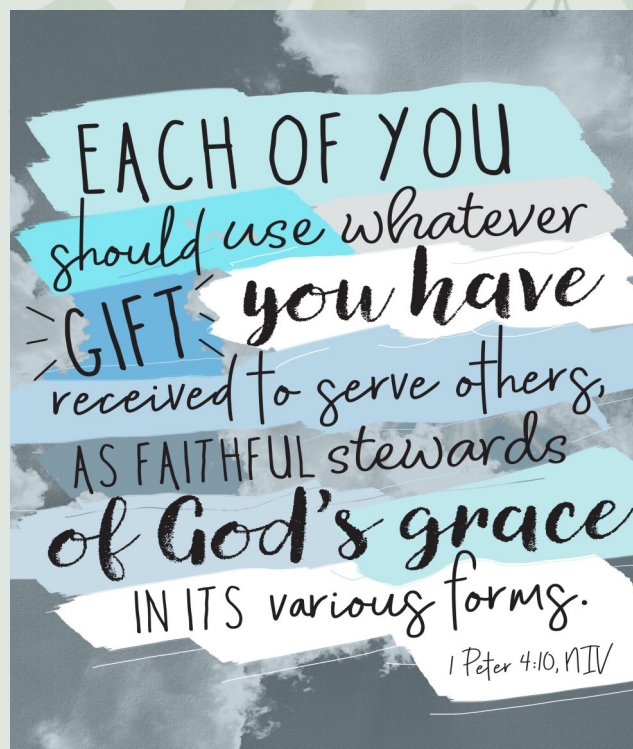
It may be that your gift or talent is not something you can use on the job. Perhaps it's not even something from which you can make money. That's okay, Use it anyway.

If you have a way with words, write an article for your church newsletter. If you have a drive to instruct, teach a Sunday school Class. If you love to cook, begin by trying out some new dishes on your family and friends!

Use the gifts God has given you. In doing so, you will find your life blessed, and at the same time, be a blessing to others. And, as an added bonus, you will be giving your gift back to God! Is there anything better than that?

*Dear Lord, I owe You so much, and although I can never truly repay You, I can use the gifts You have given me to help others. Show me my gifts, Lord, and help me find ways to use them for Your glory! In Jesus name, Amen.*

*Love and Blessings,  
Karen Park*





# 3rd Annual

## First United Methodist Church Ladies Tea

Saturday, March 23. 2:00 - 4:00

208 S. Houston St.. Kaufman

*Mothers, Daughters,  
Granddaughters, Aunts,  
Cousins, and Friends*

RSVP to Carol by March 10  
972.890.2806



### Methodist Women Monthly Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month

February 20 in Fellowship Hall.

Mary Group at 2:30 p.m.

Rachel Group 6:30 p.m. (new night)

All women are welcome.

Light snacks will be served.

# BURNING OF THE PALMS

Sunday will be a special day for our church! Lots going on!!

Please come to our "Burning of the Palms" that we, the Agape Class, are sponsoring. All are invited to participate, including the Children and Youth. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. just outside the Adult Center on the patio. This will be "weather permitting". Rain is forecasted but we know that it may not happen. This Sunday is the only day to burn the palms and prepare them for Ash Wednesday. Pastor Rhea will bless the ashes.

If it is raining, we could bring part of the program inside Fellowship Hall.

*Make plans to join the Agape Class after the burning of the palms for a special program. Hope to see you Sunday morning!*

Bobby & Carole Aga



Mike and Shiloh are excited to lead our youth with biblical teaching, encouraging them to live into their growing faith, and mentor them as they seek to apply Christian values in their daily relationships.

Mike with bring the donuts!

Bring your children ages Pre-k through 5th grade to our weekly Sunday School Class in the Orange Room. With games, video, songs, activities, and bible lessons, Leslie, Robin, and Tana will help your kiddos learn what matters most is to Simply Love Jesus and each other.

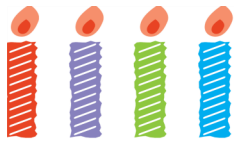
**CHILDREN'S  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

1 John 4:7 'Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.'

Good Fellowship,  
Good Conversation,  
Good Friends, and  
Good Coffee.







## BIRTHDAYS

- Janna Beth Foster - February 1
- Pam Rogers - February 1
- Jack Foster - February 2
- Tony Hurtado - February 5
- Pat Brown - February 7
- Joyce Braziel - February 8
- Kay Castleberry - February 8
- Phil Harding - February 16
- Toddie Lee Wynne - February 20
- Joyce Shave - February 23
- Rodney Nelson - February 25



### BACKPACK PROGRAM

#### NOW Backpack Program

The NOW (Nutrition on Weekends) Backpack Program at O.P. Norman Jr. High is an ongoing mission project supported by Kaufman FUMC throughout the school year.

NOW is organized by the school counselors and the Jr. High student leadership class.

The leadership class has fundraisers throughout the year to fund the program, but they are extremely grateful to us for the extra help we provide.

Each Friday, the students receive a duffle bag of non-perishable food items. Once a month toiletries are added to their personal backpacks.

#### Current needs:

**Peanut Butter  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Pouches of Tuna or Chicken**

*If you would like to make a monetary donation by check, make payable to FUMC (note NOW or Backpack).*

*You may also make donations online at [www.fumc-kaufman.org/giving](http://www.fumc-kaufman.org/giving).*

*Scroll to Outreach, note NOW or Backpack.*

**If you would like to learn more, contact Pam Caffey, 214-538-4727.**

## This Week at a Glance

### Sunday, February 11

**9:00 a.m.** Adult Sunday School

**9:15 a.m.** Children & Youth SS

**10:15 a.m.** Worship

### Monday, February 12

**6:00 p.m.** Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 13

**12:00 p.m.** Kaufman Sewing Guild

**5:30 p.m.** Finance Meeting

**6:00 p.m.** Kaufman Bee Club

**7:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting

### Wednesday, February 14

**No Bible Study Today**

**5:00 p.m.** Pancake Supper

**6:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Worship

### Thursday, February 15

**6:00 p.m.** Girl Scout Meeting

### Friday, February

**No Homeschool Meeting**

### Senior Connect -

### Kaufman Meals on Wheels

Partnering with Senior Connect, our church delivers a hot meal to our neighbors each Wednesday throughout the year.

Meals are to be picked up by 10:15 each week at Senior Connect which is located within the Civic Center at 607 E. Fair Rd. The route takes about 30 - 45 minutes.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Pam Caffey.



PSALM 116:16