

Happy Anniversary, Church!

It's hard to believe that July 1 last year it was official that I was appointed as your pastor and what a joy it's been! There is so much to celebrate together. We have seen more people connect to God through worship. We are beginning to see more children among us and leading us in worship. Your generosity is changing the lives in so many in our world and our community. The Holy Spirit is at work among us and I can't wait to see what God might do next.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians ring true to me about our time together. "We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives because we cared for you so much." (1 Thessalonians 2:8) I'm so grateful to serve a place that cares so deeply for each other. We aren't perfect at it, but we try to do better each day, week, and month. As we discern together how God is calling us towards the future, I invite you to join us and pray for a new opportunity that might be presenting itself to us in Project Transformation (see page 3) as we strive to be a church that transforms our community and world as we become better disciples of Jesus Christ. While we may not always know where God is calling, God calls and I'm so thrilled that we are on this journey of life and ministry together. - Pastor Molly

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July 23—27

5:30 PM—8:15 PM



Register Online
[Here](#)

All are welcome!

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM and VBS is 6 PM to 8:15 PM. To register a child or volunteer, please contact the church office or click the link above. We **ALWAYS** need more volunteers. Think of those adults who nurtured your faith and give that gift to a child in our congregation or community. Contact Pastor Molly or Debbie Spoons for a place to serve.

THE ART OF



NEIGHBORING

9:15 AM Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 AM Worship

We are continuing our series on how might we truly embrace Jesus' command to love our neighbor and see how it changes our world and our lives?

July 8: *Share Your Story* | Matthew 5:13-16

July 15: *The Art of Receiving* | Luke 7:36-38

June 22: *The Art of Focusing* | Matthew 17:1-9

July 29: *Better Together* | Romans 12:2-10*

*We will have a combined worship service with Grace UMC at 10 AM to celebrate Vacation Bible School. No Sunday School will take place.

**Average Presence in
Worship for June:**

73

**Total Offerings
in June:**

\$16,307.08

**YTD Receipts vs.
Expenses:**

-\$485.13

Upcoming Events

2nd: **Grief Support**

1 PM

4th: **NO Chair Yoga**
NO Lunch Bunch
NO Bible Study

5th: NO Theology on Tap

9th: **Threadbenders**

7 PM

10th: **UMW Meeting**

9:30 AM

Trustees Meeting

4 PM

14th: **UMM Meeting**

9 AM

23rd: **Reading Volunteers**
Project Transformation

9 AM

23rd—27th: **Vacation Bible**
School

5:30 PM Dinner

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1 PM

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday at 11:30 AM

7/4: **CANCELLED**

7/11: **Cajun Corner**
(2304 W. Park Row)

7/18: **El Fenix**

7/25: **Main Street Cafe**

Theology on Tap

Join us at Legal Draft Beer Company* on Thursdays beginning at 6:30 PM as we examine things we've often said that might unintentionally hurt our neighbor:

Love the sinner, hate the sin.

God said it, I believe it, That Settles It

God helps those who help themselves.

If you know someone who struggles with church, invite them for a drink and let's all explore together.

*500 E. Division Street, Arlington

Project Transformation Reading Volunteers

COGS is exploring a new ministry and we get to test drive it on **July 23**. If you are over 18 and can read, we need you to help change a child's life. We will meet at the church at **9 AM and return by 1:30 PM**. We will venture to Meadowbrook UMC and be reading buddies for children then share lunch together to discuss how the program might work here! Please RSVP to Pastor Molly by July 15. [Click here](#) for more information on Project Transformation.

Finding A Way Forward Conversation

The UMC is undergoing important conversations again around the topic of human sexuality. In August, Pastor's Bible Study will explore the issue together. Pastor Molly will update on what is ahead at the called General Conference in February 2019. Please let Pastor Molly know if you're interested in a session outside traditional working hours, likely on Thursday evenings beginning August 9th.

2019 Planning Meeting and WIG Update

If you are a ministry area leader, on ministry council, or interested in how the church is planning for the future, please plan to attend a meeting on **August 22 at 4 PM**. Please bring your tentative dates for the 2019 calendar. We will also set our **Wildly Important Goal** for the annual conference for the next few years as we seek to make more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



Congratulations to Cassie
Boboltz,
our Kid's Choice Award win-
ner at the Block Party Ice
Cream Contest!

A BIG THANKS to everyone
who made the event so fun

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Help *STILL* Wanted: Money Counters

We need people willing to count Sunday offerings either after church or sometime on Mondays. Please contact Pastor Molly or Jane if you're willing to serve. Only simple math ability needed.

Arlington Charities Item of the Month:

Spaghetti Sauce

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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