

June 15, 2025

Eleven:Eleven

in the garden

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Arrival Song

"We Are Family"

Music & Lyrics: Sister Sledge

Welcome Candle (Rumi)

Jenny Anderson

Gathering Song

"Wade in the Water"

Music & Lyrics: Fisk Jubilee Singers

Sharing Signs of Peace and Welcome

Gift of Song

"Ain't No Mountain High Enough"

Music & Lyrics: Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell

Kairos

Charme Robarts

Sacred Text

Kelly Reeves

Ruth 1:14-17 (NIV)

At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

Observations & Considerations

Kagan Parker

Born of Stardust Pt. 3: Chosen Family

Closing Song

"Crowded Table"

Music & Lyrics: The Highwomen

Benediction

Kagan Parker

The Eleven:Eleven Revolution Band Is

Brad Thompson - Music/Band Leader, Vocalist, Guitarist

Justin Pate - Keyboard, Vocalist | Jon Mosig - Drums

Kevin Grove - Lead Guitar | Lee Allen - Bass, Vocals

Alaina Gunter - Vocalist | Lydia Smith-Osborne - Vocalist

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Lore suggests that Harriet Tubman used the phrase 'Wade in the Water' as a coded message. The song symbolizes resilience and hope. In 1865, three men founded the Fisk School in Nashville, where students aged seven to seventy shared experiences of slavery and poverty, united by a strong desire to learn. The Fisk Jubilee Singers began touring in 1871 raising funds for the school's survival. fisk.edu/about

Thoughts for Future Reflection

"Without community, there is no liberation. But community must not mean a shedding of our differences, nor the pathetic pretense that these differences do not exist."

— Audre Lorde

"The kin that we choose is a covenant made of survival, tenderness, and truth."

— M. Shawn Copeland

"We breathe together. We are breathing books and breathing ancestors. We choose each other again and again in the afterlife of the ships."

— Alexis Pauline Gumby's from her book *Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals*

"It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love and protect each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains."

— Assata Shakur

"There are so many of us who have been saved by the hands of the ones we chose as family... our saviors did not come with blood ties. They came with open arms."

— Darnell L. Moore

Opportunities and Small Groups

Conspiracy Opportunities

Core Practice: Tell the Bigger Sacred Story

Wine and Wishful Thinking

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Next: June 24
Wine, Beer, Light Bites, and Great Conversation
Winehaus | 1628 Park Pl Ave | Fort Worth 76110
Contact Kagan for more info at kparker@myfumc.org.

Summer Book Club: Folded Pages

Wed., June 4 - June 25 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Room 154
Join us in June as we read "Preaching in Hitler's Shadow: Sermons of Resistance in the Third Reich" by Dean G. Stroud

Sun., June 15 and 22 | 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Meet us at the Kimball Art Museum on these dates. After a quick bite in their cafe (optional) we will view their "Modern Art and Politics in Germany (1910 -1945)" exhibit, experiencing the art of that era and seeing how the sermons are reflected in the art. You do not need to have read the book to join us.

Core Practice: Show Up for Others

First Street Methodist Mission needs **Canned Food** this month (*Red Bag Food Drive*). Leave donations in the bin on Refreshment Table or @801 West 1st St. Tues-Thurs, 8 am - 1 pm, ringing bell at the Henderson St double doors.

Want a Tour of the Mission? Contact: Angie Parish at aparish@myfumc.org

Interested in Volunteering in the Garden? Contact: Molly Bell at mbell@fwbg.org

Looking to be politically informed? Check out the Fort Worth Report fortworthreport.org and Braver Angels braverangels.org (or talk with Nancy Dearing; next gathering is Sat June 21) for more information!

VBS Volunteers

July 7 – 11, 2025 | 9:00 am – noon

One of the biggest events in the life of our church is Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Road Trip. If you'd like to volunteer, sign up at this link: <https://fumcfw.org/vbs-adult-volunteer/>. Contact Janice Cooper for more information at jcooper@myfumc.org.

Project Transformation Reading Buddies

June 16 – 18 & June 30 – July 3 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
McMillan UMC | 3401 Mountcastle Dr Fort Worth 76119
Reading Buddies enable each child to read aloud every day they are in the program. Reading Buddies must attend an orientation session at 9:30 a.m. on the first day they volunteer to read.

To volunteer to be a Reading Buddy, please contact: Julie Fagan | julienef@sbcglobal.net | 817-845-8305

Core Practice: Mindfulness Meditation

The Buddhist Metta (Lovingkindness) Prayer, Adapted

My heart fills with loving kindness. I love myself. May I be happy. May I be well. May I be peaceful. May I be free.