

# Jarvis Memorial



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## Celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ

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### Record of Faithfulness (through Feb. 28, 2017)

- Operating Budget: \$1,385,000
- Total Contributions: \$228,274
- Total Spent in pursuit of mission: \$217,984
- Total Indebtedness: \$437,880

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is invited to the home of a Pharisee for a dinner party on the Sabbath. There was a man present who had a visible physical illness (dropsy), and so Jesus initiated a discussion with the Pharisee and his religious friends about whether it is a good thing to heal a man on the Sabbath who was suffering like this one. None of the religious leaders would touch Jesus' question, so he healed the man, and then sent him away.

**Luke 14: 12-14** Then he turned to the host. **"The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be—and experience—a blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned—at the resurrection of God's people.**

Jesus redefines the margins as the actual center. In the gospels, we find Jesus constantly moving to the margins and edges and meeting many of the people he described in his response to the Pharisee; the people from the wrong side of the tracks, misfits, and those who would never make a list for a debutante ball. Jesus moves through Samaria (a region and people hated by Jews) and meets a woman who is living with her sixth (common law) husband. Jesus crosses to the gentile side of the Sea of Galilee and heals a man who is out of his mind, running around naked in the town cemetery. On another occasion, Jesus has his feet anointed with expensive perfume while reclining at a dinner table by a woman with a less than sterling reputation. In short, Jesus is criticized (often and loudly) for associating with the wrong sorts of people. He is comfortable on the margins.

In his book, Where the Cross Meets the Street, Noel Castellanos writes:

**I am overwhelmed to see how God consistently puts the neglected and oppressed at the center of his ultimate concern, not by targeting them as objects of his salvific action but by redeeming and engaging them to be co-laborers with the Holy Spirit (the poor or needy or homeless, etc.) in the mission of declaring and demonstrating to the entire world that the kingdom of God is at hand. This is exactly the good news that those of us on the margins have been waiting to hear.**

An inventory of our daily lives would indicate how much of our time we are investing with those who are marginalized, and how much of our time is invested with people who are very similar to us. The philosopher, Aristotle, once noted, "birds of a feather flock together." Jesus, on the other hand, moved away from the familiar and safe towards the edges of things, and in doing so, redefined the center. To whom are you being called? Whom will you bring with you to Jesus' banquet?

Still In ONE Peace

*Jan (the Methodist)*

## Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus.

The English word “Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means “commandment.” Maundy Thursday, is the holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter where we commemorate the Last Supper that Jesus Christ had with the Apostles.

## Easter & Lent Schedule

- March 22 - April 5 - Wednesdays in Lent - a family-friendly dinner will be available from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. After dinner, spiritual growth opportunities (6:30 through 7:30 pm) will provide children, youth and adults with a time for fellowship and learning during the season of Lent.
- The adult spiritual growth opportunities will include: *The Disciples Path*, *Just Walk Across the Room*, *Bells*, and *Christian Caregiving*.
- April 9 - Palm Sunday. The new 2017 confirmands will also be recognized.
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm with communion.
- April 14 - Stations of the Cross from 3 to 6 pm. The Good Friday service will be at 7 pm.
- April 16 - Easter Sunday sunrise service at 6:30 am on the front lawn with refreshments after in the Hall of History. There will not be a 8:40 service. There will be flower crosses at both the 9 and 10:55 services.

## Our Community: The Movie Stuck



Have you ever been stuck in a difficult situation? Of course, most of us can relate to this scenario. The situation may involve unforgiveness, either on our part or someone else’s. On Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary, we will have the opportunity to view a creative film entitled *Stuck*. Come watch the short film as Jarvis Memorial has a part in the movie . . . and see if you can recognize part of our familiar church! This short movie highlights a young man named Darren, played by Greenville native Rael Thigpen. Darren’s father is about to be released from prison, and Darren has to decide if he will forgive his father for his mistakes or not. The message is a powerful one, and Building Hope Community Life Center and Buzzadelic, a local production company, have teamed up to make this film possible. We are honored to be a part of this collaborative effort in our community—one that can make such a difference in people’s lives.

Building Hope parents will have a monthly meeting that evening from 6:00-6:30 pm in our sanctuary. We are then invited to join them for the free screening of *Stuck* at 6:30 pm. After the movie, there will be a panel discussion with Building Hope staff about the movie and a chance to meet Rael, the main actor. He is such an inspiring person. All are invited, and please bring neighbors and friends with you for an unforgettable night! NOTE: Parental guidance is recommended for young children. You may view the trailer at: <https://vimeo.com/190323442>



## Future Events: Mark your Calendar

- \* Join us on March 22 for our next Wednesday Lent Supper: Pizza Night. Come at 5:30 in the Taft Christian Life Center for dinner and fellowship. Interested in a spiritual growth group? Someone will be glad to point you in the right direction.
- \* The Jack Crum Conference: "Radical Welcome: Living with the Other" will be March 25 from 9:30 to 4:00 pm in the Taft Christian Life Center. For more info, contact Keith Letchworth at: [jkletchworth@gmail.com](mailto:jkletchworth@gmail.com).
- \* Safe Sanctuary training will be March 26 from 4:30 to 6 pm in Room 203. Should you have any questions, email: [jarvis.dcm@gmail.com](mailto:jarvis.dcm@gmail.com).
- \* On April 8, Jarvis Memorial will have a booth at Piratefest all day. Volunteers are needed. If you can help please email Leanne Coore at: [lgpc0716@gmail.com](mailto:lgpc0716@gmail.com)
- \* Palm Sunday is April 9. At the 10:55 service, the 2017 Confirmation class will be recognized. Children will also process with palms.

## Information Coffee



April 23 at 10 am  
Taft Christian Life Center  
Come learn more about all of the exciting things happening at Jarvis Memorial.

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## Uptown Community: Jarvis UMC Parking Policy

As previously noted in our communications, all of our external parking lot and directional signage has recently been replaced. Brad Griffin has done an excellent job of designing new signage including bold new colors and fonts to reflect a different and modern Jarvis image. Once exterior signs are placed, interior signs will be replaced. Modifying all of our directional signs is a big project that will take some time to finish.

Beginning, Wednesday, March 15, the City will expand the number of leased spaces in the Fourth Street parking garage to accommodate parking for city staff. The change is the result of the pending closure of the parking lot on the corner of Dickinson Avenue and the Greene Street-Read Circle connector following the recent sale of the property for a \$32 million housing, office, and retail development.

At Jarvis Memorial, we are also very much affected by the reduction in the number of city parking spaces and as many of you know, we have experienced the unauthorized use of our parking lots by many of our neighbors in the past. Such usage interferes with the missions of our church.

The new parking signs advise that we will enforce our parking rules and tow offenders. As of March 15, we have advised Anderson Towing that they are authorized to tow offenders per the signage direction. If you have not placed a Jarvis sticker or cling on your vehicle, we ask you to do so as soon as possible so you will not be at risk of being towed. The Jarvis stickers and clings can be picked up in the church office during normal business hours and are free of charge. Also, be aware that Anderson Towing **cannot** tow a vehicle unless they are asked to do so by one of the authorized personnel of the church. Towing will be enforced only at those times that unauthorized vehicles would interfere with any Mission of Jarvis Memorial UMC. Late evening parking for downtown events **not at the church** will be allowed at our discretion. We thank everyone for their attention and compliance in this matter.



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## Congratulations to:

-Jenny O'Brien and Daniel Gurganus on the birth of their son John Gaines Gurganus who was born on February 11. Proud grandparents are Kevin and Sharon O'Brien.

-Nathan, Caroline and Arley Morgan on the birth of James Robert Morgan who was born on March 4.

-Sean and Julia Van Scott on the birth of their daughter Elodie Farrah who was born on February 22. Proud grandparents are Mike and Marti Van Scott.

-Pam Cooke, mother of Stephen Cooke, joined by profession of faith on March 5, 2017.

## Newsletter Submission

Would you like to submit an article in the newsletter on how God is working in your life OR has someone in the church been a blessing to you? If interested, email: [jarvis.assist@gmail.com](mailto:jarvis.assist@gmail.com).



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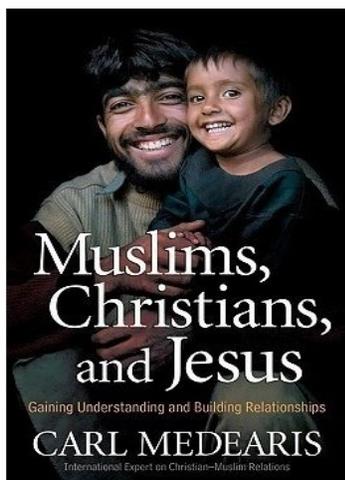
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## Reflections: A Book Review

If you are looking for an engaging and insightful Christian-based book that introduces you to the Muslim world, look no further! Carl Medearis lived in Lebanon and now lives in Colorado, and he has great insights about the Muslim world, common Christian-Muslim bridges involving Jesus and Mary, and practical advice about how we can love our Muslim neighbors. "Muslims, Christians, and Jesus" is a great resource that can help remove fear and replace it with new friendships. Enjoy the journey through this easy to read adventure into the Muslim world and the heart of God!

Brian Becker



## Calendar Events

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|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Mar. 22</b> | <b>Lent Learning: Pizza</b>     | <b>April 3</b>   | <b>JOY Club Lunch</b>             |
| 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Dinner (Flex Space)             | 12:15 pm         | TCLC                              |
| 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Classes for All                 |                  |                                   |
| <b>Mar. 24</b> | <b>Greenville Shelter Meal</b>  | <b>April 7-8</b> | <b>Piratefest</b>                 |
| 5:15 pm        | TCLC Kitchen                    |                  | Town Common                       |
| <b>Mar. 25</b> | <b>Jack Crum Conference</b>     | <b>April 9</b>   | <b>Palm Sunday</b>                |
| 9:30 am        | Taft Christian Life Ctr.        |                  | <b>Recognition of Confirmands</b> |
| <b>Mar. 26</b> | <b>Safe Sanctuary Training</b>  | <b>April 15</b>  | <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>            |
| 4:30-6:00 pm   | Room 203                        | 10 am-12 pm      | Front Lawn                        |
| <b>Mar. 28</b> | <b>Stuck Film Showing</b>       | <b>April 16</b>  | <b>Easter Sunday</b>              |
| 6:30 pm        | Sanctuary                       |                  |                                   |
| <b>Mar. 28</b> | <b>Admin. Council</b>           | <b>April 29</b>  | <b>Sailing Weekend</b>            |
| 7:00 pm        | TCLC Flex Space                 | 10 am-3 pm       | Camp Don Lee                      |
| <b>Mar. 31</b> | <b>Youth Beach Retreat</b>      | <b>April 30</b>  | <b>Animal Blessing</b>            |
|                |                                 | 2 pm-4 pm        | Front Lawn                        |
| <b>April 2</b> | <b>Communion (All Services)</b> |                  |                                   |

**Newsletters Mailed**  
 April 20, May 25, June 15