

FUMC Newsletter



First United Methodist Church • Alvin, Texas
Our Mission: To help people **KNOW** Christ,
GROW in Christ, and **GO** to serve Christ.



March 2019

At the heart of the Christian faith is our participation in the life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Lenten season is a time to look into the great mystery of the saving work of Christ. It is a time of reflection and remembrance of God's redemptive acts. Therefore, we have planned extra opportunities for you to participate in the Traditional Lenten Disciplines. We have added opportunities for Worship and Meditation in order to help us to focus on the saving love of God in Jesus Christ.

1. **Ash Wednesday** Service, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. Come start the Lenten Season with the Imposition of Ashes as we focus on sin, confession, repentance, and mortality.
2. **Prayer Journey**, prayer stations will be set up around the church for a personal time of prayer and meditation. A guide will be available at each station to lead you through the journey.
3. **Sunday, April 14th is Passion/Palm Sunday**: Celebrate Christ as Triumphant King as the Adult Choir and Children's Choir present palms on our Altar.
4. **Good Friday** Service on April 19, we will have a Traditional Service of commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary with Holy Communion and the preached word at 7:00 p.m.
5. **On Easter Sunday**, April 21st, we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death with two traditional services at 8:30 and 11:00.

Another Lenten discipline is **Fasting and Abstinence**. Many Christians give up certain foods, meals, and activities. Our time usually spent on eating is used for prayer and our hunger pains are a call to prayer. It is also a time to begin new good habits such as regular attendance at church, private devotion, and group Bible studies. When you practice these disciplines over 40 days, it becomes a new good habit, or you can break an old bad habit.

Lastly, **Almsgiving**: moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the church the money they saved by eating, drinking, or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace. We have provided Lenten envelopes for your conveyance of giving. The church would be appreciative of any help you can give us to meet expenses that are projected to be more than our income this year.

Lent is a time when we can search ourselves to observe and experience the meaning of our faith. Come and explore Christ's passion and bring a friend.

March 10 The Mouth of Christ (Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Luke 4:1-4)

March 17 Jesus' lament over Jerusalem and his determination to die in the Holy City of God (Luke 13:31-35)

March 24 Where was God? (Luke 13:1-5)

March 31 Unconditional Love Luke (15: 1-3, 11-32)

April 7 Am I prepared for death? (John 12:1-11)

Palm Sunday April 14 Where Will You be Standing? (Luke 19: 28-40 (38?))

Easter Sunday April 21 What Are You Looking For? (John 20:15)

Pastor Mike

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for a place to study Gods word? Here is a brief description of our Sunday school classes:

Young Adult Fellowship– Room 207

Couples, Singles, with children, and child-less. Adults in the 20-40ish age range who want to have a place to go when you just don't fit in! We have monthly get togethers to bond and grow as a group.

Agape -Room 107

A class for adults of all ages, married or single. Lecture format using biblical texts for study. Worship, singing and special projects are also parts of this class.

Faith Messengers- Room 110

Bible study discussion led by class members who take volunteer turns in leadership. Primarily men and women over 70, this class also participates in meeting special church needs as they arise.

Friendship -Room 106

A diverse class of both married and widowed women. Studies the various *Bible Studies* series through both lecture and discussion. Supports church activities with funds and service.

Hallelujah -Room 105

For mentally challenged adults. Reading and discussing Bible stories, snacks, fellowship and singing are all parts of this class.

Open Door– Room 108

A discussion class for adults that look at how one's behaviors and expectations are shaped by God's word from a practical perspective. An emphasis on supporting service to one's community in various ways is a natural extension of this group's core beliefs.

Keeping Holy Time- Room 128

A discussion Bible study that takes a systematic approach to Scripture either by studying the weekly passages of the Revised Common Lectionary, or various DVD driven short term studies.

Men's Bible Class -Room 109

Men's lecture and discussion utilizing DVD's. Primarily seniors, but welcome men of any age. Each week's class opens with gospel hymn singing accompanied on the piano.

Questers -Room 102

Most class members are "boomer" adults in middle age with grown children. Teachers rotate in leading Bible study discussions in which all are encouraged to participate. The class has a number of service projects and social gatherings through the year.

Seekers -Room 127

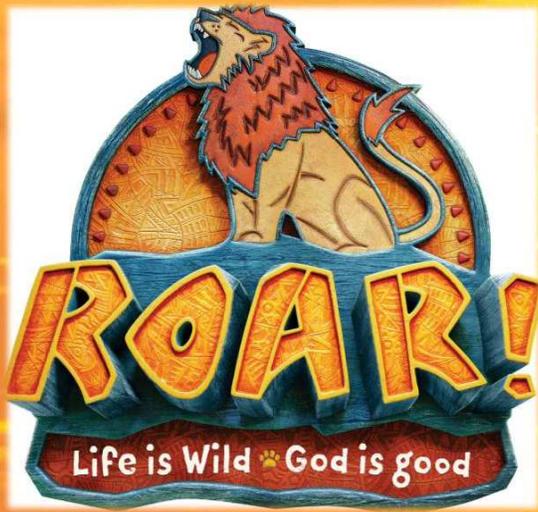
A discussion class for contemporary couples and singles, primarily ages 55-65. Bible study and life application come together as the class seeks to grow in faith and to develop and nurture relationships. Service and fellowship are also parts of the Seekers' community.

New Hope -Room 101

Primarily single women, but all are welcome. An investigative study of biblical books and topics in discussion format.

We also have classes available for Children of all ages from babies thru High School!

SAVED THE DATE



VBS 2019

JUNE 10-14

9AM-NOON

QUESTIONS? EMAIL JOANNA AT JOANNALAWSON@ALVINMETHODIST.ORG

SCHOLARSHIPS



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 10, 2019
Get Your Scholarship Applications
in the CHURCH OFFICE or ONLINE @
www.alvinmethodist.org**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

YOUTH CHRISTIAN CAMPS & RETREATS ARE IN

Such a bargain! Young men & women and their guests & friends enjoy the entertaining, mission and worship retreats and camps offered every year by *Relentless*, the Youth Ministry at First United Methodist, led by Assoc. Pastor Travis White. Retreats exist to invite young men & women into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and challenge believers to a deeper level of discipleship. Where else can one go to six camps/retreats for only \$950. Ldr. White's frequent texts and calls keep the young men, women & parents in the loop and up to date. Our youth ministry has a heart for students of all shapes, brands and sizes. So whether a student feels lost, broken or believes that they have it all together, this is a program that loves them where they are while guiding them to where Christ calls them to be.

Descriptions and Registration forms for every 2019 retreat & camp are on the Church web site: www.alvinmethodist.org. More than 50 students attended the popular Mid-Winter Retreat in January at Forest Glen Camp. **REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY** for five more popular 2019 events, and there are deadlines.

The **SENIOR RETREAT** (May 17-19) offers graduating seniors the opportunity to step away from all the school-year-end chaos into a relaxing weekend of morning & evening devotions, prayer walks, good food and fellowship. Seniors are still deciding where they want to go this year!

A **GUYS BACKPACKING RETREAT**, May 27-30, (completed 7th-12th grades) is exactly as it sounds. A guy's retreat. Backpacking & hiking for four days at Pedernales Falls State Park, eating fig bars, beef jerky and dehydrated backpacking meals while enjoying God's beautiful creation and growing in fellowship with morning & evening devotionals. Only a non-refundable, once and full fee of \$50.

UMARMY (8th-12th grade) June 16-22, is a huge, one-week community building camp. Students are challenged to reach out to surrounding communities building porches/decks, painting, repairing, all with experienced adult leaders. Deposit \$50 at registration, \$90 balance due by May 10.

BIG STUF (completed 6th & 12th grades) fills a bus to Florida for 5 days of morning concert worship, small group study and afternoons of beach activities ranging from volleyball, basketball to waterslides and sunbathing. This year will depart July 7th and return the 11th. Well chaperoned; \$100 deposit (non-refundable) due now; balance of \$400 due by Wed., May 1st. Better register NOW...only 5 spaces left!

BIG HOUSE offers completed 6th through 8th graders the opportunity to serve those we are called to love in the Alvin/Houston area. Students serve with other Methodist church youth and adults for the weekend of JULY 18-21. July 1, 2019 is the deadline for registration and fee paid in full.

GIRL'S RETREAT (August 2nd-4th) is to remind ladies who've completed 7th-12th grades that they are God's amazing and beautiful creations. There will be fellowship, discipleship and guidance as the girls are spiritually challenged by female leaders with morning devotions, prayer walks and reflection time. A one time full payment of \$75 (non-refundable) is needed to joint this merry group.

Methodist youth and their friends & guests attend Sunday Bible study 9:45-10:45, a Monday evening deeper study at Leader White's home, and *Relentless* on Wednesdays with a meal 6-6:45, games 6:45-7, worship service 7-8:00 & small groups 8-8:30. Everyone is invited to come to LEARN, GROW and SERVE.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

MARCH 24TH

12:30PM

**BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH
NURSERY PROVIDED**

VBS WORK DAYS

JUNE 5TH

9AM-9PM

**COME AND GO AS YOU CAN. WE WILL BE PREPARING CRAFTS,
SORTING SHIRTS, MAKING NAMETAGS, & DECORATING!**

JUNE 9TH 12:30PM-5PM

**FINISH DECORATING, SET UP CLASSROOMS
SET UP REGISTRATION AND SANCTUARY**

**NURSERY AVAILABLE AS NEEDED. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU
WILL NEED NURSERY AND WHAT TIMES YOU PLAN TO HELP SO
WE CAN SCHEDULE OUR WORKERS.**

FINALS SURVIVAL KITS

UMW is mailing these Kits to all our college sons & daughters and grandsons & granddaughters the last week in April. Please enjoy donating any of the items listed. The first week in April, there will be boxes in the hall where you can drop your donations. Gift cards can be given to Sarah or Roxann. Donations DEADLINE is SUNDAY, APRIL 21st. Enjoy this fun project with us & send names & college addresses of your students to Alice Segers (masegers@comcast.net, 713-206-1600) or Barb McGaffey (barbara@mcgaffey.com, 713-858-6533) before April 21st.

1 FOOD, etc.

a. SWEET SNACKS

- i. Single packs of: Oreos, other cookies
- ii. Sm. single packs of M&M's, etc.
- iii. Hot chocolate mix
- iv. Breakfast Bars

b. SALTY SNACKS

- i. Single packs of: Cheezits, Nuts, etc.
- ii. Single packs of: CHIPS (any kind)
- iii. Single packs of Snack CRACKERS
- iv. Single packs of POPCORN
- v. Raamen Soup packets
- vi. Sm. packets of Trail Mix

c. OTHER

- i. \$5 Starbucks Gift Card
- ii. Pizza Gift Card
- iii. Gum
- iv. Tennis Ball
- v. Refillable Water Bottle
- vi. Raisins, sm. packs of Dried Fruits
- vii. V8 Energy+ Canned Drinks



2 OFFICE SUPPLIES

- a. Highlighter
- b. Small Notebook
- c. Pencils, Pens
- d. Index Cards



FUMC STUDENTS WILL BE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FEBRUARY 10 TO MARCH 24, 2019

It's that time again, when graduating seniors and some of the 18 students who received FUMC scholarships last year will be picking up applications for 2019 scholarships.

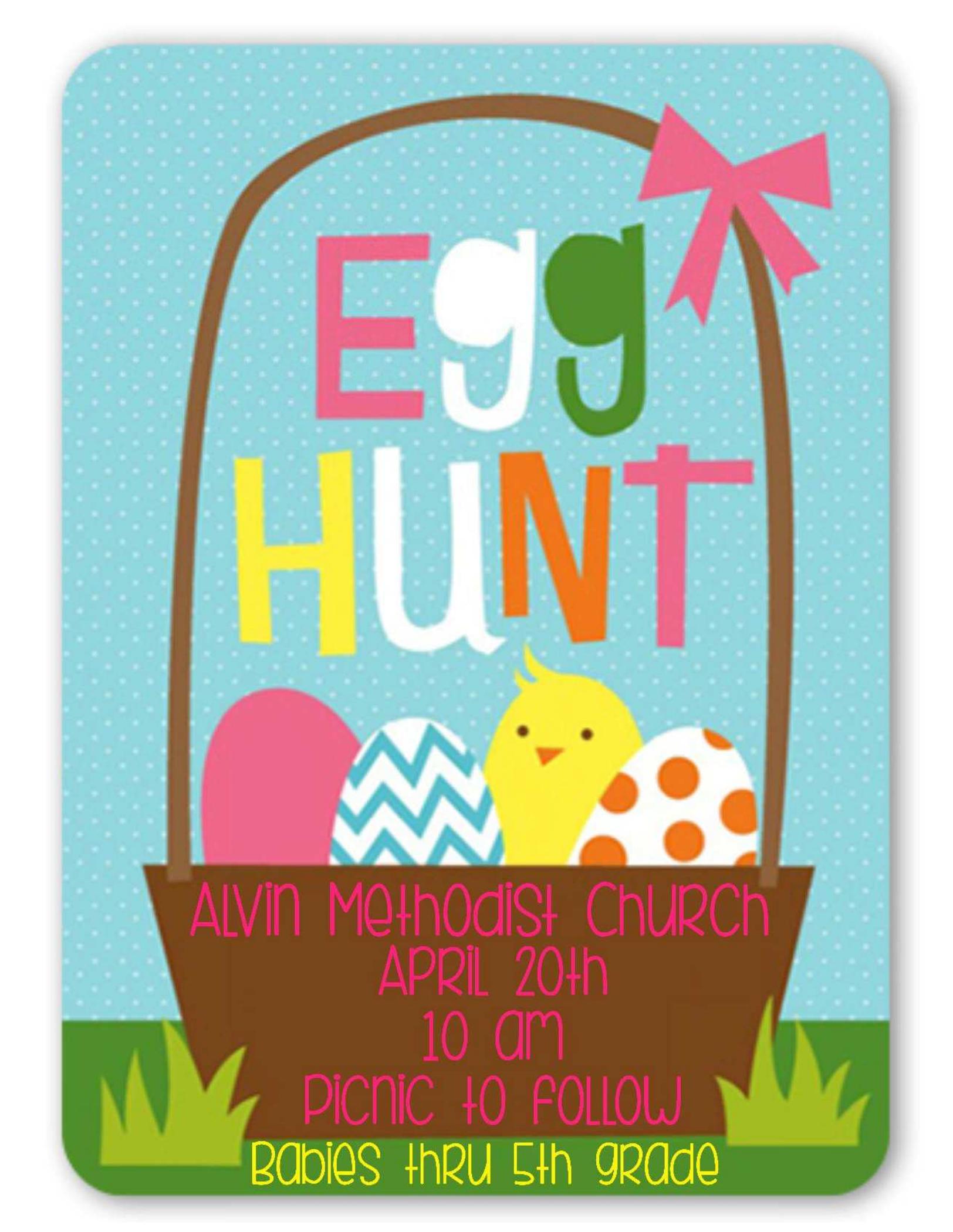
The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and meet April 7 to determine the number and value of scholarships to award this year. Scholarship amounts depend on the balances available in the scholarship endowments and the FUMC Scholarship Fund. We'd like to encourage you to contribute to the "FUMC Scholarship Fund" so that we can award a broader range of scholarships, which would include community college, technical and baccalaureate degrees.

Since we all value Education, it is critical that we add some dollars to the FUMC Scholarship Fund. If by check, all you need to do is write "FUMC Scholarship" on the memo line. If by cash, put it in an envelope and write "FUMC Scholarship" on it, drop it in the collection plate or give it to Roxann Corona, our Finance Director, who will deposit it in the right account for you. And, of course, you'll see your donation on your year-end financial statement, because it's tax-deductible.

These donations can also be made in memory or in honor of a loved one. We will send acknowledgements to the family or individual if you attach a note with name and address of who should receive the acknowledgement.

Your Scholarship Committee thanks you!
Dan Remington, Chairman

**Please add your tax-deductible donation
to the "FUMC Scholarship Fund"
Before April 7, 2019**

A colorful poster for an egg hunt. The background is light blue with a white dotted pattern. A brown archway frames the text. A pink bow is tied to the top right of the arch. Inside the arch, the words "Egg Hunt" are written in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the text, a brown basket contains a pink egg, a blue and white chevron egg, a yellow chick, and a white egg with orange polka dots. The basket sits on a green grassy base.

Egg Hunt

ALVIN METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 20th

10 am

PICNIC TO FOLLOW

Babies thru 5th grade

Studies with Videos

Faith-Messenger Class

We would to share our studies with other classes-

1. Simon Peter (Adam Hamilton)
2. Grace (Max Lucado)
3. Half Truths (Adam Hamilton)
4. A Firm Foundation (Methodist Vision)
5. Book of Isaiah (John Oswalt)
6. Bad Girls of the Bible (Liz Higgs)
7. The Psalms (Part 1—Brian Russell) (Part 2—Brian Russell)
8. Exodus (John Oswalt)
9. Joshua/Worry Battle (Barb Roose)

LOL Item of the month: FOOD DRIVE

Bring these items any day in the month of March and put them in the shopping cart outside the office.

Feeding Souls Soup Kitchen

What's Easier Than Cooking a Pot of Soup or some Mac 'n Cheese and Filling 2 or 3 Quart Cups (or more) for the Soup Kitchen?

Just Pick Up the One-Quart Plastic Cups & lids in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Label each cup with the name of the soup (or meal) it contains. You can bring your cups to the Church **ANY TIME!**

Next Date: April 13, 2019



Put them in the FREEZER if made more than 3 days before the Soup Kitchen

Saturday

Put them in the refrigerator if made 3 days or less before the Soup Kitchen

Saturday -OR-

Drop them off the Saturday of the Soup Kitchen beginning at 9:00 am

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

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