

1973-2023

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LUNCH
THURSDAY
BUNCH



By love, we serve one another
Galatians 5:13



**THE LUNCH BUNCH MINISTRY IS ONE
OF THE OLDEST AND LARGEST
MINISTRIES HERE AT ALAMO HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.
WE ARE THANKFUL TO EACH OF YOU,
OUR FAITHFUL GUESTS OVER THESE
MANY YEARS, AND SO VERY GRATEFUL
TO HAVE A WONDERFUL HEARTFELT
GROUP OF MINISTRY PARTNERS!
WE DO THIS TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND TO SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE.**



ORDER OF

program

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

11:30 AM GATHERING IN CLC

11:45 AM WELCOME

David Reed

Rev. Jason Adams

Rev. Donna Strieb

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Recognition

Program Book & Souvenir Medallion

Slide Presentation

50 Gifts for 50 Years

SINGING *David Reed*

Mary Lou Russell, piano

AS TIME GOES BY - PAGE 3

YOUNG AT HEART - PAGE 82

UNFORGETTABLE - PAGE 99

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS - PAGE 42

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

Rev. Donna Strieb

12:15 PM LUNCH

1-1:30 PM DISMISSAL

50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

the MENU

SPECIALTY DRINK

Anniversary Punch

ENTREE

Garden salad with French Vinaigrette Dressing

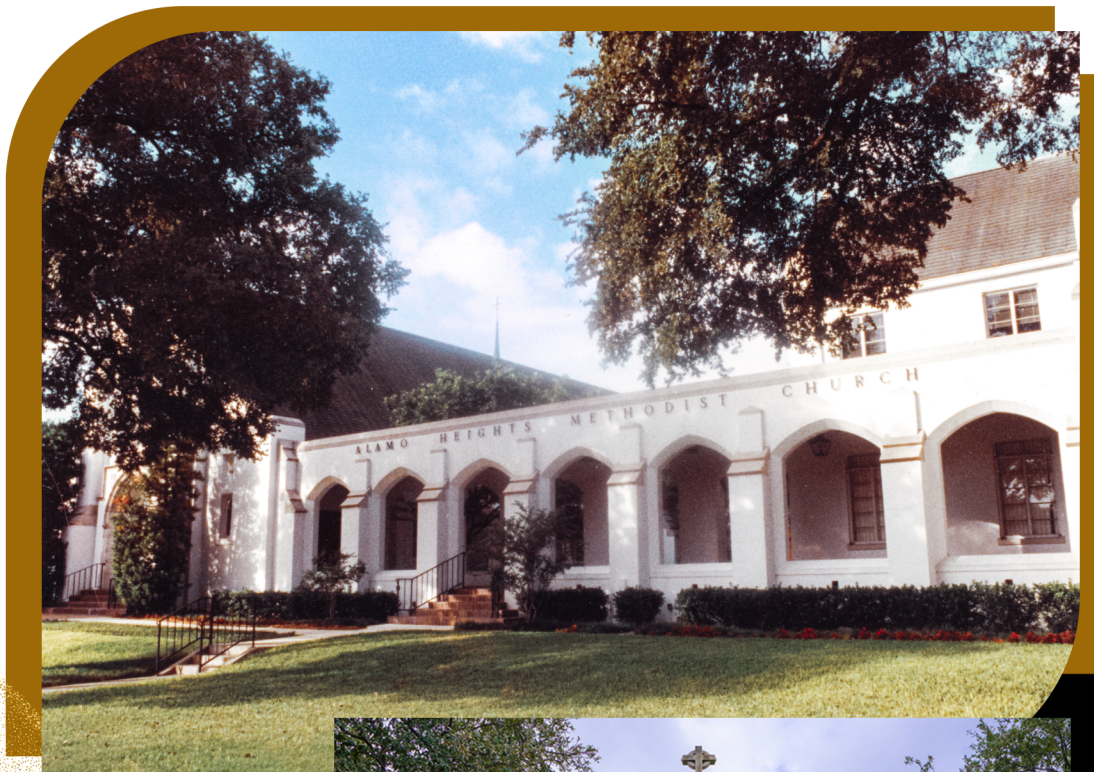
Beef Bourguignon/Beef Burgundy

Buttered Noodles

Half Baguette/bolillo

DESSERT

Petit Fours/Anniversary Cake



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ABOUT



*"By love we serve one another"
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In 1973, the Thursday Lunch Bunch (TLB) was founded to provide meals to seniors in the community in partnership with St. Peter's Catholic Church, which was located across the street from Alamo Heights UMC on Broadway. Over time, the organizers recognized the need for fellowship, in addition to the meals, which changed the program from delivering the meals to serving lunch. Shortly thereafter, the Thursday Lunch Bunch grew to feed an average of 150-200 senior citizens each week. At that time, about 20% of the senior adults dining were members of AHUMC. In 1994, the church relocated from Broadway to Basse Road, where the Thursday Lunch Bunch has continued to feed between 100-150 senior citizens with 40% members here at AHUMC.



The Lunch Bunch outreach program is a self-sustaining ministry and receives no annual budget funds. To help offset the cost of the meals, the preparation of the meals is completely a volunteer effort, and Alamo Heights UMC does not charge for utilities or building use as we believe that the ministry to senior adults is important.

Every week an average of 30 Ministry Partners (AKA volunteers) help plan, prepare, decorate, dispense meal tickets, register guests, cook, serve, and clean-up each Thursday. Our team of cooks are the best, including the dessert bakers along with a kitchen manager and our faithful custodians. Lunch Bunch is all about building community and fellowship so we make it a point to celebrate birthdays, sing familiar songs, and pray before we break bread together. The finishing touch is calling each guest by name with welcoming smiles of joy and love!



“ ...BUT WHOEVER DESIRES TO
BECOME GREAT AMONG YOU,
LET HIM BE YOUR **SERVANT** ”

Matthew 20:26



**OUR
YEAR**

AT A 

GLANCE

The Thursday Lunch Bunch program starts in September and ends in May with themes for Valentine's Day, Texas Independence Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fiesta, the San Antonio Spurs, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and a special day remembering and honoring our military for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

As guests arrive our church organist plays the piano and afterward our emcee leads singing some of our favorite songs along with jokes and laughter. Following the introduction, we sing a hymn and a blessing is given by a pastor or clergy staff. After the blessing of the meal, our amazing Ministry Partners bring food to each table.



In December of 2023 the Thursday Lunch Bunch will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the special Christmas-themed lunch called “Holiday Delight”. For this festive occasion, we serve over 200+ guests with a holiday meal, dessert, and have favors for each guest to take home! Our Ministry Partners take special care to decorate over 25 tables, each with a different Christmas theme. This event is one of our largest and most celebrated events to really usher in the Christmas-spirit.



In addition to our seniors, many other special groups dine with us for lunch including Bible Study classes, Alzheimer Support Group, the Red Hat Ladies, and a group of retired Methodist pastors who call themselves the OWOPs (Old Worn out Preachers).



2012

Another ministry called “Reaching Maximum Independence” (RMI) began to join and dine with us in 2012. RMI’s mission is to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in reaching their maximum level of independence, and be more engaged in our community. RMI has been a massive help in folding and putting away all of the chairs and tables. We have been so grateful for their help and it has been a huge blessing to the Thursday Lunch Bunch as that was a challenge to our senior volunteers. *Thank you TEAM RMI!*

“It is more blessed to give

than to receive.”

Acts 20:35

Also in 2012, Thursday Lunch Bunch began sharing any extra funds by donating to the missions of our church and other ministries. Lunch Bunch's first mission project went toward the Burundi Mission in Africa raising over \$1,000 for the purchase of goats! Yes, goats! These goats produced milk (and more goats!) which translated to more goats and more milk for those in need. One of AHUMC's former pastors and team members taught and mentored pastors in Burundi and continued for over six years.



Over the past ten years, Lunch Bunch has given to a variety of charities such as Asbury UMC Benevolence Fund/Food and Prayer Ministry, AHUMC Counseling Ministry, Heart Pillow Ministry, Flower Ministry, Kairos Prison Ministry, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), Prayer Shawl Ministry, Providence Place, and Junto Servis/ Brownville Matamoras Ministry that delivers food by boat to people in Mexico. Additionally, the Lunch Bunch was able to raise over \$3,000 from 2017-2019 to help pay for the “Hearing Loop” in the Sanctuary.



The Lunch Bunch has been proud to be a part of the AHUMC School Supplies Project for the past five years. This idea began with two Thursday Lunch Bunch ladies who are retired teachers. They continue to lead the effort along with the many other retired school teachers who are a part of our Lunch Bunch team. Partnering with the AHUMC Hope Center ministry, Lunch Bunch collects and organizes school supplies for underserved kids in the area. We serve all five Alamo Heights ISD schools and surrounding nearby schools in the Northeast ISD a total of 12 schools. Approximately \$1,500 each year is received in monetary donations along with supplies and backpacks. Volunteers contact the schools ahead of time to learn what is needed, and then shop to fulfill those needs during July.



*Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*



We are so grateful to the those who have rallied around this project with their generosity as well as those who do the shopping and delivery to schools.

MINISTRY PARTNERS



The "Ministry Partners" have had aprons of many designs and colors over the years - navy, red, yellow, and white along with the red cap - "The Bunch."



Since 2013, we now wear black aprons with the embroidered Cross and Flame and Alamo Heights UMC lettering in white.



These custom-made, no-iron aprons have adjustable ties to fit each individual and two front pouch pockets. The aprons are made in Oklahoma at the Cookson Hills Methodist Mission.



IN MEMORY

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Ruth Abraham
Gloria Alley
Eileen Austin
Martha Bailey
Margaret Barnes
Jim Blair
Martha Branch
Pat Brown
Rev. Dr. Harold
Burkhardt
Deane Busby
Marilyn Byrd
Linda Carr
Cathay Clayton
Pauline Coker
Mary Coleman
Joe Commare
Virginia Cox
Jane Dahlberg
Elaine Davis
Patti Dawson
Edith Dalrymple
Rev. Hoyt Dudley
Bonnie Eisenschmidt
Richard Federspill
Emma Finley

Lorayne Fleet
Mary Fletcher
Dorothy Freeborn
Marie Garner
Pat Goudge
Petey Hale
Ruth Hart
Mildred Hall
Susan Hamer
Ruth Hammond
Audrey Hardaway
Lee Hargis
Mary Harral
Esther Heyen
Shirley Hasting
Bart Hayward
Martha Hicks
Leasie Hilgenfeld
Peggy Hooks
Scottie Huff
Helen Hunt
Wanda Kephart
Dorothy Kauffman
Jane Krumboltz
Ginny Kurtz
Ivy Lilly

Annette Loyd
Jerry Mariner
Diana Mathews
Don McMurray
Arlene Miller
Knox Miller
Rosemary Proll
Liz Rock
Wanda Riley
Margaret Rudloff
Yvonne Schlichemrier
Sally Seward
Eloise Smith
Patty Sullivan
Helen Thompson
Nancy Vitola
Dot and Cliff Wares
Lillian Weaver
Anne Wingo
Tom Woods
Inez Wright
Dorothy Yantis



FORMER MINISTRY PARTNERS

Betty Anderson
Nancy Armstrong
Janis Arnold
Teresa Ayers
Frances Bains
Rose Marie Banack
Dorothy Bauer
Neva Bearden
Ruth Bongio
Dee Dee Brogan
Patricia Brown
Rosalie Buente
Diana Byers
Scott Charlton
Sheryl and Joe Childress
Kathy Christy
Carol Clary
Rosa Lee Clary
Shirley Cook
Myra Crawford
Elaine Cuellar
Bonnie Cundiff
Jane Dahlberg
E. B. Dawson
Donna DeArmond
Cheryl Deegan
Phyllis Dinsmore

Sue Dullnig
Carolyn Edwards
Olivia Ellis
Laurie Fitch
Barbara Flippen
Donna Francis
Carolyn Fuller
Betty Gentle
Don Goudge
Helen Hicks Groos
Betty and Ken Gruner
Ken Hamilton
Nancy Johnson
Susan Jones
Ray Kelsey Sr.
Darr King
Virginia Koehl
Laura Kuivenhoven
Ann Kuykendall
Tom Kurtz
Phala Lee
Christin McAllister
Wendy McKinney
Judy McMurray
Delores Martinez
Bev Meermans
Karen Menger

Janice Moore
KiKi Negrete-Lopez
Pat O'Neill
Lucile Pipes
Karen Robinson
Jack Rodgers
Terri Ross
Jim Russell
Joan Schmidt
Larry Stanuga
Holly Denton Swanson
Jack Swanson
Nancy Thomsen
Patti Thompson
Kaye Yarbrough
Marsha Wells
Evelyn Woods
Lynn Ziegler



CURRENT MINISTRY PARTNERS

Servers + Volunteers

Rev. Donna Strieb

Elyse Allen

Dorothy Bauer

Lynne Breuer

Patricia Burkhardt

Genie Clayton

Kay Craig

Doran Dennis

Donna DeVoll

Verna Dietrich

Jean Graham

Pat Hardy

Jimmie Joffe

Charles Johnson

Ray Kelsey Jr.

Katherine McPherson

Karen Menger

Bruce Michel

Donna Murphy

Wayne Nicks

Connie Perry

David Reed

Jan Ross

Mary Lou Russell

Mary Schoff

Jonnie Stefano

Wanda Stewart

Nelzane White

2023-2024 Team Committee

LEADER & AHUMC STAFF LIAISON – Rev. Donna Strieb

CHIEF COOKS – Tim Guillen & Bill Napper

FINANCES – Jonnie Stefano

CHECK-IN & NAME TAGS – Jimmie Joffe

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES (and Volunteer Extraordinaire!) – Connie Perry

PUBLICITY & ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS – Patricia Burkhardt

Welcome to the Bunch!

2023 New Ministry Partners

Virlie Cain, Suzanne Felker, Carol Myers, Diane Miller, Clara Sine

CURRENT MINISTRY PARTNERS

Ex-Officio Members

EMCEE & MUSIC

David Reed, Mary Lou Russell, and Verna Dietrick

DECORATIONS

Mary Schoff and Jean Graham

CARE COORDINATOR

Sends Birthday, Get-Well, and Sympathy Cards

Elyse Allen

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COORDINATORS

Donna Murphy and Connie Perry

AHUMC KITCHEN COORDINATOR

Chef Colin Bryant

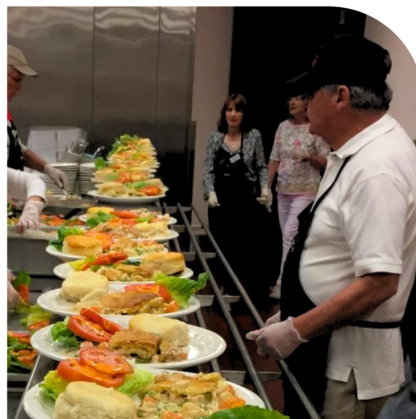
CUSTODIANS

Rick Ortiz, Parrish Julian, Gabriel Garza, Enrique Guzman, Sonia Lewis



Cooks

Louise Cates, Tim Guillen.
Jan Harvey, Randy Holmes,
Cathy Lively, Darryl Menager,
Bill Napper, Paul Rast,
Dick Schoff, Paula Smisek,
Colin Bryant



Coordinators of 50 Prizes for 50 Years of Thursday Lunch Bunch

Wanda Stewart

Paula Smisek

Clara Sine

50th Anniversary Table Decor

Special Thank You to Judy McMurray!!!



What were you doing in 1973?

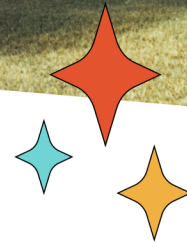


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YEAR IN REVIEW



ALAMO HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**5101 BROADWAY
AVENUE**



SENIOR PASTOR

**REV. DR. CALVIN W.
FROEHNER**

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

HARRY BAMBERGER

ORGANIST

GROVER MCNEIL

**THURSDAY LUNCH
BUNCH ORGANIZED
BY ANNETTE LOYD!**

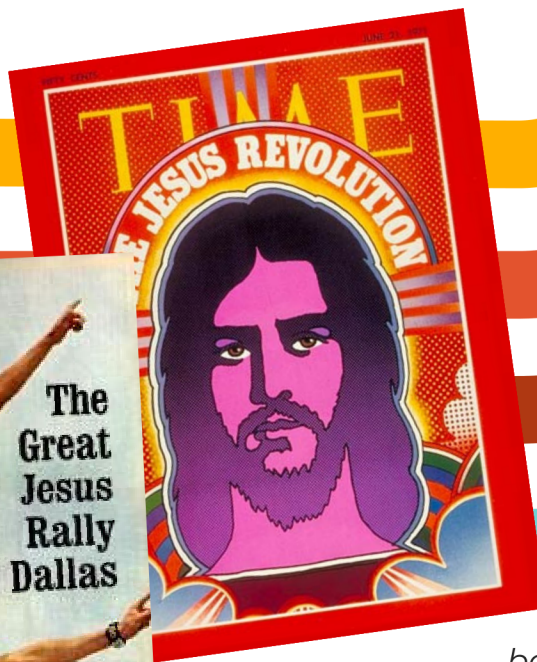
SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

**THE CHESTER STREET
PARKING LOT PAID IN FULL**



A year prior (1972)
"Explo '72" - a
crusade by
Billy Graham in

Dallas, TX made the cover of
LIFE Magazine and a year
before that (1971) the Jesus
Revolution made the cover
of TIME Magazine



George Foreman wins
boxing's World Heavyweight
Championship, 1973



1973

PRESIDENT

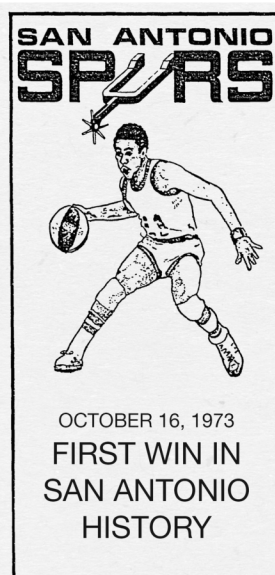
RICHARD NIXON

SPIRO AGNEW

VICE PRESIDENT

**MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF SAN ANTONIO**

**CHARLES
BECKER**



SPURS' GEORGE KARL DRIVES IN AND PASSES TO TEAMMATE
... San Antonio rookie came off bench to lead Spurs to first victory

Former Dallas Chaparrals become our
beloved San Antonio Spurs in 1973

FASHION

BIG HAIR! AFROS, LONG HAIR
AND MUTTONCHOPS
DOMINATED

BELL-BOTTOM
TROUSERS IN
DENIM AND
CORDUROY

COLORFUL SHIRTS
IN PLAID,
PAISLEY, AND
TIE-DYE

PATCHWORK
PRINTS

PLATFORM SHOES AND
HUSHPUPIES

For whom the bells toll.



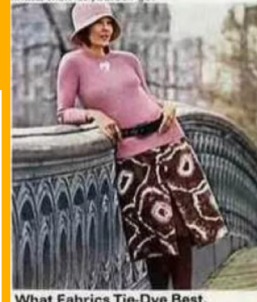
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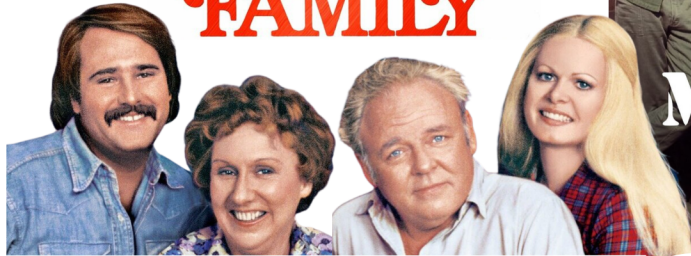


MOST POPULAR NAMES

JENNIFER, AMY, MICHELLE, KIMBERLY

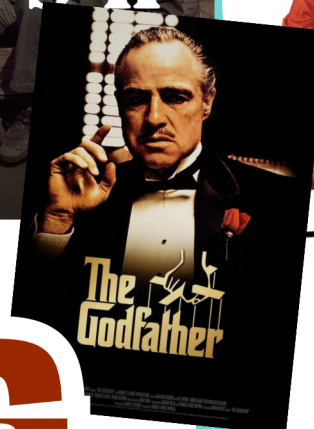
MICHAEL, CHRISTOPHER, JASON,
JAMES

ALL
IN THE
FAMILY



M*A*S*H

THE STING



WHAT'S PLAYING

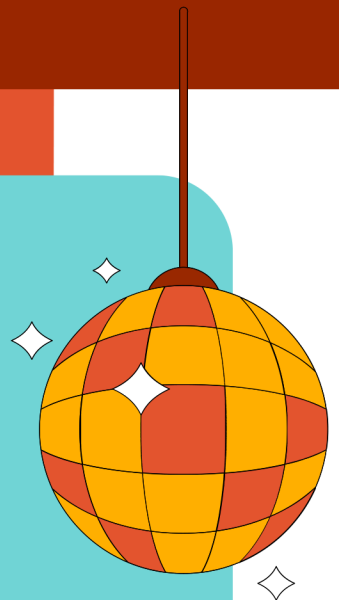
IN THE NEWS



- WATERGATE 1972-1974
- ROE V. WADE
- NIXON SIGNS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
- 110-STORY SEARS TOWER OPENED IN CHICAGO
- OLDSMOBILE TORONADO, 1ST CAR WITH PASSENGER AIRBAGS
- GASOLINE SHORTAGE DUE TO AN OIL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY OPEC
- CONSTRUCTION OF ALASKA PIPELINE
- 1ST CELL PHONE CALL

GROOVING TO...

- "MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO GEORGIA" - GLADYS KNIGHT AND THE PIPS
- "CROCODILE ROCK" - ELTON JOHN
- "TIE A YELLOW RIBBON ROUND THE OLD OAK TREE" - TONY ORLANDO AND DAWN
- "YOU ARE THE SUNSHINE OF MY LIFE" - STEVIE WONDER
- "JESUS IS JUST ALRIGHT WITH ME" - THE DOOBIE BROTHERS
- "WHY SHOULD THE DEVIL HAVE ALL THE GOOD MUSIC?" - LARRY NORMAN



YOU ARE INVITED



Join us for lunch every Thursday during the school year!

Reservations must be made by calling the Church Office: 210-826-3215 by Tuesday at Noon.

Gathering begins around 11:30 AM

Program begins at 11:45 AM

Food is served at 12 PM

A great meal for \$6 which includes a delicious dessert, coffee, and tea!

Take-out is also available with a reservation

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