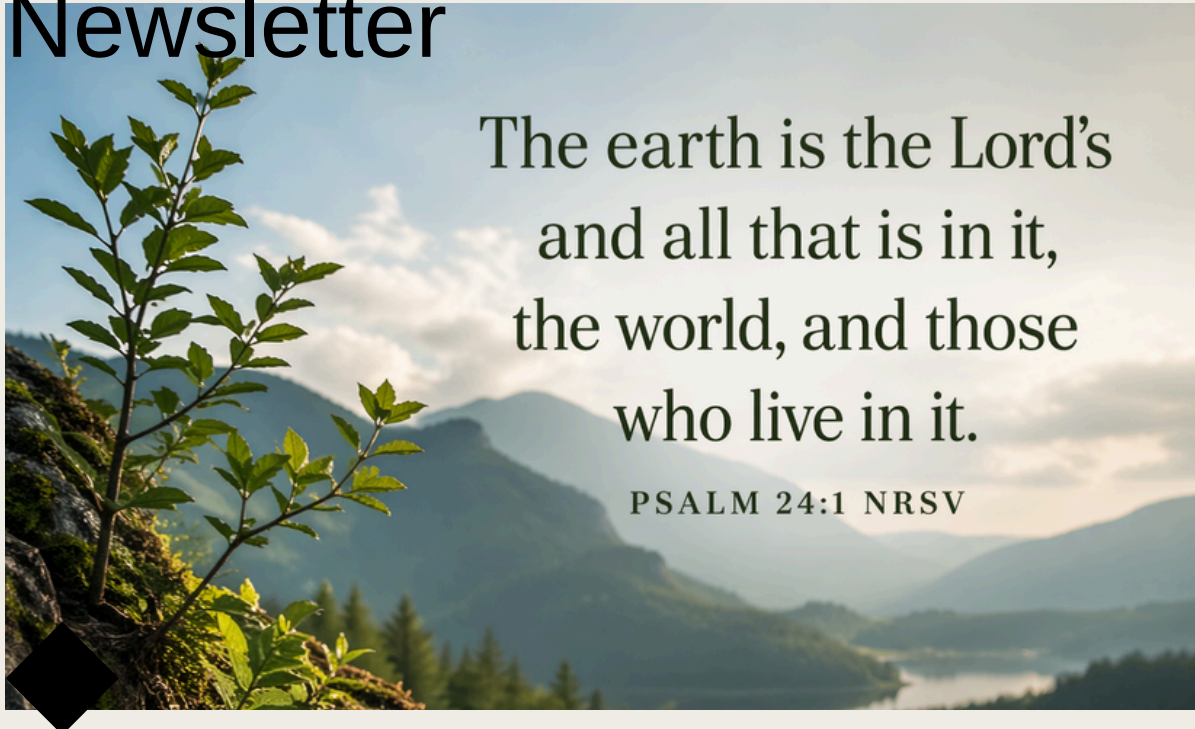


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The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world, and those
who live in it.

PSALM 24:1 NRSV

Earth Day *

As The Nature Conservancy celebrates 75 years of working to protect and preserve nature, let's celebrate our planet's incredible power—to amaze us, inspire us, teach us and provide for us. Earth Day 2026 is a moment to honor the future we share and the one we're creating together. It's a day for all the generations that got us here, and for all the generations to come.

www.nature.org

Perhaps you can volunteer or clean up the environment on your own. How many of us have walked by an item on the ground and did not stop to pick it up? Or tossed something out the window while you were driving? Let's do our part for the environment.



Our Power, Our Planet is Earth Day 2026's theme reflecting a fundamental truth: environmental progress doesn't depend on any single administration or election.



“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S”

A Earth Day Reflection

The earth is the Lord’s, the mountains proclaim,
From sunrise in glory to dusk’s gentle flame.
The rivers once whispered of life pure and free,
A gift from God’s hand for all eyes to see.

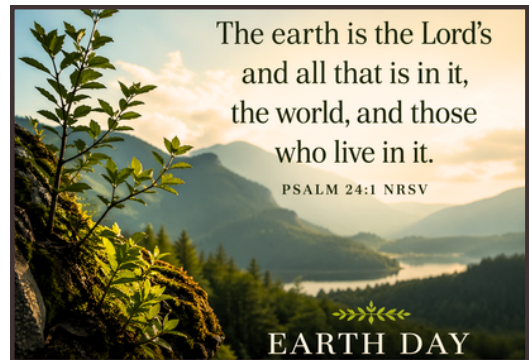
Yet something is shifting, the seasons feel strange,
The winds carry warnings of rapid change.
The sky wears a thinning, a fragile disguise,
As the ozone grows weary beneath burdened skies.

The summers burn hotter, the winters unsure,
The balance God crafted no longer feels pure.
From deserts expanding to ice turning thin,
Creation now groans from the weight of our sin.

The forests once dancing in emerald embrace,
Now struggle for breath in a warming space.
The flowers that bloomed in their season and time
Now falter and fade before reaching their prime.

And water—life’s blessing, so sacred, so true—
Now scarce in the places where it once freely grew.
The droughts leave the soil cracked, thirsty, and worn,
While rivers run shallow and hope feels torn.

In a world full of progress, of screens shining bright,
We’ve traded some wisdom for speed and for might.
Yet God’s holy plan still calls us to care,
To tend to creation with love and with prayer.



Recycle the paper, the plastic, the glass,
Small acts of compassion that steadily amass.
Teach children and elders, both young and the wise,
That stewardship honors our God in the skies.

For we are the keepers, entrusted, not owners,
Called to be healers, restorers, atoners.
Each seed that we nurture, each drop that we save,
Reflects the great love that our Creator gave.

So rise up, all generations, hand in hand,
To cherish, protect, and restore this land.
For the earth is the Lord’s—let it always be known—
And our care is the gratitude faithfully shown.
By: Unknown

“Yet something is shifting”

WRIGHT PARK, SCHULENBURG, TX

A historic landmark in Schulenburg, TX that is being restored and revitalized for future generations.



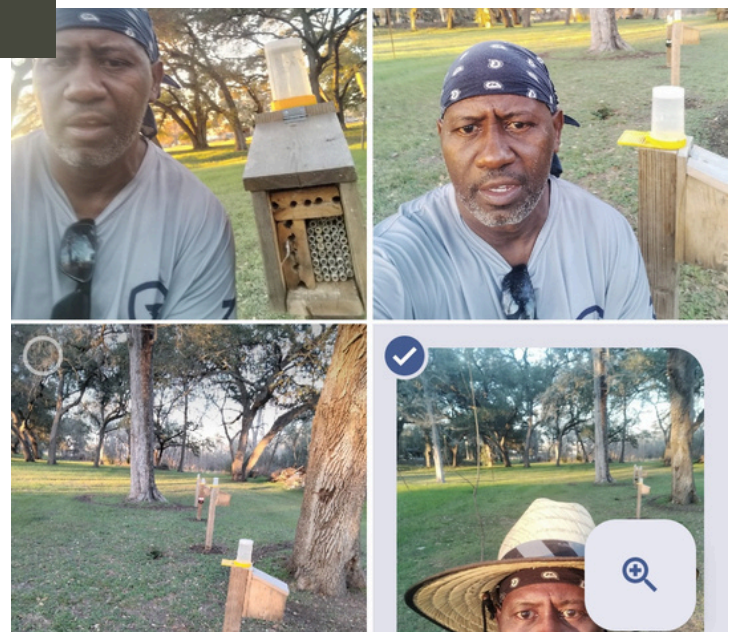
EASTER AT WRIGHT PARK

Wright Park's "Annual" Easter Egg Hunt (1970-1980 timeframe)

- Community Event
- Hosted after the Easter Service
- Easter Baskets were provided

Over the last few years Bro Tim Moore and other volunteers have been doing the following:

- Harvest Blue Orchard Mason Bees
- Applied for Untold Historical Marker
- FarmPath Approval
- Revitalize Park Grounds
- Restore Buildings



KENYA AFRICA TRIP - APRIL 2026

C. Renee' Sattiewhite recently went on a trip to Kenya and captured some beautiful memories. In honor of the Lord's handiwork and Earth Day a few photos are being shared with the members/friends of Stevens Chapel UMC.



A AERIAL VIEW

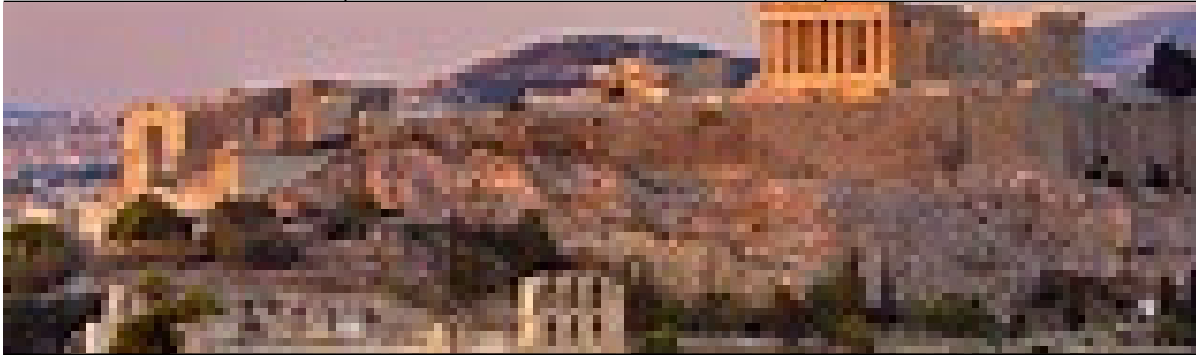
The land is vast

- Spectacular view
- Land, land, and more land
- The Motherland

Safari encounter

- A lion on the prowl
- A beautiful day
- A wonderful experience





Join Us! Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

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Month "Free" Meal

Monthly "Free" Meal will take place on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 4pm. Stevens Chapel UMC hosts this meal on a monthly basis to families who are experiencing food insecurity. Please stop by 309 Wolters Ave, if you are interested in a hot meal. No charge!

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"Shifting the Atmosphere" Conference in Dallas, Texas

"Shifting the Atmosphere" Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 29 - Saturday, May 2, 2026 hosted at Hamilton Park UMC (SBC21)



Pastor-Stevens Chapel UMC Rev Dr Pamela Sattiewhite

What a blessing to experience two Holy Weeks and two Easter Sundays. Western Easter was on Sunday, April 5, 2026 and Eastern Orthodox Easter was on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

The Lord made a way for my sisters and I to travel to Athens Greece and we were blessed with a wonderful experience.

The weather was amazing and the history is so interesting!

"According to Acts 17:16-34, the Apostle Paul preached in Athens, specifically at the Areopagus (or Mars Hill), a rocky outcrop located just below and adjacent to the Acropolis."



133rd Church Anniversary

Thank you for supporting Stevens Chapel UMC's 133rd Church Anniversary. The 133rd Church Anniversary was postponed in January 2026 due to the inclement weather and the Lord truly blessed the gathering in March 2026. Reverend Allen Noah, Mrs. Noah, and members of Hensen Chapel & Evans Chapel UMC. First, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone on the program and in attendance. We are a small membership church and thank the volunteers for their support. Everyone's generosity and dedication allowed the 133rd Church Anniversary to be a joyous celebration!

We were blessed to see so many members of the Schulenburg Community, along with Gonzales, Texas, Weimer, Texas, Columbus, Texas, LaGrange, Texas, and San Antonio, Texas guest in our midst. We pray that you enjoyed the service, hospitality, and the meal. We pray that we can fellowship again, real soon.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that Stevens Chapel UMC worships on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. You are always welcome! Join us!



Monthly "Free" Meal

The meal for March 2026 was delicious golden brown fish w/ tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink.

The meals are served on the last Thursday of the month, except for months with five Thursdays. Meals are served while supplies last, come early!

Schedule:

- April 23 at 4pm
- May 28 at 4pm
- June 25 at 4pm



Good Friday Service

The Annual Schulenburg Ministerial Alliance Community Good Friday Service was hosted by Rev Lemae Higgs and members of United Evangelical Lutheran Church at Swiss Alps

- Date: 3 April 2026
- Time: 12pm
- Message: Rev J P Kessie
- 2038 FM-3171, Schulenburg, TX
- All are welcome to attend and volunteer.
- Donations are used to help those individuals who are in need.
- Let's make a positive impact in our community and help those in need.