

First United Methodist Church San Angelo

The Messenger JUNE 2022

Featured Article

Betsy Sadler retiring as staff member

COMING UP

6/6 - Grief Share begins

6/8-6/12 Annual Conference in McAllen

6/11 - Bag collection - Foster Coliseum

6/19 - Father's Day/Juneteenth

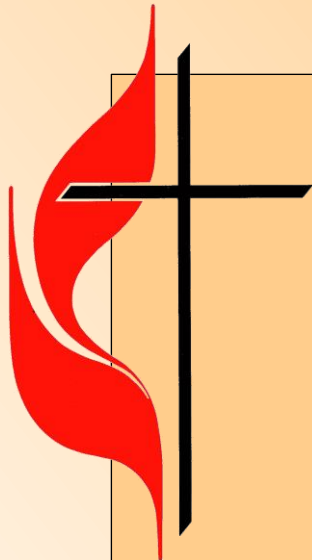
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7/12-7/14 VBS. Volunteers needed.



**HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY TO ALL DADS
& GRANDDADS.**



Services & Sunday School Hour

8:30 The Bridge - Sanctuary

9:30 - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Traditional - Sanctuary

Also available live on radio station KWFR 101.9
(The Fire)

11:00 11th Hour - Celebration Hall

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SUMMERTIME AT FIRST CHURCH

PASTORAL STAFF



Rev. Scott Bradford
Senior Pastor

SERMON SERIES

6/5 The Mysterious New Church (Pentecost) Acts 2:1-13

Nature of the Church (Acts 2)

6/12 A Spirit Born Church
6/19 Receiving the Promise
6/26 Apostle's Teaching



Rev. Kristie Crisp
Associate Pastor

SERMON SERIES

June 5 – Finishing The Unexpected Acts of God – Pentecost and The Ultimate Surprise Party

June 12 – Guest Speaker Lori Franks

June 19, June 26, and July 3 – Sermon based on Disney's *Encanto*.



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SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

- **Childcare** is available during all services.
- **Children are welcome** in services. We provide activity bags in the sanctuary (front and back doors) and in Celebration Hall.
- **Hearing Assistance** devices are available in the sanctuary narthex.
- **Coffee** is located in First Place Café outside Celebration Hall.
- **Holy Communion** is served the first Sunday of each month in all services.
- **Sunday School at 9:30** for all ages. Adult, youth, children, infants/toddlers. See directional signs at church or call the church office at 655-8981 or visit www.firstmethodist.net



Rev. Dale Weise
Associate Pastor



Rev. Cyndi Young
Associate Pastor

To access the 2022 Methodist Lectionary, go to <https://methodist.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Revised-Common-Lectionary-2022-Year-C.pdf>

HATS OFF TO BETSY SADLER



Time to “opt out” of producing Messenger.

The First Church staff would like to give a huge thank you and applause to Betsy Sadler who began writing The Messenger in December 2010. For 4,140 days, she has been busy producing FUMC’s monthly newsletter. Her love of God, devotion, and encouraging spirit produces much fruit.



Joining as a member in 1987, she has been involved in various ministries as a volunteer until coming on board as staff in 2010. Her ministry interests are varied. She has been involved in Costa Rica mission trips, and coordinating (pre-Covid) Wednesday evening mouthwatering meals, worked with Kids Eat for many years as well as teaching adult Sunday school. She continues to deliver Meals for the Elderly, sings with the Cokesbury Choir, speaks as a liturgist, and works with West Texas Guidance & Counseling. In her spare time, Betsy is an avid gardener and lover of all things DOG as well as an aficionado of hats (as showed in photos). Blessings to sweet Bets (as Carol would echo) as God calls you to other opportunities to serve this community of faith. Matthew’s gospel echoes our thankfulness in Chapter 25.

“Wonderful!” his master replied. “You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!” From all of us at FUMC, thank you for all you have done and all you will still do.

Shalom Aleichem
(peace be with you)



Betsy & Tanner Sadler

Blessings from Rev. Scott Bradford - Senior Pastor

My father, Rev Charles Bradford passed away in 1991, about two years before I took my first appointment. He knew I was headed towards ministry, but I so wish I could have shared with him about my early ministry. When I think back on my early life, I was nearing 29 when he died and so much of what he instilled in me had shaped my ministry.

There are easy things to pick out. He sang to babies that had been baptized "He's got the whole world in His hands..." You didn't think I invented that myself, did you? But he was such a people person, and leader, and encourager.

So, as I think about Father's Day, I think about my daddy, and about both of my grandfathers, Rev Ernest Bradford and Rev. Dr. Dewey Whitwell both ministers for The Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB). Dr. Whitwell was once a EUB Conference Superintendent and Conference Evangelist. Rev Ernest Bradford was a vocational barber and preacher.

I'm pretty sure if the preaching didn't convict you, as a young boy I was certain his "razor strap" would (f you know what I mean!) I am who I am because of these men, fathers and grandfathers and I am grateful!

Happy Father's Day

Pastor Scott

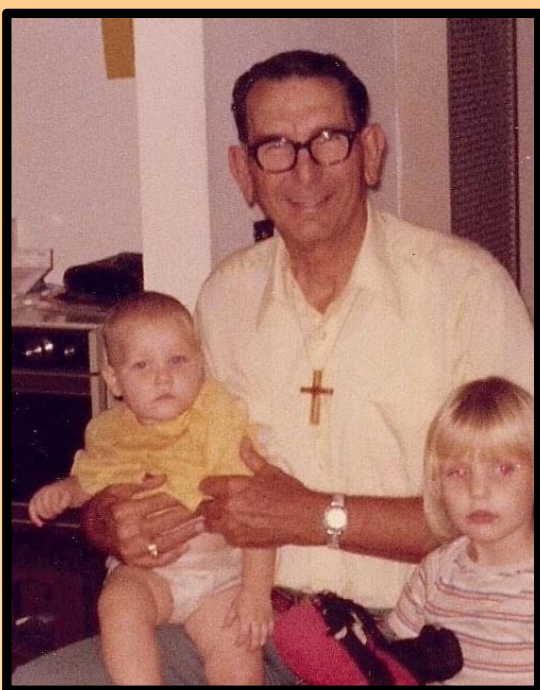


Rev. Kristie Crisp - Directing Ministries Pastor

There are many things I have learned in my life, and many have been from amazing people. Reflecting on the uncertainty of the world over the past weeks, months, and even years, there are two important things I hold close...two truths I learned from a wise Christian man: "God is always with us" and "look for the lesson." No matter the circumstances, you can always learn something, even from the bad ones. This wise Christian man was my Papa, Rev. John D. Withoff. Long before he dedicated his life to the Methodist Church to become a pastor, he was called Brother John because everyone who encountered him, encountered the love of Christ. One would think my memories of my Papa would be limited since he passed away from an unexpected heart attack when I was only 2 ½ years old, but my memories far exceed that short time he was physically in my presence. Through my Granny and my mom, through my aunts and uncles, I had so many memories and lesson that in my heart he has been with me, even to this day. In March of 2016, as I baptized a beautiful little baby girl for my first time, I knew God was with us and I felt my Papa's large hand on top of mine as I placed it on her head in the name of the Father, and still there, in the name of the Son, and still, in the name of the Holy Spirit. It was if he was still guiding me and passing on important things he wanted to share with me.

When the day is difficult and things make no sense, I stop and thank God for never leaving me and then I feel my Papa reminding me, "look for the lesson". Many times, the lesson is not what we expect but rather it is how we can do better or if we were hurt by someone, how we can make sure we don't cause or inflict the same pain on another. I am so blessed and so thankful for the amazing man God place in my life! I pray in every circumstance you too will remember: "God is with us" & "look for the lesson."

Pastor Kristie



Left to right- Pastor Kristie, Papa (Rev. John Withoff), and Big Sister Trisha





Remembering my father on this Father's Day.

My dad was a most talented and loving man. He played every instrument (apart from the harp), had a crystal-clear tenor voice, exercised his sense of humor daily and absolutely loved my mom and his family. We used to tease him that he never took out the trash unless he kissed mom goodbye first. While that was probably an exaggeration, it wasn't by much!

He loved being in the ministry and seeing the transformation of lives from being broken, abandoned, or aimlessly lost to seeing how lives were restored when they encountered the love and lavish grace of God. That love for restoration carried over to his hobbies as well. Just because something was shattered didn't mean it had to stay that way! He found demolished pieces of antique cars and made them into beautiful automobiles that turned heads wherever he went. He re-claimed scraps of violin parts, formed them in the oven and made them into beautiful instruments of praise. Playing "Amazing Grace" with him on beautiful violins that had been restored on his workbench were recurring memories I will cherish all my life.

Attached is one rusted frame that was literally buried behind a barn in Southern California. It became a popular "limo" once it was restored. Couples would sit in the rumble seat and ask him to drive them around town after their weddings. Previously broken, yet renewed and able to serve and bring joy again. Isn't that the ongoing story of our redemption in God's love?

I am so thankful for his faithful service to the Lord, his love for the congregations he served, and his willingness to be a channel of God's grace freely given to one and all.

Pastor Cyndi





**Lesa Perry
Wesley Nurse**

**Methodist Healthcare Ministries
Wesley Nurse Health Ministries**

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Recently I conducted a educational meeting at Momentous Home Sober Living Home for Women here in San Angelo. Our meeting was called Mammograms & Macrame and by partnering with Rosa from the Laura Bush Foundation, I gave a presentation on breast health. Rosa signed up women for the services through the foundation. God definitely has the perfect timing because one lady had found three lumps in her breast but had not sought care due to being uninsured. God is good!

If you need to reach the Wesley Nurse, please call:

Si necesita comunicarse con la enfermera Wesley, llame al:

325-215-4835



**Chelsea Lytle
Director of
Youth
Ministries**

**Crossroads
Youth Sunday School Classes**
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School's Out For Summer!!! It is so exciting that I must sing it. The end of the school year always brings big changes for us. While sad that our Seniors will be leaving us soon, we now have several new youth members. The 5th grade graduates have moved up to Youth! We are so excited to have these new faces with us each Sunday! I can't wait for all the fun we will have this summer!

To each my graduating seniors, I know you will do great things, and I can't wait to see them unfold. I know each of you are going to change the world someday, and I will be back here cheering you on along the way. Life isn't always going to be easy, but remember "Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:6 As excited as I am about your future, I am still very sad to see you go. It has been the biggest honor and privilege to get to be a part of your life. Even though my job is to teach you, you have taught me so much more. Thank you! Please know that you are always in my prayers and that I love you with all my heart. None of that will ever change! Life will be different without you in the Crossroad's basement or walking the halls of this church, but it is time for the next chapter of your life. It is time to move forward, towards your life goals. Don't ever forget where you came from and who loves you!



L-R: Mattie Sanford, Kaytlyn Lytle, London Lack, Jayden Hernandez, Amory Fly, Madison Alls. Not pictured: Marcus Figueroa.

Love, Chelsea



Children's Ministries

laurel@firstmethodist.net

Volunteers needed! Volunteer to organize a Kids Closet for Lake View Lighthouse. Closet needs to be up and going by start of school for the 2022-2023 year. Call Laurel at the church office (325-655-8981) for more info.

**Laurel Bradford
Children's
Ministries Director**



Want to donate? Kids closet at Lakeview Lighthouse in need of clothing. Kindergarten through 2nd grade (elastic waist pants preferred) and sizes 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14. Shoes, socks and underwear are also requested. All donations to be taken to the office and placed in the red box.

Elementary Promotion to Youth

First Kids promoted three students to the Youth Program May 29th. The promotion event took place during Sunday School in room E203. There was a short promotion ceremony and celebration. Welcome to the Youth Program!



PLANT-A-SHAPE WILDFLOWER BOOKMARK

Take one or two. Give one to a friend. Courtesy of First Kids.

Bookmarks located in First Place Café.

First Family Faith Development

Opportunities to Grow in Christ

Adult Sunday School Classes

Bayith/Fellowship – Teaching Pure Bible—God’s Plan for Mankind led by Buster Peek. Meets in person on the 3rd floor.

Cheers – “The Epic of Eden: Isaiah” by Sandra L. Richter led by John Walker. Meeting live and via Zoom on the 3rd floor.

Harmony – God’s Psychiatry: Healing for Your Troubled Heart by Dr. Charles L. Allen and led by Evelyn Coley, meeting live and via Zoom on the 3rd floor.

Journey – 1 Timothy led by Frieda Holt, Barbie Hari and Laura Huckaby. Meeting live and via Zoom. Meets on the 3rd floor.

Seekers – “You Were Made for This Moment” by Max Lucado led by Alan Gregston. Meets in the church office conference room.

S.T.E.R. – Various topics and to be led by Cathy Hubbard. Meets in person. Current study is on Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Union – “Armor of God” by Priscilla Schrier and led by Tim Hunnicutt, meeting in person on the 3rd floor.

Adult Sunday School meet at 9:30 a.m. Need more information? Visit <https://firstmethodist.net/adultfaithformation/adult-sunday-school>.

Jesus answered “ ... For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18:37

Seek
the
Truth...



Classes held during the week

Morning Glories (Women's class): Beginning April 26th, Pastor Kristie will lead a new study *Sacred Rhythms* The study looks at various spiritual disciplines and meets on Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. in the Journey classroom - 3rd floor. Books available for \$9.00. For additional information, contact Lori Francks @ 325-234-0375.

The Friends Group begins a new study June 1st named *The Chosen*. Class meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Cheers Classroom on the 3rd floor. Books are \$14. For more information, contact the church office @ 655-8981.

Fitness Witness: Water aerobics class to be held at Stephanie James' home. Contact her @ 806-470-2803.

Making a Joyful Noise

Cokesbury Christian Singers

Led by Koste Belcheff. Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays for practice Choir performs periodically during services (10:45 a.m.) and at local care facilities. A steady membership of those in their golden years compose this group. All welcome to join these robust church members that spread the gospel through song.

Sanctuary Choir

Led by Adam Chappel. Practice rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 1st floor near the sanctuary.

The Bridge Service

Various musicians contribute to a blended musical style of both traditional and contemporary songs.



Wesleyan Handbell Choir

Led by Laura Burkhalter. Practice is Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the Choir room – 1st floor.

The 11th Hour Band

Led by Mark & Lisa Lesosky. An eclectic group of various aged musicians who present contemporary music in a casual service.

"The most consistent musical experience I had growing up was church music." - Amy Grant



COMMUNION STEWARDS

Both the 8:30 and 10:45 services can always utilize more folks. If you have already signed up, let Cathy know if you would like to continue your service. Contact Cathy Hubbard @ 325-450-3590.

KITCHEN HELPERS

Wednesday afternoons for Refuel Your Faith meals (beginning again in the Fall), Feasting at the Table (11th Hour) and other times as needed. Contact Lisa Lesosky @325-315-6561 or email at lisalynette4@gmail.com

NURSERY WORKERS Sunday mornings and other times as needed. Contact Laurel Bradford for more information @ 325-655-8981.



SOUND TECHNICIANS

Will train. Contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Kristie at the church office @ 325-655-8981. This is a **paid position**.

Welcome to Aaron Adams who is currently training to join the AV techs in 11th Hour and Sanctuary!



**Aaron
Adams**



BLESS SOMEONE WITH A GIFT OF TIME, MONEY OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Chancel Flowers

Did you know can honor or memorialize someone or a specific group by placing flowers at the chancel? Call Dori Wegner at 254-718-6189 or email her @

dori@swcia.com

Meals for the Elderly

First Church will be providing volunteer drivers for deliveries during the weekdays. Contact Sandy Pederson @ 325-234-4834. Drivers are always needed.

Methodist Assistance

In First Place Café, a basket is available to drop of canned foods to be donated to those in need at Lakeview Lighthouse

Texas Ramp Project

Contact Pastor Dale at the church office (325) 655-8981. Materials and lunch provided. Thanks to all who have previously participated in building and serving a meal. All skill sets welcome. Kudos to Pastor Dale for organizing this great service to folks with this need. A June date forthcoming for this event.

Soup Kitchen

First Family is cooking on the First Fridays of each month. Dates 2022 are: June 3rd, July 1st, Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, and Dec. 2nd. Location is Wesley UMC located at 301 W. 18th and Martin Luther King Blvd. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Beth McCrea at edgemama@hotmail.com or the church office @ (325) 655-8981.

MISSIONS

"Therefore go and make disciples..."

Costa Rica Missions

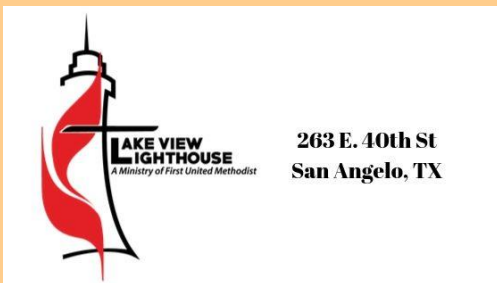
Contact Karee Wiggins @ Karee.Wiggins@CapitalFarmCredit.com for info on what you can do to support this team that leaves July 2022. Team members include Kevin & Laynee Porche, Jimmy & Kelly Von Gotten Butler, Jimmy Shanks, Kevin, Delaney, & Bianca Grimes, Will, Karee, Grayson & Garren Wiggins, David Hardegree, D'Ann Kuhlmann, and Rev. Dale & Shelly Weise.

Goliad Elementary School

More information, contact Laurel Bradford at the church office or see information under Children's Ministries.

Kids Eat Free

We are looking for volunteers to help pass out lunches at Lakeview Lighthouse July 5 – August 5, Monday-Friday from 11:00-1:00. If you are interested in helping, please contact D'Ann Kuhlmann at (325) 716-9944, Laura Malloy at (325) 656-8198, or Trudy Bozeman at (325) 656-1362



Lakeview Lighthouse Church More

information, contact Pastor Kristie or Pastor Scott for general info or Laurel Bradford for items needed for area children. Suggestions also found under Children's Ministries.

The Blessing Box

Located in the front of the church outside courtyard. this box is set up for our homeless brothers and sisters to grab a bite to eat. Nonperishable foods can be taken to the office and dropped in the marked tub. Please only pop top cans and snack size items. **NO FAMILY SIZE ITEMS.**

Somebody's Rusty

Contact Candis Hicks @ heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com or call 325-763-7387 for more information.

Bulletin Board Stickies



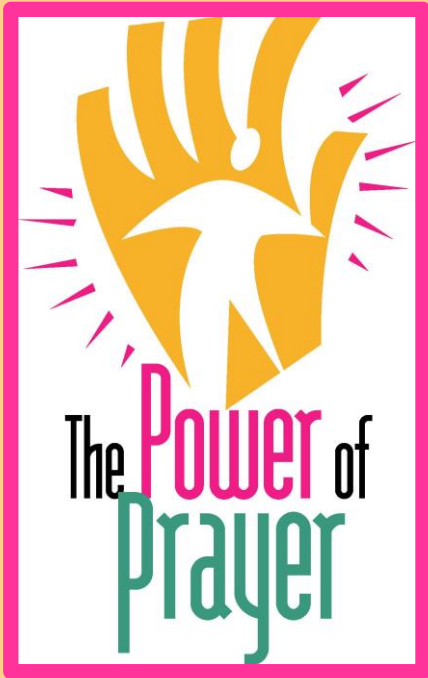
Laundry Love coming soon to a new laundry mat location. Thanks to those who donated to Tidings of Last Tuesday which was May 31st.

We can always use the following items at any time: Men and women's underwear every size which must be in the original package. Men and women's tennis shoes or flat sturdy walking shoes. \$5.00 gift cards to fast food places shown here. Also a need for donations of:

Wash cloths, toothbrushes/toothpaste (small tubes), mouthwash, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant **IN TRAVEL SIZES**. Brushes/combs, ChapStick. Wet wipes (small packages)



IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY	FUND
Marci Aranda – daughter of Allen & Carman Martin	Birdie Pool Cheers Class Gary & Mignon Gammage Joe & Ann Williams Jo Ann Motl Linda Gay Fender	Mature Adults Massey Trust Costa Rica Mission Trip Massey Trust Costa Rica Massey Trust
Amy Landon (daughter of Bob Barnes)	Cheers Class Gary & Mignon Gammage Beppo Speck	Massey Trust Youth Ministry Costa Rica Mission Trip
Janice Cortese Bettis (sister of Sonny Cortese) Frank Cortese (brother of Sonny Cortese)	Cheers Class Cheers Class	Massey Trust Massey Trust
IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY	FUND
Shelly Weise	The Troopers	Kids Eat Free



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who to Christ Jesus to live.” (The Message)

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES

Fourth Tuesday of the Month. Led by Pastors Dick West, Scott Bradford, & Kristie Crisp. Services are June 28th, July 26th, Aug 23rd, Sept 27th, Oct 25th, Nov 22nd, & Dec 27th.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Copies for May to June are available throughout the church. “Seek and ye will find.”

HEALTH CONCERNS*

Amador Revelez*
Chris Sarbach
Consuelo Lopez-fall recovery
Duane Hamblin-surgery recovery
Jim & Joann Kinney*
Kelly Riley*
Kylee Jimenez – Auto accident
Lee Pipkin*
Martha Yarbro – fall recovery
Meleah Plummer*
Rev. Suzanne Brantley*

Richard Salmon*
Sherrie Walker*
Todd Cummings Brain Tumor*
Family of Marci Aranda D. 5/4
Family of Dick Benson (Sherrie Walker’s father) D. 5/10
Family of Amy Landon D. 5/15
Family of Linda Fielding D. 5/26
Community of Uvalde, Texas



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

- National Guard: Cody Smith
- National Guard Texas: Daryl Bradford
- U.S. Air Force: Tyler Barden, Chris Cavaness, Josh Mort, Danielle Pozun, Josh Rodriguez
- U.S. Army: Johnny Goldthrite, Randall Tye Graham, Ryan Tallant
- U.S. Coast Guard: Weston McIntire
- U.S. Navy: Jason Bird, Mica Greenwood, Matt Kuehhas



PRAYING FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

R.R.	Jay Moore	Michaela Rigsby
Barry Kleypas	Jeff Peters	Nicole Kleinsmith
Bill Humble	Jeff Ward	Pamela Adams
Bitsy (Durham) Kirby	Jennifer Cooper	Raul Najera
Bonnie Kennedy	Jerry Tindel	Rev. Suzanne Brantley
Briana McCall	Joe Lynch	Richard Watts
Carol Smith	Jo Ann Motl	Ron Hoelle
Caryl Guisinger	Kevin Halfman	Rosura Gonzales
Connie Weems	Kim Hunter	Roy Shannon
Dawn Jackson	Kinsley Baker	Sherrie Walker
Ethan Miller	Linda Rogers	Susan Armstrong
Fred Buck	Lynda Hughes	Todd Cummings
Fred Gudmundson	Melissa James	Vernon Fritze
Jason Bailey	Melissa Lippincott	Wendy Slaughter

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

IN MEMORADUM

Marci Martin Aranda
 May 4, 2022
 Beloved daughter,
 mother, and
 grandmother. "But I
 trust in you, O Lord; I
 say, "You are my God."
 My times are in your
 hand; Let your face
 shine upon your
 servant; save me in
 your steadfast love."
 Psalm 31:14-16

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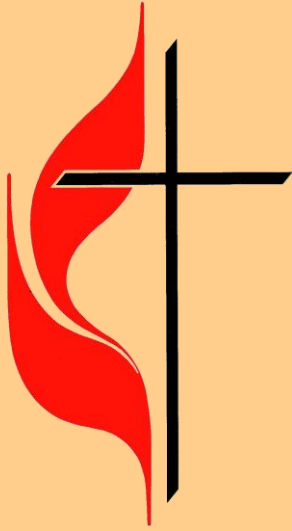
Amy Landon.
 May 15, 2022
 Beloved daughter, wife,
 sister. "The Lord is the
 everlasting God, the
 Creator of the ends of
 the earth. He does not
 faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is
 unsearchable. He gives
 power to the faint, and
 strengthens the
 powerless."
 Isaiah 40: 28-29

IN MEMORADUM

Linda Fielding
 May 26, 2022
 Beloved wife of D.R.,
 sister, mother, and
 grandmother. "God is
 our refuge and
 strength, a very
 present help in
 trouble."
 Psalm 46:1

Have you checked out our website online giving lately?

We offer online donations and tithing opportunities, but did you know that you can also make a "Memorial" or you can support a "Ministry of your Choice" directly from our website. Take advantage of the convenience that online giving offers. You can make a one-time donation or sign up for regular monthly donations. Check us out at <https://firstmethodist.net/>



I bless the fruit of the Spirit in you to grow and flourish with spring-like spontaneity. Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Goodness. Faithfulness. Gentleness. Self-Control. May the Spirit's fruit Increase, in savor, in steadiness, in strength. May all the fruit abound in you, Child of God, and the fruit of the Spirit.

Recalling 50 Years of Daddy



HAPPY
Father's
DAY



As an elementary school age child, Daddy stood tall in my young eyes. I found him handsome and a man who took care of our home and amply took care of our needs. I always felt safe with Daddy, arms around me or patting me on the back. The 1960's was an idyllic time for children as dads worked, and moms stayed home. I miss his humor. I miss his meticulous routine. I miss him slipping \$100 bills into my pocket when I was older, and mother was unaware. He taught me to mow the yard, to golf, to swim, to sing, to do "man stuff". We had much in common and I wanted to thank him for being a teacher. I ended up well rounded because of his fatherly leadership. Happy Day to my daddy who watches over me still from heaven.

Lisa Lesosky

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