



## First United Methodist Church San Angelo

# The Messenger AUGUST 2022

**John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."**

### COMING UP

8/14 Backpack Blessing in all services

9/7 to 10/26 Refuel Your Faith  
Dinner @ 5:15 p.m.

Bible study @ 6:00 p.m.

9/11 – SAVE THE DATE!

Dinner & a Show & a Silent Auction

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> Hour - Celebration Hall

Live stream services

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# SUMMERTIME FRUIT BEARING AT FIRST CHURCH

## PASTORAL STAFF



**Rev.  
Scott  
Bradford  
Senior  
Pastor**

## 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](http://www.firstmethodist.net)

## SERMON SERIES

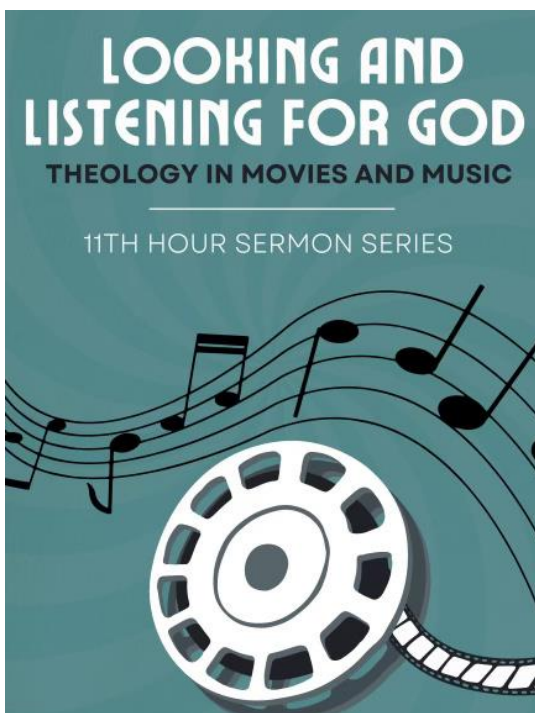
### SEARCHING FOR PEACE

- 8/7 Peace instead of Agitation
  - 8/14 Personal Peace
  - 8/21 Kingdom Peace
- ### MORE THAN EVER
- 8/28 Unity in Mission



**Rev.  
Kristie  
Crisp  
Associate  
Pastor**

## SERMON SERIES



**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>



# BLESSINGS FROM PASTOR SCOTT BRADFORD

A few things!

Construction is beginning SOON on the Lake View Lighthouse Commercial Kitchen project (Phase 1)! I hope we will be done by November-ish!

The Kid's Eat Free program at Lake View Light House, though we temporarily partnered with Oasis Baptist for a location has been a huge success! Thanks to Cyndi Harper, Dana Bollinger and all the volunteers. We served about forty children some days.

We had our LOI (Letter of Intent) approved by Methodist Healthcare Ministries, and we are now in the "application" process. Hopefully, we will acquire a grant towards Phase II which is estimated at \$70,055 to renovate restrooms and add showers for mission purposes. Thank you, Pastor Kristie Crisp, for your hard work in submitting the LOI.

UGH! We did have to do about \$11,000 in asbestos mitigation, but it is now complete! Thank you, Endowment Committee, for helping us with this unexpected cost.

The Kid's Clothing Closet in partnership with Goliad Elementary at Lake View Lighthouse will be up and running by the time School starts! Thanks to Lauren Bradford, her team, and all of you for your generous donations!

On the Lake View Lighthouse Phase 1 remodel we are currently on track of the estimate with about \$12,000 to spare, but I imagine this will be eaten up in some unexpected construction costs. A 10% cost overrun would be about \$15,000 so if you are looking for something to contribute to beyond the budget and any remaining, I'm sure will go towards Phase II.

This morning I was looking at the Costa Rica mission team pictures building the foundation for a parsonage and hosting a mini-VBS, I thought to myself "What amazing work! Thank you, Karee Wiggins and team!"

I'm loving the start of our sixth year together!

Pastor Scott

**John 15:8**

**"When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."**



## Rev. Kristie Crisp - Directing Ministries Pastor



With such a busy and vibrant church, it is easy for us to go in several different directions all at the same time. . . which can make us feel a bit disconnected from one another. Even in our busyness, in our summer travels, in our beautiful diverseness, God still calls us to be connected in a very specific way in John 15:5. **“I am the vine; you are the branches. . .”** It is crucial we stay in connection to one another through direct connection to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We learn even more about what happens when we stay connected to Christ and

one another and when we don't.

John continues in Verse 6 **“. . . If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”** We bear fruit when we remain in Christ. We bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal. 5:22-23)

Isn't this what we want for one another? Isn't this what we want for our church? Isn't this what we want our church to be known for? Isn't this what is needed to be God's Kingdom builders? No matter how busy, how diverse, how far, or how stretched we become, we must stay connected to Christ, to the vine.

We are called to be fruit bearers, to be Christ-bearers, to be One body. For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

I pray that in your busyness that you do your part to remain connected to the vine...that you encourage your brother and sister in Christ to remain connected to the vine. I pray that together, we bear an abundance of fruit for God's Church.

**Blessings,  
Pastor Kristie**

## Senior Adult Ministries

Reverend Cyndi Young - Associate Pastor

### ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY



#### Introductory Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Miss Hattie's Restaurant

2:00 pm

No one should ever feel forgotten! We have many seniors in our congregation who have faithfully served throughout their lives and in this season on their journey, they are no longer able to come and attend our worship services or activities. As we seek to honor them, I am wanting to start a new ministry opportunity for our church family.

For those who would like to participate in this sharing ministry with the Home-Bound Seniors within our congregation, I will host an introductory meeting on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please be my guest for some delicious deserts, tea and coffee and a time for designing this ministry for the coming year.

The ministry concept will not be complicated! You will select two people within our congregation who you would be willing to contact once a month. This can be done by in-person visits, phone calls, notes and cards or gifts when it is their birthday month or at special holiday times of the year.

The visits do not need to be long – but I am wanting to let each person know they are not forgotten, and we can remember them in tangible ways and pray for them as well. I will continue to call on each of these members each month – but having others reach out will be such a positive gift to their lives (and blessings to you who reach out to share with them as well.)

You will have the opportunity to select from the list of someone who you know well and have an established relationship from your years together at First Church. For those who are newer to our church family, we want to include them into the circle of this ministry as well.

Do you have one hour a month that you can help serve our senior adults in this way? I am a firm believer the greatest gift we can give ourselves is the joy of caring for others! If you have questions, please contact me. I look forward to our time of fellowship on the 9<sup>th</sup> and seeing how God can use us all as we weave our hearts together to Love One Another in the name of Jesus Christ

Blessings to you!

*Pastor Cyndi*





## Methodist Healthcare Ministries Wesley Nurse Health Ministries

[lparry@mh.org](mailto:lparry@mh.org)

Working with the children at Kids Eat Free has been great fun and educational. Taste the Rainbow Trivia teaches students about the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables of different colors. I am doing this program at the different KEF sites throughout the summer.

**Lesa Parry**  
Wesley Nurse



**Chelsea Lytle -**  
Director of  
Youth  
Ministries

**John 15:16-17**

***"You didn't choose me! I chose you! I appointed you to go and produce lovely fruit always, so that no matter what you ask for from the Father, using my name, he will give it to you. I demand that you love each other..."***



**Poolside Bible Study**  
**@ The Pipkin's**

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

Si necesita comunicarse con la enfermera Wesley, llame al:

325-215-4835

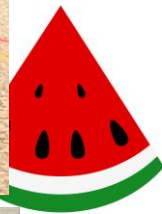




# 2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOOD TRUCK EXTRAVAGANZA



God is great,  
God is good.  
Let us thank  
Him for our  
food.  
By His hands,  
we all are fed.  
Thank you,  
God, for daily  
bread.  
Amen



**John 17:25-26**

**“O righteous Father, the world doesn't you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. And I have revealed you to them and will keep on revealing you so that the mighty love you have for me may be in them, and I in them.”**



## FROM THIS



## TO THIS



Blue hair or green hair, red or purple delight. The staff lost the challenge, but the new look is outta sight.



## THE VBS CHALLENGE

The children who attended VBS were challenged to fill the “cardboard” food truck with non-perishable food that would be donated to Kids Eat Free Program. If they filled the truck, Pastor Scott agreed to “Go Blue.” If they met the goal of collecting \$500, Pastor Kristie would “Go Red” and if they exceeded the \$500, Chelsea Lytle would be PURPLED! Children met all the goals and the new hairdos made an official showing at Sunday morning worship. Looks like someone was a little carried away on Pastor Scott’s hair.







# Children's Ministries

[laurel@firstmethodist.net](mailto:laurel@firstmethodist.net)



**Laurel Bradford**  
**Children's Ministries Director**



In all services, August 14<sup>th</sup>, students are invited to bring their backpacks to church for the annual blessing. Each child will receive a "Jesus is my Jam" tag to remind them of all of us who pray for them daily.

Even though the summer has been obnoxiously hot, the church has been a cool place to be. Working at Lakeview Lighthouse and waiting for some construction to be completed has been rewarding, Kids Eat Free Program is winding up their program, and teachers are beginning to plan for fall as August has arrived and children will soon be heading back to classrooms filled with friends and educational opportunities to grow stronger. Although it may remain hot for weeks to come, remember on Sundays, the church is always a cool place to be.



FUMC

**Children's Ministries Needs Teachers and Assistant Volunteers!**

**The program is down to two Sunday School Teachers and three subs.**

**Lessons and activities are provided.**

Ages-3 years to 5th grade

Consider Joining a Team that affects the growth of the church.

Laurel Bradford

Director

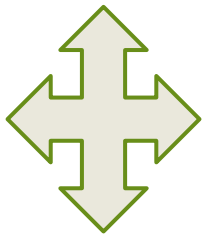
Children's faith & Formation

Ministries

(325) 655-8981 ext. 134

**Feeling a nudge to educate the children of the church?**

**One hour per Sunday, lessons provided. What a great deal!**



# First Family Faith Development

## Opportunities to Grow in Christ

### Why do we study?



#### **The Word Became Flesh – John 1:1-4**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.”

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

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

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

Journey – II Timothy led by Samantha and Keith Lindsey. Meeting live and via Zoom. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Upcoming study is Titus.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

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



The more you read the Bible, the more you will love its author. Stay connected to the vine.

#### **Psalm 34:8**

“Taste and see that the Lord is good. . .”



## Classes held during the week

**Morning Glories (Women's class)**: The class that began April 26<sup>th</sup> is being taught by Pastor Kristie & Jaci Cortes which explores various spiritual disciplines, Class meets on Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. in the Journey classroom - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Books available for \$9.00. For additional information, contact Lori Francks @ 325-234-0375. A multifaceted group of ladies ranging in age from their thirties to eighties.

**The Friends Group** Began a study June 1<sup>st</sup> named *The Chosen*. Class meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Cheers Classroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## MUSIC

A mind-altering noise with the potential to induce joy, happiness, memories, bliss, merriment, and mirth.



**Ask your doctor if music is right for you.**

Common side effects may include uncontrolled toe-tapping, swaying side-to-side, smiling, off-key singing, a lack of volume control, finger snapping, and dancing.

### Wesleyan Handbells

Led by Laura Burkhalter. Practice is Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the handbell room – 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Practice will resume soon for the fall season



### Making Joyful Noises

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> floor near the sanctuary. Practice will resume soon for the fall season.

#### The Bridge Service

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

#### The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Band

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



## SOUND TECHNICIANS

Will train. Contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Kristie at the church office @ 325-655-8981. This is a paid part-time position. Visit <https://firstmethodist.net/careers>

## KITCHEN HELPERS – September 7th – October 26th

Wednesday afternoons for Refuel Your Faith meals begin September 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lisa Lesosky @ 325-315-6561 or email at [lisalynette4@gmail.com](mailto:lisalynette4@gmail.com).

**REFUEL  
YOUR  
FAITH**

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHTS @ FUMC**

**DINNER - 5:15-6:00**

**CLASSES - 6:00-7:00**

**Bible Studies  
for all ages!**

**Sept. 7 - Oct. 26**

## NURSERY WORKERS

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

## 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.

## 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.





## **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](mailto: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 who stop by FUMC.

## **Soup Kitchen**

First Family is cooking on the First Fridays of each month. Dates 2022 are: 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](mailto:edgemama@hotmail.com) or the church office @ (325) 655-8981.

## **Kids Eat Free Ends August 5<sup>th</sup>**

First Church has been cooking meals here and then transferring those meals and serving from **Oasis Baptist Church**.

By next summer, the Lakeview Lighthouse kitchen should be fully functional, and meal prep will be on sight. Prayers requested as we wrap up another summer. Thanks to everyone who had their hands in this much needed summer ministry.



***Cindy Harper & Dana Bollinger***

# MISSIONS

"Therefore go and make disciples..."

## Costa Rica – Building up the church

The Costa Rica Team of Kevin & Laynee Porche, Jimmie & Kelly Von Gonten Butler, Jimmy Shanks, Kevin, Delaney, & Bianca Grimes, Will, Karee,

Grayson & Garren Wiggins, D'Ann Kuhlmann, and Rev. Dale & Shelly Weise returned from the mission trip on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Article forthcoming in The Messenger for September.



## Lakeview Lighthouse



LAKEVIEW  
LIGHTHOUSE  
A Ministry of First Central Methodist

263 E. 40th St  
San Angelo, TX

For more information, contact Pastor Kristie or Pastor Scott for general info or Laurel Bradford for items needed for area children attending Goliad Elementary.

## 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 church 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](mailto:heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com) or call 325-763-7387 for more information.



# Bulletin Board Stickies



Diaper donations **NEEDED** for Wesley Nurse Lesa Parry who has a parenting diaper program that provides monthly education and diapers. Her source, the Texas Diaper Bank, does not always have correct brands for babies with severe allergies.

## THE SIZES AND BRANDS NEEDED

1. PULL-UPS SIZE 4T-5T FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS.
2. PAMPERS OR HUGGIES SIZE 4
3. HUGGIES – SIZE 5

## SAVE THE DATE



### IN MEMORY OF

### GIVEN BY

### FUND

Marci Aranda  
(Daughter of Allen & Carmen Martin)

Roger & Martha Dolliver  
Beppo Speck  
Tim & Meagan Hunnicutt

Costa Rica  
Costa Rica  
Kids Eat

Dick Bensen  
(Father of Sherrie Walker)  
Amy Landon  
(Daughter of Bob Barnes)  
Janice Cortese Bettis  
(Sister of Sonny Cortese)  
Frank Cortese  
(Brother of Sonny Cortese)  
Larry Abbott

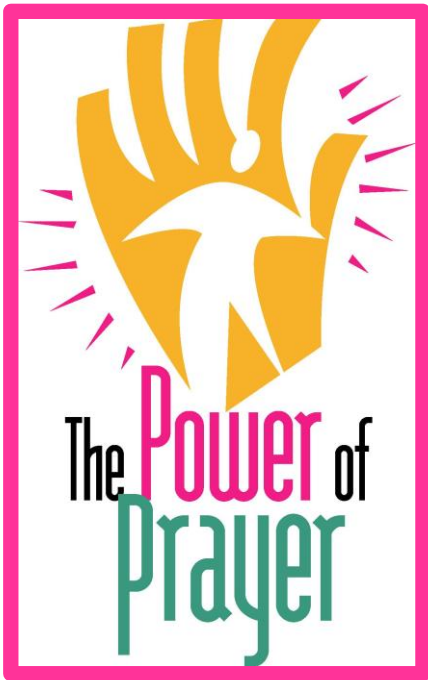
Roger & Martha Dolliver  
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Birdie Pool

Costa Rica  
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Lakeview Lighthouse



**REVIVE CAMP 2022**

**THANK YOU CHURCH FOR HELPING US GET TO REVIVE CAMP 2022. WE ARE BUSY MAKING DISCIPLES (and having a little fun with new friends).**



## 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 Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, & Dec 27<sup>th</sup>.

### UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Copies for August are available throughout the church. “Seek and ye will find.”

### HEALTH CONCERNS\*

Consuelo Lopez-fall recovery  
Lanier (Duder) Duderstadt\*  
Lee Pipkin\*  
Mark Sisson\*  
Meleah Plummer\*  
Rev. Suzanne Brantley\*  
Richard Salmon\*  
Sherrie Walker\*  
Thomas (T-Byrd) Byrd  
Family of Rev. Claus Rohlf D. 6/28  
(brother of Carl Rohlf)  
Family of Rev. Zeke Zirkle D. 7/13

(father of Ray Zirkle – Costa Rica missionary)  
The Community of Uvalde, Texas as school begins

Those affected by Covid in our church family



### 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, Ryan Gandy, Zane Jarvis
- U.S. Army: Johnny Goldthrite, Randall Tye Graham, Ryan Tallant, Savannah Gideon
- U.S. Coast Guard: Weston McIntire
- U.S. Navy: Jason Bird, Mica Greenwood, Matt Kuehhas





## PRAYING FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

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



### **IN MEMORADUM**

#### **Rev. Zeke Zirkle**

DOD – July 13, 2022

“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/>