

# THE MESSENGER – JUNE 2023

**First Methodist Church  
San Angelo, Texas**

**“He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” Psalm 1:3 NIV**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>2ND</b>	<b>Wesley Soup Kitchen Ministry – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>Communion – All services.</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Hour Leadership Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Lunch provided.</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>Open House at Lakeview Lighthouse – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>5TH</b>	<b>Rust Street Neighbor’s Cafe – hosted by the Journey SS class. Volunteers welcome. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>5TH</b>	<b>Grief Share Class - 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Journey Classroom. Repeats each Monday.</b>
<b>8TH</b>	<b>Annual Conference – Corpus Christi.</b>
<b>12TH</b>	<b>Lakeview Lighthouse Kids Meals begins – weekdays through August 11<sup>th</sup>.</b>
<b>15TH</b>	<b>Laundry Love – Stop &amp; Wash on the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; MLK. 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>17TH</b>	<b>Ramp Building – Contact Pastor Dale for more information.</b>
<b>25TH</b>	<b>Dr. Koste Belchef being honored at the 10:45 service.</b>
<b>27TH</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Healing Service – 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.</b>

### Services & Sunday School Hour

**8:30 The Bridge – Sanctuary**  
**9:30 - Sunday School for all ages**  
**10:45 Traditional – Sanctuary**  
**11:00 11<sup>th</sup> Hour - Celebration Hall**  
**Live streaming services**

**Firstmethodist.net - Tap for Sunday streaming**  
**37 East Beauregard \* San Angelo, Texas 76903**

**325-655-8981 \* Fax: 325-655-7039**

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# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Scott Bradford**  
**Senior Pastor**

**SERMON SERIES FOR MAY**  
**8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services**

**6/04 - Un-Stubborn Heart**

**6/11 - What Should We Pray?**

**6/18 - Hope for Family**

**6/25 - Hope for Self**



**Rev. Dale Weise**  
**Associate Pastor**

**Currently  
preaching at  
11<sup>TH</sup> Hour  
Meets in  
Celebration Hall**



**Rev. Cyndi Young**  
**Associate Pastor**

**To access the 2023 Methodist  
Lectionary, go to Discipleship  
Ministries | 2023 Revised Common  
Lectionary – Sundays &...  
([umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org))**



## 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.
- **Coffee** is in First Place Café outside Celebration Hall.
- **Hearing Assistance** devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Holy Communion** is served the first Sunday of each month in all services.
- **Live Streaming** – All services live streamed through the website @ <https://firstmethodist.net>
- **Messenger Newsletter** – Hard copies are available in the Sanctuary and at the Service Desk near First Place Café. Also available online if you send a request to the church.
- **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)
- **Upper Room Devotionals** are available in the Sanctuary and at the Service Desk near First Place Café.



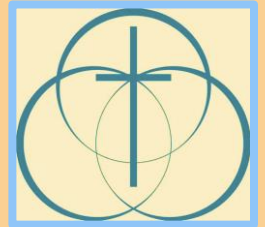
# DISCERNMENT UPDATES

## VOTING RESULTS FROM MAY 10<sup>th</sup>

**89% voted YES to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church  
89% voted YES to affiliate with The Global Methodist Church.**

**The name of our church will change from First United Methodist Church to  
First Methodist Church ( subtext A Global Methodist Church)**

**Excerpt from Pastor Scott's email (May 11<sup>th</sup>). "Our official date to join the GMC will be July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, after the Annual Conference votes June 8<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi. The Discernment Committee will be working on the transitional stages as well as completing the paperwork. The Church Council and Trustees will be meeting next week to ensure as smooth a transition happens. If you have any questions, please ask. I personally thank each of you for being gracious and respectful of one another and we did not have any arguments with each other. Please continue to be respectful to those are heartbroken at the vote."**



**In days forthcoming, any signage with the cross & flame (attached to the building) will be disappearing as we transition away from the UMC. Our trustees are working toward those changes as of this writing.**



**Thank you, congregation, for making this six-month period of discernment a time of learning and discovery. Thank you, congregation, for coming to vote. Your voices were heard. Your prayers and commitment to Jesus Christ is what makes our church strong and faithful. We appreciate all your time coming to collective meetings and asking a myriad of questions. Together, as the Body of Christ, we now move forward to explore new possibilities and way to serve Almighty God. May He continue to bless this congregation.**

**With the love of Christ, Connie Jeffers, Fran Sentell, Gary Gammage, James Dusek, Joe Jeffers, Kendall Hirschfeld, Larry Justice, Lisa Lesosky, Meagan Hunnicutt, and Vicki Draper.**

## Rev. Scott Bradford – Senior Pastor



**Like the mighty oak tree**

**“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” I Cor 15:58**

**wasn’t forged in an old-fashioned hymn sing.” In other words, it is the testing of our faith in which through trial we become even stronger.**

**James 1 speaks to times of trial and there was a Scripture I clung to when deployed to the war:**

**“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”**

**Counting it all joy in difficult times is hard, but somehow, I’m clinging to the joy of the Lord that we will be better. I’m grateful to parents and church members who have stepped up to help with the youth group, and to Pastor Dale and musicians who stepped in on short notice to the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour.**

**I’m grateful we are persevering together!**

**In His Grace**

*Pastor Scott*

**Well, as if the vote wasn’t difficult enough, then not related to the vote, we quickly learned that not only did Pastor Kristie Crisp and Chelsea Lytle, the Youth Director resign, but that plans had been underway to launch a church and take members of this church with them.**

**Like me, you may be saddened by this, but I am praying that we, the people who remain, will somehow be better for it. Since they departed, I have sat with grieving youth and with members of 11<sup>th</sup> Hour and I pray we will find a deep-rooted Hope that in Jesus Christ we shall persevere. It had been just about the time that this developed I read a quote that said something like “My faith**

# REV. CYNDI YOUNG - ASSOCIATE PASTOR

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

### ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY

The Gift of Giving Yourself . . . Priceless!

In the spring of 2008, Rev. Nathaniel Hankins wrote an article in the church Newsletter initiating a mature adult choir to begin within our church. Dr. Koste Belchef contacted Nathaniel and asked if he could join the choir and he was immediately given the job of directing this vital ministry throughout the years.



The choir traveled to churches within our region to Miles, Veribest, Sonora, Ozona and Big Spring and then enjoyed a potluck luncheon at the churches or Sunday dinner at Lowake's. There were over thirty choir members at one time and their fellowship and ministry to others have left indelible marks on many hearts and lives.

There were several changes throughout the past sixteen years. Their "uniform" changed – white shirts, blue shirts, red shirts and eventually white shirts with red vests. The personnel within the choir changed as some moved away or graduated into the Church Triumphant. Their repertoire has consistently been selected out of the Cokesbury Hymnal and included great songs of God's love, faithfulness and promises of Heaven. "What a Day that Will Be" has long been a favorite to one and all!

In recent years they have gone to area nursing homes or memory care units twice each month. It was amazing to see how patients who were no longer verbally communicating would begin to mouth the words along with the choir or tap their hands to the beat of the music.

Covid interrupted their ministry for a time, yet they resiliently bounced back – albeit with fewer members. Those who have served so loyally throughout the years are now facing health concerns or their own season in care facilities. It is with great sadness that the choir determined their long-standing ministry could no longer carry on with such few voices.

We will be honoring this wonderful ministry on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 am service in the sanctuary. Songs will be sung from the Cokesbury hymnal, and we will honor Koste for his many years of service within our church and region. Please come and join us for this day of great music!

*Pastor Cyndi*





# Children's Ministries

**Barbie Hari - Director Children's Faith & Formation Ministries**  
[barbiehari@hotmail.com](mailto:barbiehari@hotmail.com)



**Hello!**

**My name is Barbie Hari. I am so excited to be the new Childrens Faith & Formation Director. In mid-June, we will be studying the Heroes of the Bible. So, have your children get their capes and masks ready.**

**Vacation Bible School is slated for July 11<sup>th</sup> though July 13<sup>th</sup>. Seeking volunteers who enjoy children, fun, and excited about having a STELLAR time!**

**I am also looking for teachers and nursery workers. Even if you are not available every week, please contact me if you are interested at the email address above.**

**Looking forward to meeting your children and getting to know them! Please stop by the second floor and introduce yourselves.**

**Blessings,**

*Barbie*



**Teacher Appreciation was May 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. In honor of our Goliad Teachers, First Methodist provided Chick-fil-A for their lunch. The teachers were very appreciative and had a fun time during their lunch break. Many thanks to Laurel Bradford and Sherrie Walker for the blessings bestowed on the Goliad staff.**

## Don't forget about Sunday School at 9:30

**3 & 5-year-olds, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd graders are studying stories from the Bible in Room E201. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders are studying *Trackers of Faith* in Room E203. You can check your child in on the 2nd floor just down the hall from the office!**



## **Methodist Healthcare Ministries** **Wesley Nurse Health Ministries**

**lparry@mhm.org**

**Lesla Parry – Wesley Nurse**

**If you need to reach her, please call 325-215-4835.**

**Offices at both First Methodist Church  
37 East Beauregard or Lakeview Lighthouse  
263 E. 40<sup>th</sup> Street**

### **LAKEVIEW LIGHTHOUSE:**

**As of now, my focus is on Lakeview Lighthouse. I will be doing an education piece for the kids once a week at the Lakeview Kids Eat. I am speaking with Scott, Julie Holt, and Goliad on the potential of starting a community garden at the Lighthouse.**



### **TEXAS MISSION OF MERCY:**

**There is Texas Mission of Mercy event July 14-15 in Abilene. Volunteers are needed. To sign up to volunteer visit <https://tmomvolunteer.org/event/95/>. Registration for patients will open dix weeks before the event.**

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**I am partnering with the Child Advocacy Center for a picnic in the park. It has been rescheduled from original April date to Aug 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be held at Kirby Park and is a family event free to the public.**

### **BAYLOR COLLABORATIVE:**

**I am assisting the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty to survey the needs of seniors and hunger in our community. The survey will be offered to persons 55 and up and begin June 1. We appreciate your help in this endeavor.**

### **THE "MY HEALTHY CHILD":**

**On-going class and space is limited. To check availability and register call Lesa Parry, Wesley Nurse, 325-215-4835. The program needs pullups size 4T-5T, pullups size 3T-4T and size 6 Huggies brand only. (These are for child with allergy to other brands).**

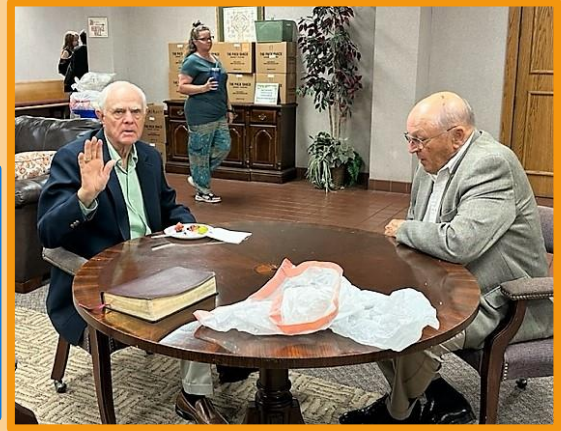
**Blessings,**

*Lesla Parry*



# SALUATIONS, CELEBRATIONS, & GRADUATIONS

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From retiring to graduating to begin a new road, Spring brings changes worthy of celebration. **Congratulations** to Laurel Bradford as she retired May 31 and joins a host of retirees who attend First Methodist. **Congratulations** to Annabeth Dusek (bottom left – Central High), Abbie Harrison (Cornerstone Christian) & Aiden Abbott (Home schooled) as you move into adulthood seeking God’s will for your life.



# Local and Worldwide Missions

## FEED THE CHILDREN MINISTRY – CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

FUMC has a group of volunteers involved in its “Feed the Children Ministry” in conjunction with our local (CPS) office. If a child is removed from their home by CPS, they are put on “Child Watch” and lives in a hotel with a caseworkers until placement is found. This group provides dinner for these children M-F. Call Brenda Stone at (325) 656-0679 for more info.

## LAUNDRY LOVE:

Laundry Love is happening this month on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and MLK Blvd. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Candis Hicks at [heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com](mailto:heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com)

## RAMP BUILDING:

Master builder, Pastor Dale, leads groups, locally and in other communities “ramping up for Jesus” for individuals in need of this type of service. For more information, contact Pastor Dale via the church office.



## RUST STREET MINISTRIES – 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays

Rust Street Ministries is a charity non-profit that seeks to help those in need with food, clothing, home essentials, furnishings, and appliances. They also connect people with support services that offer counseling and life skills to

those seeking to make improvements in their lives. FMI visit [www.ruststreetministries.org](http://www.ruststreetministries.org). A group from the Journey Sunday School Class cooks lunch on the first Monday of each month at the Neighbors' Café at Rust Street Ministries. Most of the group is retired and they always welcome new members. The menu remains the same each month – spaghetti. Contact Stephanie Sayers at [zzprecious@yahoo.com](mailto:zzprecious@yahoo.com) or the Church Office for more information.

## SAVE THE OCEANS

Ella Elkins has another recycling project called Recycle Beyond The Bag. From May to October, Ella is trying to collect 500+ pounds of plastic film. If she meets or exceeds her goal, Trex will donate a bench to our community in her honor. A recycling Receptacle has been placed in First Place Café for members to contribute.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Bring your children for an “Out of this World” experience with Luna, Sol, Ringo, Cosmo, and others for an extraordinarily great time coming July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Barbie Hari for more information. For volunteering, email her @ [barbiehari@gmail.com](mailto:barbiehari@gmail.com).



Sign up to volunteer NOW  
REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1  
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/fmcsa73932f>





## **SOMEBODY'S RUSTY**

**Somebody's Rusty will host Laundry Love on June 15th at the and Wash at MLK and 15th. We are in need of volunteers to work during the event that evening from 6-7:30 p.m. and also others to help with loading at the church at 4:30 p.m. and then loading to return items back to the church at 7:30 p.m. If you can work even a portion of the evening it would be most helpful.**

**Washers, dryers and detergent are FREE for our guests. Supper is served, haircuts are provided as well as the distribution of hygiene bags, shoes, socks and underwear. Our portable shower has seen its better days, so if you are interested in helping find one, donating towards one, helping constructing or one or all of the above, please see Pastor Scott. This is a much-needed feature at Laundry Love.**

### **NEEDS FOR DAY OF EVENT**

**Cases of water, motel size toiletries, toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, small pkgs of wet wipes, ChapStick, Kool Aid powder in a tube, small bottles of hand sanitizers, combs, brushes, small pkgs. of Kleenex, Band-Aids, deodorant, mouthwash, washrags, towels, and laundry detergent. Snack size foods like cheese crackers, granola bars, Vienna sausage or other small pop top cans.**

**Two great needs are men and women's underwear all sizes new in the packages and also men's and women's tennis shoes or sturdy walking shoes new or gently used.**

**I am glad to pick your donations up or you may bring them to the church or to my home 1215 Colorado. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at [heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com](mailto:heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com) or call 325 763 7387.**

**Thank you in advance your help,  
Candis Hicks**

He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers  
of water, That brings forth  
its fruit in its season...

Psalm 1:3a





**COSTA RICA, HERE WE COME!**  
**Building Up The Kingdom  
of God on earth.  
One cinder block a time.  
Guapiles, Costa Rica**



**One way to help our mission team is to purchase an attractive Heather Berry 2023 Team Tee Shirt designed by Delaney Grimes. The cost is \$18.00 and available in all sizes. The sale ends June 4<sup>th</sup>. Website link is <https://gogearup.io/cr-mission23>.**

**The mission trip would be impossible without YOU, our church family. See the display set up in First Place Café. If you are able to help financially,**

**You can provide Worksite Water for a Week (\$95), Team Lunch For a Day (\$142), VBS materials (\$200), Busing Our Bunch Around per day (\$283) or any donation towards building materials.**



**Team Members: Pastor Dale & Shelly Weise, Jason Hari, D'Ann & Doug Kuhlmann, Tim & Laura Malloy, Kevin & Laynee Porche, Kevin, Bianca, & Delaney Grimes, Will, Karee, & Garren Wiggins, Jimmy VonGonten, Billy Tims, and Vicki Draper.**

**Building Up The Kingdom of God on earth. One baptism at a time.  
Beautifully crafted for the Sanctuary & Celebration Hall.**



**Acts 2:38**  
**“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW.

James 4:7-8 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

## Tuesday Morning Group: The Morning Glories

This ongoing group for women is currently studying *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Class meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Journey Classroom (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor). Anyone interested is welcome to attend. FMI contact Lori Francks at (325) 234-0375 or [lfrancks@hotmail.com](mailto:lfrancks@hotmail.com).

Wednesday Night Group: - *Prodigal God: Finding Your Place at the Table*. Led by Jim Witt. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Harmony classroom. Contact Sherryann Miller @ [angelo.edu](mailto:angelo.edu) or the church office for more information.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT STUDIES

Bayith/Fellowship – *The Bible, The Whole Bible, and Nothing but the Bible*, led by Buster Peek. This class studies the Bible to understand who God is, gain wisdom, learn, to receive guidance, and to see and follow Jesus. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Cheers – *The Epic of Eden: Psalms* by Sandra L. Richter led by John Walker. The study covers what the Book of Psalms is (the hymnbook of ancient Israel), how it was utilized in Israelite worship (the various "forms" of the Psalms), and why the book remains critical to our devotional lives today. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Harmony – *The Epic of Eden: Isaiah. The Story of Israel's Prophet* by Sandra L. Richter, led by Evelyn Coley. Gain a rich understanding of the context in which the book of Isaiah was written, Israel's religion and economy, and explore the definition and role of the prophets and how Isaiah is still speaking to us today. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Journey – *James* led by various class members. The message of James is that those who have been truly saved through the gospel must manifest that salvation in practical ways in their lives. A transformed life of love for others should be the result of experiencing God's love. Meets in person on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Seekers – *Romans* by Max Lucado, led by various class members. In this epistle, Paul explores all the wrong directions and takes us to the only right one. The wrong solutions are pleasure and pride, and the correct solution is Christ Jesus. Class meets in the church office conference room.

S.T.E.R. – *7 Men and the Secret of Their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas, led by Howard Coleman. What makes a great man great? Explore that most important of questions through the captivating stories of some of the greatest men who have ever lived, including George Washington, William Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jackie Robinson, John Paul II and Charles Colson. Meets in person on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Contact Cathy Hubbard for more info.

Union – Study TBD. For more information, contact Meagan Hunnicutt. Meets 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>.



# Weekday Classes & Music Practices

## TUESDAYS

### Morning Glories (Women's class) 10:00 a.m.

The Morning Glories began a new study May 23<sup>rd</sup> called *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Excerpt: "He was accused of nearly everything - breaking the law, keeping bad company, heavy drinking, and being the devil himself. He was so compelling & dangerous they had to kill him. But those who knew him best loved him passionately. He had a sense of humor. His generosity was scandalous. His anger made enemies tremble. He would say the most outrageous things. And this Jesus has not changed one bit; he is still himself, available to all who would know him." For more information, contact Lori Francks @ 325-234-0375.

## WEDNESDAYS

### The Friends Group

Class meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Harmony Classroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Jim Witt is currently leading *The Prodigal God: Finding Your Place at the Table*. For more information, contact Sherryann.miller @angelo.edu.



### Wesleyan Handbells

Led by Laura Burkhalter. Practice is Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the handbell room – 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Contact Laura @ [burkhalter1@yahoo.com](mailto:burkhalter1@yahoo.com).

### Sanctuary Choir

Led by Adam Chappell. Rehearsals are held @ 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor near the sanctuary. For more information, contact Adam Chappell @ [adamchappell@hotmail.com](mailto:adamchappell@hotmail.com).

## THURSDAY

### Cokesbury Christian Singers

Led by Koste Belcheff. Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. for practice. This 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 are welcome to join these robust church members who spread the gospel through song. Contact Koste @ [kosteb36@gmail.com](mailto:kosteb36@gmail.com) for more information.

### The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Praise & Worship Band

An eclectic group of various aged musicians who present contemporary music in a casual service. Practice in Celebration Hall. Looking for new musicians and vocalists. Contact Pastor Dale at the church office for more information.

### The 8:30 Bridge Musicians

Various musicians contribute to a blended musical style of both traditional and contemporary songs. Practice is called by whomever is coordinating music for the week.



## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES: CURRENTLY TAKING APPLICATIONS**

**NURSERY WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS** - Sunday mornings and other times as needed. Contact Barbie Hari @ 325-655-8981.

**SOUND TECHNICIANS** - Will train. Contact Pastor Scott at the church office @ 325-655-8981. This is a paid part-time position. For more information, go to <https://firstmethodist.net/careers> for more information.

## **HOW CAN I HELP MY CHURCH?**

**BLESSING BOX** - Located in the front of the church outside the courtyard. Nonperishable foods can be taken to the church office. Please only pop top cans and snack size items. Please do not purchase family size items.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - You can honor or memorialize someone, or a specific group, by placing flowers at the chancel area in the sanctuary. Call Doris Wegner (254-718-6189) or email her @ [dori@swcia.com](mailto:dori@swcia.com).

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES** – Meals for children temporarily removed from homes. Call Brenda Stone for more information @ 325-656-0679.

**COMMUNION STEWARDS** - Needed for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. If you have already signed up, let Cathy know if you would like to continue your service. Call Cathy Hubbard @ 325-450-3590.

**LAUNDRY LOVE** – June 15<sup>th</sup> (extension of Somebody's Rusty Ministry) @ 6:00 p.m. Location MLK Blvd. and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**METHODIST ASSISTANCE** - In First Place Café, a basket is available to drop off canned foods that are donated to those in need who stop by FUMC during the week.

**NEIGHBORS CAFÉ** – Rust Street monthly lunch prepared by members of the Journey SS class. Contact Stephanie Sayers for more information if you would like to help on the first Mondays of each month. Dates are: 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6 and 12/4.

**SAVE THE OCEANS** – Ella Elkins' recycling project. See Page 10 and Page 14 for more details.

**SOMEBODY'S RUSTY** - Contact Candis Hicks @ [heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com](mailto:heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com) or call 325-763-7387 for more information. Always need good walking shoes (tennis shoes), underwear and new socks in the packaging.

**SOUP KITCHEN** - Dates for 2023 are 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1. Location is Wesley UMC - 301 W. 18<sup>th</sup> MLK Blvd. 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.

**TEXAS RAMP PROJECT** – Contact Pastor Dale at the church office for more information.

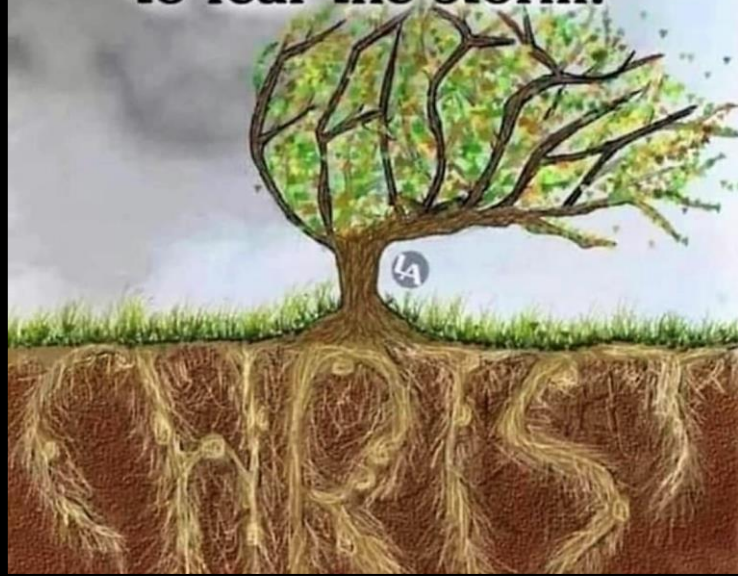


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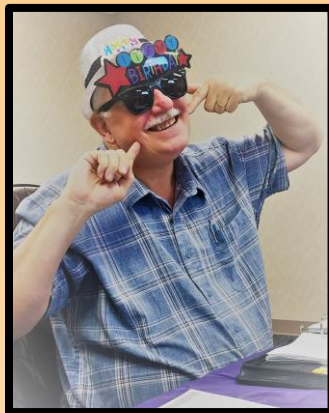
## Lakeview Lighthouse

**OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.  
COME SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS  
DONE FOR THIS MISSION CHURCH.**

**When the roots are  
DEEP, there is no reason  
to fear the storm.**



**Happy Birthday and  
Happy Retirement  
to Laurel Bradford.  
Thankful for your  
years of service to  
this church and  
sharing Jesus with our children.**



**Pastor Scott will soon  
be "retired" from the  
UMC (happens at  
Annual Conference  
this month), and then  
his next step is to  
begin serving the  
GMC as an Elder. Will  
still pastor & preach!**



## NEW MEMBERS



**APRIL 30 - Chili & Carla Cole, Cinco (11) & Pecos (6) joined via Restoration of Faith at the 10:45 service.**

**Bobby Hirschfeld joined via Restoration of Faith at the 8:30 service.**

**Brad & Laurie Mund joined prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Service transferring from Wall Brethren.**

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - Joanna Rose – Xfer from Del Rio FUMC**

**Ed, Sharon & Ty King – Xfer from Register Chapel UMC**

**Ray Stubblefield – Restoration of Faith  
Olsak & Cynthia Hanks – Restoration of Faith**

**Mark and Kim Elkins – Xfer from Midland FUMC**

**Carole Ann Brown – Xfer from Mertzon FUMC**



**The long standing  
radio broadcast  
provided by  
Foster**

**Communications (The Fire at 101.9) is ending. However, we are available via Livestream. If you need assistance to access our services, call the church office at 325-655-8981.**



# SPRING FLING WAS A REAL WING-DING!

**BBQ, homemade desserts, games, a dancing disc jockey, fellowship, families, gift drawings, and smiles, ages young to mature came for rest & relaxation. Threatening weather did not damper the lighthearted spirits as folks danced to 50's, 60's, 70's & 80's music complete with laser lights bouncing off the walls and ceiling. Back by popular demand, TByrd and Laverne Adams made dancing history for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, but Carmen Martin gave them a little competition.**



2022



**Billy Tim, Vicky Draper, Gary & Mignon Gammage (far right) discuss the finer points of church life, Vickie & Buddy Beck, & Evelyn Coley (center) watching dancers on the floor and the Kitchen Crew: Laurel Bradford, Pat Haines, & Barbie Hari enjoying time to rest after kitchen work is finished.**





# OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, & SHARING OUR GIFTS

## PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES

The Prayer and Healing Service is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m. Is led by Pastor Dick West in the Chapel. Dates for this month is Tuesday, June 27th.

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING (HEALTH CONCERNS)

Bobbi Aldhizer, Clarice Cox, Claire Adams, Consuelo Lopez, Cynthia Johnson, Donna Ybarra (family of Liz Hernandez), Elizabeth Emerson (Lisa Lesosky's aunt), Fred & Maxine Gudmundson, Gene Walton, Lanier (Duder) Duderstadt, Marjorie Young, Martha Yarbrow, Mary Witt, Meleah Plummer, Polly Waterhouse, Ralph Thompson, Sam Gaitan, Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, and Vickie Spydell (Hospice care).

The family of Jim Ridge. D.O.D. 5/20/2023

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**National Guard:** Cody Smith, **National Guard Texas:** Daryl Bradford, **U.S. Air Force:** Tyler Barden, Chris Cavaness, Josh Mort, Josh Rodriguez, Ryan Gandy, Zane Jarvis. **U.S. Marine Corp:** Danielle Pozun, **U.S. Army:** Johnny Goldthrite, Randall Tye Graham, Ryan Tallant, Savannah Gideon. **U.S. Coast Guard:** Weston McIntire. **U.S. Navy:** Jason Bird, Matt Kuehhas. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our country.

#### MARCH MEMORIALS 2023

<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>	<u>GIVEN BY:</u>	<u>FUND:</u>
Barbara Odom (Sister of Bobby McNaley)	Cheers Class	Massey Trust
Marci Aranda (Daughter of Allen & Carmen Martin)	Jane Wardlaw	Costa Rica

I had just a little space at the bottom of this page, so my thought was to fill it with something inspiring, joyful or heartfelt. Much has happened in the last six months at our rather huge corner of Beauregard & Oakes. We have grown, we have cried, we have moved forward with grace, and we are faithfully hopeful for the next steps. Continue to pray for your church and the Body of Christ that fills the pews (or tables) on Sundays. We have weathered a big ole Texas kind of storm. I think of Jesus when the disciples were also in a storm on the sea of Galilee. From Mark's gospel (4:37-39), let me share this passage. "A stormy wind arose, and waves drove into the boat. It was filling up. Jesus was in the stern where he had gone to sleep on a pillow. The disciples woke him and cried, 'Teacher! We are perishing! Don't you care?' " Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still'. The wind stopped. There was complete calm."

Peace be with you, Lisa Lesosky

# PRAYER POWER

## Praying for those with cancer

Barry Kleypas	Jennifer Cooper	Michelle Elkins
Bill Humble	Jerry Tindel	Nicole Kleinsmith
Bonnie Kennedy	Joe Lynch	Pamela Adams
Briana McCall	Jo Ann Motl	Raul Najera
Carol Smith	Jose Perez	Ron Hoelle
Caryl Guisinger	Kevin Halfman	Rosura Gonzales
Connie Weams	Kinsley Baker	Roy Shannon
Dawn Jackson	Linda Rogers	Sherrie Walker
Duder Duderstadt	Lisa Melton	Sheryl Bragg
Ethan Miller	Lynda Hughes	Shirley Kennedy
Fred Gudmundson	Maria Roberts	Susan Armstrong
Jay Moore	Mark Sisson	Todd Cummings
Jeff Peters	Melissa James	Vernon Fritze
Jeff Ward	Michaela Rigsby	Wendy Slaughter

### **IN MEMORANDUM**

**Jim Ridge – D.O.D 5-20-23. Prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.**  
**ISAIAH 40: 28-29: “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.”**

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