



THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2023

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX
A GMC Congregation
LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS



- 3rd Wesley Soup Kitchen. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers welcomed.
- 5th Holy Communion at all services.
- 5th All Saints Sunday
- 6th Rust Street Lunch Ministry – 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers welcomed.
- 6th Goliad Luncheon at Lakeview Lighthouse.
- 7th Election Day
- 7th Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Library
- 7th Emmaus Gathering. 6:30 p.m. Sierra Vista UMC.
- 9th Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Library
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 12th Shoebox deadline – return to church
- 13th Surviving the Holidays. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Cheers Classroom.
- 14th Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Library
- 16th Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Library
- 23rd Thanksgiving Holiday – Offices closed
- 24th Thanksgiving Holiday – Offices closed
- 28th Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Library
- 28th Tidings of Last Tuesdays – 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. First Place Café.
- 28th Prayer Service – 6:00 p.m. – FMC Chapel.
- 29th Advent Lunch – 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary. \$ 5.00 lunch following service.
- 29th Family ADVENTure Event – Celebration Hall
- 30th Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Library

Services & Sunday School Hour

8:30 The Bridge – Sanctuary 9:30 – Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Traditional – Sanctuary 11:00 11th Hour – Celebration

Live streaming services

Firstmethodist.net - Tap for Sunday streaming

37 East Beauregard * San Angelo, Texas 76903

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FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

A Global Methodist Congregation

OUR PASTORS

SERMON SERIES FOR NOVEMBER

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services

FOCUS:

11/05 - Living & Dying for Jesus

11/12 - The Tripping Point

11/19 - For What We Have

11/26 - Centurion Commands



Rev. Scott Bradford
Senior Pastor



Rev. Jim Noble
Associate Pastor



Rev. Cyndi Young
Associate Pastor



Rev. Dale Weise
Associate Pastor

SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

- **Childcare** is available - 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 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
- **Upper Room Devotionals** are available in the Sanctuary and at the Service Desk near First Place Café

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

Rev. Scott Bradford – Senior Pastor

It has been a hard year, but I am genuinely thankful for all that God has provided and for our Church.

Psalm 95:1-5 reads:

“Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth' the heights of the hills are His also.”

The Rock of our salvation is what I have been clinging to and what I will cling to. Recently in our stewardship campaign, Jeff Bozeman talked about counting your blessings and naming them one by one.

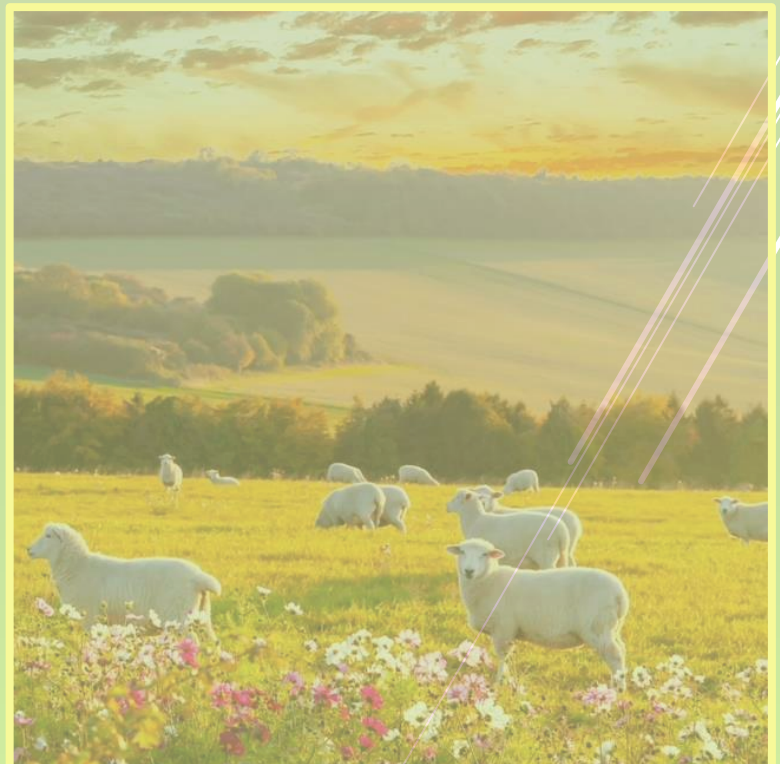
He had me laughing because after they are numbered you can say “Well, I am thankful for #2, #5, #17!” I have been trying to count all of mine and hopefully, on a good day. be thankful for every one of them I number!

Yes, it is a difficult season; inflation; war; rumors . . . well you get the point! But, amid this backdrop:

- ✓ I am so thankful for my church; to be in ministry with you and for you!
- ✓ I am thankful for my wife of thirty-eight years and my children. God knows I would love some grandchildren, but that doesn't mean I am not thankful.
- ✓ I am thankful for every scratch Champ puts on my arms, and for every year I have with Marley Jane.
- ✓ I am thankful for my health and an opportunity to serve in the new GMC Mid-Texas Conference.
- ✓ I am thankful for friends and the love of God in Jesus Christ!
- ✓ I am thankful that the Lord is great, and He is the God of our Salvation.

Won't you join me in counting your blessings and naming them one by one!

Pastor Scott



Rev. Jim Noble – Associate Pastor

Hello church!

One great reason why men practice generosity so little in the world is their finding so little there: generosity is catching; and often those who escape it do so for the same reason they escape disease; because they meet no one to give it to them. - Sir Fulke Greville

At a training some years ago, one of the presenters asked, "Who taught you to be generous?" I would love to hear some of your stories answering this question. This church seems quite generous, so certainly someone has taught you! I know we are in tough times but something I have noticed illustrates Sir Greville's point.



Perhaps you have noticed it? Recently, at many food establishments, the worker behind the counter does little aside from punching a few buttons on their screen and then we are given the opportunity to tip (often with suggested amounts/percentages). So, not even serving your meal or refilling your drink, they suggest 15% or more as a tip.

It seems to me this started in only a few places, but now is common. It is catching! I am not sure about you, but I always feel pressured to give at least something as not to be the chump who pushes zero on the machine. Perhaps I should start paying in cash again! **I DO want to be generous**, but isn't this getting a little out of hand?

They are giving us an opportunity to be generous, as Jesus instructs in Matthew 6, I suppose. Do you give other people the opportunity to be generous to you? You can be giving a blessing as much as you are receiving one. I remember being at meals with my parents and maternal grandmother as a child. When the check came, there would inevitably be a 5-10-minute (at least it felt like it) disagreement about who was going to pay. Not because they didn't want to pay the bill, but because they DID! They didn't want the others to be generous!

It went something like this, "I'm paying for this," "Oh no you're not!" Back and forth it went until someone was exhausted into compliance (but visibly not happy about it). I determined, during those experiences, that if someone wanted to be generous to me, I was going to thankfully accept it!

I know you have opportunities to be generous, but I pray you give other people the opportunity to be generous to you as well. Generosity is catching! On another note, the preaching schedule for 11th hour looks something like this:

October 29 – Pastor Scott preaching 11th Hour: I am preaching at 8:30 & 10:45.

November 5-26 – Jeremiah

December 3-24 – Advent

December 31 – TBD

January 7-Feb 11 – Guts! (Why we should be proud and bold Christians)

It is a privilege being one of your pastors!

Rev. Jim Noble

REV. CYNDI YOUNG - ASSOCIATE PASTOR
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES - ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY

Be still and know . . .Give thanks . . .Smile . . .Repeat . . .

In anticipation of an excessively busy day, I decided to do the Readers Digest version of all my household activities – abbreviating some and eliminating others completely. In the middle of this conservation project, I opened my washing machine before the spin cycle was completed. The agitator was swirling at such a velocity the poor clothes were plastered against the sides of the drum in sheer terror.

There they were – blue jeans, dark socks, and one frayed and exhausted T-shirt – frantically running in circles. From my view, they were obviously getting nowhere. The pressure of the outward pull was not only squeezing them dry, but circumstantially holding them captive.

The one dark T-shirt looked extremely dizzy at best, the socks were chaotically tied in knots, and the poor jeans looked like they would never walk again. As I transferred the lifeless forms into the dryer for yet another heated whirlwind, I was somehow dismayed at the parallel in our lives.

We have days when we're going at breath-taking speeds. Each day has a full agenda plus those unanticipated interruptions. Please don't misunderstand me – I prefer my life to be busy. I feel it can challenge us to be more organized, manage time more wisely and be more self-disciplined in the hours we have.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. This verse is both convicting and life-giving to me!

It's easy to be rushaholics, workaholics and never-stop-going-aholics. It is so difficult to simply and intentionally be still! ***Yet we need to spend some time on our knees before we can effectively run on our feet.***

During the upcoming busy holiday seasons, we will probably find ourselves too busy – too busy to "be still" and ponder these vital questions:

How is my soul?

What will my purposes, motives, attitudes, and responses be for this day?

Have I failed to give thanks and praise to the One who is so loving and faithful to me?

Somehow, in God's eternal timetable, spending minutes with Him makes the other hours in each day go more smoothly – and much more can be accomplished. Before stepping into the frenzied activities of the next few weeks, take time to be still awhile. It will make a marvelous difference for you (and those around you too!)



Children's Ministries

Barbie Hari - Director Children's
Faith & Formation Ministries
barbiehari@hotmail.com



Wednesday Nights were such a blast. Fall Refuel has wrapped up but will be back in early 2023 so stay tuned for dates.



A big thank you for all who helped with the Trunk or Treat event, and the generous donations of candy and trinkets!



NOVEMBER

- 12th - Bible Sunday (every child will receive a bible) during SS class.
- 29th - Advent Adventure in Celebration Hall. Times TBA.

DECEMBER

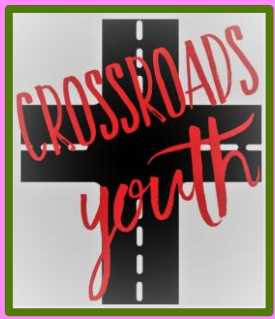
- 3rd - Singing in 10:45 service.
- 10th - Short program in 11th hour.
- 15th - Parents night out/ Kids Christmas party 5:30-9:00pm. In Celebration Hall.
- 24th - Birthday party for Jesus during Sunday school
- 31st - New Year's Eve party during Sunday school.



Don't forget about Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

3 - 5-year-olds, Kinder, 1st & 2nd graders in Room E201. 3rd to 5th graders are in Room E203. All groups are currently working on shoeboxes, practicing for their singing debuts, and Advent lessons. A new study will begin in January.

You can check your child in on the 2nd floor just down the hall from the office!



Yard Flamingos Fundraiser - IT'S TIME TO THINK PINK!

The Flamingo Flocking season is here. Granted, it's an ornithological rarity, but we have confirmed reports that large flocks of flamingos will soon be landing on the lawns of unsuspecting area residents sometime in the near future. Our confidential sources tell us that these particularly tacky birds, (*pinkus flamingous plasticus*) tend to show up in the dark of night, accompanied by members of the FMC youth group, who generally do their best not to guffaw too loudly as they surreptitiously plant flocks of pink flamingos on local lawns.

WARNING: YOUR YARD COULD BE IN THEIR FLIGHT PATH! Fortunately, there are a variety of cures for a flamingo infestation. Should you wake up one morning to a sea of pink flamingos in your lawn, take heart! Simply call 325-518-5039 and for a small donation of \$10.00, the nice kids in the FMC youth group will come remove the pesky critters. Your lawn gets de-flamingoed and this worthy group gets some much needed funding for their ski trip to Winter Park, CO in March.



GOT A FLAMINGO-PHOBIA?

No worries! By placing a quick call to 325-518-5039, you can purchase a Flamingo Flocking Insurance Policy for just \$50.00. Once again, all monies will go to this outstanding local group and your home will be spared the embarrassment of blushing in various shades of pink! And of course, if you feel you cannot contribute, that's okay. Just let us know and the flock will move on!

DON'T GET MAD, GET EVEN!

Should you find a flamingo flock in your yard, you can "share the joy" by contacting the nice folks in the youth group, making a small donation of \$25.00 for flamingo removal and then, you can choose who's yard the flamingoes will migrate to.





Methodist Healthcare/Wesley Nurse Health Ministries

lparry@mhmc.org - Lesa 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. 40th Street



Women, Wellness, and Wreaths breast cancer awareness event was held 10/14 at Lakeview Lighthouse with 29 attending. There was fellowship, crafting of beautiful wreaths, resources, and important information given to attendees. Many expressed an interest to attend next year in our wonderful new facility.

A short witness to God's love. Last year I invited a client to our first event and to bring a friend so she might be more comfortable. Her response broke my heart when she said she had no friends. She relied on her ex-husband to get her to places and had little to no contact with others. A few days before the event, I contacted her to encourage her to come. She did attend, and by the time it was over, she was in tears because she felt so loved and that someone cared. Unfortunately, she had told me she was moving.

This year I received a call before the event to ask about available space. The woman said she would like to come and bring a friend. The woman gave me her name, before I could ask if she came last year she said, "I don't know if you remember me, but I came last year." Oh, yes! I did remember her. She went on to tell me that because of our event, she had gotten out of her abusive, controlling relationship.

She wanted to bring another lady she had met who was in the same situation. I gave information about physical health and resources at these events, but God had much more planned. Both ladies came and expressed how welcome and comfortable they felt. Thank you, First Methodist, for the support given to the Wesley Nurse Ministry. God has great plans for our Lakeview community.

I also participated in **Child Advocacy Center** of Greater West Texas Fall Festival October 17th. As the Wesley Nurse, I was one of many organizations providing young families a fun, safe activity, and dispersing information to help families grow and thrive. I took two large versions of the Operation game; the normal game and one we made for the Armor of God and played that to explain the importance of both physical health and spiritual health. In addition, each Operation slot was filled with a treat. Once the kids removed the game piece, they received a prize. Many children asked to keep the wooden crosses. **God wins every time!**



Upcoming events: I am still in dire need of Size 4 & Size 6 Huggies diapers for the My Healthy Child program. Any donations can be left in the main office. For questions, please call the number at the top. I will be partnering with ERA Newlin & Co. to hold a coat drive from now until December 31, 2023. New or gently used coats and or monetary donations are being accepted at the ERA Newlin & Co. office. Checks for monetary donations should be made out to First Methodist Church, Wesley Nurse Fund.

Thankful & Blessed,

Lesa Parry

NOVEMBER 2023

GROWING A GREAT FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS!

Tuesday Morning Group: The Morning Glories – October study is *Carry the Flame* by Jim Cymbala. After Thanksgiving, Pastor Cyndi begins an Advent study on 11/28. Class meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Journey Classroom (3rd Floor). Anyone interested is welcome to attend. FMI contact Lori Francks at (325) 234-0375 or lfrancks@hotmail.com.

Wednesday Night Group: – Currently studying *The Epic of Eden: Introduction to The Old Testament* led by Sherryann Miller. Meets on the 3rd floor in the Harmony classroom. A new study will begin in the fall. Contact Sherryann Miller @ 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 3rd floor.

Cheers – *You Were Made For This Moment*, by Max Lucado, led by John Walker. The study was born in a hard season—a pandemic that locked down the world, compounded by the ancient sin of racism and the volcano of rage it ignited. Have you wondered if the lingering effects of this season would ever end. If so, God has a six-letter work of encouragement for you. E-S-T-H-E-R is a book written to be read in hard seasons. It was crafted for those who feel outnumbered by foes, outmaneuvered by faith, and outdone by fear. The message God wants us to take to heart is relief will come. Meets on the 3rd floor.

Harmony – The next study begins October 29th. *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* by Adam Hamilton. Led by Evelyn Coley. Meets on the 3rd floor.

Journey – 1st John led by Virginia Eschman. Meets in person on the 3rd 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 2nd floor.

S.T.E.R. – Study Topics vary weekly and are led by various class members. Meets in person on the 3rd floor. Contact Cathy Hubbard for more info.

Union – Study topics vary weekly and led by various class members. For more information, contact Meagan Hunnicutt or the church office. Meets on the 3rd floor of the Education Building.

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

WEEKDAY CLASSES – Tuesday & Wednesdays

TUESDAYS – Morning Glories (Women’s class) 10:00 a.m.

The MG’s have begun a study named *Carry the Flame* by Jim Cymbala. Pastor Cyndi will begin an Advent study 11/28. For more information, contact Lori Francks @ 325-234-0375.

WEDNESDAYS – The Friends Group

Currently studying *The Epic of Eden: Introduction to the Old Testament* led by Sherryann Miller. Meets on the 3rd floor in the Harmony classroom. A new study will begin in the fall. Contact Sherryann Miller @ angelo.edu or the church office for additional information.

JOIN UP FOR SINGING THAT GOOD OLE’ CHURCH MUSIC

Wesleyan Handbells – Led by Laura Burkhalter. Practice is Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the handbell room – 1st floor. Contact Laura for more information @ burkhalterl@yahoo.com.

Sanctuary Choir – Led by Adam Chappell. Rehearsals are held @ 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 1st floor near the sanctuary. For more information and summer practice schedule, contact Adam Chappell @ adamchappell@hotmail.com.

The 11th 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 (655-8981) at the church office for more info.

The 8:30 Bridge Musicians

Various musicians contribute to a blended musical style of both traditional and contemporary songs. Practice is called as needed. You may contact Pastor Cyndi at the church office (655-8981) for more information.

New Members & Staff Birthdays



The Shannon Family
Patrick & Jamie (at left). Daughters
Addison & Emma (at right). Joined
October 22, 2023 @ 8:30 service.
Welcome to First Family.



October
Happy
Birthdays
to Barbie
Hari
(Children’s
Ministry)
and Heather
Amigleo
(Admin.

Assistant.) Pastors Scott and
Jim helping them celebrate by
donning birthday head gear.



TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

NURSERY WORKERS & 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>.

WAYS TO ASSIST 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 Dori Wegner (254-718-6189) or email her @ dori@swcia.com.

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

COMMUNION STEWARDS - Need at 8:30 and 10:45 services. Call Cathy Hubbard @ 325-450-3590.

LAUNDRY LOVE- Contact Candis Hicks for more information @325-763-7387 or email her at heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com. Next date is 10/19/23. See calendar on front page.

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. Joe & Connie Jeffers are managing the ministry.

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: 10/2, 11/6 and 12/4.

SAVE THE OCEANS - Ella Elkins' recycling project is to collect 500 pounds of plastic film. Drop off container in First Place Café. She has met her goal, but still collecting through the end of October.

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

SOUP KITCHEN - Dates for 2023 are 10/6, 11/3, & 12/1. Wesley UMC - 301 W. 18th MLK Blvd. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Beth McCrea at edgemama@hotmail.com or the church office @ (325) 655-8981.

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT - Contact Pastor Dale at the church for forthcoming dates @ 655-8981.

MESSAGE BOARD



November 13th at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Know of someone who has experienced loss during the holidays? This one-night class has incredible tools to help you process through the holiday season. Class meets in the Cheers Classroom on the 3rd floor. For more information, contact Lori Francks @ 325-234-0375.



Each Fall we participate in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) by filling shoeboxes with toys and other items that are then sent to children all over the world. Each shoebox requires a \$10 shipping fee, and there are some guidelines as to what is appropriate to send. Click [here](#) for details. Empty OCC shoeboxes are available in the First Place Café and in the back of the Sanctuary. A payment envelope is included inside each box. You can also pay online. Boxes are due back at the Church by Sunday, November 12th. FMI contact Sherrie Walker in the Church Office.

Bulgaria and Mid-Texas GMC Partnership - International Ministry Partnership Team

Do you want to be part of what God is doing in the GMC around the world? Visit with Pastor Jim Noble or go to this website for more information.

<https://midtexasgmc.org/bulgaria-partnership>

Pickle ball has gained much momentum during Refuel Wednesday nights, so much that the Pickle ball program will probably continue. If you are interested, call Sherrie Walker at the church office to get connected with upcoming dates.

Trunk or Treat 2023. Fun and frolic. Treats & Treasures. Games & Goodies. I spied Alice the Witch, & a few lady pirates, Sherrie & Pastor Cyndi, a wee Buzz Lightyear, and an almost toothless princess.



PLANNING AHEAD.

SAVE THESE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DATES!



Youth Fundraising Breakfast – Sunday, December 3rd
7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Heritage Hall. Santa will be available for photographs. Bring a friend.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT FOR WOMEN – MONDAY, **December 4th**



The 20th Annual Advent by Candlelight for Women will be held in Celebration Hall beginning @ 6:00pm. Come and prepare your hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior.

Advent by Candlelight for Women is an ecumenical event, and we would love for you to be a part of this special evening. It's easy to host a table and invite 7 friends to join you. Table decorations can reflect your personality and range from paper plates to fine china. It's all about making your guest feel welcome. When you register to host a table, you will receive a letter with guidelines as to what you will need to provide. It's a very special time! The evening begins in Celebration Hall at 6:00pm for food and fellowship before we move to the Sanctuary for the worship part of our evening.

Speakers are Brandy Hopper – HOPE, Lisa Hirschfeld – PEACE, Ginny Fuchs – JOY and Delaney Grimes – LOVE. There will also be beautiful music throughout the evening following each speaker. Our service ends by singing "Silent Night" and the lighting of candles.

Reservations are required for the fellowship portion of the evening. You may call or text Pat Massey (325-234-3688) or email her @ patnmassey@gmail.com. She is the only contact for reservations, but feel free to reach out to any of the design team with questions. The team consist of: Lori Francks, Cathy Hubbard, Meagan Hunnicutt, Pat Massey, Brenda Stone and Sherrie Walker.

Advent Program (Brief sermonette, music, & Lunch for \$5.00)

Wednesday, November 29th at 12:05 p.m. Meet in Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 06th at 12:05 p.m. Meet in Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 13th at 12:05 p.m. Meet in Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 20th at 12:05 p.m. Meet in Sanctuary

Goliad Elementary Christmas. Students will get to visit the Lakeview Lighthouse on Friday, December 6 during the school day. Each grade level will come over one at a time and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, a craft, and a gift. **We will need a lot of help** that day, so please consider participating if you're able. Watch for more information or contact Sherrie Walker in the Church Office.



COME, LORD JESUS, COME. HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES – Tuesday, November 28th

The Prayer and Healing Service is held on the 4TH Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Service is led by Pastor Dick West.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING (HEALTH CONCERNS)

Alan Gregston, Allen & Carmen Martin, Beth Kopecky, Bob Barnes (Hospice Care), Carolyn Weatherby, Claire Adams, Rev. Dick West, Eryn Pinkerton, Grace Copeland, Janis Noble (Rev. Jim Noble's mother), Lanier (Duder) Duderstadt, Lisa Lesosky, Mark Sisson (Mark Lesosky's bro-in-law), Rev. Nathaniel Hankins, Pat Adams, Ralph Thompson, Shannon Robbins (wife of Rev. Tom Robbins), Shirley Mohler, Shirley Ridle, Vickie Spydell (Hospice care), Walley Harkey, and the family of Judith Hirschfeld.

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 Kuehas. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our country.

From the editor:

I had this small "dead" space because the memorials & honorariums were so copious last month, I had to add a full page to the newsletter. Such a wonderful reason to add more space! First Church is thankful.

As I "hang out" around the church, I see amazing events coming to life and the activities each member of staff is working on to make this church, **your church**, the best it can be. The staff earnestly listens to God and the prompting of His Holy Spirit.

I would like to share a quote from a study I've undertaken named *Carry the Flame* by Jim Cymbala.

"If you feel the Holy Spirit is speaking to you, don't let fear or doubt get in the way of a blessing that God has for you and for others.

If the Holy Spirit, who is the creator of the universe, is putting something on your heart, it's almost the same thing as when Moses has the burning bush encounter.

You may not be visually face to face with God, but he's speaking to you in your heart. When you act in obedience to what He is telling you, He will do exceedingly abundantly above anything you ask or think, because nothing is impossible for Him." (Pg. 20).

Lisa Lesosky

OCTOBER MEMORIALS 2023

IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY:	FUND:
Polly Waterhouse	Cindy Whitehead &	Love & Care
	Dylan, Cody, Blake Burns	
	Camille Santry	Choir Scholarships
	Jimmy & Marion Stewart	Love & Care
	Guy & Eva Choate	Somebody's Rusty
	Texas Bank – Sherwood Branch	Love & Care
	Terry & Jackie Martin & Family	Love & Care
	Fred R. Norton, Jr.	Love & Care
	Gary & Mignon Gammage	Methodist Asst.
	John Hay, Jr. & Marilyn Aboussie	Love & Care
	Roger & Martha Dolliver	Love & Care
	Betsy Sadler	Love & Care
	Hadley Wardlaw	Love & Care
	Joe & Connie Jeffers	Food Pantry
	Anease Meier	Methodist Asst.
	Charles & Brenda Wyatt	Methodist Asst.
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	Julie Montgomery	Love & Care
Kent & Janis Amacker	Methodist Asst.	
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Judith Hirschfeld	Betsy Sadler	Love & Care
	Hadley Wardlaw	Love & Care
	Guy & Eva Choate	Somebody's Rusty
	Gary & Mignon Gammage	Methodist Asst.
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	Eddie & Janelle Slough	Methodist Asst.
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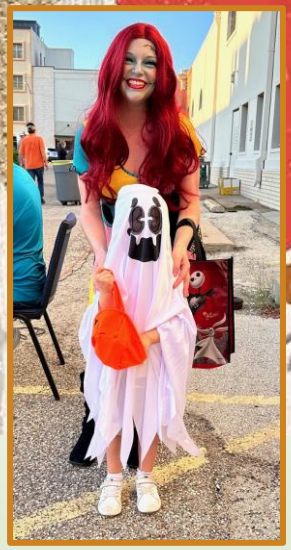
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So many people coming for FMC's annual event. They ate 600 hot dogs & bags of chips. The line was never ending. Among the crowd was a Paw Patrol, Spiderman, The Gammage's & Cindy McNaley (ala the Pumpkins), Sariah & Selah Noworatzky (Gorgeous & Ghostly), The Miracle Baby, Miss Paisley Shanks, SWAT showed up, The ice toters (Lauren Baring) and the hot dog stuffers Pat Haines, Laurie Mund, Stephanie Sayers, & Karen Clark. Not pictured was Bobbi Aldhizer & Katie Terrace.

IN MEMORANDUM - Judith Hirschfeld October 7, 2023

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:3-4.



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