



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2024

The Season of Pentecost

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX

A GMC Congregation

LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS



- 1ST Easter Monday – Church closed
- 2nd Service for Martha Yarbro – Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.
- 2nd Methodist Assistance
- 2nd Emmaus Gathering. Sierra Vista UMC. 6:30 p.m.
- 3rd Confirmation Class begins at 6:00 p.m.
- 4th Methodist Assistance
- 5th Wesley Soup Kitchen. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 7th Communion at all services
- 7th Trip to Hirschfeld Chapel at Fort McKavitt.
Leaving church at 2:00
- 9th Methodist Assistance
- 11th Methodist Assistance
- 14th Youth led worship @ 10:45 and Senior recognition
- 15th Branson Trip deposit due
- 16th Methodist Assistance
- 18th Methodist Assistance
- 20th Prayer retreat with Sue White. 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 21st Youth led worship @ 11th Hour.
- 21st Bishop Amrooti from Rwanda speaking at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. services
Reception in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments to be served.
- 23rd Prayer & Healing Service – 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- 23rd Methodist Assistance
- 25th Methodist Assistance
Methodist Assistance
- 28th Children leading worship @ 10:45 a.m. service.
- 29th Monday Munchies @ Goliad @ 3:13 p.m. After school program. Contact Lesa Parry.
- 30th Tidings of last Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 30th Methodist Assistance

Methodist Assistance
Food Distributions are
Tuesdays & Thursdays
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00
p.m.

Methodist Assistance
Financial Distributions
are Thursdays from 1:00
p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

A Global Methodist Congregation

OUR PASTORS

Sermon Series for April

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

FOCUS: Lenten Weeping

4/07 Are You With Us?

4/14 Since You Are In Christ, hearts set above

4/21 Put to death earthly ways

4/28 Therefore clothe yourself



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 2024 Methodist Lectionary, go to [Discipleship Ministries | 2023 Revised Common Lectionary – Sundays &... \(umcdiscipleship.org\)](http://Discipleship Ministries | 2023 Revised Common Lectionary – Sundays &... (umcdiscipleship.org))

REV. SCOTT BRADFORD – Senior Pastor

I am writing my post-Easter newsletter article about the special Easter offering and the help to rebuild the Kigali Cathedral in Rwanda. As of the publication, the special offering totals \$ 4,000, but I would really like for this church, FMC, to raise \$10,000 for this important work.

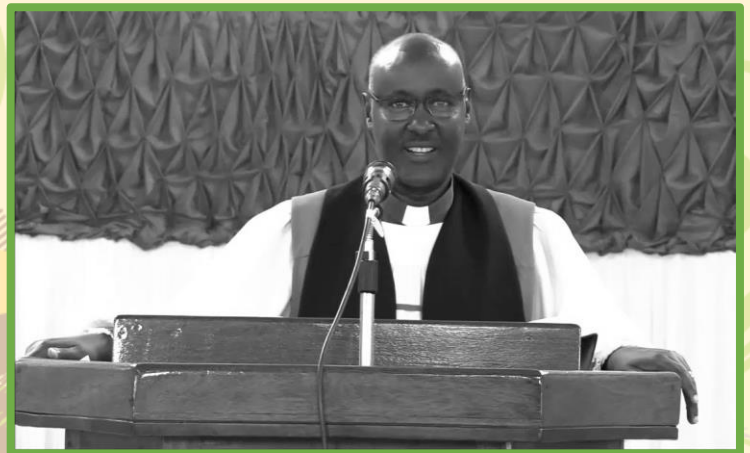
I believe our best effort to change this world is to continue to spread Christianity and supporting the work in a country such as Rwanda is imperative.

Bishop Nathan's most pressing project in the rebuilding of the Kigali Cathedral. Standing at the age of fifty-five, it is one of the longest standing structures in Rwanda. This historic building has become too small to hold the thousands of people who are attending church there weekly. It is not unusual to have hundreds of people standing outside the church peering through doors and windows. In Rwanda, the cathedral is not only a local church, but also the center of support and administration for hundreds of other congregations.

Bishop Nathan Amooti will be present in our congregation on April 21st at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services and I would love for us to have the honor of presenting him a \$10,000 donation.

This give us a couple of weeks to work to raise this amount, and while any amount we give him will be appreciated, I believe that if we present this challenge amount, it will make a true positive impact on the Kingdom. We are not alone this vision as we are partnering with Waco First, Gonzales, Coker, and several other churches in this endeavor.

Pastor Scott



Join us in giving Bishop Amooti a warm Texas welcome.

First Church San Angelo is excited to be a partner in this great project.

REV. JIM NOBLE – Associate Pastor

Hello Church!

I was just talking with someone this morning about the upcoming solar eclipse. My family even picked up some free glasses from the Tom Green County library to prepare. This morning, however, someone was pointing out one of the theories circulating social media about the path the darkness will travel, what cities it will darken, etc. Perhaps you've seen some of these posts on your own social media wanderings. I'm not an astronomer, though perhaps I should ask the one person I know with such interests, but I do know this from the book of James 5:7-9 (CEB):

Therefore, brothers and sisters, you must be patient as you wait for the coming of the Lord. Consider the farmer who waits patiently for the coming of rain in the fall and spring, looking forward to the precious fruit of the earth. You also must wait patiently, strengthening your resolve, because the coming of the Lord is near. Don't complain about each other, brothers and sisters, so that you won't be judged. Look! The judge is standing at the door!

The Lord is absolutely near! But near is hard to define. So is the word soon, which is found elsewhere in Scripture about the second coming of the Lord. In fact, nobody aside from God knows. There are a multitude of prognosticators past and present who have all been wrong. Could Jesus return along with the eclipse in a week or so? Certainly. Will he? I have no idea.

Also, I know some are constantly looking for the "Rapture." I know this may upset some of you, but the rapture, to me, isn't Biblical. It's a relatively new invention (mid 1800's) theologically speaking and really only a certain line of theologians proposes it.

I believe Jesus absolutely will return. But, when he does, he'll bring heaven and a new Earth with him. He'll come to stay not to grab some folks and leave for some amount of time. We may meet him in the air, as Thessalonians suggests, but so we can join him in a return to the new Earth, not to fly away.

Anyway, that's my view. If you disagree, it's ok, I still love ya! I certainly love to talk about it!

The key, as James says, is to be patient and ready as a farmer is as they wait for spring or fall rain. Farmers don't know when it's going to rain but they're ready when rain comes. We are called to stay ready, whether Jesus returns today, tomorrow, or not at all during our lifetimes. We know we'll meet him one way or the other!

Rev. Jim Noble

REV. CYNTHIA YOUNG - ASSOCIATE PASTOR

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES - ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY

Branson Trip – November 18-23, 2024

April 15th is the deadline to register for the chartered bus trip to Branson, Missouri. We currently have a dozen people confirmed but we will need a minimum of 30 to make the trip. The church will pay for the travel expenses to help alleviate the individual costs.

A \$200.00 deposit is required as you register, and the balance will be due October 1st. The deposit is fully refundable up to 45 days prior to travel date or October 1st.

Included: ALL five nights in Hotels/SEVEN different shows with Special Seating TRAVEL on a Chartered Bus/MEALS and Gratuities

ALL are covered in the cost of only \$1050 per person, double occupancy. If you prefer a private room, the cost will be an additional \$350.

Please invite friends or family that would like to join you for this trip! Please call if you have any questions. It will be a wonderful opportunity sit back, have all the logistics arranged for you and see incredible Christmas productions in Branson.

We will get back to San Angelo the weekend before Thanksgiving.



Hoping to have your company along this adventure.

Blessings,

Pastor Cyndi





Children's Ministries

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



Loving on God's children every time they are here!

Happenings in April

- April 3rd – Playgroup from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 10th – Playgroup from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 17th – Playgroup from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 24th – Playgroup from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 28th – Children serve in worship during 10:45 a.m. service.



We had such a great time on Wednesdays during Spring Academy, we decided to have a playgroup! Starting April 3rd – May 29th every Wednesday at the church playground from 6-7ish. Babies and toddlers will start in nursery. All ages welcome!

We are still looking for a pre-school Sunday school teacher. If interested, please contact Ms. Barbie

A huge thank you to the volunteers who came out and cleaned up the church's playground.

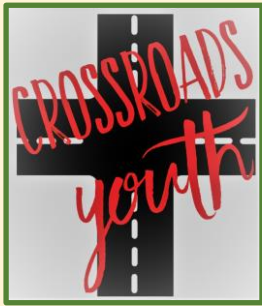
VBS is coming and you are invited. Save the dates July 15th, 16th and 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More info in May newsletter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre – K children are continuing lessons with Otter B.
K - 2nd children are learning about The Lord's Prayer.
3rd - 5th children are learning how to use their Bibles.

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



Youth Ministries

Mark Noworatzky
Director of Youth
Mnoworatzky@gmail.com



CURRENT STUDY: *How (Not)to Read the Bible* by Dan Kimball

Senior Recognition – April 14th. Graduating Seniors: Emma Shannon, Landry Alls, and Sydnee Moore from Central High School. Zane Wegner from Wall High School



You may have noticed from these pictures that we had a stowaway on our ski trip. It is Jerry, the chicken. He appeared during the October lock-in by playing a game with the youth. Jerry, unfortunately, suffered a traumatic injury (loss of his squeaker) and found it difficult to perform his professional rubber chicken duties.

Thankfully, his inability caught the eye of Aurora Lyndsey (youth member) who adopted Jerry, took him home where he is loving cared for. Jerry appears at youth group adventures and was again injured but repaired by the steady hands of Keith & Samantha Lyndsey with a little help from a tube of superglue.

Our own “Humpty Dumpty” was elated to take on more adventures so really, he was not a stowaway. His desire was genuine and has become the officially mascot for Crossroads Youth.



Besides Jerry, twenty-one humans took the bus to Colorado except for Pastor Scott who joined later. A first ski trip for most & a first trip with just this youth group together. No outsiders. Learning to ski is difficult at any age. Multiply skills required: Stopping, turning, falling & getting back up, reading trail signs, using the buddy system and making sure not to leave anyone behind is challenging. The combination of conquering fears, perseverance, community, friendship, worship, and time in the mountains changed all their lives . . . Including mine.



Am I exhausted? No! I came back rejuvenated and excited. When I became the youth director, the group was broken & hurting. I wasn't sure if I could mend the broken pieces. But when the youth debarked the as we arrived home (ahead of a nasty storm), the youth were smiling. They hugged each other. They had bonded. Most told me they were ready to do another ski trip in 2025. In our days together, God took our “Humpty Dumpty” bunch and put it back together again. I am humbled by these amazing young people & grateful to be working alongside them. I could not do my job without my leadership team, church staff, and supportive church family.

Thanks, Mark Noworatzky



Methodist Healthcare/Wesley Nurse Health Ministries

lparry@mhm.org - Lesa Parry

If you need to reach me, please call 325-215-4835. Offices at both First Methodist Church 37 East Beauregard or Lakeview Lighthouse 263 E. 40th Street

“MY HEALTHY CHILD”: Is an 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 3T-4T, pullups & size 6 - Huggies brand only. (These are for children with allergy to other brands).



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and I will be circulating information all month about that. The Child Advocacy Center will be holding the Pinwheel Ceremony to kick off awareness on Monday April 4 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 3418 Town and Country Drive in front of the Center.

LIGHTHOUSE AND GOLIAD ELEMENTARY MINISTRIES

We will be co-hosting the **Parents & Pastries** with Goliad on April 9th and 10th from 7:00 am-8:00 am. We will be taking this opportunity as the parents have breakfast with the kids before school to allow them to see the Lighthouse and hear about future activities planned for the **Lighthouse**. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, please contact me at 325-215-4835.

We will be doing **Monday Munchies** with Goliad after school 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, & 5/20. Students and parents are invited to learn how to make healthy kid friendly snacks. I am hoping to have representatives of La Esperanza, Tom Green County Library, and Child Advocacy center present to give out information to parents about upcoming events and activities we are planning for the **Lighthouse**. **Would love to have some volunteers for these afternoons. Please contact me or Sherrie Walker.**

I am working with **La Esperanza** to get the **mobile clinic** to start coming out to the **Lighthouse** on a regular basis. This is another opportunity to meet the parents and let them know what great opportunities are coming to the **Lighthouse**.

Diapers needed for My Healthy Child parenting program. Our greatest need is size 3, 4, and 6 diapers. Any diapers, gift cards or monetary donations to help purchase can be dropped off in the main church office. Please indicate that these are for the Wesley Nurse when leaving them in the office.

Thank you for the support to help the families in need and continue the Wesley Nurse programs that help our families to grow and thrive.

Blessings for April,

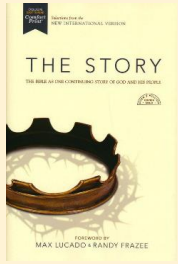
Lesla Parry

April 2024 Adult Sunday School Class Updates

HOLY BIBLE

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.



Cheers

The Cheers Class will continue their pre-Lent study, *The Story*, led by John Walker. *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel.

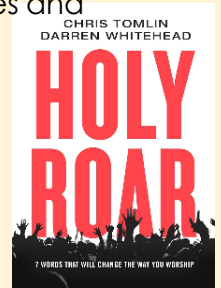


Chi Rho

The Chi Rho Class is studying *Don't Look Back* by Bible teacher, international speaker, activist, and bestselling author Christine Caine. This study will motivate you to stop looking back, get unstuck, and keep moving forward into God's promises and purpose for your life. It is being taught by Giovanna Lecroy.

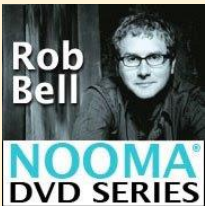
Harmony

The Harmony class is currently studying "Holy Roar", led by Evelyn Coley. In the Psalms, there are seven Hebrew words that are translated into the English word *praise*, each of which represents a different aspect of what it means to truly praise God. In *Holy Roar*, Chris Tomlin and Darren Whitehead share a fresh perspective from the worship practices of the ancient world. Grow in your understanding of praise.



Journey

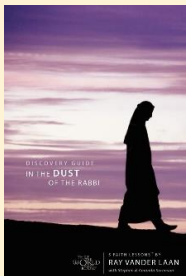
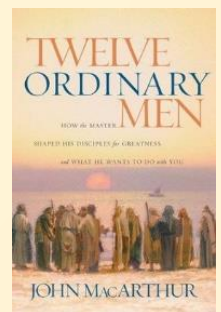
The Journey Class studies the Bible book by book, and then starts over again. They are currently working through 1, 2, 3 John. Soon the class will dive into the book of Jude, led by Stacie Elkins.



Seekers

The Seekers Class is using the NOOMA video curriculum, by Rob Bell. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. Led by various class members.

S.T.E.R. (Scripture, Tradition, Experience, Reason – The Wesleyan Quadrilateral)
The STER class is currently doing "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur, led by various class members. This study explores how Jesus chose ordinary men - fisherman, tax collectors, political zealots - and turned their weakness into strength, producing greatness from utter uselessness.



Union

The Union young adult class is currently studying "In the Dust of the Rabbi", led by Tim Hunnicutt. This unique video series brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

Class Locations:

3rd Floor above Celebration Hall: Cheers, Harmony, Journey, Bayith/Fellowship
3rd Floor Education Building: S.T.E.R, Union, Chi Rho
2nd Floor Church Office Conference Room: Seekers
All classes meet on Sundays at 9:30am

WEEKDAY CLASSES – Tuesday & Wednesdays

Tuesday Morning Group: The Morning Glories: Meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Journey Classroom (3rd Floor). Class is continuing *Carry the Flame* by Jim Cymbala. FMI contact Jaci Cortese @ jlouco60@gmail.com or the church office.

Wednesday Night Group: Class is currently wrapping up the Tony Evans book *The Power of God's Names*. Evans explores 11 names of God used in the Bible so you can gain a deeper understanding of Go's identity, character and works. A new study is in the works. Contact SherryannMiller@angelo.edu or the church office for more information.

Wednesday Night Pickle Ball: The Pickle Ball program is continuing Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in playing, contact **Clay Hubbard @ 325-650-2556** for additional info.

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, 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.

The church nursery will be open each evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MESSAGE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 7th – Fort McKavitt Road Trip

Short sermon and lots of singing in the chapel at Fort McKavitt. Contact Pastor Cyndi at the church office for more information and to save you a spot in the church van.

APRIL 9th and 10th – Parents & Pastries – Lakeview Lighthouse. Contact Sherrie Walker FMI.

APRIL 20TH – Prayer Retreat “Come Unto Me” at First Church

Rev. Sue White will lead a FREE prayer retreat at First Church from 9-4. Lunch is provided. Bring a friend and you will be glad you did. Sign up in First Place Café. Rev. White as over 30 years of ministry as a pastor, chaplain, counselor, former Conference Evangelist (Rio Texas Conference, author, and teacher. Dynamic speaker who has traveled the world offering spiritual help. .

JULY 15TH – 17TH – Vacation Bible School

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. Noah is coming.

July 20th – 28th - Costa Rica Mission Trip

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>.

ST LUKE UMC – Seeking a Childcare Director. Email resumes' to mindy@thegoodnights.com.

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.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAR CLINIC – Contact Jason Hari for more information by calling the church office. Next clinic is April 20th.

COMMUNION STEWARDS – Needed for 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.

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. See calendar for distribution dates.

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

SOUP KITCHEN - Dates for 2024 are the first Friday of each month. 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 the next ramp build @ 655-8981.

THANKS FOR BEING THE HEART, THE HANDS, AND THE FEET OF JESUS.

Volunteerism at it's best.

Dear Karen Clark:



The bulletin boards around the church are outstandingly beautifully and help remind us all about upcoming events. In addition, you and Pinterest have made the entrance to 11th Hour warm and welcoming.

Dear Jan Pipkin, Cathy Hubbard, & Pat Haines. Big hugs for making sure communion is already read to go. You set up our altar and package to go communion for shut-ins!



Dear Bobbi Aldhizer, Laurie Mund, Katie Terrace, Jan Pipkin, and Lauren Baring:



Wednesday night meals would have been impossible without you prepping, cooking, washing, setting up, and then cleaning up. You all are beyond awesome!

Dear Laurel Bradford: We are blessed to see you around the church again by organizing the Methodist Assistance area of finances and record keeping for this critical area of ministry.



Dear Pastor Cyndi: Oh, how much fun it will be as we gather at Fort McKavitt to sing and worship and have fellowship. So many will be blessed by your ability to plan for fun events such as this one.



Dear office volunteers: You are so appreciated!



Dear Sandy Pederson: What goodness you do for Meals for the Elderly! Kudos to you and those you recruit for deliveries.



Dear Janet Harvey: You are a SOUPER woman by recruiting hands for the soup kitchen at Wesley First United each month.



Dear Gary Gammage: A man who really likes bagging groceries for Methodist Assistance.



Dear Clay Hubbard: You are such a sweet pickle for making the Pickle Ball program a huge DILL. Blessings.



Dear Scripture Readers & Team Leaders: A wonderful time to hear God's words being spoken aloud for three days.



Isaiah 58:11 NIV

“ . . .You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”



HEADING SOUTH – MISSION TRIP IN COSTA RICA



April 11th: Jason's Deli. 25% of sales are donated **Must Present Flyer.**



June: Costa Rica T-shirts will be on sale. More information coming soon.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of a flyer, contact Delaney Grimes (325) 245-8341 or txlittled@gmail.com.

2024 Costa Rica Mission Team has 24 members: Kelly Butler, Bianca, Delaney, & Kevin Grimes, Seth Hernandez, James & Jason Hari, Doug & D'Ann Kuhlman, Tim & Laura Malloy,

Jan Pipkin, Laynee & Kevin Porche, Mattie, Shelly, & Todd Sanford, Jimmie VonGonten, Dale & Shelly Weise, Karee & Will Wiggins, Lorrie & David Zemke.

Most gracious thanks to ALL who supported the Palm Sunday Fund Raiser. Generosity beyond our wildest dreams.



LORD JESUS, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES

April 23rd in the Chapel @ 6:00 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING (HEALTH CONCERNS)

Becky Cole, Betty Andrews, Candis Hicks, Rev. Dick West, Eloise Amos, Harold Shelburne, James Hernandez, Lisa Hirschfeld, Lisa Lesosky, Mark Sisson (Lesosky relative), Mary Witt, Pat & LaVerne Adams, Shannon Robbins (wife of Rev. Tom Robbins), Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, Vickie Spydell (Hospice care), and the family of Martha Yarbro.

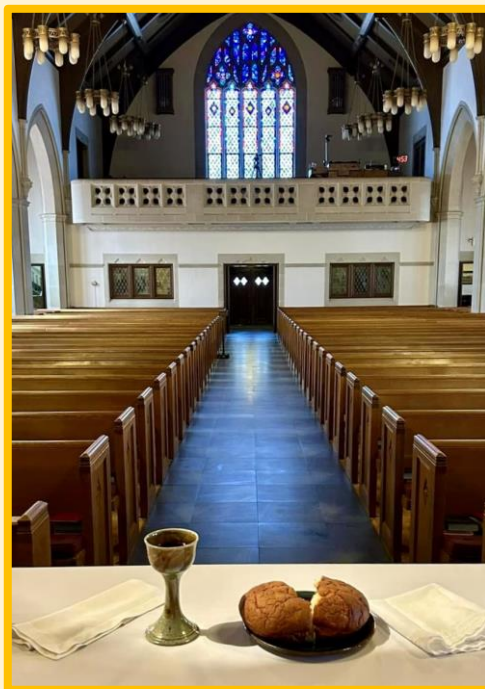
PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

National Guard Texas: Daryl Bradford; **U.S. Air Force**: Tyler Barden, Chris Cavaness, Josh Mort, Ryan Gandy, Zane Jarvis; **U.S. Air Force Reserve**: Javi Nagore, **U.S. Marine Corp**: Danielle Pozun; **U.S. Army**: Johnny Goldthrite, 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.

Witness to the good news.
Offer to serve in new ministry areas.
Respond to the needs of others.
Deepen your faith through Bible study.



Maundy Thursday's view of come & go communion.



“When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. He said to them **“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. . . This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”** Luke14-19 (paraphrased)

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS - MARCH

IN MEMORY OF:

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Charles & Brenda Wyatt
Jack & Jane Ann Srader
Gary & Mignon Gammage
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Timothy & Meagan
Bubba & Lois Harrison*

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IN MEMORANDUM

Martha Yarbro: D.O.D. 3/22/24.

"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.

A pure joy to hear those who followed the call of reading God's Words for 72 hours. Each word was read from Genesis to Revelation. They sat, some brought children, some alone, some with spouses and they sat at a table with lamp light, a microphone, and a golden cross hanging in the background. They read and they read, and they read. Deliberately and intentionally. Twenty minutes per reader that went by quickly. Some even came back to read again . . . and again.



“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12



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