

THE MESSENGER

MAY 2024

The Season of Pentecost

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX

A GMC Congregation

LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS



- 1st Wednesday Activities (See box below)
- 3rd Soup Kitchen – Wesley UMC. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 3rd Lakeview Top Scholars Banquet hosted by The Rotary Club.
- 5th Communion – all services.
- 5th Cinco de Mayo
- 6th Monday Munchies at Lakeview Lighthouse.
- 7th Emmaus Gathering. Sierra Vista UMC. 6:30 p.m.
- 7th San Angelo Gives – The Costa Rica Mission Team is benefactor this year.
<https://firstmethodist.net/mission-service/>
- 8th Wednesday Activities
- 10th Central High School Top Scholars Banquet hosted by The Rotary Club.
- 12th Mother's Day
- 13th Monday Munchies at Lakeview Lighthouse.
- 19th Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation for Confirmands
- 20th Monday Munchies at Lakeview Lighthouse.
- 27th Memorial Day
- 28th Prayer & Healing Service – 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
Tidings of Last Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday Activities

2:00 p.m. – Mah Jongg @ 2:00 p.m. in the library.

6:00 p.m. – Pickleball, Children's Playground open, Wednesday Night Bible Study, Confirmation Class & music practices.

Methodist Assistance

Food Distributions are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, and 30th.

Methodist Assistance Financial Distributions are Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This month: 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

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](https://firstmethodist.net) - Tap for Sunday streaming

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FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

A Global Methodist Congregation

OUR PASTORS

Sermon Series for May
8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services
FOCUS: Lenten Weeping

5/05 Pastor Cyndi - Whatever

5/12 God Comes to You

5/19 Pentecost Sunday

5/26 Some Men



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)

REV. SCOTT BRADFORD – Senior Pastor

Lake View Lighthouse has been significantly renovated over the last three years and we are ramping up our programs and usage of the facilities.

We recently held a Parents and pastries event with Goliad Elementary. Beginning in April the Wesley Nurse and volunteers are launching a nutritional afterschool program called Monday Munchies and this will lead into our Lighthouse Kids Eat Free summer feeding program.

We will soon be working on one of the final areas needing attention which is a food pantry and our children's clothing closet continues to be in use. I'm also thinking we can use some space to store some often-needed furniture items for families in need: beds; dressers; tables and chairs; washer and dryers.

We have been fortunate to receive two years of grants from Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM). While much of this grant has been for Capital improvement, we also received for 2024 operating and program expenses to underwrite the food and nutritional ministry. One of our main goals in establishing LVLH was to be a missional outpost on the North side of town and bring these services to what is often called a food resource desert.

What do we need?



Volunteers to help staff Monday Munchies; Kid's Eat Free and eventually work with food pantry. Please message Sherrie Walker or Lesa Parry about involvement.

Furniture donations: In useable condition beds; dressers; tables and chairs; washer and dryers. If you have these serviceable items to donate, please contact Pastor Scott.

Monetary donations: We will still have a small area to paint and put in flooring to complete renovation of the entire building. Any donations can be marked Lake View Lighthouse.

Thank you for making this dream a vision that has come to reality.

Pastor Scott

REV. JIM NOBLE – Associate Pastor

Hello Church!

I'm writing this a little early, so it is done before my surgery on the 23rd. Surgery is kind of a funny thing if you think about it. Sometimes it is correcting flaws in the operation of parts of the body. I have had many hernia surgeries, for instance. Or, for example, an ablation aims to fix the nerves around the heart so that the heart beats in the proper rhythm.

Sometimes, though, doctors determine we don't need some of our parts. Of course, in the case of cancer, malicious parts doing harm are removed. Sometime tonsils break bad and must be removed, or the gallbladder (mine is long gone), or the appendix (what does it really do anyway?), or teeth, or any number of things.

As we age, the number of good parts dwindles! My upcoming surgery is because a few spots in my colon have decided to become infected frequently enough that they are growing antibiotic resistant and therefore becoming more dangerous to my continuing life.

All of this made me think of Psalm 90, a Psalm of Moses. I can scarcely think of any human who has done more than Moses. I encourage you to read the whole Psalm, it's a plea/reflection on the fleeting nature of life and our search for purpose. From Moses!

Psalm 90: 10-12 "We live at best to be seventy years old, maybe eighty, if we're strong. But their duration brings hard work and trouble because they go by so quickly. And then we fly off. Who can comprehend the power of your anger? The honor that is due you corresponds to your wrath. Teach us to number our days so we can have a wise heart.

Verse 12 has always grabbed me. Teach us to number our days. In my slightly educated opinion, I believe Moses is asking God to help him spend his time wisely.

That made me think of the concept of a time audit. Some great leaders I've known do a time audit of themselves at least once a year. I can't say that I have. But perhaps I should. I know I spend an inordinate amount of time watching sports, though that brings me joy. Marie Kondo should approve, then, right? But other things...like social media, silly nonsensical games on my phone, mindless television, and the like should possibly face the chopping block.

Much like a doctor might examine your body and say, be gone gallbladder!, perhaps we should do the same with the time we spend. We only get so much time. Having said that, I do not really want to, because it means making difficult choices. I would love to hear if you are more successful at this than I am. Hey, Moses struggled with it, so we are in some decent company.

Happy auditing!

Rev. Jim Noble

Common English Bible (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ps 90:10–12.

It's Time to Laugh Awhile



It is (sadly!) common knowledge that I struggle with getting my tongue tangled while giving announcements during the opening of our worship time. Thankfully, our ever-gracious congregation (and Pastor Scott) just join in the laughter as I try to rescue myself from the abyss of being so appallingly human. Laughter is the best medicine – and we all should do it more! Laughing at ourselves is a delightful way to not take ourselves so seriously.

During a visit with Phil George (who always makes me laugh!), he introduced me to a book by Mardi Woodling that has a section on church bulletin bloopers through the years. While I don't have room to include many of them, I hope these will bring a smile to your day!

- * Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight to hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- * Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass this Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- * Ladies do not forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- * The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to conflict.
- * Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- * Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- * Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.
- * For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- * The Ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- * The pastor would appreciate if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- * Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday. Please use the back door.
- * A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

OK – that's enough for now. Keep smiling and laughing. Our world needs it!

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 May

Play Group on Wednesdays: May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, and May 29 - from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All ages welcome.

May 5 – Children are working on crafts for Mother's Day.

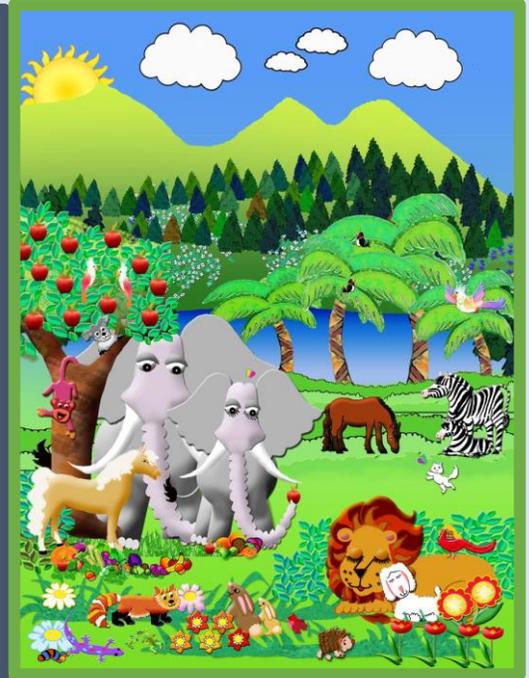
May 12 – Mother's Day breakfast. Children bring your mom and or grandma for a breakfast upstairs in the children's area.

VBS UPDATE

July 15, 16, & 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Dinner included)
Theme for the year is NOAH'S ADVENTURES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer lessons begin at the end of May through August. All classes will study The Fruit of the Spirit. Join us for fun-filled lessons, games, and crafts.



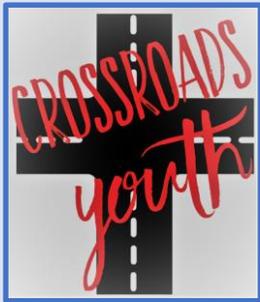
Playground Wednesdays can be exhausting for staff. Thank you, Jason Hari, for building us a sand table.

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024



Landree Alls – Central High School. 4.0 GPA. Debate Team 3 years. Varsity Track 2 years. Top 12% of her class. **Career path:** LSU to pursue a law degree. Majoring in philosophy/Minoring in psychology. Corporate law or through CPS and double as a case worker.

Emma Lea Shannon – Central High School. Honors Graduate. JV tennis 2 years. Speech & Debate 2 years. Member of National Honor Society. Active in church both at St. Luke's UMC and First Methodist Church. **Career path:** Baylor University to pursue Health Sciences.

Sydnee Moore – Central High School. Basketball 4 years. National Honor Society. ASU Up & Coming Scholars. **Career Path:** Angelo State University. Major Education w/minor in chemistry to pursue elementary education.

Zane Wegner – Wall High School. Wall FFA member showing steers for 8 years. Involved with The Spirit Choir. **Career Path:** Attending Angelo State University to pursue a degree in Ag Business.



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).

LIGHTHOUSE AND GOLIAD ELEMENTARY MINISTRIES

Monday Munchies with Goliad after school 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.**

Encouragement for Goliad during STAAR testing, the church sent testing treats to the teacher’s lounge weekly and such appreciation from the staff at Goliad. If you would like to be included in activities for staff and children at Goliad, contact Sherrie Walker at the church office.



La Esperanza mobile clinic will begin coming 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.

Methodist Healthcare Ministries partnered with the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women’s Health to present Mental Health through Movement on April 20th. Great turnout despite the rainy weather.



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.

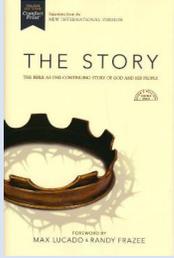
Lesa Parry

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.

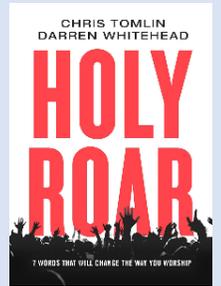
Chi Rho

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.



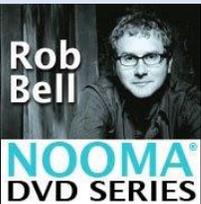
Harmony

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. New study begins May 12.



Journey

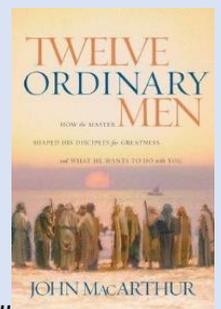
The Journey Class is finishing up the book of Jude and will begin Revelation led by David Huckaby. ins.



Seekers

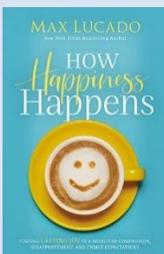
The Seekers Class is using the NOOMA video curriculum, by Rob Bell. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. Led by various class members.

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 *How Happiness Happens* by Max Lucado led by Tim Hunnicutt. In this book, Max shares the unexpected path to a lasting happiness, one that produced reliable joy in any season of life. Based on the teachings of Jesus and backed by modern research, *How Happiness Happens* presents a surprising but practical way of living that will change you from the inside out.

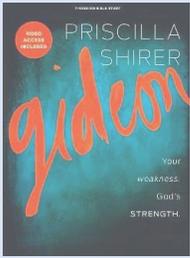


Class Locations:

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. FMI contact Jaci Cortese @ jlouco60@gmail.com or the church office. Presently reviewing the Lenten study by Max Lucado.



Wednesday Night Group: Class is currently studying *Gideon* by Priscilla Shirer. This seven-session study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as gifts give specifically and strategically by God. If you have ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, this study is for you. 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.

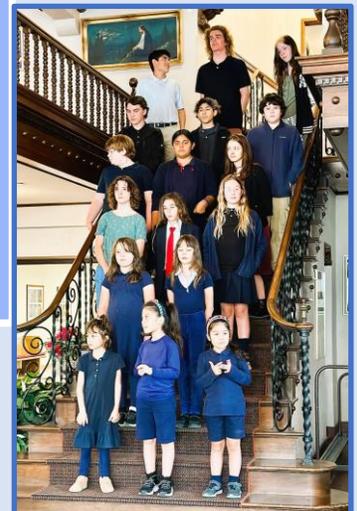
The 11th Hour Praise & Worship Band

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.



April was National Volunteer Month. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who serve First Church in so many important ministries. Your generosity with your time is extremely appreciated. Volunteers were honored at a luncheon in April complete with a choir of angelic children from Ambleside School.

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.

COMMUNION DELIVERY – Folks needed to deliver communion to our beloved shut ins. Communion elements are sacked and ready to pick up and deliver the first Sunday of each month.

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.

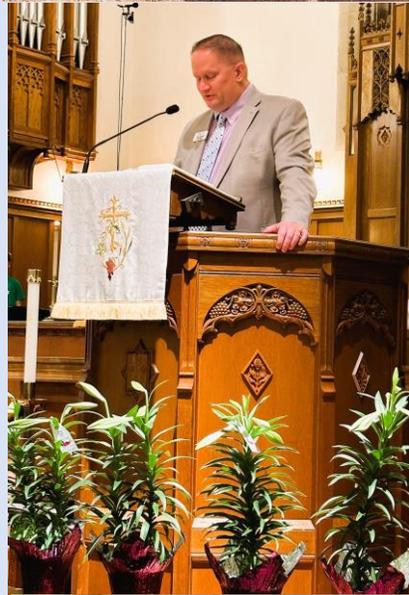
SOUP KITCHEN - Dates for 2024 are the first Friday of each month. Wesley UMC – 301 W. 18th MLK Blvd. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Beth McCrea at edgemama@hotmail.com or the church office @ (325) 655-8981.

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT – Contact Pastor Dale at the church for the next ramp build @ 655-8981.

Sharing Good News & Events from Around the Church

Easter Egg Hunt at The Bosque –3/30/24
 Easter Breakfast & Blooming Cross -
 3/31/24
 Fort McKavitt – April 7th

From hidden eggs to an empty tomb.
 From 72 hours of scripture reading to the final verse in Revelation.
 From the cross to the grave,
 From the grave to the sky.



MESSAGE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS



Costa Rica T-shirts are now on sale, You can purchase from www.gogandy.com/cr-mission24/products/09f3964e-dafa-4e4f-8086-0a65d00339c4. Shirts are a heather blue and the window is in color.

MAY 7TH: San Angelo Gives – The Costa Rica Mission Team is benefactor this year. <https://firstmethodist.net/mission-service/>

2024 Costa Rica Mission Team: 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.



The Daily Bread Lunch Program at Wesley UMC celebrated their **40th Anniversary** on April 11 at The ASU LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center. A history of the Lunch Program was presented, and **Mary Hankins** was named for her many years of participation. First Church members in attendance were David Zemke, Janet Harvey, and Lisa Lesosky. Janet Harvey is First Methodist's kitchen lead for volunteering. Thanks to all (and the many) who have served during these 40 years. A beautiful heartfelt ministry.



Congratulations to Preston Weise and Hannah McLaren. Married 4/13/24 at FMC. Parents of the groom are Drs. Dale & Shelly Weise. Pastor Scott Bradford officiated.



Happy April Birthday to our Wesley Nurse, Lesa Parry. Blessings to you for all you do at FMC.

SUMMERTIME & FALL EVENTS

June 10th – August 2nd

Lighthouse Kids Eat Program. Volunteers always welcome.

June 11th

La Esperanza Mobile Clinic at Lakeview Lighthouse

June 30th

Preaching & Fellowship Evening. Ryan Barnett preaching. Concho Grass providing music. Ice cream will be available after service in First Place Cafe. 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary.

July 9th

La Esperanza mobile clinic at Lakeview Lighthouse

July 15th to 17th

Vacation Bible School. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Get ready for Noah's Adventures.

**July 20th – July 28th
August 13th**

Costa Rica Mission Trip

La Esperanza mobile clinic at Lakeview Lighthouse

September 4th

Wednesday Night Fall Academy begins and ends October 23rd

September 8th

Pecan Creek Pavilion Church Gathering with supper and music. More info to follow.

October 31st

Truck or Treat in conjunction with City of San Angelo Downtown festivities.

LORD JESUS, HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES
May 28th in the Chapel @ 6:00 p.m.

NEW GRIEFSHARE GROUP starting June 3rd thru August 26th

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. This group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week support program, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what is "normal" in grief. Since there are not neat, orderly stages of grief, you will learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability – and gain support with each step. At weekly meetings, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, pastors, and healthcare professional on grief related topics, and also relatable personal stories of grief. Afterwards, class members are allowed time to talk, share support, and personally apply what they learned in the video. Members receive a book for home use filled with exercises in navigating their personal grieving process including loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, regret, and more. The group will meet at 5:30 in the Journey Classroom. Contact the church office for more information.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING (HEALTH CONCERNS)

Becky Cole, Betty Andrews, Candis Hicks, Rev. Dick West, Eloise Amos, Harold Shelburne, James Hernandez, Jo Ann Motl, Lisa Hirschfeld, Mark Sisson (Lesosky relative), Mary Witt, Pat & LaVerne Adams, Shannon Robbins (wife of Rev. Tom Robbins), Sherry Peyton, Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, Sue Sims, and the family of Kenneth Kordzik (father of Lora Lee Duderstadt).

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, and 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, Savanah 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.

BE A W.O.R.D PERSON

Witness to the good news. **O**ffer to serve in new ministry areas.

Respond to the needs of others. **D**eepen your faith through Bible study.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS - APRIL

IN MEMORY OF:

Martha Yarbro

GIVEN BY:

John & Susan Dolan
Jack & Jan Ann Srader
Tommy & Edra Owens
Charles & Brenda Wyatt
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The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

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For the Love of Jesus in the Rwandan Church

Bishop Nathan Amooti

If you missed the Bishop, hopefully you can catch him preaching on the church YouTube site. With a smile that warms your heart and a hearty laugh, his slight accent echoed some incredible points (five to be exact) as he expounded on **John 20:19-23** on Sunday, April 21st. First Church hosted a reception in the newly upgraded Parlor for the Bishop for a meet and greet. At the late service, Bishop Amooti was presented with a new stole to remind him of his visit to San Angelo.

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you!”** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, **“Peace be with you!** As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” . . . “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven. . .”

I took notes simply because he asked us to do so. These are points about the character of Jesus and the peace he offers to all of us.

1. Jesus does not condone revenge – If someone bites you, don't bite them back or bite them back harder. There is no peace in this.
2. Peace comes with forgiveness. Once sins are forgiven, they are forgiven. No conditions.
3. Jesus is generous and gives the disciples (and us) peace and the Holy Spirit.
4. Love unconditionally. Period.
5. Jesus does not talk about the past. The past is gone. Move forward.



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