



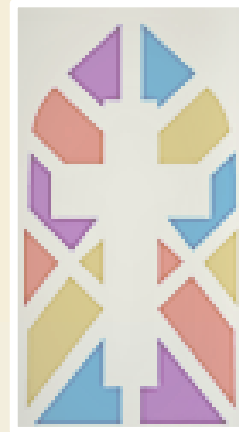
THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2024

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX

A GMC Congregation

LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS



- 1st Emmaus Gathering – Sierra Vista UMC – 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Wednesday Night Activities
- 4th Soup Kitchen – Wesley UMC from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 4th Youth Lock-In
- 6th Scholarship applications due
- 6th Communion at all services.
- 6th Wesleyan Hymn Fest – 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and First Place Café.
- 9th Wednesday Night Activities – see opportunities below.
- 13th Undie Sunday
- 16th Wednesday Night Activities.
- 22nd Laundry Love at Lakeview Laundromat. See Pg. 12 for location and time.
- 22nd Prayer & Healing Service @ 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- 23rd Wednesday Night Activities.
- 27th Consecration Sunday..
- 30th Trunk or Treat - 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

Meal at 5:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Classes: History Makers Leadership Course, Wednesday Night Friends, Kids Ignite Program, MomCo, Pickleball, and Youth Group,

Methodist Assistance

Food Distributions are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th, and 31st.

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

This month: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

Lighthouse Food Pantry

Food Distributions are every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Call Sherrie Walker or Lisa Lesosky at the church office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

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 Hall

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 October
8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services
FOCUS: Stewardship

October 6	Stewardship of Time
October 13	Stewardship of Gifts
October 20	Stewardship of Talents/Service
October 27	Stewardship of Treasure



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 &...](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org) ([umcdiscipleship.org](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org))

REV. SCOTT BRADFORD – Senior Pastor

October has been Stewardship month and Pledge drive at our church for several years and so I write this October Newsletter approaching our theme from 1 Peter 4:10 “ **Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.**”

Another translation reads “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (ESV). One Commentator, Grant Richison stated ““As” means to *the degree* that we received our gift. “As” sets up an analogy between the grace of **how** we received our gift and the grace of how we are to minister the gift. By grace, we received the gift, and it is by grace that we use the gift. We serve God because God gives, not because we earn the right to be used by God. God gave us our gift entirely by grace, and we minister it entirely by grace. “

A quick simple version “By grace you have received, by grace we give!”

Richison continued “The word “gift” derives from the same root as “grace,” denoting something freely given, a favor bestowed. A gift is the capacity to **benefit** the body of Christ. The Christian cannot claim that this capacity came from himself. He cannot claim to produce this gift because it was a grace given by God. Our gifts belong to the purpose of God.”

My friends, as we approach October and Stewardship Month, considering our giving and making a pledge for giving in 2025 I invite you to think about the both the gifts and the grace to which you have been given, and how you might offer gifts and grace for God’s Kingdom work at First Methodist Church, San Angelo.

Consecration and Pledge Sunday will be on October 27th, 2024, and I would ask you begin praying right now for God to move in our midst in a mighty way.

In His Grace,

Scott Bradford
Senior Pastor

REV. JIM NOBLE – Associate Pastor

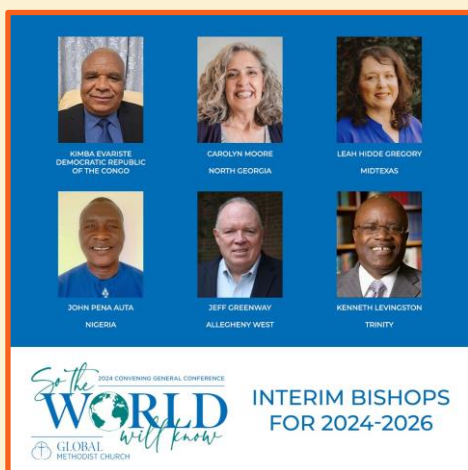
From Nicolas Munongo (from the Democratic Republic of Congo) at the 2024 Convening General Conference of the GMC – Costa Rica 2024.

His words after voting for new bishops:

Hey family! Together we did it. We voted for our bishops. In a family spirit. This proves that we are truly a family. Yesterday, I was answering a question from the press on what the election of two African Bishops represents. A satisfaction, a consideration, and a proof of love.

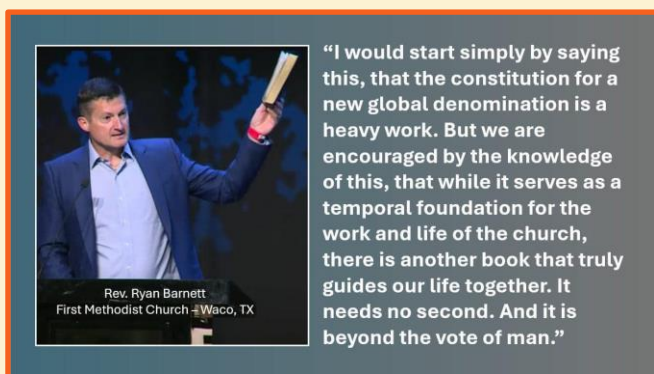
With less than 10% of African delegates, without any delegates from Nigeria, Bishop John Pena and Bishop Kimba were elected. **WOW!** Overall, the election puts an end to the malicious statements that the GMC is a Neo-colonialism. Tell them out loud the GMC is truly a family! There is room for everyone! Where there is the spirit of God, there is love! I love you, my brothers and sisters.

Nicolas Munongo - Director of Communications - GMC - Congo



Interim bishops are: Top row: L-R: Kimba Evariste (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Carolyn Moore (North Georgia), **Leah Hidde Gregory (Mid-Texas)**. Bottom row: L-R: John Pena Auta (Nigeria), Jeff Greenway (Allegheny West), and Kenneth Livingston (Trinity).

Existing Bishops include Scott Jones, and Mark Webb. There are also five Bishop Emeritus.



“You may be able to take the Pastor out of Sterling City First Methodist Church but his love for our church has not been removed.” Pastor Derrick Ouellette
It's been great to spend time with Jim Noble this week.

REV. CYNTHIA YOUNG – Associate Pastor

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES - ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY

Smog – and October

In the early 1970s my father accepted the call to a church in Riverside, California, and left behind the hot, sunny weather of Phoenix. To some, living in California might sound like you “Have Arrived!” – but not when you've arrived at Riverside!

As far as I could tell, that part of west Los Angeles only had two seasons of the year: October and Smog. In those days, the smog made it literally impossible to see more than 100 feet in front of you – on a ‘moderate’ day. It made you cry; they cancelled sporting events due to air quality; masks were available in most stores to filter the air; and children never knew that there were stars in the sky. The tall palm trees that lined the streets even seemed to bend over and cough on a regular basis.

Day after day we trudged through the ominous, suffocating haze until (in October!) those fabulous Santa Ana winds came. They blew with such velocity, you needed to hang on to all the cars in the parking lot en route to the front entrance of the stores.

After two days of the incessant winds, we were totally amazed to find that we were surrounded by gorgeous mountains! We were in a valley that was lined by spectacular peaks and ranges and astounding splendor.

In Psalm 125:2 it promises, **“As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forever.”**

I'm well aware that there are days when we don't see God's work in our lives or even sense His presence surrounding us at all. It can begin with small doubts that blindside us with questions of “where are you God?” or “have You left me here to struggle all by myself?”

Usually nothing more has clouded our view of Christ than the gradual mounting of routine, predictable situations in our lives. Then suddenly we are up to our necks, trying just to stay above the fray until we realize we've been unsuccessfully trying to cope all by ourselves – without looking to the One whose power and presence are ever available.

Like the mountains that surround Jerusalem (or your current hazy challenges), God's arms of love surround us – whether we can see Him or not. God's Word is filled with never-failing promises. He is faithfully surrounding you – and He hasn't moved!

There is a stabilizing comfort when we are in the valley just to realize Whose arms make the mountains!

Blessings to you!

Pastor Cyndi



Children's Ministries

Barbie Hari - Director Children's Faith & Formation Ministries
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October Kids Corner

Sunday school

Current curriculum for all is *Simply Loved a Journey through God's Loving Word.*



Wednesday Nights

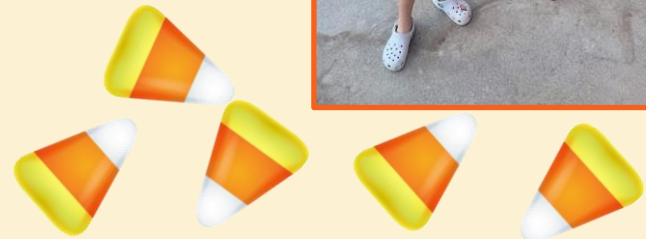
Ignite program meets in First Place Café on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Parents can pick up their children on 2nd floor at 7:30. Family dinner in Heritage Hall starting at 5:15.



The donated playground equipment has been moved to the church for the younger children. Jason, Jackson, Josiah, and Barbie Hari took it apart, loaded on a trailer, and reassembled on the playground area. Did not take long for the children to find it.



A beautiful coat of many colors for Joseph as well as acting out skits' bout King David whose royal attire is just a plastic tablecloth for this skit.



**Trunk or Treat
Wednesday, Oct.
30th at 5:30 p.m.
Contact Barbie for more
information.**

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!



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 at 37 East Beauregard or Lakeview Lighthouse at 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

What a glorious month with multiple programs bringing many blessings to families at the Lighthouse.

- The food pantry is going full steam, and new families sign up weekly.
- The Crockpot class began September 16th and is full.
- A dental clinic was held at Wesley Methodist.



Oh, what fun it is to CROCK!

As part of my job, I educate about the importance of good nutrition. This classes intent was to help folks learn about easy and quick prep meals that can be made in advance, plugged in, and ready to feed a family at the end of a busy day, especially when the weather begins to cool.

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

Fall into an Adult Sunday School Class @ 9:30 a.m. every Sunday

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

Currently studying *In the Footsteps of the Savior*, by Max Lucado, led by John Walker. Enrich your faith by walking with Jesus in the Holy Land. In this video study, you travel with Max through Capernaum, Galilee, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more. Max will guide you to walk where Jesus walked and ponder the promises he made.



Chi Rho

Currently 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.

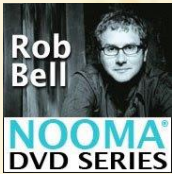
Harmony

Currently studying *The Quest: An Excursion of Intimacy with God* by Beth Moore and led by Evelyn Coley. This book is a cross between a curriculum and a journal, between a classroom and a prayer closet, with three primary objectives: 1) to promote deeper intimacy with God; 2) to help foster a sojourner mentality to aid as comfort that we are only passing through this world on our way elsewhere. This is not our home; and 3) to foster an adventurer mentality as royal subjects of royal blood unrecognized by the world but headed to an unshakable kingdom worth the arduous trip. Acts 12:22



Journey

The Journey Class is currently studying Revelation led by David Huckaby.



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 will be studying Missionaries from all times led by various class members. Contact Cathy Hubbard FMI at 3721cathy@gmail.com.

Union

Currently studying *Soul Detox* by Greg Groeschel and led by Tim Hunnicutt. This book examines the toxins that assault us daily including toxic influences, toxic emotions, and toxic behaviors and offers the ultimate spiritual interventions with ways to remain clean, pure, and focused on the standard of God's holiness.

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 Fall Bible Study for Women

The Morning Glories women's group is currently studying Max Lucado's *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus Revised and Updated: A Year Long Bible Study* is a 52 weeklong study but will have periodic breaks for holidays and Advent. Jaci Cortese is leading. and meets weekly. Books are available soon for \$11.00. All women are welcome. Childcare available if requested in advance. FMI contact Jacie Cortese @ jlouco60@gmail.com or the church office for more information.

Wednesday Afternoons: Mahjongg has been moved back to starting at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome regardless of your skill level. Seasoned teachers will aid you in mastering this amazing game. Snacks provided. Childcare available with advanced notice.

Wednesday Night Group: Class is currently studying *Gideon* by Priscilla Shirer. This eleven-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 the church or SherryannMiller@angelo.edu for more information.

MomCo Membership 101 – by MOPS INTERNATIONAL : A new program aimed at mothers that includes access to MomCo meetings, playdates for children, and mom's night out. For more info, contact Shelby Miller @ aurora16.02@gmail.com or call 806-676-1654. Sessions meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

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. Childcare available with advanced notice.

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 Dr. Pamela Lee. Rehearsals are held @ 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 1st floor near the sanctuary. For more information, contact Adam @ 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 Jim Noble at the church office for more information.

The 8:30 Bridge Musicians

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

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>.

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

MISSION MINDED METHODISTS

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.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIPS – Like to travel? Love people from other cultures? Contact Pastor Dale at the church office for more information. Team travels in the summer (July or August).

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. Items needed: Canned tuna or chicken (5 oz. cans) or packaged tuna or chicken. Contact Lisa Lesosky at 325-315-6561 for more information.

NOTEWRITERS – Contact Shelly Sanford via the church office for more info on how you can help with this comforting ministry.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS – Kitchen helpers always needed. Contact Kitchen Coordinator, Lisa Lesosky, if cooking and serving meals is something you enjoy. 325-315-6561 or lisalynette4@gmail.com.

Ongoing Missions Lakeview Lighthouse, First Church, and beyond

Somebody's Rusty – Celebrating 10 years in ministry - Current needs

- Motel size toiletries – soap, shampoo, deodorant, wet wipes, mouthwash, small toothpastes, small hand sanitizer bottles, Chapstick, brushes, and combs.
- Men's jeans, shirts & shorts in all sizes, tennis shoes or sturdy walking shoes and caps.
- Men's new boxer/brief underwear in the packages in all sizes.
- Women's new packaged underwear in all sizes, tennis shoes or sturdy walking shoes and caps.
- Canvas bags or totes.
- Tee shirts (men's or women's)
- Granola bars, cheese crackers, and Kool-Aid in individual tube powder.
- Small pkgs. of Kleenex and washrags
- Pop top cans of meat or fruit
- Do not need socks currently.

Tidings of Last Tuesdays – The last Tuesday of the month at First Church. Clothing and food distribution from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Volunteers always needed and appreciated. No tidings will be held in October through December.

Laundry Love – October 22nd at the Lakeview Laundromat at 3902 Coliseum Drive from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Candis Hicks at 325-763-7387.

Lakeview Lighthouse Food Pantry – Current Needs

Loaves of bread – white or wheat

Canned tuna and canned chicken in the flat 5-ounce cans

Fresh fruit – bagged like apples and mandarin oranges

Fresh fruits and veggies (if you have a garden and need a place to donate)

Boxed cereals – Walmart brand of corn flakes and cheerios are great

Personal items – Shampoo/Conditioner – Suave or Alberto VO5 (least expensive brands)

Can bring on any Sunday and we will deliver to Lakeview Lighthouse on Monday. Please leave in First Place Café and mark the donation LAKEVIEW LIGHTHOUSE.

Texas Ramp Build – Another Saturday spent in service to the community. Familiar faces and a few new faces from Angelo State University. Thanks to all who services from building to feeding the crew.



Community Outreach during the Holidays

Surviving the Holidays – November 11th

Women's Advent by Candlelight – December 2nd

Light Tour on the River – December 7th

Advent Lunches

12-4 Speaker: Ronnie Hawkins – President of Angelo state University

12-11 Rev. Hall Scott

12-18 Rev. Larry Droll

MESSAGE BOARD & UPCOMING FALL/WINTER EVENTS

October 20th
October 27th
October 31st
November 11th
November 16th

November 18th
December 1st
December 2nd
December 7th
December 8th
December 14th
December 15th

Pecan Creek Pavilion Church Gathering with supper and music by **Take 2.**
Laundry Love – Lakeview Laundry 3902 Coliseum Drive.
Truck or Treat - Parking lot beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Surviving the Holidays – more info to post next month.
Christian Community Car Clinic - 2321 Armstrong. 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m. Contact Joseph at 432-661-0039 for more info.
Branson Christmas Shows Tour – Contact Pastor Cyndi for more info
Pancakes with Santa Fundraiser – 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Advent by Candlelight for Women – **Registration opens October 23rd**
Light Tour on the Concho River
ADVENT-URE
Tonesmen Performance
Tonesmen Performance



TIS TRUNK OR TREAT TIME.

FMC always looking for creative car decorators to fill the parking lot and candy donations. Buckets for candy are already out around the church. Starting at 5:30, we will have hotdogs and fixings. Volunteers can contact Barbie Hari at the church office.



Happiest of September birthdays to Freddy Gonzales. He is the busiest man in the church.



New members: Thomas Byrd(L) and Michael Coger and Stephen Anderson (R) by restoration of faith.



CONGRATULATION TO CAROL

Carol Santry was recently recognized by the San Angelo Hispanic Society and given the award Mi Gente (my people) for her lifelong commitment bridging cultural divided though language and education, enriching the community in the process.



Happy September birthday Mark Noworatzky. Keeping up with our youth will keep you young.

Check out our website online giving option

We offer online donations and tithing opportunities, but did you know that you can also make a “Memorial” or you can support a “Ministry of your Choice” directly from our website. Take advantage of the convenience online giving offers. You can make a one-time donation or sign up for regular monthly donations. Check us out at <https://firstmethodist.net>



CURRENT CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & Kudos to Members

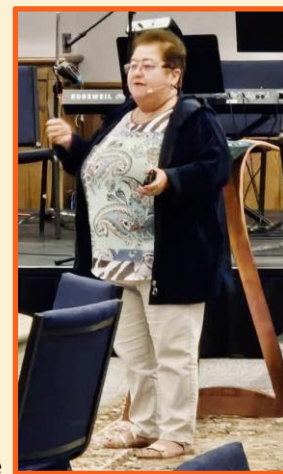
Scholarships for college: You can apply for at FMC scholarship at www.firstmethodist.net/get-help or by visiting the church office. Application must be completed and submitted to the office by October 4th.

Methodist Assistance: Seeking more volunteers to help one day a week on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Training provided. Contact Laurel Bradford by leaving a message at the church office.

Lighthouse Food Pantry: Sign up in First Place Café or contact Lesa Parry or Lisa Lesosky at the church office.

Special thanks: To Sandy Pederson for her tireless effort to acquire folks to deliver Meals for the Elderly in September. She will be also looking for delivery volunteers in March 2025.

Special thanks: For those who organized the event and those who served dinner on September 16th as Rev. Mariana Genova came to speak about Bulgaria, her church Tsenova Methodist, and the relationship with the Mid-Texas Annual Conference that began in 2023. Also thank you for your generosity of donating almost \$1,000.00 to the Tsenova Methodist Church.



Special thanks: To Adam Chappell for leading music and directing the choir for many years. You are always available for anything asked of you, even being bubble wrapped as Lazarus. We understand that even while you are not on staff, you will still have times when you will share your gifts with us all.

We are looking for a part time nursery worker/teacher assistant for Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. You will be working with babies and children. This is a paid position or can be used towards volunteer hours. All applicants should be 18 years or older and be required to pass a background check. If interested, please email Barbie Hari at barbie@firstmethodist.net.



New Staff member: Welcome to Dr. Pamela Lee who has been employed to lead the choir and other musicians at the 10:45 services.

Honorary Staff member: Pastor Dale brought a special guest to one of our staff meetings and it is with great pleasure to introduce Miss Kendall who has Peepaw wrapped around his finger and probably Heather as well. She is welcomed anytime!

Prayers are our direct communication with God.

Prayer & Healing Service is October 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.

Calling All Prayer Warriors – Each Sunday there will be a time of prayer in the Chapel from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We want to pray for our pastors, leaders, those in the sanctuary, and 11th Hour. We want to pray for all in attendance for their salvation. There will also be a board in the Chapel with specific prayer needs. No need to sign up, but if you are moved to pray, please do so.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING (HEALTH CONCERNS)

Betty Andrews, Candis Hicks, Carolyn Tegler, David Hirschfeld, Harold Moore, Jack Plott, JoAnn Motl, Joy Morris, Kelly Amos, Marci Baker, Micki Robinson (aunt of Zach & Sarah Schulze), LaVerne Adams, LouAnne Nolen, Rev. Dick West, Rev. Ricky Burke and Rev. Beverly Burk, Sandy Jinright, Sherry Peyton, Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, Sue Sims, Todd Cummings, the family of Linda Williams (daughter of Faye Derrick – DOD 8/26), the family of Nera Zimmer (aunt of Mark Stevens – DOD 8/31), the family of Ronald Klepper (uncle of Angela Shanks – DOD 9/7), and the family of Pat Adams (DOD 9/13).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

Barry Kleypas, Becky Wiley, Bill Humble, Bonnie Kennedy, Briana McCall, Carol Smith, Caryl Guisinger, Connie Weams, Dawn Jackson, Ethan Miller, Fred Gudmundson, Jay Moore, Jeff Peters, Jeff Ward, Jennifer Cooper, Jerry Tindel, Joe Lynch, Jo Ann Motl, Karen Havard, Kevin Halfman, Kinsley Baker, Lisa Melton, Lynda Hughes, Maria Roberts, Mark Sisson, Melissa James, Michelle Elkins, Nicole Kleinsmith, Pauline Herron, Reese Gallant, Ron Hoelle, Roy Shannon, Shane Hill, Sherrie Walker, Sheryl Bragg, Shirley Kennedy, Susan Armstrong, Suzann Ebg-Martinez, Todd Cummings, Vernon Fritze, and Wendy Slaughter.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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Editor's thoughts: Autumn or fall, is my favorite season of the year. The changing of the clocks, the smells from a warm cozy kitchen, and the sight of leaves becoming brilliant with golds and reds. The cool mornings and warm afternoons are arriving. I want to bask in the riches of this season. Because of technology, I did not have to crack a book to find descriptions from other writers who penned a few words about the season.

- "And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened." **Raquel Franco**
- "Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day." **Shira Tamir**
- "Now Autumn's fire burns slowly along the woods, And day by day the dead leaves fall and melt." **William Allingham**