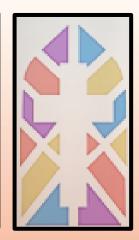


## THE MESSENGER

**NOVEMBER 2024** 

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



- 1st Soup Kitchen Wesley UMC from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints Sunday/Communion at all services.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight Savings Time Change
- 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Emmaus Gathering Sierra Vista UMC 6:30 p.m.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting See Page 14 for more information.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day
- 11th Surviving the Holidays Journey, Cheers, Harmony classrooms @ 5:30 p.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting See Page 14 for more information.
- 14th Benefit Gala for Meals for the Elderly. See last page for more information.
- 18th Branson Christmas Show Tours Prayers for safe travels for attending members.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Prayer & Healing Service Chapel @ 6:00 p.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Operation Shoeboxes available for pickup. Return date is 11/17.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day offices closed

Wednesday Night Activities: Wednesday Night Friends, Kids Ignite Program, MomCo, Pickleball, and Youth.

#### **Methodist Assistance**

Food Distributions are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

This month: 7th, 14th, 21st. Closed the 28th (Thanksgiving).

#### Lighthouse Food Pantry

<u>Food Distributions are every Monday</u> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>. Call Sherrie Walker at the church office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

Thanksaivinal

#### 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
37 East Beauregard \* San Angelo, Texas 76903
325-655-8981 \* Fax: 325-655-7039

Email: info@firstmethodist.net

# FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

**A Global Methodist Congregation** 

## **OUR PASTORS**

## Sermon Series November 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services FOCUS:

November 3 God Comes to You November 10 Youth Sunday November 17 Apostle's Together November 24 Uncircumstantial Thanksgiving



Scott Bradford Senior Pastor



Rev. Cyndi Young Associate Pastor



Rev. Jim Noble
Associate Pastor



Rev. Dale Weise Associate Pastor

## **SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS**

- Childcare is available all services.
- <u>Children</u> 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.
- <u>Hearing Assistance</u> devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of each month in all services.
- <u>Live Streaming</u> All services live streamed through the website
   <u>https://firstmethodist.net</u>
- 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

 <u>Upper Room Devotionals</u> are available in the Sanctuary and at the Service Desk near First Place Café.

To access the 2024 Methodist Lectionary, go to <u>Discipleship Ministries | 2023</u> Revised Common Lectionary – Sundays &... (umcdiscipleship.org)

## **REV. SCOTT BRADFORD – Senior Pastor**

I was reading in Psalm 55 and here is a quick account of what transpires: First, it is a psalm by David in which he asks God for help after being betrayed by a close friend.

He writes about anguish (v. 4); he wishes he could flee (v. 6-8) he sees "violence and strife in the city" (v.9) and "though a battle waged against him" (v.8) he cries out to God for salvation. To the heart of the matter, he says though "my companion attacks his friends" and "war in his heart" (v. 20-21) David's answer is in this: (v.22-23)

"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

But you, God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of decay; the bloodthirsty and deceitful will not live out half their days.

But as for me, I trust in you."

As I write this November news article, the election about to be upon us. I cannot imagine a world so politically divided. There are wars, and rumors of wars. For many, the economy is becoming a tough thing to buy groceries or choose between what is needed and what is not.

I could go on with a list of troubles and cares, but instead I want to get to the point, as David did amidst his troubles, to cast your worries and cares upon the Lord. It is God who will sustain you in hard times!

God speaks to our troubles and says lay them down before me and let me care for you! David Platts says "What are you worried about? What are you anxious about? Just pause and consider burdens, worries, anxieties, and hear God saying to you right now, "Cast them on me. Lay them before me because I care for you."

The old saying is "Let go and Let God!"

The world may be troubled, but "Let go, and Let God!"

Pastor Scott



## **REV. JIM NOBLE - Associate Pastor**

Hello Church,

It is with very mixed emotions I am informing you my role will be changing January 1, 2025. As many of you are aware, I have been the volunteer Treasurer of the Mid-Texas Conference since May, or so, of last year.

At that time, it was perhaps a quarter time responsibility. It has become clear to me and the leadership of Mid-Texas that the Treasurer/CFO position responsibilities have increased significantly and, therefore, it will be full-time beginning in January.

I have agreed to be appointed to that position. While I am profoundly thankful for my appointment as a full-time associate here at First Methodist, I cannot do both positions. My experience has uniquely prepared me for the Treasurer position, and it is a position of leadership in the Conference. I've already built the Finance from virtually nothing to its present state.

In a full-time capacity, I dream of making the Mid-Tex Finance function the finest in the connection and the position is a significant financial blessing for our family. First Church already has a great plan in place for the transition that you'll hear about soon.

My family and I have no desire to move or move churches. We anticipate still being heavily involved in First Church. In fact, my preference would be to still office here at First (albeit likely in a different office). The Conference is blessed not to own or rent any office space, and we have no desire to change that anytime soon.

Still officing here will allow me to help when availability and need intersect. I have some ideas for other things I might start doing here as well and can continue being involved in youth and other activities.

I am blessed by the pastoral and other staff here at San Angelo and Again, I am so profoundly thankful for you all and First Church. This church continues to be a blessed answer to prayer for myself and my family.

Sincerely,

It's a blessing to be one of your pastors!

Rev. Jim Noble



## REV. CYNTHIA YOUNG - Associate Pastor

#### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES - ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY

#### LEAVING OUR LEGACY

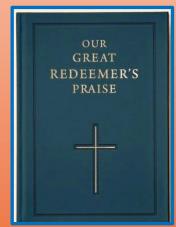
Our Christian heritage is rich with memories of worship, transformational milestones and the faithful people who helped guide us on our spiritual journey. The current hymnals are earning their well-deserved retirement after serving in our sanctuary for several decades. It is now our joy to not only bring in the new hymnals for today but to also impact our church and the future generations to come

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW HYMNALS** - First Church will be getting the groundbreaking new hymnal for the Wesleyan movement and the Global Methodist Church.

### The first major Wesleyan hymnal in thirty years, this 800-page comprehensive collection includes:

- 675 hymns for the entire church year
- A rich treasury of hymns by Charles and John Wesley
- Classic favorite hymns (previously in the Cokesbury hymnal) as well as many new contemporary selections
- Baptism and Holy Communion liturgies
- A rich collection of creeds, prayers, and benedictions
- Hymns organized around the twelve articles of the Apostles' Creed

**Each hymnal is \$30.00.** The congregation is encouraged to purchase these to either HONOR someone who has made a positive difference in your spiritual journey or as a MEMORIAL to one who has moved



their membership to "The Church Triumphant". There will be a bookplate for each hymnal to give the name of the donor, the ones who are honored or memorialized as well as a title of a hymn that was especially treasured by that person.

#### Donations can be given for an individual hymnal or \$240.00 will provide for a full pew.

Special announcements will be made during the month of November. Order blanks will be provided in the bulletins or available throughout the church. It is our goal to purchase all the hymnals, have the bookplates inserted in each and be ready to use them as we step into 2025. A special "Hymn Sing" Sunday is being planned in February that is going to be a triumphant day of worship.

A very special thanks to the ladies in Martha's Circle who are organizing this important project: Trudy Bozeman, Lisa Hirschfeld, D'Ann Kuhlmann, Laura Malloy and Shelly Sanford. They will have a table and order blanks available in First Place Café each Sunday in November to answer questions and give you an opportunity to look at these beautiful hymnals.

WHO DO YOU WANT TO HONOR AS YOU PASS ALONG THEIR LEGACY?

BLESSINGS TO YOU,

**PASTOR CYNDI** 



## **Children's Ministries**

Barbie Hari - Director Children's Faith & Formation Ministries



## **November Kids Corner**

## **Wednesday Nights**

6:00-7:30pm Each week we will continue fun hands-on lessons with crafts and games! Dinner will be provided each week at 5:30 in first place café.

#### Menu

Nov. 6th– Mini Pizzas, Baby carrots and fruit

Nov. 13th-Pancakes, Sausage links and fruit

Nov. 20th– Mini corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, carrots and applesauce

Nov. 27th - No Wednesday class. Happy Thanksgiving!

## The Children's Christmas Program



The children will be singing in the 10:45 and 11th hour services on December 15th.

## **Sunday school**

In November we will continue with our curriculum titled Simply Loved. A Journey through God's loving word.

We are collecting items for shoeboxes so we can put them together on November 17<sup>th</sup> and we are also working on our Christmas program.

Holiday blessings,

Ms. Barbie—Children's Director

barbie@firstmethodist.net

<u>3 - 5-year-olds, Kinder, 1st & 2nd graders</u> in Room E201. <u>3rd to 5th graders</u> 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 Iparry@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. 40<sup>th</sup> Street "MY HEALTHY CHILD": Is an ongoing 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

Thanks to the Methodist Healthcare Ministries grant I was able to hold the Healthy Crockpot Cooking class at the Lakeview Lighthouse. We were able to provide crockpot and healthy cookbook to everyone who attended. We had six individuals attend the September class, ten at the October class and have seventeen signed up for the November class. This program allows the Lighthouse an opportunity to reach out and engage the community and help improve health.



The Wesley Nurses in partnership with the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women hosted **Pumpkins for Lumpkins**, a breast cancer awareness event, with approximately 30 women and one man attending. Pumpkins were painted various colors and awards given for creativity.









<u>Diapers always needed:</u> My Healthy Child parenting program continues monthly. 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** 

## Adult Sunday School Classes @ 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.

Revelation

MAX LUCADO

#### Harmony

Under Wraps. The Gift We Never Expected is an Advent experience that explores the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus Christ. Written by Rob Renfro, Jessica LaGrone, Andy Nixon, etal. Leading class is Evelyn Coley.

#### 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, **DVD SERIES** 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 studying Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado. The study is designed to be a unique approach to bring people closer to the heat and soul of Jesus and help them have a more intimate knowledge of how His gospel flows through His relationship with us, and our relationships with others. 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, tonic 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:

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor above Celebration Hall: Cheers, Harmony, Journey, Bayith/Fellowship 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Education Building: S.T.E.R, Union, Chi Rho 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Books are available soon for \$11.00. All women are welcome. Childcare available if requested in advance. FMI contact Jacie Cortese @ ilouco60@gmail.com or the church office.

**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.

<u>Wednesday Night Friends Group</u>: Class is currently studying *The Promised Land*. In the 1<sup>st</sup> volume of the *That the World May Know* series, historian and teacher, Ray Vander Laan, will show you how God guided his people to a specific place – the Promised Land – to impact the world both in ancient times and today. Group meets at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. 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.

<u>Wednesday Night Pickle Ball:</u> 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**

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

<u>Sanctuary Choir</u> - 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 @ <u>adamchappell@hotmail.com</u>.

#### 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.



Thank you, Jane Smith, for the wonderful surprise cake presented to the staff after the Wesley Hymn Sing Festival presented by The American Guild of Organists presented October 6<sup>th</sup>. The musical program was as amazing as you are.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

**NURSERY WORKERS & VOLUNTEERS** - Sunday mornings and other times as needed. Contact Barbie Hari @ 325-655-8981. This is a paid position.

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

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

#### MISSION MINDED METHODISTS

<u>BLESSING BOX</u> - 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.

<u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u> - 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 @ <u>dori@swcia.com.</u>

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

<u>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAR CLINIC</u> - Contact Jason Hari for more information by calling the church office.

<u>COMMUNION DELIVERY</u> – 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.

<u>COMMUNION STEWARDS</u> – Needed for 8:30 and 10:45 services. Call Cathy Hubbard @ 325-450-3590.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIPS – Contact Pastor Dale at the church office for more information. Team travels in the summer (July or August).

<u>LAUNDRY LOVE</u>- Contact Candis Hicks for more information @ 325-763-7387 or email her at heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com.

<u>METHODIST FOOD ASSISTANCE</u> - 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.

<u>METHODIST MOMETARY ASSISTANCE -</u> 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

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

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

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

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

# Ongoing Missions Lakeview Lighthouse, First Church, and beyond

#### Somebody's Rusty - 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.

#### 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 our community. Crew composed of members of FMC and students from ASU. Thanks to all who served from building to feeding the crew.







#### Evening at Pecan Creek Pavilion – Fund Raising for 2025 Costa Rica Mission Trip









Folks flocked out to the lake for fajitas, food, fun, and dancing. The Costa Rica Team was blessed with overly generous donations for their next mission trip in 2025.

#### MESSAGE BOARD & UPCOMING FALL/WINTER EVENTS

November 11<sup>th</sup> Surviving the Holidays – more info to post next month.

November 16<sup>th</sup> Christian Community Car Clinic - 2321 Armstrong. 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m. Contact

Joseph at 432-661-0039 for more info.

November 18<sup>th</sup> Branson Christmas Shows Tour – Contact Pastor Cyndi for more info.

December 1st Pancakes with Santa Fundraiser – 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent by Candlelight for Women – Registration opens October 23<sup>rd</sup>

December 4th Advent Lunch – Speaker is Ronnie Hawkins – ASU President

December 7<sup>th</sup> Light Tour on the Concho River

December 8<sup>th</sup> Come to the Manger – Celebration of Advent for families

December 11th Advent Lunch – Speaker is Rev. Hal Scott

December 14<sup>th</sup> Tonesmen Performance

December 15<sup>th</sup> Children to sing at 10:45 and 11<sup>th</sup> Hour services

December 15<sup>th</sup> Tonesmen Performance

December 18<sup>th</sup> Advent Lunch – Speaker is Rev. Larry Droll

December 24th Christmas Eve Services. 11th Hour @ 5:00 p.m./Sanctuary @ 7:00 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup> Church offices closed.



Pastor Scoot stepped up to flip the burgers at the last Wednesday meal. Big thanks to Scott and the kitchen crew ladies (Bobbi Aldhizer, Carol Brown, Debra Blasingame, Jan Pipkin, Katie Terrace, Lauren Baring, and Laurie Mund) who wash dishes, prep, cook, serve, and clean. Always a fun time and a pleasure working with you all in the kitchen. Lisa Lesosky



Welcome to Yvette Arroyo who joined the custodial staff recently. She is a perfect addition and always joyful.

Thank you, Camille Santry for having a heart for this community ministry. In conjunction with Harper Funeral Home, Foster Communications, and Atmos Energy, a Golden Gala being held to benefit Meals for the Elderly.



Welcome Laurie Carpenter to First Church. She transferred her membership October 27<sup>th</sup> at 11<sup>th</sup> Hour.



Happiest of birthdays to these two October staff ladies. Heather Amigelo and Barbie Hari celebrate another year at a recent staff meeting.



GOLDEN GALA

Benefitting Meals For The Ederly
POINCES PART HOSTE COMMISSION BROWN HOSTE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

HARPER FUNERAL HOME PRESENTS

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Dinner Served at 7:00 pm



## 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



## Prayers are our direct communication with God.

## Prayer & Healing Service is November 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

<u>Calling All Prayer Warriors</u> – 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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)

Ann Williams (Allen Martin's sister), Betsy Sadler, Betty Andrews, Carolyn Tegler, Cheire Leister, David Hirschfeld, Harold Moore, JoAnn Motl, Joy Morris, Laverne Adams, LouAnne Nolen, Marci Baker, Rev. Dick West, Rev. Ricky Burke and Rev. Beverly Burk, Sandy Jinright, Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, and Todd Cummings and the family of Rick Polk.

#### 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

National Guard Texas: Daryl Bradford; U.S. Air Force: Tyler Barden, Carly Barrett, Lawson Barrett, Chris Cavaness, Micah Rejcek, Ryan Gandy, Zane Jarvis. U.S. Air Force Reserve: Javi Nagore. U.S. Marine Corp: Shawn Miller, Danielle Pozun; U.S. Army: Cody Smith, Jason Revelez, Jr., Johnny Goldthrite, Ryan Tallant, Savanah Gideon, Tayte Corimer. U.S. Coast Guard: Weston McIntire. U.S. Navy: Jason Bird, Matt Kuehhas. U.S.S.F: Jackson Lindquist. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our country.

October Memorials 2024		
IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY:	FUND:
Pat Adams	Jack & Jane Ann Srader Birdie Pool Linda Dhans Camille Santry	Martha's Circle LV Lighthouse LV Lighthouse Music/Choir
Pat Cain	Jack & Jane Ann Srader	Martha's Circle
Bob Barnes	Loye Tankersley	Children's Ministry
(Birthday remembrance)		
Martha Yarbro	Birdie Pool	Martha's Circle
Rich Eschman	Birdie Pool	Martha's Circle
Jim Clark	Birdie Pool	Costa Rica Missions
LaRita Wilder	Birdie Pool	Children's Ministry
	Camille Santry	Music/Choir
Fran Sentell	Lee & Jan Pipkin	LV Lighthouse
Linda Derrick Williams	Elaine Libbey	LV Lighthouse



#### Church Family,

For over a year, the Trustee Committee has been in discussion, discernment, as well as consultation with outside experts over ongoing challenges and expenses related to what most of you probably know as the "Texas Pacifico Building" next to the church at the corner of Beauregard and Chadbourne.

If you are new or were otherwise unaware, this building is owned by the church. It was gifted to the church decades ago with a hoped-for further use in a missional capacity.

For multiple reasons this goal has been impossible to attain. In the interim the building has been leased as a commercial property. Ongoing and increasing expenses and staff time related to repairs and maintenance of the building have steadily eroded the relatively small income provided by the rent.

Consequently, the Trustees have obtained information and reached unanimous consensus regarding the long-term viability of the building. However, we feel it is important and incumbent upon us to obtain input from the whole church before taking and recommending further action.

To that end, we are scheduling two Town Hall style meetings open for all to attend.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN HERITAGE HALL

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:40 a.m.
Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

At these meetings, all available members of the Trustee Committee and pastors will be in attendance to provide additional and detailed information, listen and respond to any opinions, concerns, and questions.

From now until then I would ask you to prayerfully consider this issue.

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions and have thoughts or questions or would prefer to address these in a more private way, please feel free to contact me using any of the methods noted below.

In Christ,

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#### **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT FOR WOMEN**

Advent by Candlelight for Women will be held on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00pm. Come and prepare your hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior.

Advent by Candlelight is an ecumenical event and we would love for you to be a part of this special evening. It is easy to host a table and invite seven of your friends to join you. Table decorations can reflect your personality and range from paper plates to fine China. It is all about making your guest feel welcome. When you register to host a table, you will receive a letter with some guidelines as to what you will need to provide for this special time!

The evening begins in Celebration Hall at 6:00pm for food and fellowship before we move to the Sanctuary for the worship part of our evening. This worship speakers are:

Julie Schniers — The Message of Hope Camille Santry — The Message of PEACE Janis Baucom — The Message of JOY Shelly Sanford — The Message of LOVE

There will be beautiful music throughout the evening following each speaker. Our worship service will end by singing "Silent Night" and the lighting of candles.

Reservations are required for the fellowship portion of the evening and can be made by texting or calling Pat Massey at 325-234-3688 or emailing her at patnmassey@amail.com.

While Pat will be the only contact for reservations, feel free to reach out to any of the design team with other questions you might have. The design team consist of: Lori Francks, Cathy Hubbard, Meagan Hunnicutt, Pat Massey, Brenda Stone and Sherrie Walker.

Let's prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior!

Brenda Stone



May the Lord bless you in this thanksgiving season.

May He pour abundant blessings upon you.

May He open your heart to the power of His Holy Spirit.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.