

THE MESSENGER FEBRUARY 2025

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX GMC

Congregation

LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS



- 2nd Communion – All services
- 4th Emmaus Gathering – Sierra Vista UMC @ 6:30 p.m.
- 5th Wednesday Night Activities
- 7th Soup Kitchen – Wesley UMC – 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- 7th Scholarship Applications due – Church office drop-off
- 9th Combined Worship @ 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- 9th Souper Bowl Sunday in Celebration Hall
- 9th Food Drive for Lakeview Lighthouse ends today
- 12th Wednesday Night Activities
- 17th – 19th Watercolor Class – must preregister
- 19th Wednesday Night Activities
- 25th Tidings of Last Tuesday
- 25th Prayer & Healing Service – 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Chapel
- 26th Wednesday Night Activities

Sunday, February 9th

One Service – Hot

Lunch

Soup Lunch following Worship. Come try all kinds of soups. Sign up in First Place Café if you would like to bring soup, chili or stew.

Mah Jong @ 2:00 p.m. in the church library each Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday Night Activities: Meal @ 5:15 p.m. plus Wednesday Night Friends, Kids Ignite Program, MomCo, Pickleball, Classes, and Youth.

Methodist Assistance

Food Distributions are Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Lighthouse Food Pantry

Food Distributions are the 2nd and 4th Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call Sherrie Walker 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

Live streaming services

Firstmethodist.net - Tap for Sunday streaming

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FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

A Global Methodist Congregation

OUR PASTORS

FEBRUARY SERIES

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

2/2 From Good to Godly

2/9 Hymnal Consecration – no sermon; just music

2/16 Branches vs. Sticks

2/23 Do It Again, Lord!

Rev. Scott Bradford

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dale Weise

Associate Pastor



Rev. Cyndi Young

Associate Pastor



Rev. Jim Noble

Volunteer Pastor &

Mid Texas CFO

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.

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

Sunday of Music - February 9th, - 10:45 am

One Service in Sanctuary

What a great celebration we will share as we introduce the new hymnals in our worship service on February 9th!

All three services will join as one for a full hour of singing together at 10:45 in the sanctuary. You will hear our Children (and their Marching Band!) as well as the Choir and congregation all singing the great hymns of the faith!

We don't get all three services together very often, so this will be a wonderful, triumphant day of great music and dedicating the 860 new hymnals that have been purchased. Lunch with the church family will feature the Souper Bowl of Caring in Celebration Hall. A wide variety of soups and chilis will be available (free of charge) for you and your family to enjoy! This project has been built around the desire to carry our rich heritage from former generations and passing the torch to the future generations who follow us.

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful, May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe and the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

A special thank-you to the five ladies who headed this project, inserted the dedication labels and placed them in the sanctuary and chapel areas. They have given countless hours to this project. Please pass along your appreciation for them.



**Hymnal
Committee:**
**Trudy
Bozeman,
Shelly
Sanford, Lisa
Hirschfeld,
Laura Malloy,
and D'Ann
Kuhlmann**





Children's Ministry

Barbie Hari - Director Children's Faith & Formation Ministries



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.



February Kids Corner

Wednesday Nights



6:00-7:30pm We meet in First Place Café.

Each week we will continue fun hands-on lessons with crafts and games!

On February 12th, we will have a Valentines party! Games, dancing, crafts and snacks!

Family Fun Time Dinners are back and start at 5:30pm in Heritage Hall.



Sunday School

In February we will continue with our curriculum called, **Simply Loved a Journey through God's Loving Word**. Each week we watch a short video and do crafts and music. We are also working on memorizing Bible verses.

Ms. Barbie—Children's Director

barbie@firstmethodist.net

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!



Methodist Healthcare/Wesley Nurse Health

Ministries

lparry@mhmc.org - Lesa Parry

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



Wesley Nurse Health Schedule of Events

Crockpot Classes

February 4
March 4
April 8

Goliad Parents & Pastries

April 7th & April 8th
At the Lighthouse



Planning for 2026

Texas Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic at First Church

July 17th and July 18th
More info to come
Volunteers needed
and welcome



All sizes welcome but the highest demand is for Size 3 and Size 6.
Drop off in the church office.



BENEFITING THE LAKEVIEW LIGHTHOUSE

FOOD PANTRY

January 5—February 9, 2025

Donation Drop-Off: FirstPlace Café & Church Office

Suggested Food Donations:

15 oz Size Cans:

Vegetables, Fruits, Beans, Pastas, Chilis, Soups, Stews, Tomatoes

Regular Size Boxes:

Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Macaroni/Rice varieties, Mashed Potatoes,
Macaroni & Cheese, Cake/Baking Mixes, Cereal

5 oz Size Cans:

Tuna, Chicken

1 lb Bags:

Rice, Dry Beans/Lentils, Flour, Sugar

Other:

Maruchan Ramen Noodles packages beef/chicken, small cooking oil,
1 lb. creamy peanut butter, 1 lb spaghetti noodles/dry pastas.

Financial Donations:

Assist with the weekly purchase of fresh produce, bread and
additional food needs. Mark donations "Lighthouse Food Pantry".

Volunteers:

Work at the Lighthouse food distributions on Mondays from
1:00-3:00. Sign up in the FirstPlace Cafe

The warmth of God is in His Word

Tuesday Morning Group: The Morning Glories – Class meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Journey Classroom (3rd Floor). Anyone interested is welcome to attend. FMI contact Jacie via the church office.

Wednesday Night Group: Class currently studying *The Promised Land* by Ray Vander Laan. Contact SherryannMiller@angelo.edu for more information.

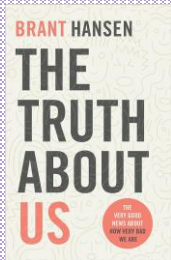
SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT STUDIES

Bayith/Fellowship

The Bible, The Whole Bible, and Nothing but the Bible, led by Buster Peek. This class studies the Bible to understand who God is, gain wisdom, learn to receive guidance, and to see and follow Jesus.

Cheers

Currently studying *Because of Bethlehem* by Max Lucado. Enrich your Advent Season by spending time looking into the scriptures.



Chi Rho

Currently studying *The Truth About Us* by Brant Hansen, who draws from biblical insight and the work of everyone from esteemed social psychologists to comedians to make his point; the sooner we get over ourselves, give up the "I'm good" internal dialogue, and amidst the truth, the sooner we can live a more lighthearted, fruitful, fun-loving life. It is being taught by Giovanna Lecroy.

Harmony

Deborah: Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges (Epic of Eden), by Sandra L. Richter. This Bible study draws you into the grand tale of Deborah and challenges you, as a Christ-follower, to ask yourself where God wants to expand his kingdom in your realm of influence today.

Journey

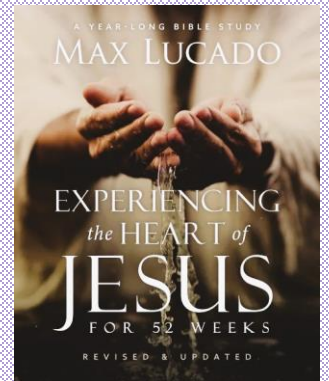
The Journey Class is currently studying Revelation led by David Huckaby.

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 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 heart 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 *Weird Because Normal Isn't Working* by Craig Croesche, whose WEIRD views will help you break free from norm to lead a radically abnormal (and endlessly fulfilling) life.

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 Office Conference Room – Seekers
All classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

MID-WEEK CLASSES – Tuesdays & Wednesdays

TUESDAYS - Morning Glories (Women's class) 10:00 a.m. is currently studying Max Lucado's *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks*. Jacie Cortes will be leading. You can drop in anytime. Each lesson somewhat stands on its own.

WEDNESDAYS - The Friends Group is currently studying *The Promised Land* by Ray Vander Laan. Contact SherryannMiller@angelo.edu for more information.

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

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.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NURSERY WORKERS - 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 paid part-time position. For more information, go to <https://firstmethodist.net/careers>.

Part-Time Kitchen Coordinator - Assist with food planning and preparation for church events, ensure proper food handling practices and maintain safe and sanitary conditions of the facilities and equipment. The Kitchen Coordinator reports directly to the Senior Pastor and works with staff, volunteers, and members. Applicants must be 18 years or older, Food Manager Certified (or willing to become certified) and pass a background check. Visit www.firstmethodist.net/careers to complete an application.

NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR FIRST CHURCH - OHI

Open Homes Initiative is a local organization that has partnered with several local churches in an effort to grow and support foster families in San Angelo. It is led by local pastor and foster parent, Justin Smith. By partnering with OHI, First Methodist will not only offer support for existing foster families, but also assist in recruitment of new foster families. Support will be offered through Foster 360, First Methodist's volunteer group, along with the volunteer groups of other partnering churches.

Research shows that over 50% of licensed families drop their license within the first year. However, when those families are supported by the faith community, over 90% of licensed families retain licensing and continue to foster long term. OHI offers support through church volunteer groups, monthly support groups, and increasing community awareness. Over 70% of foster children in San Angelo are placed outside our county and some are placed out of state, due to the shortage of foster homes here in San Angelo. OHI hopes to make positive and long-lasting changes for foster children in our community by helping to ensure a safe and loving home is available for each child. For more information, contact Amy Harrison at amh.harrison@gmail.com or call her at 325-234-6041.

Ways to Disciple others or bless God through your thoughtfulness.

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.

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 – 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.

MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY – FMC's delivery schedule starts in March. For more info, contact Sandy Pederson @ 325-234-4834 or email her @ spdulcimer@icloud.com. Sign up located in 1st Place Café.

METHODIST FOOD 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. Items needed: Canned tuna or chicken (5 oz. cans) or packaged tuna or chicken, pop top canned meats or vegetables.

METHODIST MOMETARY 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

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

OPEN HOME INITIATIVE – Contact Amy Harrison for more information @ 325-234-6041.

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.

PLAN AHEAD FOR 2025

February

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| 5 th Wednesday Night Activities | 19 th Wednesday Night Activities |
| 9 th Souper Bowl Sunday – Celebration Hall | 25 th Tidings of Last Tuesday |
| 12 th Wednesday Night Activities | 26 th Wednesday Night Activities |

March – Meals for the Elderly deliveries all month

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| 3 rd UT/MHM Mobile Dental – prescreening at The Lighthouse | |
| 5 th Ash Wednesday Service (Youth Led) | 9 th Daylight Savings Time |
| 14 th Youth Ski Trip | 25 th Tidings of Last Tuesday |
| 26 th Lenten Study led by Pastor Dale | |

April

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| 6 th Day trip to the Hirschfeld Chapel | 7 th Parents & Pastries - Lighthouse |
| 8 th Parents & Pastries – Lighthouse | 13 th Palm Sunday – Costa Rica Fund Raiser |
| 17 th Maundy Thursday Service (Youth led) | 18 th Good Friday Service - Sanctuary |
| 19 th Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic | 20 th Easter Sunday |

Watercolor Workshop February 17 - 19, 2025

*Heritage Hall,
First Methodist Church*
with French Artist
Guenola Sahut



After over 20 years, Guenola returns to San Angelo to teach art workshops, at the invitation of Barbara Rallo & Treva Boyd. A trained architect, Guenola has been a painter for 25 years. Her paintings are rich, but delicate. Learn to use color and light in watercolors to accentuate the final details. Guenola paints reality with spontaneity, and without saying too much. Learn as she shares her skills and creative processes.



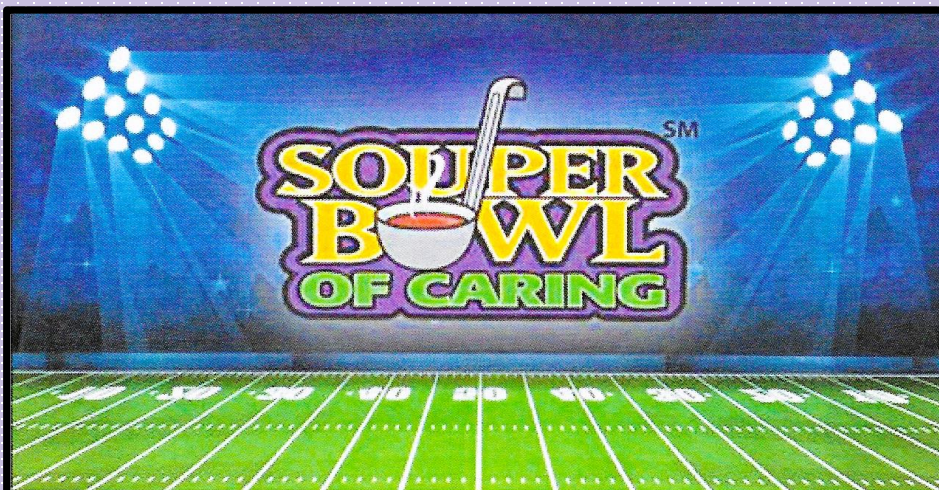
A few spots are available for the watercolor workshop. \$395 per workshop includes lunch. Basic knowledge of the medium is important. Message or text Barbara at 325-656-2500 if interested!

Family Camp Out * June 6-8, 2025 S. Llano River State Park Junction, Texas

We have 15 campsites reserved, along with the amphitheater. Each site has electrical (30amp) and water hook-ups. Enjoy river tubing, fishing, group activities and Sunday morning worship with Pastor Dale. Bring your bikes and outdoor games. Fun for all ages. No charge for sites, but reservations are required. Contact Sherrie Walker or Barbie Hari in the Church Office



Cleaning up for Christmas Services.
Thanks to Gloria Duarte, Cheridan Lyons, Gil Engdahl, and Charles Fleming for the sprucing up of the courtyard.



The Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive and Soup Lunch help raise awareness and provide support for the hungry in our community. This is a nationwide day of caring and giving, held in conjunction with the NFL Super Bowl.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES in the CHAPEL – 6:00 p.m.

The next prayer service will be February 25th

Prayers for Healing (Health Concerns):

Ann Southall, Ann Williams (sister of Allen Martin), Betty Andrews, Carolyn Tegeler, David Hirschfeld, Gale Hartman, Gene Walton, Harold Moore, Jo Ann Motl, Joi Alls, Joy Morris, LaVerne Adams, Marci Baker, Sandy Jinright, Scott Miller (Sherry Ann Miller's brother), Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, Todd Cummings, and the family of Sybil Snodgrass D.O.D 1/25/25.

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

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

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, Maria Roberts, Mark Sisson, Melissa James, Michaela Rigsby, Michelle Elkins, Nicole Kleinsmith, Pamela Adams, Raul Najera, Ron Hoelle, Roy Shannon, Sherrie Walker, Sheryl Bragg, Shirley Kennedy, Susan Armstrong, Todd Cummings.

JANURAY 2024 Memorials & Honorariums

	Given By	Fund
<u>MEMORIALS</u>		
Pat Adams	Gwen Adams Jackson	LV/Lighthouse
Dick West	Charles & Brenda Wyatt	Methodist Asst.
	Bayith/Fellowship Class	Martha's Circle
	Pierce & Betty Miller	Mature Adults
<u>HONORARIUMS</u>		

Dearest Church:

From the staff of FMC, we sincerely thank you all for your generosity with the holiday bonuses. Your support is appreciated. Pastors Scott, Dale, and Cyndi. Staff members Heather Amigelo, Juanita Downey, Sherrie Walker, Barbie Hari, Lisa Lesosky, Lesa Parry, Sariah & Mark Noworatzky, Jane Smith, Freddy Gonzales, Art Aguero, Sierra Rocha, Yvette Arroyo, and Thomas Byrd.



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>