



**First United Methodist Church**

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:40 a.m.

MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship): Wednesday - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

"Helping God Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World"

-Don't Miss It-  
Mark your Calendars!

**May**

17<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation & Graduate  
Recognition & Lunch

**How To Reach Out To A  
Resident At Steven's  
Nursing Center**

If you want to talk to a  
resident call 361-575-9798.  
Give them the name of the  
patient. They will carry the  
phone to that person, so  
you can visit with each  
other. What a blessing!

Dear ones,

I hope this finds you well and safe. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, I thank you for every single thing you are doing to treat other people exactly the way you would like to be treated in these uncertain times.

If you have been able to "come to church" via Zoom for the last couple of weeks, I want you to know what a joy and a relief it is to see your faces. For those of you who have not done that yet, I hope to see you soon.

I am aware that some folks, especially out in the county, have weaker internet service. We record the sermon every week. If you have a smart phone, a computer or a tablet (Ipad, etc) you will be able to listen to the sermon shortly after noon on Sundays. We invite and encourage your prayer requests by text, email, notes dropped in the locked box outside the church office entrance door, or by "chat" during the worship service.

This is a very important time for us to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, a very important time for us to demonstrate our Love for God with all our heart and our soul and our strength and our mind. It is a very important time for us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. It is a very important time for us to demonstrate our love for God in the way we treat ourselves and the people around us.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Howard Aiken  
 Marguerite Azemia  
 Marc Baker  
 JoAnn Baker & Family  
 CB  
 Claude Barnes  
 Doris Barnes  
 Debbie Benedict & Family  
 Mary Ann Berger  
 Annie Cerny  
 Fayrene Clark  
 Colors of Hope Ministry  
 Frank Coker  
 Larry & Samia Coker  
 DSC  
 Mike & Rhonda Derrick  
 DeWayne Dixon  
 Denise Drozd Family  
 Robert Eaton  
 Gina E.  
 Anna Ruth Evans  
 Debbie Fishbeck  
 Bernie Fitch  
 Greg  
 Bob & Fannie Griffith  
 Jeremy Henke  
 Billy & Bobbie Hobbs  
 Bill & Sweet Hrcir  
 Family of Stephen Hunter  
 Gary Janak  
 Henrietta Jansky  
 BJ  
 The Jones Ministry at TAMUK  
 Lane  
 Loved ones of Brooke Klemme  
 Kostelnik Family  
 Evelyn Lishinski  
 JM  
 Maryah  
 Monica Maddox  
 Pastor Melanie & Family  
 Matthew & family  
 Dustin Metting  
 Jonell Miears  
 Mildred  
 Kathryn Lee Miller  
 Mom  
 Anna Marie Monroe  
 Cynthia & Cory Odefey & family  
 Marilyn Patlovany  
 Jack Powell  
 Al Ringo  
 Ted Rodgers  
 Hisae, Steve & Nancy Rooks  
 Ryan  
 Sarah  
 Sheila Saunders  
 Sandra Scott  
 Karen Seuser & Family  
 Sierra  
 Martha Sitka  
 Brandie Sorensen & Family  
 Mary Jane Swope  
 Victor  
 Maxine Tankersley  
 Dent & Shirley Taylor  
 Laurence Teaff

I have heard reports from some who are sending notes or making calls to some of our folks who are more shut in than most. Thank you for your love and care.

Today I have had the privilege of talking with a few of the folks in our congregation. I will share a little of our visits together.

Doris Barnes is living at Williamsburg House. She had hoped surgery would improve her eyesight, but her healing is slow. She is not able to see much on television and is not able to read at this time. She reports that her grandchildren come to her window and wave at her. She prays all day long.

Thank you Doris for your prayers. We are grateful for your family's love and care for you!

Fannie and Bob Griffith are home, spending lots of time resting and watching TV. They are well cared for. Fannie has been praying too!

Bobbie Hobbs reports that she is fine but being homebound is hard on Billy Joe. But they are well and they have everything they need. They are planning to come to worship via Zoom next Sunday. Come and see them for yourselves.

Eilene Lindemann is at home. Her caregiver of one year suffered some health issues and is no longer able to care for her. So daughter Becky and her brother are taking turns caring for her now. Eilene is well and in great spirits. She loved getting to talk on the phone.

Bill and Alma (Sweet) Hrcir are now living in Room 203 at Stevens Nursing Center. Sweet suffered a heart attack two weeks ago but is back at the center and doing well now. This separation from loved ones is especially hard. But she enjoyed (and so did I) a Face Time visit today. Stevens has a phone set aside just for the purpose of Face Time visits with residents. It is at the nurse's station. It was great to see your smiling face Sweet!

Sonia Menking is well. She is at home and being well cared for by family. We had a nice visit.

Al and Fran Ringo are at home. They are well and very grateful for God's provision for them in this time. They are hoping to worship with us via Zoom on Sunday

Claudia Williams (wife of Don Williams) started undergoing weekly Monday chemotherapy at Citizen's Hospital in Victoria today. She will be undergoing chemo every Monday for 5 months.

Zelda Walker is home taking regular physical therapy after a hip injury. She came to church on Sunday via Zoom. It was great to see you Zelda!

Cate Siragusa is home. She is figuring out how to take care of groceries and other needs during a time of social distancing.

I have not be able to speak with Marilyn Patlovany or Lone Riske who are both in care at Regency in Schulenburg. We pray for comfort and peace for each of them.

There are others I have tried to check on but have not been able to reach so far.

For the needs of each of these, our brothers and sisters in Christ we pray, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For our church family, our own families, and friends, and our community we pray, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For our state, our nation, and God's world we pray. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For all those who are serving in ways that help take care of us – educators and administrators – first responders – law enforcement – all medical professionals – agriculture workers – for everyone who is part of food production in any way – for truckers and other transporters – grocery store workers and managers – those

James Thacker  
Cheryl Thacker  
Avery Wagner  
Diana Weise  
Don & Claudia Williams  
Lauren Wilson & family  
All the depressed  
Our Nation & the World

New Additions:

Louise Wysatta

Dawn Jansky

All Teachers, Students & Parents  
who are going through online  
school

All those in the medical field

All those who are keeping our  
grocery stores open & stocked as  
well as they can

Logan Herrington as he does his  
job as a Houston police officer

**Easter  
Lilies**

We still about  
10 Easter  
Lilies available  
for purchase  
at \$8 each.  
Please call or email the  
church office!



who help provide our public utilities – energy workers – all leaders in every area of our lives together and more – we pray, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For parents and grandparents (Nannas you know you are) helping with homeschooling – we pray, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For those in fragile health and for all in need of any kind of healing this day – we pray, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

**In Jesus name. AMEN**

God bless us all!

*Pastor Melanie*

**Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – February**

- Safety Team draft report was presented and discussed.
- Approved Relay for Life to use Fellowship Hall at no charge for their meetings.
- Thank you to Dick Nance for organizing a Methodist Men's breakfast.
- Approved use of Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall by Hospice of South Texas for their Service of Remembrance.
- Pastor Melanie and Debbie Hopper were presenters at Equipping the Saints Conference at the Lutheran church in Cuero.
- Motion made and approved to amend two budget items: Insurance Property & Worker' Comp. and Clergy Pension.
- Christie Wheelock reported that Forms 1099-Misc, W-2 and Worker's Comp. have been submitted for year end.
- Audit of all church finances will be scheduled soon. Bob Pakebusch will join the Audit Committee.
- We have lost our long-time supplier of Easter Lilies. We will research a new source.
- Safety Team getting bids on new security system. They will make recommendations to the Board. In conjunction with new system, discussion was held on new front office door and back kitchen door.
- Motion made and passed to purchase new ice machine for the Fellowship Hall.



**REACH OUT...**

Please take a moment and connect with our nursing home residents. They would appreciate a card or note!

Hallettsville Rehabilitation  
825 Fairwinds  
Hallettsville, TX 77964

Williamsburg House  
4656 US Hwy 77S  
Hallettsville, TX 77964

Steven's Nursing & Rehabilitation  
106 Kahn Street  
Hallettsville, TX 77964

Schulenburg Regency Nursing  
111 College  
Schulenburg, TX 78956



**Methodist Men**

The men of the church had their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the year on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. A delicious breakfast was followed by a short business meeting. "Methodist Men" was selected to be the official name. Two projects were brought before the group and it was decided to take on both at our next meeting. R.C. Lumpkin led an inspiring devotional. The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 4 but has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Next meeting TBA.



## GIVING

My long-time commitment has been to have my little envelope with my giving to God ready on the First Sunday of each month. It is the first “bill” I pay reminding me to trust God first – to trust God with all that I have and all that I am.

There is no more important time for us to trust God with all that we have and all that we are than right here and right now. In all times, but especially in uncertain times, God is the rock on which we stand. No question about it.

The thing is that even though this is a very important part of our faith, our normal patterns of life have been interrupted. Today we are all having to think about almost every single thing that is important to us in new ways, including ways we put God first in our lives.

There are several ways we can continue this important part of our relationship with God. We now have a locked mailbox installed outside by the office entrance door. We originally got this to establish as a physical address for UPS and other deliveries. It seems like God was watching out for us in the time that was to come. You are welcome to drop your giving in that locked mailbox.

Certainly, we can give with a check in the mail. Some of us have set up our church in our online billing. You can also set up an automatic payment to be sent to your church at a certain time every month.

In about two weeks, you will be able to go on to the church website and click on a “give” icon that will allow you to give to God with your credit card. We’ll send an email with more information when that service is operational.

We also remember to give our offering of praise and thanks to God, the one who has given us all that we have, the one who has made us all that we are. It is this attitude of gratitude that helps God navigate us through this uncertain time with faith and grace and a confident hope.

The address for First United Methodist Church is: First United Methodist Church  
PO Box 352  
Hallettsville, TX 77964

The address for Mossy Grove is: Mossy Grove United Methodist Church  
PO Box 163  
Hallettsville, TX 77964

Thank you God for everything! AMEN!

*Pastor Melanie*

## Worship Service Schedule

**If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday,  
please contact another person in the rotation to take your place.**

	Greeter	Liturgist	R. Reader	A/V System	Acolytes	Flower Chart
<b>May</b>						
<b>3</b>	D. Repka	L. Dyer	B. Webb	Webb Family	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	P. & V. Carr
<b>10</b>	B. J. Metzler	R. Lundy	K. Wood	Tullos Family	T. & D. Phillips	Meth. Women
<b>17</b>	N. Hunter	K. Marak	L. Lundy	Marak Family	L. & W. Kram	R. & B. Sitka
<b>24</b>	B. Williams	B. Nance	G. Parvin	Sitka Family	K. & A. Caldwell	J. & J. Carpenter
<b>31</b>	B. & E. Pakebusch	R. Housley	K. Tullos	Jansky Family	L. & G. Parvin	OPEN
<b>June</b>						
<b>7</b>	D. Hopper	D. Nance	D. Jansky	Webb Family	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	R. & S. Housley
<b>14</b>	A. Vickers	L. Dyer	W. Kram	Tullos Family	T. & D. Phillips	R. & T. Herrington
<b>21</b>	E. Hastings	K. Marak	R. Marak	Marak Family	L. & W. Kram	M. & D. Hopper
<b>28</b>	H. Sadler	B. Nance	B. Sitka	Sitka Family	K. & A. Caldwell	OPEN

**Note: Flower Chart reminders will only be sent through regular mail to those who don't receive emails**



## KNOW THE SYMPTOMS:

### CORONAVIRUS

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue

### FLU

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fatigue

### ALLERGIES

- Itchy eyes
- Congestion
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Coughing

SOURCE: CDC



## HEB Curbside Grocery Pickup

The H-E-B store on Navarro in Victoria offers curbside grocery delivery.

Here is how it works.

Go to the H-E-B Website and select the 77904 Victoria H-E-B location.

Put curbside delivery in the search bar.

You will be invited to set up an account. Save your account name and password so you can use it again and again.

You will type in what you are looking for. Picture will pop up on the screen. Click on the item you want to add it to your cart.

You will be able to select how many of each item you want.

When you have completed your shopping, you go to cart and to check out.

You will set up your credit card information to pay.

You will select a day and time (5 to 7 days after you order). That is your appointment. They will send you a reminder text about your appointment.

Go to H-E-B on that day at that time. Follow the signs to curbside delivery parking spaces.

You will see this sign. Follow the directions. They will come to the car to make sure it is you.

Then they will go get your groceries and put them in the back of your vehicle. Stay in the car. They do it all. And then you go home.



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We asked you to share by text or email a picture of something you have been doing during this social distancing time or a picture of something beautiful that is helpful to you right now.

**Nancy Hunter**



**Pastor Melanie**



**At the Church**



**Nancy Fuhrken – My garden. I choose Joy!**



**Anne Brenton**



**Bev & Dick Nance – Working around the house on yard and flowerbeds. Enjoying Bible Study and Max Lucado videos.**



**Reed Herrington – Working alongside my daughter to continue the education process**



**Susie Seay – Beautiful bluebonnets in our pasture!**



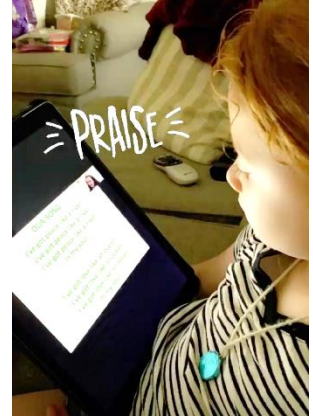
**Bessie Garner**



**Lori Dyer – Working on my rag rug and practicing choir music.**



**Quinn DeLaRosa**



**Ray Housley – Maintaining equipment**



**Susan Housley -Garden duty at LAMB**





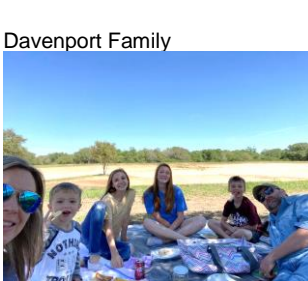
Nova, Grace & Lora – Playing games that involve math (straight dominoes & 99)



Pat & Virginia Carr - Pat has been working on a garden. It is 30'x95'. Corn, carrots, tomatoes, eggplant, squash cucumbers and green beans and more. He is looking forward to the first harvest. I will be needing canning lessons!



Betty Williams – Went outside to take a picture of roses – too windy! I work in the yard, read bible and watch TBN. Staying at home! May God bless you all!



Davenport Family

Repka Family



Tim & Helen Sadler – Just hanging with these neighbors!



Audrey Peterson – Cooking, juicing and for those of you who know me....I normally store sweaters in my oven!



And Marvin Peterson– has spent his time hiding from Audrey's "honey-do list"!



Betty Metzler –didn't have a picture but invites us to imagine this is her with a floppy hat and big glasses on that Kubota



Tullos Family – The Tullos family and friends have been fishing and painting. We think our cat, Phil, is frustrated that his people are home all day every day. He's struggling to get his naps in.



Brenda Hull – Took a drive out to Cathedral Oaks!

