



### 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"

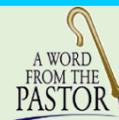
-Don't Miss It-  
Mark your Calendars!

#### August

3<sup>rd</sup> – Summer Music  
Performance

7<sup>th</sup> – Lunch & Learn

Hi everyone! In the middle of summer fun, I have found myself reflecting on how easy it can be to think about church and say "we'll go next week".



Know that wherever you are, and whatever you are doing in the middle of this summer, you are loved and prayed for. But also know that it simply is not the same when you are not here. I encourage you to include church attendance in your summer activities, whether it is here at your home church, or at a church in a community where you are travelling.

Here are some reasons from scripture to prayerfully make attending church as often as you can -- a priority.

**1. Because...In church we encourage each other, love each other, and help each other out.**

**Hebrews 10:24-25** <sup>22-25</sup> So let's *do* it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on

**2. Because...Jesus is here!**

## OUR PRAYER LIST

A.J.  
Ty & Colten Aiken  
David Aiken  
Cindy Anderson  
Family of Dean Anderson  
Natalie & Rob Aparicio  
Family of Mary Ayraud  
Doris Barnes  
Debbie Benedict & Family  
Mary Ann Berger & Family  
CB  
Biehunko Family-death of son  
Shannon Brantley  
Family of Dorothy Boggus  
Marvin Bohuslav  
Anne & Vern Brenton  
Cameron  
James Carr & Family  
Margie Cecil  
Annie Cerny  
Frank Coker  
Cole  
Colors of Hope Ministry  
Danielle Damborsky  
Carol Davis  
Lawrence Davis  
DeWayne Dixon  
Kacie Draper  
Vic & Lori Dyer  
Andy Evans  
Anna Ruth Evans  
Debbie Fishbeck  
Edward Garcia Family  
Jaden Grahmann  
Bob & Fannie Griffith  
Justin Hastings & 3 daughters  
Keri Herman (breast cancer)  
Rev. Dennis Herring  
Edith Hickl  
Billy Hobbs  
Bill & Sweet Hrcir  
Marvin Huser  
Stephen & Nancy Hunter  
Children & Grandchildren  
Gary Janak  
Steve Kossa  
Morgan Kovacs  
Jennifer Lackey & Lackey Family  
Evelyn Lishinski  
Renee Loden  
Megan Marak  
Marvin & Audrey  
Maryah  
Pastor Melanie & Family  
Lance Menter  
Charles Michalec  
JoNell Miears  
Anna Marie Monroe  
Kimberly Montz  
David Montz  
Family of Karen Myers  
Ben New  
Liz Nunnally  
Mary Oleva Family  
George & Sammie Patterson  
Andrew Pesek  
Family of Brock Powell

**Matthew 18:20** <sup>18-20</sup> When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

### 3. Because...we are reminded that God is with us and He has a plan for us.

**Colossians 3:16** <sup>15-17</sup> Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives.

### 4. Because...we are reminded that our gifts count!

**Ephesians 4:11-13** <sup>7</sup> He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

### 5. Because...when we are there, it inspires others to give church a try too.

**Acts 2:42** <sup>41-42</sup> That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

### 6. Because...we have the opportunity to listen to scripture and to discern what it has to do with our lives right now.

**Romans 10:17** Isaiah asked what we all ask at one time or another: "Does anyone care, God? Is anyone listening and believing a word of it?" The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to.

### 7. Because...God created the church to offer us a way to deal with the evil that is all around us

**Matthew 16:18** And now I'm going to tell you who you are, *really* are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

### 8. Because...together, we grow in our reverence for God, AND we learn to trust that God is ready, willing and able to help provide for our every need.

**Acts 9:31-32** All over the country—Judea, Samaria, Galilee—the church grew. They were permeated with a deep sense of reverence for God. The Holy Spirit was with them, strengthening them. They prospered wonderfully.

**Matthew 6:33** <sup>30-33</sup> "If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's *giving*. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

### 9. Because...we are reminded that God calls us to live what we say we believe.



## Worship Service Schedule

July	Greeter	Liturgist	AV System	Acolytes	Flower Chart
7	S. Housley	D. Nance	D. Jansky	K. & A. Caldwell	D. Barnes
14	M.J. Swope	S. Hunter	Tullos Family	S. Walker & J. Davenport	Z. Walker
21	D. Repka	Ray Housley	K. Marak	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	V. & L. Dyer
28	B.J. Metzler	L. Dyer	Sitka Family	T. & D. Phillips	T. & A. Tullos
<b>August</b>					
4	N. Hunter	R. Lundy	D, Jansky	D. Jansky & L. Lundy	R. & H. Lundy
11	Betty Williams	R. Housley	Tullos Family	W. Duncan & C. Burnes	D. & D. Jansky
18	C. Siragusa	D. Nance	K. Marak	L. & W. Kram	R. & K. Steffek
25	B. & E. Pakebusch	M. Peterson	Sitka Family	K. & A. Caldwell	M. & D. Hopper
<b>September</b>					
1	D. & S. Taylor	B. Nance	D. Jansky	S. Walker & J. Davenport	OPEN
8	H. Sadler	R. Lundy	Tullos Family	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	S. & N. Hunter
15	M. A. Defibaugh	M. Peterson	K. Marak	T. & D. Phillips	M. A. Defibaugh
22	S. Housley	R. Housley	Sitka Family	C. Burnes & W. Burnes	Sonia Menking
29	M.J. Swope	D. Nance	D. Janskyu	L. & W. Kram	Kathi Rosamond

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



Sponsored by the Methodist Women

Yes, it is that time again. The Methodist Women are sponsoring a school drive to help our Hallettsville students and teachers. Many grandparents are raising their grandchildren; workers have been laid-off; families have had medical emergencies; and school supplies get more expensive each year.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

**Donate at church.** Starting the first Sunday in July in the church Narthex, there will be general school supply lists, as well as, specific lists for grade levels. Also, there will be a box for monetary donations. Contributions can be made anytime in July until August 4. All items and monies will be given to HES and HJHS on August 7.

**Donate at Walmart.** Stop by Walmart on Saturday morning, August 3rd, from 8:00 until 12:00 to purchase supplies and donate to the Methodist women who will have a table set up outside.

This school drive helps our children, teachers and community. God bless you for your support!!!!

## Dominican Republic Mission Trip

The mission team will present their mission trip work to the congregation during a Sunday worship service very soon! Team members were asked to share stories, thoughts, etc. for this month's newsletter.

**Bob Vickers** – *“Give thanks that you live in the United States of Texas! We have a fantastic group of young adults in our MYF. A lasting bond has been formed with all who went. The Dominican Republic (DR) people that we worked with are probably at the low end of the economic scale BUT are at the top of what really matters. I wonder who gained the most from our trip, the DR people or our group. In adversity, people really show who they are. We had a few GOD moments that will be with me forever. Thanks to all those who prayed, those who supported us financially, those who worked for us in any way, those who served and those who were in need.”*

**Jodie Webb** – *“I wish the congregation could have seen the moments when Shay took her first airplane ride! It was so cute and exciting! Then the moment She picked up a child from the church into her arms-she knew she would do missions the rest of her life!*

*Payton and Brynn had heard all about my many travels doing missions from Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Mexico, Costa Rica and now Dominican, but they had only heard stories. This was a very special moment to share mission with all 3 girls. The smiles on the girls' faces as they entered the church to see all the kids was priceless. Payton and Brynn know they will now do missions the rest of their lives as well.*

*There was a really special moment when God allowed me to pray over Mrs. Brenda for healing. I asked for her to be healed, to be able to get on a plane the next day home. And, God blessed us with an answer to our prayers. I will never forget the moment in the hospital as I held Mrs. Brenda's head and prayed God's healing touch over her body.*

*For being the only boy on the trip, Michael was beyond an Angel! He never missed a beat with all the girls and worked harder than all the girls combined. A special moment was Michael recognizing that the little kids love all people. No matter your size, color or age. They just want to be loved. Michael was such a blessing to have on the mission trip!”*

**Kristin Marak** - *“Probably my most favorite part of the trip occurred on Friday evening. We gathered in the courtyard where many of the local church members joined us. They had a barbecue with another huge spread of food with a farewell service for us. Scripture was read, songs were sung, prayers lead, and many hugs shared. They were so grateful for the time we spent there with them and the work that we had done. (I cried a lot because my heart was so full!). I was so very proud of how hard our kiddos worked while they were there and how they shared God's love so freely with everyone they encountered. And I'm so thankful Mr. Bob made the trip! He has the absolute best attitude in all situations!”*



## Methodist Youth Fellowship

**Summer Break** - The Elementary and Jr. High MYF is on break for the Summer and will resume in September. High School continues to meet on Wednesday at 6pm in the Choir Room.

**Summer Fun Events** – watch your email for upcoming summer events!

