



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!**

June

18th – Emmaus Gathering @
HFUMC

August

3rd – Summer Music
Performance

7th – Lunch & Learn

Every Sunday when we gather for worship we begin with a question. It is an important question. The question is this: "Why are we here?" And together we respond with this answer:

"We are helping God make disciples
for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

I have told you before that I consider it a real privilege to serve both First United Methodist Church in town and Mossy Grove United Methodist Church 8 miles South of town. It is indeed a privilege to watch each of you as you sincerely seek to do your part to take the reason we are here seriously. Some of you do your part out there in front of God and everybody. Some of you do your part quietly and behind the scenes. But everyone's part matters.

What a celebration of our efforts to make disciples we shared on Sunday May 19!

On that Sunday here is what happened:

- One infant and one young person was baptized;
- 8 young people were confirmed;
- 4 high school graduates were recognized and blessed to go out into the world in this new time of their lives; and
- 14 mission team members were commissioned for service in the Dominican Republic;



OUR PRAYER LIST

A.J.
 Family of Roy Abshier
 David Aiken
 Cindy Anderson
 Family of Dean Anderson
 Natalie & Rob Aparicio
 Mary Ayraud & Family
 Doris Barnes
 Mary Ann Berger & Family
 CB
 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
 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
 Rev. Dennis Herring
 Edith Hickl
 Billy Hobbs
 Bill & Sweet Hrcir
 Marvin Huser
 Stephen & Nancy Hunter,
 Children &

 Grandchildren
 Gary Janak
 Keller Family
 Family of Brownie King
 Steve Kossa
 Morgan Kovacs
 Jennifer Lackey & Lackey Family
 Evelyn Lishinski
 Renee Loden
 Megan Marak
 Maryah
 Travis McCall
 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
 Bobby Page
 George & Sammie Patterson
 Andrew Pesek

The truth is that becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ is a process that lasts a whole lifetime. We do not just get baptized and we are done. We learn and we grow in our faith every day of our lives.

As we know, we who are disciples serve as the hands and feet of Christ as we continue the earthly ministry he began so very long ago. True disciples are followers of Jesus Christ who make 3 commitments (Shift), by Rev. Dr. Phil Maynard, ©2013).

1. The commitment to be part of the Body of Christ;
 - a. This includes participation in corporate worship, devotional time, and overt effort to give glory to God.
 - b. This includes a commitment to a life of hospitality. We welcome new people to worship. We learn how to interact with and care about others who may be very different from us in worship and beyond.
2. The commitment to become more like Jesus;
 - a. We listen to sermons that teach scriptures, we study scripture, we read scripture. We learn to take more responsibility for our own spiritual development and less dependence upon the institution for our growth.
 - b. We seek to obey Jesus through our actions, our attitudes and our responses to others. We reach out to others to share what we have learned with them to help them grow as disciples too.
3. The commitment to join Jesus in ministry out in the world.
 - a. We support the ministry of our local church with our time and energy. We invest the best of who we are in service to others.
 - b. We present our tithes and offerings as an act of worship. We seek to live our lives in ways that we have the resources to respond to the needs of others around us.

The life of a disciple is the best life a person could ever hope for. It is a life filled with hope and meaning and love. We choose to use our lives to serve the One who is Love ("God is Love" - 1 John 4) with all our hearts and soul and strength and min. We demonstrate our love for God – in the way we treat ourselves and the people around us. It is the power of God's love and forgiveness and acceptance through Jesus Christ that changes the world – one person at a time.

Thank you with all my heart for doing your part to help God make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of this little part of God's world. May you continue to grow in your own discipleship for all the days of your life. God bless you!

Pastor Melanie

Baptism

Cameron, Sophie and Tessa Cozza, children of Jason and Mary Ann were baptized on May 26.

This sweet, young family is leaving this congregation as they make a work-related move.

We will miss them, AND we wish them all the best!



Family of Brock Powell
Jackie Powell
Jacob Prine (brain cancer)
Cindy Renken
David Rake
Hisae, Steve & Nancy Rooks
Juanita Rosas
Sarah
Karen Seuser & Family
Sierra
Martha Sitka
Peggy Smirak
Robert S.
Doug Stein
Darla Sudderth-Campus Crusade
for Christ
Lawrence Teaff
Kay Teaff
Gail Tesch
Cheryl Thacker
Vega Family
Victor
DeDe Barnes Welder
Family of Joe Weir
Diane Weise
Tom Wick Family
Don & Claudia Williams
Lauren Wilson
Lyn Wyatt
Gene Young & Family
Kathy & Gary
Our Nation & the World
Youth Mission Trip
Drs, Patients & Families
at MD Anderson
HISD coaches, baseball &
Administrator's families

Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – April 2019

- Mary Jane Swope reported on the Cohort Outreach Easter Project #2 – an Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the park on Saturday, April 20 @ 10. The conference will pay 50% of the cost of this event and committee asks that the church cover the other 50%. Motion made and approved to pay \$350 from the Special Account to help fund this event.
- HFUMC will host the Annual Ministerial Alliance Community Holy Week Service on April 14th. The MW have been asked to provide light refreshments.
- Motion made and approved to pay \$225 for confirmation bibles from the Special Account.
- New garage door at the parsonage was paid out of budget Capital Improvements account.
- MYF assembled 50 school supply bags for UMCOR. MYF will break for the summer. The summer music program will be offered again to the congregation and community.
- Annex a/c has required several maintenance calls recently. It is a 1988 model and must be unplugged after each use or it continues to run. Bids will be requested for replacement of the unit.
- Methodist Women will supply palms for Palm Sunday. The Care Committee continues to provide meals for members who are sick. Please let them know of any meal needs.
- Lexy Tullos reported on Mission Team fundraising efforts. She requested a \$2000 donation from the board to help with the purchase of materials for bible school and supplies. A motion was made and approved to make this donation from the Special Account.

Keep collecting shoes!
DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!
~ Approximately 200 pairs needed ~

Worship Service Schedule					
June	Greeter	Liturgist	A/V System	Acolytes	Flower Chart
2	C. Siragusa	B. Nance	Sitka Family	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	R. & S. Housley
9	B. & E. Pakebusch	J. Cozza	D. Jansky	T. & D. Phillips	R. & T. Herrington
16	D. & S. Taylor	L. Dyer	Tullos Family	C. Burnes & W. Burnes	Z. Walker
23	H. Sadler	R. Lundy	K. Marak	D. Jansly & S. Walker	M. & D. Hopper
30	M. A. Defibaugh	R. Housley	Sitka Family	L. & W. Kram	K. & M.J. Swope
July					
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	J. Cozza	K. Marak	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	V. & L. Dyer
28	B.J. Metzler	L. Dyer	Sitka Family	T. & D. Phillips	T. & A. Tullos
August					
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

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

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

The long-awaited mission trip to Sosua, Dominican Republic starts on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Fourteen people have been commissioned for service in that place. Their mission will include helping to build a church in the mornings and holding VBS for 80 kids in the afternoons. They will fly home on Saturday, June 15.

This is such an inspiring group of people. They have worked hard - young and not as young – side-by-side, to make a dream become reality. With the help of this congregation and friends and family and the community, they have been able to raise the full cost of the trip including air fare, travel insurance costs, living costs, building materials costs, and VBS materials costs for the trip. They will be taking a bunch of useful items to leave behind as well - balls, legos, coloring books, etc.

Note that the shoe drive portion of this fundraiser has been extended to June 30. At this writing they have 92 bags of shoes (100 needed). This will offset some unexpected luggage charges. Any funds leftover will become “seed money” for a future mission trip.

This group has met regularly for months for planning, but also for Bible Study in preparation for their journey.

The adult leader of the group is Kristin Marak. As the fearless leader of our high school youth (along with Bob Vickers) Kristin has poured her whole heart into the preparations for this trip. Thank you, Kristin!

The youth leader of this group is Lexy Tullos. She heard God calling her to leadership in her long dreamed of desire to go on a mission trip. She has proven to be a tireless organizer and a compelling evangelist for the mission. Thank you, Lexy!

Here are the people who have been commissioned for this trip:

Bekka Alex
Lisa Alex
Shaye Haynes
Brenda Hull
Kristin Marak

Michael Ploch
Lexy Tullos
Kylee Tullos
Angela Tullos
Todd Tullos

Bob Vickers
Brynn Webb
Payton Webb
Jodie Webb



Some of you are already praying for each of these people by name. Pastor Melanie would like to have volunteers for a prayer team to pray for these folks at regular times from the moment they depart to the airport, until they are safely at home.

Will you volunteer for this prayer team? If so call, text, or email Pastor Melanie or the church office to let her know.

Whether you sign up or not, your prayers will be a true blessing.

Here are some suggestions about how to pray:

- That God would be glorified in EVERY aspect of this trip
- That every person on the team, would have a personal and powerful encounter with God
- That the power of God's love and forgiveness and acceptance through Jesus Christ would shine out through each person on the team
- That God would put a hedge of protection around the entire trip
- That Satan would be bound from anything that distracts anyone from hearing the voice of God in the area where they will be sharing
- That all participating on this trip would be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- That God's Word would be proclaimed with power (in thought, word and deed) and produce life change (transformation)
- That God would grant each participant strength and good health through the trip
- That God would protect and provide for family members back home
- That God would give wisdom to those speaking and teaching and listening ears to the people they will come in contact with during the trip
- That all team members and translators would be bold and creative in sharing their faith
- That they would make quick adjustments to time and cultural changes
- That revival would break out with people to whom they minister

In memory of Joyce Thomas...

The Methodist Women are pleased to announce the addition of beautiful mosaics in the Fellowship Hall. These mosaics are a blessing purchased from funds given to the Methodist Women by a former member, Joyce Thomas. Joyce was a loyal and loved member of our church family for many years. She loved everyone and brought joy wherever she went with her warm smile, hugs and loving ways. If you never had the chance to meet Joyce, just look at the beauty of the mosaics and you will see the radiance and joy she brought to this world.



Methodist Youth Fellowship

Summer Break - The Elementary and Jr. High MYF is on break for the Summer and will resume in September.

High School MYF - The high school youth including incoming freshman will meet during the summer starting Wednesday, July 3 at 6pm in the Choir Room. Jodie Webb along with Bob Vickers and Mary Jane Swope will be leading this class. They will be reading from the book "Single, Dating, Married" by Ben Stuart - a biblical foundation on how to live a Christ Centered life Single, Dating and Married. They will also be watching a video series by Pastor Todd "All Strings Attached." <https://youtu.be/nQYoD24T5Bq> The series is about Godly relationships

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



At this time of the year, I always like to share with you about how our particular denomination of Christianity organizes itself.

The United Methodist Church is what we call a connectional church. Though each congregation is unique in its calling and in its gifts, we all follow the same guidelines for our organizational structure. Our lives are ordered by a set of rules that is updated and published every four years called the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

Each church makes official denomination required decisions in the context of what we call the Charge Conference. The leader of the charge conference is the pastor. Then groups of churches in a geographic area are organized for a larger context of decision making which we call the District Conference. The leader of the district conference is called the District Superintendent. Then several district conferences are organized into the context for decision making which we call the Annual Conference. The leader of the Annual Conference is called the Bishop.

Under the leadership of our Bishop, Robert Schnase, our Rio Texas Annual Conference will convene its yearly meeting in Corpus Christi this month from June 5-8.

We will miss the leadership of FUMC Hallettsville's usual elected representatives to Annual Conference – Stephen Hunter, our delegate, and Nancy Hunter, our alternate delegate. Stephen will be undergoing chemotherapy during the time of conference. We are grateful for the willingness of Mossy Grove UMC's alternate delegate, Sandra Aiken, to fill in for the Hunters.

Our Board was glad to approve Sandra Aiken to serve in this way. Her husband David Aiken will attend conference as the elected representative of Mossy Grove UMC. As you know both are active in this church on Wednesday nights, at LAMB, and in worship on Mossy Grove's "off" Sundays.

At this year's conference we will vote on routine matters such as budget and other financial matters. Pastors will be appointed for the year. New pastors who have completed the process will be ordained. We will also be electing delegates to the World level conference of the United Methodist Church, which meets every four years and is called General Conference. We will also be electing delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference which meets every four years.

In addition to voting matters, we will worship together, and we will participate in teaching sessions.

I invite you to join with me in praying for this important work we will be doing together. We will ask the Aikens to give a report when they come back.



Confirmation Service Project

Danna collected non-perishable food items for the Manna Food Pantry as part of her confirmation service requirement.

Thank you to each of our confirmands for your service to God now and in the future.

A Special Sunday of Celebration – May 19, 2019

Baptism



Kate Caldwell



Benjamin Kostelnik

Confirmation

We are delighted to announce that eight of our young people were confirmed in Christ on this day. Payton Webb, Shay Haynes, Brynn Webb, Danna Jansky, Juliet Davenport, Kate Caldwell, Jimmy Rosas, Jr. and Kaylie Estrada were confirmed. They each made the decision to accept for themselves and to take responsibility for the vows that were made on their behalf when they were baptized as babies.

As a gift from the congregation, each was presented with a Teen Life Application Study Bible (NLT). Dawn Jansky representing the MYF Leadership presented each with a Confirmed in Christ "Live in the Spirit" pewter bible bookmark as a gift from MYF.



Graduate Recognition

Our 2019 high school graduates are Presley Kostelnik, Trenton Kostelnik, Alexandra Tullos and Caroline Hrnair. These young adults were recognized during the worship service and each spoke on their plans following graduation.

They were presented with scholarships and gifts from MYF, Methodist Women, Disciples Bible Study Class and the Foundation. We wish them well!

Music Ministry Spring Performance



YOUTH BAND
DAYTON JANSKY – BASS GUITAR
DANNA JANSKY – DRUMS
GRACE PARVIN – PIANO
LORA PARVIN – VOCALS
"ECHO"
"GRATEFUL"

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CLAYTON DAMBORSKY – GUITAR
DANNA JANSKY – GUITAR
"AMAZING GRACE"

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GRACE PARVIN – PIANO
"1000 YEARS"

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KYLEE TULLOS – PIANO
"OH COME TO THE ALTAR"

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CHOIR
GRACE PARVIN, LORA PARVIN, KYLEE TULLOS
& MELANIE MONROE
"THE SWING"
"OCEANS"

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ADULT BAND
RAY HOUSLEY & MELANIE MONROE – GUITAR
DAWN JANSKY – DRUMS
BOB VICKERS – BASS GUITAR
CHRISTIE WHELOCK – PIANO
"SCARBOROUGH FAIR"
"HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN"
"WONDERFUL TONIGHT"
"MILK COW BLUES"
"HOME ON THE RANGE"

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LORA PARVIN – VOCALS
"IF GOD IS DEAD"

The Music Ministry Spring Performance was held on May 11th in the church sanctuary. The students continue to grow in their abilities. A delicious BBQ lunch along with a variety of pies was enjoyed by all. Thank you to congregation members, family and friends that came to support the students. Special thanks to Mr. Aaron Boyd, our music teacher and director for sharing his tremendous gifts and talents with us!

