



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

11th – Music Ministry
Performance @ 11am

19th – Confirmation &
Graduate Recognition &
Lunch

Happy 7 weeks of Easter dear ones! God bless you all in the name of our risen Lord. In my prayer time today I found myself drawn to the words of this beautiful reading from **Psalms 33, the Message Translation**. May God's Word be a delight to your heart this day. God bless you all!



1-3 Good people, cheer God! Right-living people sound best when praising. Use guitars to reinforce your Hallelujahs! Play his praise on a grand piano! Invent your own new song to him; give him a trumpet fanfare.

4-5 For God's Word is solid to the core; everything he makes is sound inside and out. He loves it when everything fits, when his world is in plumb-line true. Earth is drenched in God's affectionate satisfaction.

6-7 The skies were made by God's command; he breathed the word and the stars popped out. He scooped Sea into his jug, put Ocean in his keg.

8-9 Earth-creatures, bow before God; world-dwellers—down on your knees! Here's why: he spoke and there it was, in place the moment he said so.

10-12 God takes the wind out of Babel pretense, he shoots down the world's power-schemes. God's plan for the world stands up, all his designs are made to last. Blessed is the country with God for God; blessed are the people he's put in his will.

OUR PRAYER LIST

David Aiken
 Rylee Aiken
 Cindy Anderson
 Family of Dean Anderson
 Natalie & Rob Aparicio
 Nona Blanchard
 Dorothy Boggus
 Shannon Brantley
 Marvin Bohuslav
 Anne & Vern Brenton
 Cameron
 James Carr & Family
 Margie Cecil
 Annie Cerny
 Frank Coker
 Cole
 Colors of Hope Ministry
 Danielle Damborsky
 DeWayne Dixon
 Kacie Draper
 Vic & Lori Dyer
 Andy Evans
 Anna Ruth Evans
 Edward Garcia Family
 Jaden Grahmann
 Bob & Fannie Griffith
 Justin Hastings & 3 daughters
 Rev. Dennis Herring
 Edith Hickl
 Billy Hobbs
 Bill & Sweet Hrcir
 Stephen & Nancy Hunter,
 Children & Grandchildren
 Gary Janak
 Steve Kossa
 Morgan Kovacs
 Carolyn Kubecka
 Jennifer Lackey & Lackey Family
 Evelyn Lishinski
 Renee Loden
 Megan Marak
 Tina Marie
 Maryah
 Family of Kathy Matthews
 Pastor Melanie & Family
 Lance Menter
 Anna Marie Monroe
 Kimberly Montz
 David Montz
 Family of Karen Myers
 Ben New
 Liz Nunnelly
 Bobby Page
 Leslie Gene Parvin
 George & Sammie Patterson
 Andrew Pesek
 Marvin Peterson
 Family of Brock Powell
 Jackie Powell
 Jacob Prine (brain cancer)
 Cindy Renken
 Hisae, Steve & Nancy Rooks
 Juanita Rosas
 Sarah
 Karen Seuser & Family
 Sierra
 Peggy Smirak

13-15 From high in the skies God looks around, he sees all Adam's brood. From where he sits he overlooks all us earth-dwellers. He has shaped each person in turn; now he watches everything we do.

16-17 No king succeeds with a big army alone, no warrior wins by brute strength. Horsepower is not the answer; no one gets by on muscle alone.

18-19 Watch this: God's eye is on those who respect him, the ones who are looking for his love. He's ready to come to their rescue in bad times; in lean times he keeps body and soul together.

20-22 We're depending on God; he's everything we need. What's more, our hearts brim with joy since we've taken for our own his holy name. Love us, God, with all you've got—that's what we're depending on.

Amen

Pastor Melanie

Keep collecting those shoes!
DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!
 ~ Approximately 32 bags to go ~

Donate gently worn, used and new shoes for our fundraiser

SHOE DRIVE!

ENDS

5 / 30 / 19

68

Final Number of Bags

WE DID IT!
100 Bags

75 Bags

68 bags

50 Bags

25 Bags

PLEASE PRINT

Organization Name _____

Shoe Drive Coordinator _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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 funds2orgs.com

Robert S.
Doug Stein
Darla Sudderth-Campus Crusade
for Christ

Lawrence 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
Kathy & Gary
Our Nation & the World
Youth Mission Trip
Drs, Patients & Families
at MD Anderson

New Additions:

Mary Ayraud & Family
David Rake
Gene Young & Family
Marvin Huser
Charles Michalec
CB
Roy Abshier

Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – March 2019

- Discussion held on implementing electronic donations. The Finance Committee will look at different options available.
- Lexi Tullos was nominated for the Young Disciple Award.
- A motion was made and approved to purchase meal ticket for the District Celebration in Victoria on April 6.
- Ash Wednesday services were well attended: 15 at noon service and 85 at the evening service.
- Pastor will be serving as a Spiritual Director at Walk to Emmaus on March 21-24.
- Two day confirmation retreat has been set for the week of spring break.
- Cohort group working on an event targeting unchurched families in our community.
- District Strategy Team focusing on three main points: 1) undergirding everything we do in prayer 2) make a place for the next generations as a way of life 3) encouraging small churches (they matter),.
- Finance Budget submitted and approved.
- Building & Grounds- parsonage gutters have been cleaned, waiting on sprinkler maintenance, FH women's restroom door needs to be adjusted.
- Thanks to Paula Patterson for decorating the altar.
- The Methodist Women have made monetary donations to Hospice and Casey Jones and a baby bible to Cassie Mae Burnes.
- A motion was made to allow the Methodist Women to hang two mosaics in the Fellowship Hall. The mosaics will be designed and made by Monica Mischer-Garza and paid with funds left by Joyce Thomas. Motion seconded and approved.

FLOWER CHART

There are several open dates on the Flower Chart. If you are not currently in the yearly rotation and would like to provide flowers or plants, please call the church office or sign up on the chart in the church entryway.

Worship Service Schedule

| May | Greeter | Liturgist | A/V System | Acolytes | Flower Chart |
|------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 5 | D. Repka | J. Cozza | Sitka Family | W. Burnes & C. Kostelnik | P. & V. Carr |
| 12 | B.J. Metzler | L. Dyer | Tullos Family | L. & W. Kram | Methodist Women |
| 19 | N. Hunter | R. Lundy | D. Jansky | K. & A. Caldwell | R. & B. Sitka |
| 26 | Betty Williams | M. Peterson | K. Marak | S. Walker & J. Davenport | J. & J. Carpenter |
| June | | | | | |
| 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 |

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



Music Ministry Spring Performance & Lunch

Saturday, May 11, 2019 @ 11am

First United Methodist Church
206 South Dowling Street ♦ Hallettsville, TX

Catered meal to follow. Please RSVP for the lunch by noon on Monday, May 6 to 361.798.2650

A Day of Celebration ~ Sunday, May 19 Graduate Recognition & Confirmation

Our High School Graduates: This year, we celebrate the high school graduation of Alexandra Tullos, Caroline Hrcir, Presley Kostelnik and Trenton Kostelnik. Please join us as we do our part to send these young adults out into the world with our blessings to begin a new time of their life.

Our Confirmands: During worship on this day, we expect to confirm Kate Caldwell, Juliet Davenport, Danna Jansky, Brynn Webb, Peyton Webb, Shay Haynes, Jimmy Rosas Jr & Kaylie Estrada. Thanks be to God for these young people who are ready to make their own personal commitment as followers of Jesus Christ.

We will have a celebration lunch Immediately following the worship service.

Our faithful United Methodist Women will provide fried chicken, rolls, cake and drinks.

You are invited to bring sides.

Come. Invite your friends. Invite your family. It will be a wonderful celebration!!

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Update

The Mission Team has finished up their fundraisers (shoe drive is ongoing) and will now turn their attention to preparing for their trip. There are travel forms to be completed, checklists of items to bring and VBS lessons to prepare.

We ask for your prayers as we embark on this journey. Prayer is the fuel that will allow us to be successful as we follow God's calling. We are excited about what God is going to do in our lives and in the lives of others through this ministry.



The Mission Trip Team would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our entire congregation for their support during our fundraising efforts for our upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic. We would not have been able to meet our goal without the outpouring of generosity and support from our congregation and community. Thank you for supporting our meals, bake sales, garage sale, pizza & shopping profit share events, shoe drive and in any other way you may have contributed.

Also, thank you for supporting us spiritually through prayer. We ask that you continue to hold our group in prayer in these final weeks as we prepare for our trip. We look forward to going and making disciples of Jesus Christ and sharing God's love.

Blessings to you all,
The Mission Trip Team

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

Crossroads District Young Disciple Award

We are delighted to share that our own Alexandra (Lexy) Tullos received the District's Young Disciple Award at our District Celebration held on April 6 in Victoria. This award recognizes Lexy's outstanding Christian leadership in her church and in her school and in her community. (Kylee Tullos accepted the award on Lexy's behalf.)

Lexy will be graduating from Hallettsville High School this month. Congratulations!



Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Park

As part of the work our Cohort Team has been doing with our Rio Texas Conference consultant, our church held it's second outreach to the community event on Saturday April 20 in the City Park.

You may recall our last outreach event was held at the gazebo at the courthouse. It was fun-filled with a wonderful attendance. We hope to do this carol singing family activity event again this year.

Our April event included the Easter egg hunt, face painting, crafts, and fun door prizes. AND the Easter Bunny was there too! Our goal was to focus on families in the community including folks who do not have a church home.

It was a busy weekend in Hallettsville for lots of families so we would probably pick a different date for this in the future. But we did have about 25 kids. We identified a couple of families who were there who were really struggling. We saw with certainty that this Easter surprise was a welcome respite for them.

Thank you to our Cohort team, who has read books and interacted with others all earnestly seeking new ways to help God make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our team includes Mary Jane Swope, Bev Nance, Dick Nance, Christie Wheelock and Pastor Melanie.

We are also so very thankful to MYF mentors, other church members, and families who came to support our efforts to reach out beyond the walls of the church to share the good news of God's love and forgiveness and acceptance through Jesus Christ.

Though it seems that lots of Hallettsville folks were busy with family events on that Saturday, God blessed us with extraordinary attendance on Easter Sunday morning. Half of the folks in worship that day included young families. What a blessing God has given us through hearts and minds that are truly open and inviting.

May God continue to multiply these blessings through each of us! AMEN



Summer Music Ministry Choir!



Add Your Voice

Mixed ages: starting 4th grade & adult

Learn to sing in unison

Learn to sing in rounds

Learn to sing harmony

Classes will be held on Thursdays starting June 6 through August 1. Time to be announced. All students will perform in the Summer Music Ministry Performance on Friday, August 2. Students will also be required to sing during scheduled performances for Sunday Worship and other ministry/community events. There is no cost to participate in this program but students are required to make a time commitment to class attendance and practice. Please contact the church office by phone or email for Registration/Policy Forms. **Registration deadline is May 22nd.**

Congregation Summer Music Ministry

We will once again be offering **beginner music lessons in drums, guitar & piano (age 4 to adult)** during the Summer. If you missed out in the past - now is the time - classes start 1st week in June!

Mission

To equip churches with musicians
who can serve their church and community.

Dates

Every Thursday or Friday starting 1st week of June
(to be determined by class scheduling)
and ending with the Summer Music Recital on August 2nd.

Class Time

to be announced

Pre-registration is required to reserve a space in class. **First months tuition for music lessons is due as a deposit at time of registration and is non-refundable.** Scholarships are available for those financially unable to pay tuition - must meet class attendance & practice requirements. Registration deadline is May 22, 2019.

Please contact the church office by phone at 361-798-2650 or by e-mail at hfumc@sbcglobal.net for further information.





Methodist Youth Fellowship

MYF - Wednesday Evenings - 5:30-7pm

Grades PreK - 12

Summer Break

MYF is on break for the Summer and will resume in September.

April – April was a busy month! The MYF youth assembled 50 School Kits for UMCOR for our spring service project. Our youth, volunteers and mentors brought assigned school supplies or made a monetary donation. The kids included a pair of scissors, crayons, 3 notebooks, a pack of loose-leaf paper, a pencil sharpener, 6 pencils, a ruler and an eraser. These kits will be shipped to an UMCOR depot in Louisiana from where they will be distributed as needed

On April 14, the youth participated in the “procession of palms”, provided special music and led parts of the worship service. The annual Easter Celebration will be on April 17.

The annual Easter Celebration was fun. We didn't let the rain stop our activities. The egg hunt was held in the sanctuary and games for the older kids in the fellowship hall. There was plenty of candy and prizes for everyone!

May – Graduate Recognition and Confirmation followed by a celebration lunch on Sunday, May 19th.

