



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!

November

4th – Charge Conference
@ 6pm

7th – Annual Fall Coffee
9-1pm

13th – Veteran's Appreciation

26th – Community
Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm
Faith Family Church

December

8th – Annual MYF Christmas
Program & Lunch

14th – Music Ministry
Christmas Performance
@ 11am

24th – Christmas Eve Service
@ 5pm

Ready...Set...Holidays!!!

When even a couple of cool days come, we know for sure that we have entered a new season. Fall is here. Days are getting shorter. Mornings are refreshing. There are signs of that kid favorite, Halloween, everywhere we go. Costumes for ghosts, and goblins, and fairies and princesses, and dragons and superheroes are available at your local stores and online. Giant bags of candies and other goodies are available for that big day.

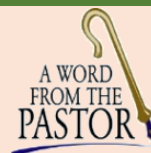
Halloween began in England as a day called All Hallows Eve, a day when beggars went door to door, with promises to pray for those who have died in exchange for what later came to be known as donuts.

Some folks have used Halloween in ugly and inappropriate ways, but in our culture today, it is a fun day for kids to dress up in costumes. It is a fun day for family and friends and neighbors to share kindness and hospitality, and mostly sweet treats.

Ready?...set?...Time for trick or treaters!

The day after Halloween is also an important day. In the church, we call this day **All Saints Day**.

According to Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day). The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and the living. ...In Methodist theology, All Saints Day revolves around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints", including those who are "famous or obscure"



OUR PRAYER LIST

David Aiken
Howard Aiken
Michael Aiken
Cindy Anderson
Stanley Angerstein
Natalie & Rob Aparicio
Marguerite Azemia
CB
Claude Barnes
Doris Barnes
Debbie Benedict & Family
Mary Ann Berger
Alton Brown, Sr.
Family of Henry Campbell
Marge Cecil
Annie Cerny
Christine
Colors of Hope Ministry
Frank Coker
Carol Davis
DeWayne Dixon
Vic & Lori Dyer
Robert Eaton
Gina E.
Anna Ruth Evans
Greg
Paula Griggs
Bob & Fannie Griffith
Keri Herman
Rev. Dennis Herring
Justin Hastings
Piper, Quinn & Mabry Hastings
Edith Hickl
Bill & Sweet Hrcir
Billy Hobbs
Family of Edgar Hubertus
Stephen & Nancy Hunter & family
Gary Janak
Jane
The Jones Ministry at TAMUK Lane
Evelyn Lishinski
Maryah
Pastor Melanie & Family
Anna Marie Monroe
Donna Nevlud
Cindy Odefy & family
Marilyn Patlovany – MD
Anderson
Fonis Payne
Family of Brock Powell
Jackie Powell
Shalan Raabe
Rice High School
Ted Rodgers
Hisae, Steve & Nancy Rooks
Family of Charles Sadler
Sanders Family
Sarah
Frank & Sheila Saunders
Karen Seuser & Family
Sue Schiff
Sierra
Martha Sitka
Randy Snell
C.J. Taylor

We honor people like John Wesley. We also honor loved ones who have been an important part of our faith journey as followers of Jesus Christ.

Be ready!...Be set!...we will honor these people together in worship on Sunday, November 3.

Just four weeks, after all Saints Day we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day, on Thursday, November 28.

According to Wikipedia (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving>) Thanksgiving began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation.

Ready?...set?...Time for turkey and pumpkin pie!

And then of course we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord and Savior on Christmas.

So – ready or not – here we go.

As we come into this busy time of the year, let us ask God help us remember, with joy and with gratitude, the reason for each of these seasons every step of the way.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (the MSG)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
⁹ What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³ That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

Blessings dear ones!

Pastor Melanie



**Nursery Attendant Needed for
Sunday Worship Services.
Please contact the church
office for more information.**

Lay Ministry Training

Pastor Melanie will be leading the Crossroads District Basic UMC Lay Ministry Course at Cathedral Oaks on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2. If you are interested in either the basic course or the advanced course, please contact the church office ASAP

Kay Teaff
 Cheryl Thacker
 Family of Dorothy Wakefield
 Avery Wagner
 DeDe Barnes Welder
 Family of Thomas Wick
 Don & Claudia Williams
 Lauren Wilson & family
 Joe Wysatta & Lisa
 Our Nation & the World
 To those who hurt inside
 The Poor & Hungry
 Those who have hatred in their heart

Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – Aug/Sept

- A motion was made to donate \$100 to the SafeHouse Church rebuilding effort after a fire. Seconded and approved.
- Pastor Melanie will teach the Lay Basic Leadership Course at Cathedral Oaks on November 1st and 2nd.
- Pastor Melanie attending lectionary group on Wednesdays at Cathedral Oaks.
- Information is being gathered for an intercom/security system for the office.
- Dominican Republic Mission Team will present program for the Rotary.
- Charge Conference will be held at HFUMC on November 4th at 6pm.
- There are several areas where electrical needs to be updated. A motion was made to approve an estimate of \$525. Seconded and approved.
- Church sign by the street needs to be repaired/replaced. Ray Housley will look into what can be done.
- Money needs to be included in 2020 budget for painting-church, hallways, doors, baseboards and carpet cleaning.
- Soundproofing in Annex was addressed.
- Electrician will be contacted about surge protection for the whole church as we have had many problems in the past from electrical storms.

Worship Service Schedule

| Nov. | Greeter | Liturgist | R. Reader | A/V System | Acolytes | Flower Chart |
|------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 3 | C. Siragusa | B. Nance | L. Lundy | Webb Family | L. & W. Kram | V. & J. Thornton |
| 10 | B. & E. Pakebusch | R. Lundy | G. Parvin | Tullos Family | K. & A. Caldwell | M & A. Peterson |
| 17 | Alice Vickers | M. Peterson | K. Tullos | K. Marak | Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin | F. Clark |
| 24 | Debbie Hopper | R. Housley | W. Kram | Sitka Family | T & D. Phillips | M. & D. Hopper |
| Dec. | | | | | | |
| 1 | Edith Hastings | D. Nance | R. Marak | D. Jansky | L. & W. Kram | Repka & Rakes |
| 8 | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | Poinsettias |
| 15 | D. & S. Taylor | L. Dyer | B. Sitka | Webb Family | Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin | Poinsettias |
| 22 | H. Sadler | R. Lundy | P. Webb | Tullos Family | T. & D. Phillips | Poinsettias |
| 29 | M.A. Defibaugh | S. Hunter | R. Walker | K. Marak | S. Walker & D. Jansky | Poinsettias |
| Jan. | | | | | | |
| 5 | S. Housley | K. Marak | K. Caldwell | Sitka Family | L. & W. Kram | D. & C. Matula |
| 12 | M.J. Swope | B. Nance | D. Phillips | D. Jansky | K & A. Caldwell | B & E. Pakebusch |
| 19 | D. Repka | Ray Housley | S. Walker | Webb Family | Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin | D. Repka |
| 26 | B. J. Metzler | D. Nance | B. Webb | Tullos Family | T. & D. Phillips | D. & J. Madden |

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

Community Thanksgiving Service

Each year the Hallettsville Ministerial Alliance hosts an ecumenical, community-wide Thanksgiving Service. The service this year will be held at Faith Family Church at 7pm. Father Scott Hill from Sacred Heart Catholic Church will preach. Afterward there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. What a wonderful way to begin this season of living in gratitude for all that God has done for us!

Charge Conference

Our 2019 Charge Conference for HFUMC will be held on Monday, November 4th at 6pm in the Sanctuary. The Mossy Grove conference will be the same day at noon. In the United Methodist Church, the charge conference is the official meeting where churches vote on matters such as pastor's compensation and the leaders who will serve in the coming year. Many thanks to the folks who are on the church's administrative board for representing you at the meeting. Many thanks also to each of you who took time for meetings and to prepare reports required for this meeting.



Wednesday, November 6, 2019

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

First United Methodist Hall

206 South Dowling St., Hallettsville Tx

*** DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 am ***

CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT - A Medicare Offered Program

Speaker: **Emily Harabis RN, BSN**

Chronic Care Coordinator
with Lavaca Family Health Clinic



Limited Seating Available

Please RSVP to Hospice of South Texas

by Monday, November 4, 2019

361-798-2077



Medicare A,B,C,D Clinic



@ The Hallettsville Library

**Tues. Oct. 29th
10AM-2PM**

REMINDER!!

Medicare 2020 Open enrollment dates:

This "Come & Go" clinic is **FREE** and open to the public. **You must bring your Medicare Card and**

either a list of your medications or the medications for the Medicare Part D comparison which take about 15-20 minutes.



Friench Simpson Memorial Library

705 E. 4th St.

361-798-3243 ext 208

HallettsvilleLibrary.org



TITHING

One of the things church folks get tired of quickly is talk about giving, specifically about giving to God, about tithing. I understand the stress of this topic. I really do. But, I have learned in my own life, that giving is a vital part of my relationship with God. What a wonderful time to talk about this subject, as we approach the season of giving thanks for God's abundant gifts to us.

Giving is one of the ways I do my part in this ongoing mutual relationship of love with God. I do my part. God does His part. God gives me everything I have. God makes me who I am. And then I give back a part of what God has so generously given to me in love and thanks. As soon as I receive a paycheck each month, the first amount I set aside belongs to God, before any other bills are paid.

Scripture teaches that our giving goal is to get to tithing (giving to God – a tenth of our earnings) and beyond. Giving to God is not just something we talk about once a year and move on. Scripture actually teaches tithing as a way of life.

The Old Testament talks about tithing as a way of life in this way: Leviticus 27:30-34 ³⁰ "One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy. ³¹ If you want to buy back the LORD's tenth of the grain or fruit, you must pay its value, plus 20 percent.

³² Count off every tenth animal from your herds and flocks and set them apart for the LORD as holy. ³³ You may not pick and choose between good and bad animals, and you may not substitute one for another. But if you do exchange one animal for another, then both the original animal and its substitute will be considered holy and cannot be bought back." ³⁴ These are the commands that the LORD gave through Moses on Mount Sinai for the Israelites.]

This is just one of the 613 commands handed down by God through Moses in Old Testament times. In the New Testament Jesus brings clarity to the reason for all of those rules. Jesus says all of those rules, including this rule about tithing, can be summarized in this way:

Matthew 22:37-40 "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

I love how Dave Ramsey, Christian author of *Financial Peace: Restoring Financial Hope to You and Your Family*, talks about examining that Old Testament teaching in the light of Christ's New Testament teaching about what is most important. Here is what Dave says: It (tithing) teaches us how to keep God first in our lives and how to live unselfishly. Unselfish people make better spouses, friends, relatives, employees and employers. And they usually have better finances. God is trying to teach us how to prosper over time.

In other words, tithing (a tenth of our income) is one of the ways we love God with ALL our heart and ALL our soul and ALL our mind. Tithing is one of the ways we love our neighbors as well as we love ourselves. Tithing is one of the ways we surrender our OWN will and trust God's will instead.

Are you a giver? Do you make giving to God a priority? If so, thank you. If no, God invites you to prayerfully consider making this commitment, particularly in the light of the great commandment.

Are you a tither? If so, thank you. Consider that God may be inviting you to consider going beyond a tithe when the time is right.

Are you a giver, but not yet a tither? Would you like to become a tither? If so, there are many excellent resources available. I promise you that you will find Dave Ramsey offers a clear, simple explanation of how to get started. Consider taking a look at this link <https://www.daveramsey.com/blog/daves-advice-on-tithing-and-giving>

If you are interested in learning more about how to manage your finances in ways that empower you to more fully love God, yourself, and your neighbor, let me know.

Meanwhile, brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for all the ways you give to God, through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness. God bless you!

Pastor Melanie



The MYF group invites all veterans, spouses of veterans & their family to join them for a meal and special worship service on, Wednesday, November 13 at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please call the church office and let us know you will be attending.

St. Nicholas Ministry 2019 – Lavaca County

This is the 32nd anniversary of the St. Nicholas Ministry – serving needy children, their families, and elderly persons in Lavaca County at Christmas. Beginning Sunday, November 10, you will find a St. Nicholas box in the entry way to the sanctuary.

We will begin **collecting new toys for children, assorted non-perishable food items, blankets/quilts and monetary donations for families and elderly for the St. Nicholas Ministry.**

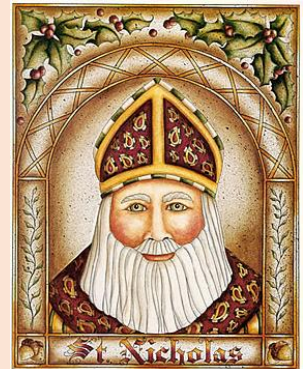
Food items needed are canned meats (ham, chicken, roast beef, stew, chili, etc.) canned vegetables & fruits, juices, bags of rice, beans, pasta, cereals, spaghetti sauces, boxes of macaroni & cheese, flour, sugar, oil and other basic food items & others non-perishable items.

Monetary donations are also gratefully received. Make donations payable to TCCM—St. Nicholas Fund, P.O. Box 913, Hallettsville, Texas 77964. You may send your donation directly or we can forward your gifts to them if that is more convenient for you. Envelopes are available in the entryway of the church.

Help is also needed wrapping gifts, and sorting items into boxes, and distribution of gifts. A “Ways to Help” form is located in the church entryway. Gift items will be prepared at the Lillie Appelt Youth Center during the week of December 8-13 (Sunday to Friday). Distributions will be made on Saturday, December 14 from 8am to 12 noon.

Recipients are identified ONLY through a referral process from local Pastors and social service organizations.

We hope that everyone in this congregation will participate in some way as our whole community joins hands in remembering the reason for the season.



Flood Buckets

35 Flood Buckets were filled this past Sunday after worship service. Everyone enjoyed a pizza lunch and then went to work filling the buckets. Thank you to everyone who purchased items, donated money and helped fill the buckets. They will be picked up by a district representative and taken to a location for distribution to those in need.





Fundraiser Coffee & Country Store

Thursday, November 7, 2019

9:00am - 1:00pm

First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall, 206 S. Dowling, Hallettsville

Sandwiches, salads, soups, desserts and chips
will be available for purchase.
Drinks are complimentary!

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship!



**The Methodist Women ask everyone to bring
sandwiches and baked goods - cakes, pies or cookies!**

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall starting
on Wednesday morning, November 6.

Sandwiches and baked goods can be dropped off on Thursday morning, November 7,
starting at 7am. **If you are unable to make your sandwiches the morning of the sale
- please bring sandwich filling and bread and we will be happy to make them for you!**

Popular fillings are:

chicken salad, tuna salad, pimento cheese, cooked cheese, egg salad, ham or turkey.

Members of the Methodist Women will also make sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts
and will furnish chips, pickles, tea, coffee and water.

This year, we will again have a Country Store. Types of items needed include: homemade
items, cakes and noodles, farm fresh eggs, plants, crafts, fresh garden vegi's, new or like
new decorative items, books, puzzles, toys, dishes, etc. You may bring items to the
church anytime and we will store until the Coffee.

*Funds raised will be used to finance various projects for our church and community.
Let's all work together to make this annual event enjoyable and successful.*



Methodist Youth Fellowship

Wednesday nights: 5:30-7pm

(high school till 7:15pm)

We begin each evening with a meal and some outdoor play (when possible).

PreK (age 4) through 5th grades meet for interactive praise, worship, music and learning.

Our 7th/8th grade youth and high school youth each gather in their own space for a lesson and fellowship time together.

September – MYF kicked off on September 11 with over 50 children and youth attending! We are happy to welcome several new families! Our high school class is being mentored by Jodie Webb, Mary Jane Swope and Bob Vickers. This group of young adults is studying “Single, Dating, Engaged, Married:

Navigating Life and Love in the Modern Age” by Ben Stuart. Dick Nance, R.C. Lumpkin and Nancy Hunter are mentors for the 6th, 7th & 8th grade class – they are using the Wesley Curriculum for their class time. PreK – 5th grade meet in the sanctuary for an interactive service led by the children, a bible lesson with Pastor Melanie and singing. These young children are mentored by Sara Repka, Dawn Jansky, Angela Tullos, Ray and Susan Housley, Brenda Sitka, Beverly Nance, Alice Vickers and Summer Davenport. The kitchen is manned by Kenneth Swope, Gary Hastings, David Aiken and Mary Ann Defibaugh. Nursery helpers are Diane Repka, Nova Layton and Sandra Aiken. Thank you to all our dedicated “Safety Policy” certified mentors and volunteers.



October – Service Project: All MYF youth and children gathered at Hallettsville Rehab & Nursing. Worship songs were shared with residents and workers. Fall crafts and hand lotion were passed out. Everyone gathered back at the Fellowship Hall afterwards for Pizza and Ice Cream!

Service Project: On

Saturday, October 26, the Jr. High and Hight School youth will help with the Lutheran Church Fall Carnival by manning the cupcake walk booth and helping with setup and take down. **WORKERS ARE STILL NEEDED! CONTACT CHRISTIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP!**

MYF Annual Fall Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 30!

November – Service Project: Veteran’s Appreciation Dinner and Worship Service. MYF youth and mentors are asked to invite their parents, grandparents, neighbor, friend, teacher, etc. who are veterans or the spouse of a veteran. Please let the church office know a head count so we can prepare accordingly!

December – Save the Date – December 8 - MYF Christmas Program and annual Christmas lunch!



MYF Annual Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 30 - 5:30 - 7:00pm
(5:30pm - Worship, 6:00pm - Meal & Carnival)

Come and join in the fun! Bring a friend!
Burgers ~ Fish Pond ~ Face Painting ~ Games
Wear Your Costume!
(appropriate costumes only)

MYF Parents, Family & Friends & HFUMC Congregation are all welcome!

