



Train Up
a *Child*
in the way
He SHOULD
and when
he is old,
GO
he will not
Depart From It

PROVERBS 22:6

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!

September

4th – Back to School
Service of Blessing @ 7pm
Brahma Stadium

11th – MYF Kick-off
@ 5:30pm

14th – Music Ministry Fall
Kick-off

29th – Nursing Home
Communion

November

4th – Charge Conference
@ 6pm

7th – Annual Fall Coffee

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are living in a time when we have come to understand, more than ever, that we human beings can have completely different experiences and completely different understandings and opinions about the exact same things.

Here is a wonderful, very old story about this truth:

There were once six blind men who stood by the road-side every day and begged from the people who passed. They had often heard of elephants, but they had never seen one; for, being blind, how could they?

It so happened one morning that an elephant was driven down the road where they stood. When they were told that the great beast was before them, they asked the driver to let him stop so that they might see him. Of course, they could not see him with their eyes; but they thought that by touching him they could learn just what kind of animal he was.

The first one happened to put his hand on the elephant's side. "Well, well!" he said, "now I know all about this beast. He is exactly like a wall."

The second felt only of the elephant's tusk. "My brother," he said, "you are mistaken. He is not at all like a wall. He is round and smooth and sharp. He is more like a spear than anything else."



OUR PRAYER LIST

Howard Aiken
Cindy Anderson
Natalie & Rob Aparicio
Doris Barnes
Debbie Benedict & Family
Mary Ann Berger
Alton Brown, Sr.
Margie Cecil
Annie Cerny
Christine
Colors of Hope Ministry
Frank Coker
Carol Davis
DeWayne Dixon
Vic & Lori Dyer
Anna Ruth Evans
Greg
Bob & Fannie Griffith
Macy Herring
Rev. Dennis Herring
Ray Housley on death of sister
Bill & Sweet Hrcir
Stephen & Nancy Hunter & family
Gary Janak
The Jones Ministry at TAMUK
Evelyn Lishinski
Maryah
Pastor Melanie & Family
Anna Marie Monroe
Donna Nevlud
Marilyn Patlovany – MD
Anderson
Fonis Payne
Family of Brock Powell
Ted Rodgers
Marilyn Rollings-cancer
Hisae, Steve & Nancy Rooks
Charles Sadler
Sanders Family
Sarah
Karen Seuser & Family
Sierra
Martha Sitka
Randy Snell
DeDe Barnes Welder
Family of Thomas Wick
Don & Claudia Williams
Lauren Wilson & family
Our Nation & the World
The Poor & Hungry
Those who have hatred in their heart

New Additions:

Edith Hickl
Gina E.

The third happened to take hold of the elephant's trunk. "Both of you are wrong," he said. "Anybody who knows anything can see that this elephant is like a snake."

The fourth reached out his arms and grasped one of the elephant's legs. "Oh, how blind you are!" he said. "It is very plain to me that he is round and tall like a tree."

The fifth was a very tall man, and he chanced to take hold of the elephant's ear. "The blindest man ought to know that this beast is not like any of the things that you name," he said. "He is exactly like a huge fan."

The sixth was very blind indeed, and it was some time before he could find the elephant at all. At last he seized the animal's tail. "O foolish fellows!" he cried. "You surely have lost your senses. This elephant is not like a wall, or a spear, or a snake, or a tree; neither is he like a fan. But any man with a particle of sense can see that he is exactly like a rope."

Then the elephant moved on, and the six blind men sat by the roadside all day and quarreled about him. Each believed that he knew just how the animal looked; and each called the others hard names because they did not agree with him.

This story makes it clear that each of the people describing the elephant did know part of the truth of what an elephant is really like. But it is impossible for them to grasp the full truth unless they are willing to listen to each other calmly and respectfully as the full picture of an elephant comes together.

God's word speaks to us about this in: **James 1:19-20** (NLT) - ¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

And we know the righteousness God desires of us: **Mark 12: 28-31** (NLT) ²⁸ One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. ³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' ³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

May we, with sincere hearts, seek to listen in love.

God bless us all!

Pastor Melanie



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



We welcome the following
new members to our
church!

RC & Ruth Lumpkin

We are glad you're here!

MYF Orientation Meeting

for parents, mentors
and volunteers.

September 10
@ 5:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare provided.

Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – June/July

-SPRC Committee met on June 3 to rate Pastor Melanie. Ray Housley has been hired for lawn maintenance.

-Methodist Women reported on activities of Friendship Committee, school drive and other projects.. Current study is Unshakeable Hope by Max Lucado. Thank you to all who helped with May lunch honoring graduates and confirmands.

-A motion was made to purchase 24 lightweight white tables at \$49 each for the Fellowship Hall using money in the Building Account. Seconded and approved. The old tables will be offered to LAMB.

-Chamber of Commerce ad for Lavaca County Map was not approved.

-A reduced rate for Fellowship Hall was requested. Motion was made to reduce the fee from \$725 to \$600 (\$125). Seconded and approved.

-A Memorial Service for Mary Ayraud will be held on or near Veteran's Day.

-There will be a District Strategy Meeting and Retreat at Cathedral Oaks on September 16.

-Discussion was held on an intercom and security system to be installed at church office door. Dick Nance will research further.

-MYF will host movie night. Jodie Webb will be leading High School MYF during the summer. VBS will not be held this year.

-Summer Music Program included 17 congregation members on Thursdays and 16 community members on Fridays.

-Pastor Melanie will be on vacation a week in July and a week in September.

Worship Service Schedule

September	Greeter	Liturgist	A/V System	Acolytes	Flower Chart
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. Jansky	L. & W. Kram	Kathi Rosamond
October					
6	D. Repka	L. Dyer	Tullos Family	K. & A. Caldwell	T. & H. Sadler
13	B.J. Metzler	R. Lundy	K. Marak	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	B. & A. Vickers
20	N. Hunter	S. Hunter	Sitka Family	T. & D. Phillips	U. & S. Seay
27	Betty Williams	K. Marak	D. Jansky	C. & W. Burnes	J. & S. Davenport
November					
3	C. Siragusa	B. Nance	Webb Family	L. & W. Kram	V. & J. Thornton
10	B. & E. Pakebusch	R. Lundy	Tullos Family	K. & A. Caldwell	M & A. Peterson
17	Alice Vickers	M. Peterson	K. Marak	Q. DeLaRosa & L. Parvin	F. Clark
24	Debbie Hopper	R. Housley	Sitka Family	T & D. Phillips	M. & D. Hopper

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



**JOIN THE
CHOIR**

**All Age Choir starting Saturday, September 14
led by our music program instructor, Aaron Boyd.
Time to be announced.**

**If you would like "to add your voice",
please contact the church office.
Registration deadline is August 30.**



Music Ministry will kick-off again on
Saturday, September 14.
Lessons in piano, guitar, drums and fiddle are offered.
Contact the church office for more information.
Registration deadline is August 30.

If you are a musician and would like to be a part of the
worship band – please visit with Pastor Melanie.

Hallettsville Ministerial Alliance invites you to attend
A Community-Wide Service

BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE OF BLESSING

WHO IS INVITED:

- ALL students
- school administrators
- teachers
- classroom workers
- other school employees
- family
- friends
- neighbors
- all folks from our public schools, our parochial schools,
other private schools, and home schoolers

LEADERS: ALL of the pastors in the community, Catholic, Protestant, and
non-denominational have been invited to participate.

OUR PREACHER: Monsignor John Peters

WHERE: Hallettsville Football Stadium

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2018, at 7pm.

OUR PURPOSE: It is our joy to give every child in our community the opportunity to
know and understand that God cares for them and we care for them
and that all of us want the very best for each of them.

Please put this event on your calendars.

Make plans to attend.

You will be blessed.



Blessing of Backpacks and Hamburger Lunch

Our annual Blessing of Backpacks and Hamburger Lunch
was celebrated on Sunday, August 18.

Following the prayer of blessing, each child and young
person received a backpack tag from the MYF leadership
with a reminder of this congregation's love and prayers for
them.

Following a joyful worship service, the congregation
gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious Back to
School Hamburger Luncheon. Hamburgers with all the
trimmings, chips, and delicious desserts were enjoyed by
all. Many thanks to Head Chef Kenneth Swope and his
helpers!

Methodist Women School Drive

A BIG thank you from the Methodist Women and students of Hallettsville for a successful school drive 2019. Donations amounting to \$376.00 and school supplies were delivered to the Hallettsville Elementary and Hallettsville Junior High on August 7th.

The principal at HJH let us know that the money would be used for school supplies as needed throughout the year, for school t-shirts when a child was not able to afford one, and for school field trips when a child was not able to go as he/she did not have the fee.

So, what you have done is to help make sure these children have supplies they need to succeed in the classroom, have a spirit shirt so they can have school pride and have the fee to go on field trips when, otherwise, they would be left behind.

This is the third year Methodist Women have sponsored this school drive. It would not be a success without your help. Thanks so much. You're the best!!



MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED!

The Mission Team wishes to thank the many people that helped make our Shoe Drive a success.

We began collecting shoes in February and thanks to the generous support of our HFUMC congregation and

the community (and several others) we completed our drive in July. The fund2org company picked up our collection of **"2550"** shoes on August 13th. That is approximately 1 pair from each person living in our thoughtful, caring community!

We are so grateful for People's State Bank, TDECU and St. Peter Lutheran Church for allowing us to keep our collection boxes on site. Special thanks to Gypsy Spirit, Lavaca Medical Wellness Center, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rustic Oaks Elementary in Pearland, Sun Valley Community in Friendswood, First Methodist in Victoria, The Hair Shop, First Baptist Church, Hallettsville ISD, Little Sprouts Day Care, Stepping Stones Day Care, Hair on the Square, Spring Trails Community in Spring and members of HFUMC for collecting and donating to our mission.

May God Bless each and every one of you. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Mission Team, 2019



SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM 2019

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We changed things up a bit this year by moving the event to the backyard and having the “Texas Dream Band” provide live music for dancing. The evening started with student performances, hot dogs, frito pie, snocones, a bouncy house and ended with the “chicken dance”.





Methodist Youth Fellowship

MYF Kick-Off

Wednesday, September 11 - 5:30-7pm

(high school till 7:15pm)

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

PreK (age 4) through 6th 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.

Summer Fun Activities sponsored by Methodist Youth Fellowship



“Lion King” Movie Night on July 23 - MYF youth, families, volunteers and mentors enjoyed a “movie night” out along with concession goodies!

Jr. High Pool Party on July 31 at the Lavaca Swimming Pool. Our MYF youth and their friends had a great time splashing around and topped it off with pizza and ice cream floats. Special thanks to our mentors Dawn Jansky, Kristin Marak and Dick Nance for chaperoning this event.



High School Game Night was held in the Fellowship Hall on August 7.

~Find Your Shoes ~ -UnGame ~ Charades
~Bible Pong ~ Marshmallow Fisherman
~Pizza, Salad & Ice Cream Floats~

Thank you to Jodie Webb, Bob Vickers & Mary Jane Swope for leading these young adults.

