



SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1826 NALL ST
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THE PIPELINE

VISION; TO WELCOME ALL WHO ARE SEEKING TO FOLLOW GOD
THROUGH FRIENDSHIPS, SERVICE AND GRACE

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOMINATIONS Committee: Sept 22, 6:30 pm
via Zoom

COMMUNION:
October 4, 10:00 am

CHURCH COUNCIL:
October 13, 6 pm

UMCOR: if you would like to make a donation to help with disaster relief of Hurricane Laura, please make your check out to FUMC and put UMCOR in the memo or click here

<https://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx?spMailingID=5979862&spUserID=MjgxMzkwOTQ1NTU3S0&spJobID=1100233780&spReportId=MTEwMDIzMzc4MAS2>

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The Way Forward Committee has continued to meet and we want to make sure you are informed in the progress we are making. The items with a check mark are completed and if there is new information, it has been added.

- ✓ 1. Review all Speakers and videos so that they are in agreement with Methodist theology.
- ✓ 2. Finalize and distribute survey. The survey will be distributed by mail as well as by Survey Monkey. The survey will be mailed in order to be received in your homes by Sept 22, and will also be available on Survey Monkey by that time. The deadline for return will be Oct. 4, 2020 at which time statistics will be tallied. You can return it by mail, bring it to the church, or just fill it out on your computer.
- 3. Ongoing communication by everyone to keep in touch with members besides email, texting and social media.
- 4. It was also suggested that we go back to one service. This is one of the questions on the survey and plans will follow according to the answers provided by the members.
- 5. We have a written process for addressing problems within the staff/committees, but we are waiting to complete our sessions with Mike Bonem before approving it.
- ✓ 6. The Conflict Management and Church Function sessions with Mike Bonem have been set and they will take place on three consecutive Tuesdays starting on Sept. 29 and ending on Oct. 13. This will involve a 15-member panel meeting with Mike via Zoom.
- 7. Core values of the church were outlined in the VCI process and we will continue to work toward aligning all ministries to those values. This is also addressed on the survey.
- 8. The communications team will Make every effort to communicate deadlines of activities via multiple methods (i.e. Facebook, pipeline, email, etc.) with as much notice as possible. Deadlines for groups or individuals to be included in church communications will be set and communicated to everyone. This is ongoing.
- 9. We have interviewed one very good candidate for Choir Director and one for Youth Director. We have one additional candidate to interview for Youth Director.

The Way Forward Committee has decided to defer one item that was suggested. I have recently written about the General Conference that will take place Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 2021, in Minneapolis. Many of you are concerned about what will happen to our church based on the outcome of that Conference. This is a complicated issue and the Committee believes it will be better handled as a separate issue. I will hold some information meetings in the near future to discuss what we know at this time. One thing I feel very confident about is that each church will make their own decisions about what path they will follow. Look for information on the meetings to come soon. You can find additional information on this website, <https://www.gracethroughseparation.com/>

Finally, the Committee is very optimistic about the future of this church and believe with your support of these plans and of your church, First UMC, Port Neches will continue to build the Kingdom of God in this place well into the future. As always, feel free to contact me personally with any questions you have.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Curtis

Please pray for...

Bradley Achord
Paul Aguilard
Sherry Baker
Drew Bentley
Wanda Bienvenue
Amy Boneau
Kathy Calloway
Tim Chism
David Clifton
Donna Clifton
Janet Collins
Myrna Connelly
Freddie Cotton
Dee Culpepper
Margi Dalmas
Maria Dubois
Garry Farris
Phyllis Farris
Dustin Fuller
Jada Gentile
Joan Girolamo
Mitzi Griggs
Merri Haley
Rachel Hall
Stan & Martha Hall
Betty Healin
Jordan Heidenrich
Wanda Jinks
Maielle Kyler
Toncie Lampkin
Natalie Laws
Tabatha LeBeouf
Jon Lindenberger
Terry Lloyd
Dom Mars
Mary Ann Matthys
Dorothy McCall
Larry McFatter
Farris Miller
Phyllis Odom
Jared O'Neill

Gwen Park
Dustin Pelton
Mark Pittman
Jon Raab
Betty Ragan
Rob Rector IV
Randy Rood
Kathryn Carrier Runnels
Douglas Salisbury
Spikes Sturdivant
Coleta Suiter
Dodie Taubert
Jerry Thompson
Loretta Thompson
Beverly Tudor
Ted Tudor, Jr
Andrea Turner
Rodger Ward
Wesley Welborn
Benjamin Wunsch
Our Country
Our Leaders

Military:
Ed Andrews III
Stephanie Andrews
Dalton Celusta
Tommy English
Hunter Harrison
Brian Howard
Travis Johnson
Kevin Knippa
Eddie Pierce
Jonathan Welborn
Eric Youngblood

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Let's get moving again! I know that a lot of you may be a little bored staying at home, so we have a project for you. We have boxes to fill for Operation Christmas Child for Samaritan's Purse.

If you are interested in picking up a box with gift suggestions for a boy or a girl, we will have a table set up between the main building and the children's building starting September 30th. Please take a box, a gift list and a tag stating whether boy or girl and the age group. Please remember to add \$9.00 to cover Gospel booklets in different languages, postage and collection costs.

This is just a small way that we can show a child that they are loved and not forgotten. If you have any questions, please contact Martha 409-540-2491 or Pam 409-749-4480. Thank you for your generosity.

C.L.I.C.K. "Christ Lives in Christian Kids"

Hey Kiddos and Parents,

We're going to start C.L.I.C.K. October 14 at 6 pm in the Children's Building. More information to come. See you soon!!

COMMUNION

October 4, 10:00 am: We will serve pre-filled communion cups during our service. Communion will be on the first Sunday of each month.
For those watching online 11:00 am - We will serve communion under the carport. Please enter the parking lot from Dieu St. and exit onto Nall St.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you very much for the contribution made in my honor to the Children's Programs. I sincerely appreciate it. You are such an incredible Church Family and I am proud to be part of it.

With Love, Janet Sanders

A Friend in Christ,

Thank you for your church contribution in loving memory of my husband, Kenneth Suiter, and in honor of me.

Your Friend in Christ,
Coleta Suiter

Lynn & I would like to thank our Friend in Christ for the contribution made in our honor and in memory of my mother, Mary White. We can do big things with this Physical Plant Improvement contribution for the church and this would have made my mother very happy. Her church was always important to her. Thank you once again our special angel,
Lynn & Pam Coffman

Dear Friend in Christ,

Thank you for your loving contribution to the Physical Plant in honor of Terry and myself and in memory of my mom & dad, Charlie & Deane Folsie. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.
Charlie Phillips

I want to thank my Friend in Christ for the contribution in my honor to the Children's Fund. You are very thoughtful and kind.

Grace & peace,
Hubert Scott

To our Friend in Christ,

We thank you very much for the donation to the Children's Fund in our honor. That is very special to both of us.
Jim & Betty Wienert

Thank you so much to our Friend in Christ for the contribution made in our honor. We are deeply touched.
Earl & Linda Darst

IN LOVING SYMPATHY

RUTH REYNOLDS, died August 18. Services were through Levingston Funeral Home, Port Neches on Saturday, August 22.

KATHLEEN BOBBITT, Norresa Allen's mother, died August 26. Kathleen has been a member for 62 years, sang in the choir and was secretary for the Fidelis Sunday School Class.

LARRY SCHWARTZ, Cile Holstead's son-n-law, died September 7.

GIFTS	Aug 31-Sept 6
Mailed in	\$2961.00
Online	<u>2230.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5191.00

GIFTS	Sept 7-13
Mailed in	\$5202.00
Online	1455.00
Loose plate	<u>21.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6678.00

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Church Friends and Family,

Thank you dearly to everyone that helped me celebrate my retirement from my position as Children's Director. The cards, calls and gifts made me feel so special. I have so many wonderful memories at First Methodist and will continue to make memories with my Church friends and family. You are all a big part of my life and truly appreciate each of you dearly.

Love to all,
Allenda Savant

PROMISES


Promises will meet Monday, September 28, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall to plan our annual Bazaar. Please wear your mask and enter through the carport. We will not serve snacks. If you can help with baked goods for the Bazaar, please contact Alicia 409-365-5427 or Rhonda 409-543-4880. Hope to see you soon!

Saturday, October 3, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

*** Link, Chips & Drink ***

Drive thru the carport
PICK UP ONLY

BLESSING OF THE PETS



**Sunday, October 4
5:30 pm
at our cross in the park**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

*** If there's a birthday we have missed, please call the office and let us know.***

1: Mark Stanton
2: Courtney Celusta
3: Theresa Beavens, Jaylen LaBarge,
Terry Phillips
4: Joel Lawson, Ali Montondon, Jerry
Thompson
5: Mason Moore, Steve Stewart
7: Rhonda Pagan
11: Debbie Hebert
12: Callie Hartsfield
13: Michael Montondon
14: Sydney Frazier, Bonnie Timaeus

18: Katie Edgar, Matthew Waller
19: Ethan Johnson, Dorothy McCall
20: Robbie Bryant
21: Sterling Howard
22: Richard Briggs, Leslie Symmonds
23: Phil Allen
25: Alan Benson
27: Taylor Gragg
29: Pollie Bland
30: Kerrah Cappel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10am - Worship 4:45pm - Girl 27	6:30pm - Promises 28	29	5:30pm - Praise 7pm - Chancel 30	1 2	3	9:30am - McCall 3
10am - Worship 4:45pm - Girl 5:30 pm Blessing Pets - PN park 4	5 6	9:30am - UMW 10am - UMW 6	5:30pm - Praise 7pm - Chancel 7	8 9	9	10
10am - Worship 4:45pm - Girl 11	12 13	6pm - Church Council 13	5:30pm - Praise 6pm - CLICK 7pm - Chancel 14	15 16	16	10am - UMW Bazaar 10-2pm 17
10am - Worship 4:45pm - Girl 18	19 20	5:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Finance- 20	5:30pm - Praise 6pm - CLICK 7pm - Chancel 21	22 23	23	24
10am - Worship 4:45pm - Girl 25	26 27	27	5:30pm - Praise 6pm - CLICK 7pm - Chancel 28	29 30	30	31