

From the Pastor

It's time for a look back, to see what we have accomplished so far in our Emergence plan. It's been about a year since we instituted the plan, with the inclusion of the four Action Teams, to tackle our crisis in attendance and membership. I am pleased so far with the work that has been done, but we have a long way to go, as evidenced by the continued presence of empty pews in our worship services.

Some of the highlights of our journey include: the presence of yard signs in and around Liberal, proclaiming the name of the church with the UMC cross and flame logo; the purchase of over 100 church t-shirts for members to wear to activities; an increase in baptisms and the receptions of new members into the church; the intense planning by the Mission and Ministry Action Team to host a regional symposium on Human Trafficking in January 2019; an increased focus in congregational care with cards and personal visits to members; and a monthly prayer written by the Prayer Circle and distributed to church members through the

bulletin an via email and Facebook page. This is just a partial list, but all of the Action Teams have been very busy to bring about an improvement to our crisis.

But we need more done – and we need more people to step up and help out. In the coming months, I'm going to encourage each Action Team to determine what could be done with more people helping out. We will have opportunities to be visible in our community, and I hope that more of our church members will participate. I have great plans for how we can increase our presence at Prairie View Elementary – not just for activities such as their annual ice cream social, but actual volunteer time in the classrooms. We have created a mini-grant program for USD 480 teachers, and we are going to need volunteers to oversee that program.

But we are looking for other ideas – other ways we can reach out to the community in mission and fellowship. The more we go out, the more visible we are, and the more we can do when we make new disciples for Jesus Christ. Imagine if we bring in just five new people to worship each

month – by the end of the year, we will nearly double the size of attendance in our morning worship! I think that's a doable goal, but it's going to require each and every person in our congregation to reach out and invite someone to worship with us. Do you know that the average United Methodist invites someone to their church once every 25 years? Don't be average – invite someone and be ABOVE AVERAGE!

I know it's a difficult task. But we do not go about it alone. The presence of the Holy Spirit will guide us and strengthen us. And if we go about our work together, just as Jesus sent the 70 out two by two, we can accomplish more for God's mission and ministry than we can by ourselves. Find a buddy, and get to it – "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." God's Blessings – Pastor Keith

Choir Practice Begins – Come Join the Choir!

The Sanctuary Choir will begin their fall season practices on Wednesday, August 1st at 6:30 in the choir room, which is on the third floor behind the sanctuary balcony. If you like to sing, we'd love to have you join us, but you'll get more than singing – you'll get to be a part of a friendly small group of people who love using their

voices to praise God and bring music to our worship services. If you'd like to join, just show up on August 1st, or talk to Tony Claus, director. Come lift your voices in worship with the choir!!!



Handbell Choir Interest?

We are blessed to have a great set of handbells, but they aren't doing us any good sitting in their cases. Have you played in a handbell choir before and find you miss it? Have you wanted to try it, but were afraid you'd not be able to play? Do you even know what a

handbell is?

It would be great to see the handbells used again. It would be great to have a full choir, but there are pieces that are arranged for a few as two players on up, so the size of the choir doesn't matter.

Handbells are not hard to learn, and we will train you so that you

can join and make beautiful music. If you are interested, please visit with Pastor Keith, and we'll see if we can't get them used in worship again.



Can We Use Your Face and Words?



That's a strange headline, but Pastor Keith is looking for volunteers to appear in a new advertising campaign for the church. This print campaign will feature members of the church with a photograph and a few lines of what the church means to them, or why you are a member here. These ads will appear on our Facebook page, as well

as perhaps in the newspaper and other places. It will be a way for you to tell your story – the story about why FUMC Liberal is your church. All it will cost you is a little time and a smile, something everybody has! Please let Pastor Keith know if you would be interested in this method of marketing for our church.

Sound System Fund



If you have attended worship during the 11:00 a.m. service the past few years, you know that our sound system often throws little surprises at us in the form of unwanted loud noises or disturbing echoes as we try to worship. The trustees know that there is work to be done, and we are currently in the process of making plans for that work.

But it's not a cheap endeavor. The trustees

priced a completely new sound system, and found that the cost was going to be as much as \$100,000. That's just not feasible at this time. The trustees have decided that repair/replaces defective parts of the system is a better solution. They believe they can have a perfectly functioning sound system that will last us for years to come at a fraction of the cost of a completely new one.

In the next few weeks,

we will be talking about the sound system, and the need to establish a new fund for repairs. We know that we can use some memorial money if necessary, but we'd love to have other donations as well. Please consider helping to fund our sound system repairs. A good system is critical for our listeners on the radio, as well as those who worship in the sanctuary with us.



Help Prairie View School

The UMW saves Boxtops for Education and gives them to the school, and the school can get all kinds of different things. The Boxtops can be found on many items at the grocery store. The Boxtops can be given to Anita Sprague or taken to the Church Office.

Baptism with immersion



We will be having a service of Baptism with immersion on Sunday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m. at Larry and Holly Harp's residence, located at 2490 Windridge Court. The entire church is invited to attend and participate in the baptism of Sarah Ford before she leaves for college. Informal attire is encouraged, and the service should not last longer than 15 minutes.

Did You Know....?

Our FUMC Campus has been used by outside groups lately. On Saturday, June 23rd, we hosted the youth group from Frontier United Methodist Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for an overnight stay in the basement. They were on their way to Texas for some mission work, and contacted Pastor Keith to see if they could stay here. In all, there were eight students and five sponsors who stayed with us. They left by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, so we did not see them when we arrived for worship that day. They were very appreciative of

the hospitality we showed them. The connection works! It's great to help out other United Methodist!

Then on Tuesday, June 26, the United Methodist Women from our church fed lunch to a group of 47 travelers from the Wichita area. Pastor Keith was contacted about the possibility of our church being a lunch stopping point for this group as they made their way for a visit to Amarillo. They call themselves the Air Capital Active People. They are a group of Christian retired people that travel together to see new places. The

organizer of this trip is – you guessed it – a member of a United Methodist Church in Wichita, and since she knows about the typical hospitality that can be found in UMC churches, she called us first, hoping we could help them out. They were extremely impressed with the meal that was served, as well as the remodeling that has gone on in the church. I'm proud of our UMW ladies who helped that day, and proud of our church for willingly opening our doors to help other people!

August Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 1

Marketing and Awareness Action Team 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 2

Trustees 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 9

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee 6:30 p.m.

Mission and Ministry Action Team 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 23

Prayer Circle Action Team 6:30 p.m.

Please note – Finance Committee and Welcoming/Nurturing Action Team will NOT meet during the month of August.

Ad Council information will be announced at a later date.

Choir Practice begins again on August 1st at 6:30 p.m.



“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”
Acts 20:28

Support UMW When You Shop at Dillons

U.M.W. would like to thank everyone that signed up with the Dillon's Rewards Program. If you haven't signed up or need help re-enrolling, we have included some instructions on how to do so. If you need help you may call Ruth at the church office (620-624-8401) to set up a time.



Registering online

- Visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards and scroll down to sign in to your account or create one.
- Click on “**Enroll Now**” and enter **66354** which is our number.
- Select First United Methodist Women and click “**Enroll.**”

Registering by phone

- You could also call **866-221-4141**
- Provide them with your Dillon's i.d. number (which is the 12 digit number on the back of your Dillon's Plus card)
- Name and address

Organization number **66354**

To My Church Family

Thank you so very much for your prayers, concerns, and cards during my recent surgery and recovery.

Knowing that I have such a great family watching over me is great encouragement.

-Cheryl Carson



Share our number
66354 with others!



AUGUST



Sun.	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thur.	Fri	Sat.
<p>Office Hours Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.</p>			<p>1 Marketing & Awareness Action Team Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Spanish Service @ 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Trustees @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Hispanic Choir @ 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>5 Early Worship @ 8:30 Sunday School @ 10:00 English Worship @ 11:00 Spanish Worship @ 11:00</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Spanish Service @ 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9 SPRC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Mission/Ministry Action Team Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Hispanic Choir @ 6:00 p.m.</p>
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**If you'd like to have something in The CHIMES,
Deadline for March Newsletter is
February 28th**



**CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesdays at 6:30**



**Prayer Requests: To put a prayer
request on the church's prayer chain,
please contact Susan Lukwago**



**Methodist First United Church
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