

Hello Friends!

This month I want to share part of an article by Jeremy Steele entitled, "Did the UMC Split? 5 Tips on Talking to Kids (and Adults) about What Happened. Here are parts one, two & three:

1. Know What Did Not Happen. News of this story broke in every major secular and Christian news outlet from the New York Times to Christianity Today, and most led with some headline announcing that the UMC had split, had agreed to split or had announced that it was going to split.

Let's make it clear: the UMC has not split and has not announced it would.

The only body able to speak for the United Methodist Church is General Conference. In this crazy time, it is important to reiterate that. For those of you that need a refresher, the General Conference is a global legislative gathering that happens once every four years unless a special session is called as happened in 2019. They speak by voting on proposals to amend or change the UMC Book of Discipline which is our denomination's guiding rule book. The next General Conference will meet in Minneapolis from May 5-15 this year.

2. Know What Did Happen. If the United Methodist church didn't split, then what happened?

A group that seems to represent every major lobbying group on every end of the spectrum in the Methodist Church comprised of pastors, Bishops, and lay people met with a professional mediator to come to an agreement on how to finally deal with this problem. Through those meetings they created the protocol that was released on Jan 3 that spells out how they agreed to peacefully end the 47 year fight.

What may be the most important piece of the protocol is that every leader in the group agreed to abandon their group's own General Conference legislation (often referred to as a "plan" and instead support the legislation that will be created around the principles in the protocol.

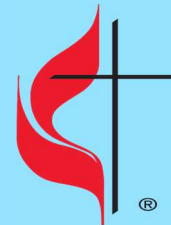
What are some of the principles? Well, you can read them yourself, (<https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/files/websites/www/pdfs/signed+umc+mediation+protocol+statement+-2020.pdf>) but in the most over-generalized terms, the protocol allows for the creation of a new, traditionalist denomination (and possibly other denominations as well). Whole annual conferences will be able to vote to join those denominations. If a specific church doesn't like the way their annual conference votes, they can vote to go the other way. If no vote happens at either an annual conference or local church level, the church will stay within the existing UMC.

That's the basics. It's an overgeneralization, but if you don't have time to read eight pages, it should help give you the lay of the land.

3. Know the Process. Basically, this is far from a done deal; though, it is the closest to a done deal the UMC has ever seen around this issue. From this point a group of the leaders that created the protocol with the mediator will draft legislation. That legislation will be reviewed by the Judicial Council (the Supreme Court of the UMC) to see if it is constitutional. It will then likely be edited again based on their feedback and brought to that General Conference gathering in May. Talk to me if you have any questions!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



***"Jesus Calls Us to be
Vibrant,
Loving and Of Service
to All."***

501 North Main Street
Grand Saline, TX
75140

Worship Times:

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday at 10:55 am

Bible Study:

Sunday at 6:30 pm

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Mon. – Thurs.

10am- Noon, 1 - 3pm

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Pastor Mark M. Pedersen



Kids learning about Jesus



Kids Choir in their new room!



Hello All,

Women's Group will not have a meeting until March 25th. This meeting will be to plan our MOVIE NIGHT! Looking forward to that. Be thinking about good movies and we will discuss at the meeting.

Also, the Blessing Bags are in back of the Church, if you would like to pick up one.

Blessings to Everyone,



Marilyn



Chad Chaney In Concert



**Chad Chaney is a passionate worship artist
with a purpose: love Jesus and love others**

February 23, 2020 6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

501 N. Main Street

Grand Saline, Texas 75140

(903) 962-3151—Church office

Check him out on Facebook or his

Website: <https://www.chaneymusic.com>



1st Wednesday of each Month



**Fun, Food
and
Fellowship**

Please join us on February 14th for a Valentine Dinner At 6:00 PM. The proceeds will send the IgniTe group (4th & 5th grades) to camp.



We will have a delicious dinner as well as square dancing, line dancing, and a country music DJ. It will be tons of fun, you will not want to miss this!! Tickets are \$15 per person or 2 for \$25. Reservations required, no tickets at the door, so get your tickets early! Nursery provided through age 6. Call the Church office for information. (903) 962-3151

A note from the Altar Guild

Thank you to Delois Currey for loaning the church her white ceramic nativity to help beautify the Lord's Table during Advent and Christmas.



Breaking Bread
Community
Food Pantry



"For I was hungry and
you gave me food."
(Matthew 25:35a)

903-962-3151

1st & 3rd
THURSDAYS
4PM - 6PM

Serving our neighbors in the
Grand Saline & Fruitvale ISDs

The Breaking Bread Community Food Pantry this month is needing
Spinach, canned fruits and hearty soups.

Please bring your donations to the Church Office, Thank you!



Our first SNL is Feb 23rd. Please be there at 6 PM and share the music and testimony of Chad Chaney. We hope to have a large crowd, so please bring friends, neighbors, family to this second visit by Chad at our SNL events.

Bell Choir meets at 6:30 PM on Mondays. We currently have a full choir, but could use substitutes and anyone interested in joining the Ding-a-Lings. They will be playing for our Sunday Service on Palm Sunday, April 5th.

Choir needs more singers, especially sopranos. If you sing, please join us for practice on Monday evenings at 5 – 6:30 PM.

Feb. 14th will be the Valentine banquet to raise funds to send younger youth to camp. We will have a dinner and we have a square dance, line dance, country music and a DJ lined up. It will be tons of fun. Tickets will be \$15 per person or 2 for \$25. Get your tickets early!

Bell choir and Choir will be hosting the Lenten Lunch on March 18th. These are wonderful opportunities to hear guest speakers that Pastor Mark lines up and enjoy a free lunch of soup and salad. They run from March 4th thru April 1st.

Bell Choir will be hosting the March 29th 5th Sunday lunch. Ding-a-Lings are trying to raise money for lighter weight, rolling bell cases. Each case is around \$600 and we need 3. So, please come to our 5th Sunday lunch on March 29th

Music department has a really busy Spring!



Thank you to all of our talented musicians, choir and bell choir members for all the hours of work and for sharing your talents and your testimony in music.

Sincerely Blest,

Jaye



Cub Scout Pack 374 meets on Tuesday's at 7:00 PM at Our Church. If you know a boy who would like to join, please call the Pack Leader, Samantha at, (903) 269-8671.



Crafters in Canton, searching for treasures to Bless others



What a delight to be part of this group!! Please join us, if you enjoy learning to make items, share joys and concerns, and laugh hysterically! We have tons of fun making items for our Mother's Day sale or to give to nursing home, food pantry and other community groups. We meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 5:30 PM.

So far, we have more ideas and projects than we have time to do! Some of the crafters went to Canton's First Monday to pick up some things to repurpose. It was a fun day of junking, lunch, and planning how to transform this junk into useful articles. Come see what we create.

Bob Gray donated two carloads of items that Lynn had used for crafts and needlework. Those who were privileged to know Lynn remember all the beautiful things she made. Among the things Bob donated are some finished pieces of needlework. Since these items are priceless, they will be displayed and offered to any of our congregation for a donation to the craft group. Please make check payable to FUMC and note on the check "Donation to crafters in Memory of Lynn Gray". We will announce a date for these items to be displayed. You will want to take home a beautiful treasure and beautiful memory of Lynn Gray. Thank you, Bob.

Craft Sale is May 9th this year. Mark your calendars and come see the beautiful items the crafters are making for our Mother's Day Sale.

April 16 – 18th will be the Hwy 80 Garage Sale. Again this year, the crafters will set up in the Fellowship hall. You are welcome to donate items to our sale. Please wait until after April 12th (Easter Sunday) to bring items for sale to the church. You may place those in the last room on the right upstairs above the Sanctuary. If you need to bring things earlier, please call Jaye Easterwood to be sure we have a place for them. 214/563-5761. We welcome your donations. Money will go to Crafters and a portion will be donated to help purchase bell cases for the bell choir. Busy group of wonderful ladies having fun times! Join us!! CREATE JOY!!

IgniTe Youth for 4th and 5th graders

Food, games, basketball and scriptures are happening on Mondays at 3:45 - 5:00 pm. Tell all who might be interested!

This week we began talking about summer activities:

- 1) Summer camp at Lakeview for 5th graders through graduating seniors.
- 2) BIG HOUSE (**B**elieving in **G**od, **H**elp **O**thers **U**nderstand **T**hrough **S**ervice **E**verywhere)

A 4-day work mission for 5th grade through 8th grade. This is held at various churches in

our conference. We will continue to learn about these activities and hope to participate.





*Please join us for an Open House at
Our Children's Christian Academy,
February 23, 2020
after morning Church service.*

Happy Problem!!

Because our Sunday School is growing, we are needing 2 more Sunday School teachers for children ages: **Pre-K through 3rd grade** and **4th through 8th grades**.

Please listen to your heart (prayer) and call to volunteer. This is a team teaching plan with 2 Sundays on and 2 Sundays off with congregations volunteers assisting on occasional Sundays. We have some good curriculum available to use.

**Call Gail Hill, children's coordinator,
and volunteer: 903-312-5283.**

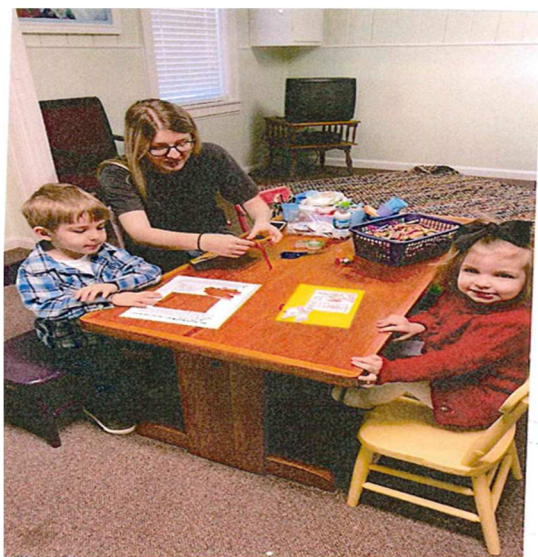


Our Brunch Bunch meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting will be February 11, 2020 @ 11:00 AM. We mailed 31 cards at the January, 14, 2020 meeting. We would love for you join us. Just call the Church Office, or just come to the next meeting if you would just like to visit. Bring an appetite and a Happy Face. You will be amazed and hopefully join our group.

Thank you to the person who brought all occasion cards to Church. We really appreciate it. We always need cards, so keep them coming!

Thank you, God Bless you all, Sue Myers/Group Leader

Happy Valentine's Day *From The Brunch*



Do y'all remember a LONG time ago when our church had a Kids Choir? Well, we have started it up again and added a chimes group too!

Our new Kids Choir and Chimes has been Renewed, Reinvigorated, and Revitalized! Martha and Gail have exciting new material for our children to learn to sing and play the chimes!!! Kids, we have new hand chimes and bells that are color coded!

Kids Sunday School/Chimes and Choir 9:45AM Sunday's

Any questions, please contact the Church Office (903) 962-3151.



The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes **Super Bowl** weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight **hunger** and **poverty** in their local communities. Its vision is to transform the Big Game into America's largest youth-led time of **giving and serving**. Young people collect monetary and food donations during the weeks leading up to and after Super Bowl Sunday. 100% of the money and food is then given directly to local **charities** of the group's choice.^[1]

Souper Bowl of Caring

Founded

1990 in Columbia, South Carolina

IF YOU ARE ILL, OUT OF TOWN, OR ON VACATION YOU CAN STILL HAVE WORSHIP WITH US BY GOING ONLINE!
WE ARE ON FACEBOOK LIVE!



2020 Stewardship Report

<u>The Sunday</u>	1/5	1/12	1/ 19	1/ 26
Sunday School	35	37	30	34
Worship	78	79	62	79
Received through January 2019				\$ 22,970.92
Received through January 2020				\$ 17,181.00
Budget for 2019				\$219, 382.00



Prayer Requests for family, friends, and others.

Our Nation, President, Government Leaders, Men and Women of our Armed Forces & their families, First Responders and their families, Pastor Mark, Betty Adamson, Gwen & Sherman Hughes, Ina Cambre, Rudy Kirby, Nell Allison, Bill & Lisa Waldon-Sue & Dean Myers daughter & son-in-law, Ryan Moncrief- friend of Kathy Lea, Amanda Frost-friend of Marilyn Smith's daughter, Linda Barrett-Jeanne Shively's cousin, Bob Foley-Kathy Lea's brother, Janice Wood-friend of Kathy Lea, Mayeli-Nina's daughter, Beverly Lowry, Marina-Marilyn Smith's Mother's Caregiver, Delois Currey, Bobby Hodge-John Hodge's brother, Chuck Keil-Martha Berry's brother, Mark Davis-friend of Jim & Martha Berry, Maxine Moore-Jaye Easterwood's sister, Jennifer Pickens, Tracey Kapeller-Claudeane Sublett's Niece, Cheryl Michels-friend of Martha Berry, Grand Saline Museum, Grand Saline Schools & their Teachers.



For February

**Jim Berry
&
Kathy Lea**



Scripture Readers For February

2nd - Blake Boyles
9th - Bob Gray
16th - Brenda Miller
23rd - Mary Jane Hollowell




Jesus calls us to be Vibrant, Loving and of Service to all

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
10:-00 am—12:00 pm
1:00 pm— 3:00 pm

Wednesday's
10:00 am
Children's Chapel Time

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1. Emile Clifford Birthday
2. Communion Sunday 9:45am SS 9:45am Kids SS/Choir 10:55am Worship Pastor Mark @ Anderson 2:30 pm 4-5:30 pm Freshmen 5:00-7:00 Pm Tribe 6:30pm Bible Study	3. 3:45-5 pm Ig- niTe 5pm Choir 6:30 pm Bells John & Paula Hodge Anniversary	4. 5:30 pm Craft Group 5:30pm Jr. Hi 6-8pm KFC Edgewood 7pm Scouts	5. 6pm Game Night	6. 4-6pm Food Pantry 6-8pm FC GS Charles Riveire Birthday	7.	8. Andy Collins Birthday
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