



### 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!**

#### July

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – VBS  
5:30-7:30pm

#### August

1<sup>st</sup> – Lunch & Learn  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Summer Music Recital



We welcome the following  
new members to our  
church!

**Shirley & Dent Taylor  
Edith & Gary Hastings**

We are glad you're here!

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Gary & Beth Aiken  
Herb Aiken  
Michael Aiken  
Dean Anderson  
Baby Samuel Azemia  
John & Carol Beck  
Mary Ann Berger  
Peg Bigger  
Anne Brenton  
Vern Brenton  
Joe & Phyllis Bush – fire at home  
Lynn & James Catto  
Ann Cerny  
Beverly Charles  
Colors of Hope Ministry  
Sarah Crawford  
Daniel Drozd  
Johnny Durham  
Sean Dyer  
Andy Evans  
Anna Ruth Evans  
Daniel Fric  
Francis Glueck  
Bob & Fannie Griffith  
Gloria Haas  
Hannah  
Justin Hastings & 3 daughters  
Hayne Hermes, Sr.  
Logan Herrington-Army  
Billy & Bobbie Hobbs  
Lundy Hooten & Family  
Edward Garcia  
Isaac  
Brooke & Phil Klemme  
Gary Janak  
Casey & Layna Jones  
Evelyn Lishinski  
Renee Loden  
Marlene  
Maryah  
Pastor Melanie & Family  
Grandmother of Heather Miears  
Laurie Monical  
Karen Myers  
Liz Nunnely  
Family of Nita Pakebusch  
Rudy Perez  
Jackie Powell  
David Rakes  
Baby Grady Repka  
Henry Joe Repka  
Grady Sanders  
Sarah  
Geoffrey Seuser  
Karen Seuser & Family  
Wilma Seuser  
Sierra  
Kim Silvers  
June Strickland  
Lawrence Teaff  
Jes Tojek  
Vic  
Victor  
Howard Wagner  
DeDe Barnes Welder  
Cynthia Werner  
Cheryl Whitley

America the Beautiful (page 696 in the red song book) was written in 1893 by Katherine Lee Bates, an English professor at Wellesley College, following an inspiringly beautiful train trip from New England to Colorado Springs, Colorado. The melody we sing today was composed by Samuel A. Ward, of Grace Episcopal Church in New Jersey, in 1910.

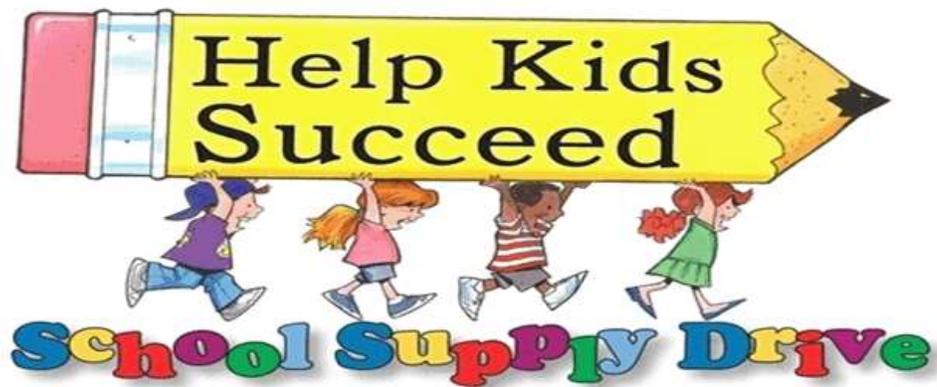
As we sing this song, it is such a joy to be reminded of our own experiences of the beauty of this amazing country, this amazing land. As we sing this song it is inspiring to be reminded of the work and dedication of those who have served and are serving our nation. As we sing this song, it is humbling to be reminded that our nation continues to be a work in progress.

May God's will be done in us, around us, among us, and through us as we celebrate the 242<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the United States of America.

Happy Fourth of July!

*Pastor Melanie*

**There are several open dates on the Flower Chart. If you are not currently in the yearly rotation and would like to provide flowers or plants, please call the church office or sign up on the chart in the church entryway.**



Sponsored by the Methodist Women

There are 2 boxes located in the church entryway – One for your monetary donations and one with lists of school supplies to purchase and bring back to fill the box. Please donate between **now and August 5** so supplies can be given to needy students before the start of the school year.



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

Lauren Wilson  
 Lyn Wyatt  
 Our Nation  
 The World  
 Drs, Patients & Families  
 at MD Anderson  
 All affected by Hurricane Harvey

**New Additions:**  
 Esterlita Englis  
 John Courtade  
 Leon Svetlik  
 Emma Henke

### Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – May 2018

- Request has been received to make parking lot across from the Fellowship Hall handicapped accessible.
- Check signing for accounts in excess of \$1,000 will now have 2 signers.
- 2018 Donations from Special Account were discussed and approved: Richardson Chapel - \$3,000, LAMB - \$7,000, Cathedral Oaks - \$1,000, National Justice for our Neighbors - \$500 and Other Special Offerings \$1,000.
- Motion made and approved to install cyclone fence between Annex and Church Offices
- Issues with asphalt parking lot have been tabled.
- Thank you to Bob Vickers for power washing our sidewalks! They look great!
- Pastor Melanie will have a refresher class for those interested in joining our church or for all members interested in the Methodist Church platform.
- Dawn Jansky presented a 3 Year Budget Plan for MYF. Budget was approved.
- HFUMC Safety Policy June 2018 was presented and approved.
- Motion was made and approved to purchase 15 books for Methodist Women Bible Study from Special Account.

### Worship Service Schedule

June	Greeter	Liturgist	A/V System	Acolytes
3	Cate Siragusa	Ray Housley	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & Sophia Walker
10	Alice Vickers	Carla Jones	Kristin Marak	Rylan Marak & Kelly Catto
17	Mary Ann Defibaugh	Marvin Peterson	Sitka Family	Taylor & Christopher Kostelnik
24	Beverly Nance	Dick Nance	Tullos Family	Grace & Lora Parvin
<b>July</b>				
1	Susan Housley	Ray Housley	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & Sophia Walker
8	Mary Jane Swope	Robert Lundy	Kristin Marak	Lauren Lundy & Rylan Marak
15	Diane Repka	Jason Cozza	Sitka Family	Emma & Juliet Davenport
22	Betty Jean Metzler	Lori Dyer	Tullos Family	Taylor & Christopher Kostelnik
29	Nancy Hunter	Stephen Hunter	Dawn Jansky	Grace & Lora Parvin
<b>August</b>				
5	Betty Williams	Ray Housley	Kristin Marak	Rylan Marak & Kelly Catto
12	Cate Siragusa	Marvin Peterson	Sitka Family	Emma & Juliet Davenport
19	Mary Ann Defibaugh	Robert Lundy	Tullos Family	Lauren Lundy & Sophia Walker
26	Beverly Nance	Dick Nance	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & Taylor Kostelnik
<b>September</b>				
2	Susan Housley	Ray Housley	Kristin Marak	Rylan Marak & Kelly Catto
9	Mary Jane Swope	Robert Lundy	Sitka Family	Lauren Lundy & Sophia Walker
16	Diane Repka	Jason Cozza	Tullos Family	Grace & Lora Parvin
23	Betty Jean Metzler	Lori Dyer	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & Taylor Kostelnik
30	Nancy Hunter	Stephen Hunter	Kristin Marak	Emma & Juliet Davenport



**You are invited!**

**Friday, August 3 @ 7pm on the front church lawn.**

**Music & Choir students will perform**

**Pizza & SnoCones to follow**

**Please RSVP by Thursday, August 2 to 361.798.2650**

**Casual dress please.**

## **A Report From Bishop Robert Schnase On The Commission On A Way Forward**

(a group formed to advise the World United Methodist Church on the subject of homosexuality)

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two weeks ago, the Council of Bishops received the final report from the Commission on a Way Forward. After considerable discussion and prayer, the Council voted overwhelmingly to share the work done by the Commission on three different plans and to recommend the One Church Plan.

**The One Church Plan will be placed before the General Conference for legislative action.**

I am excited about the work done by the Commission and the Council. Your bishops, following the charge of General Conference 2016, are sending a proposed way forward, the One Church Plan, to be considered at the special called session of General Conference next year. While no plan is perfect, I believe this to be the best answer to the question of how we move forward together.

To honor the work of the commission, and in service to the delegates to the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference, the Council of Bishops will also provide supplemental materials that include a historical narrative with disciplinary implications related to the connectional conference plan and the traditionalist plan. The recommendation adopted by the Council of Bishops reflects the wide diversity of theological perspectives and the global nature of the United Methodist Church as the best way forward for our future as a denomination.

### **Why The One Church Plan?**

**The One Church Plan provides a generous unity that gives conferences, churches, and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context without disbanding the connectional nature of the church.**

It was an honor to be a part of the commission on a way forward. This is one of many photos of our time together.

**No annual conferences, bishops, congregations or pastors are compelled to act contrary to their convictions.** The plan grants space for traditionalists to continue to offer ministry as they have in the past with explicit disciplinary assurances that no pastor or church shall be compelled to perform ministries that represent a conflict of conscience. The plan gives space for progressives to exercise freely a more complete ministry with LGBTQ persons by allowing pastors and churches to offer same gender weddings. The plan provides space for conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines to practice ministry according to their national and regional contexts. The One Church Plan provides space for all United Methodists to continue without disrupting their ministries. There is no mandate that requires a local church, conference, or pastor to participate in a vote that divides, segments, or separates. Voting is kept to a minimum except where it is helpful. The United Methodist Church remains in connection, upholding unity of mission without uniformity of practice.

**But the Plan is not merely about giving everyone space, so we can all just get along better; it's about multiplying the United Methodist witness.**

It helps the church reach people it would otherwise be unable to reach with the good news of Jesus Christ. In our own conference, we see incredible mission work being done in our communities. And yet, we know that one congregation reaches people another church cannot while another congregation can reach those the first will never be able to engage. The One Church Plan fulfills the mandate given the Commission to find a way forward that maximizes a United Methodist witness, grants as much contextual differentiation as possible, and maintains as much unity as possible.

**The Plan maintains the leadership and connectional structures of the United Methodist Church, including annual conferences, the Council of Bishops, the General Conference and the Judicial Council.**

United Methodist institutions, foundations, universities, hospitals, and general agencies will continue to offer their ministries without significant disruption or costly legal counsel related to their charters or articles of incorporation. Wespath (The Board of Pensions) will continue to offer its services without disruption.

### **What Happens Now?**

At this point, the One Church Plan is only a recommendation from the Council of Bishops. The decision about what General Conference will do rests with the lay and clergy delegates as they meet in Special Session in February 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis.

At this year's gathering of the Rio Texas Annual Conference, I'll share a little more detail about the recommendation from the Council, the other plans that were considered, and the Special Session of General

Conference. During the fall of 2018, I look forward to more extensive conversations about what such a proposal might mean for our churches, our pastors, our conference, and our ministry together in Christ.

In the meantime, I invite you to continue to pray for the church, the clergy, the laity of The United Methodist Church, and for mission entrusted to us by Christ. I feel confident that we will find a way to move forward together so that we may continue to offer the healing presence of Jesus Christ around the world.

More from Bishop Schnase on this topic: <https://riotexas.org/bishops-blog/2018/6/2/serving-on-the-commission?rq=way%20forward>

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward-about-us>

## Immigration Related Action Of Our Rio Texas Annual Conference...

United Methodists Pass Resolution to End Immigrant Family Separation at Annual Gathering

**CORPUS CHRISTI (Tuesday, June 12, 2018)** – The Rio Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church passed a resolution on June 9 to formally request the US Department of Justice to cease the separation of immigrant children from their families. Robert Schnase, Bishop of the Rio Texas Annual Conference, presided over the motion during the Annual Conference to address the humanitarian crisis affecting children held in detention centers located across South Texas.

Rio Texas Transforming Communities Vision Team chair Dionisio Salazar (of Parker Lane UMC, Austin) presented this “Resolution to End Family Separation” before the conference:

“Whereas the United States government recently implemented a coercive ‘zero tolerance policy’ resulting in the traumatic separation of children from immigrant parents and the subsequent incarceration of children in secretive detention centers;

Whereas several of the detention facilities are operated within the geographical boundaries of the Rio Texas Conference;

Whereas this practice constitutes a violation of international law, child abuse, harassment and discrimination;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, shall respectfully request the US Department of Justice immediately discontinue separating children from their families due to the ‘zero tolerance policy.’”

1500 lay delegates and clergy voted overwhelmingly to support the resolution to end family separation.

The Rio Texas Annual Conference meets every June at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, Texas to conduct the business of the United Methodist Church for the Rio Texas region that spreads from north of San Angelo to the Rio Grande Valley in the south. This is the fourth gathering since the former Southwest Texas Conference and Rio Grande Conference merged to become the Rio Texas Annual Conference in 2015.



### Volunteers Needed for VBS

Safety Policy certified Adults as well as Jr. High and High School age volunteers are need for our upcoming Vacation Bible School on July 16-18! Please contact the church office or Dawn Jansky if you can help. If you would like to volunteer and are not yet certified – call or email Christie in the church office.

### Safety Policy Certification

There is still time for you to become certified before the start of VBS. Please contact Christie in the church office to get started. A Step 3 Trusted Con Confianza Conference webinar will be held here at the church on Saturday, July 14, 1:30-3:30pm. Remember, this training not only certifies you to work with our youth, but also vulnerable adults.



## Methodist Youth Fellowship

MYF - Wednesday Evenings - 5:30-7pm

Grades PreK - 12

**Summer Break** - MYF is on break for the Summer and will resume in September.

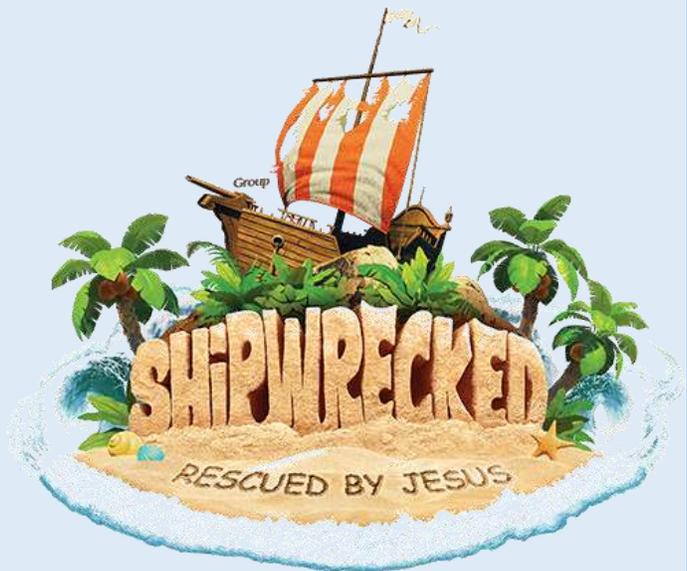
### Vacation Bible School

July 16, 17 & 18

5:30 - 7:30pm

PreK (Age 4) – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Food  
Worship  
Songs  
Crafts  
Outdoor Fun



Register NOW at [www.hallettsvillefumc.org](http://www.hallettsvillefumc.org)



American  
Red Cross

### Babysitting Training Classes – Coming Soon!

Recommended for those ages 11 to 15, this course is designed to help participants develop leadership skills, build their business, help keep themselves and others safe, help children learn how to behave, and learn basic child care and basic first aid.



### Painting & Pizza

Jr. High Fun Night

Tuesday, July 31, 6-8pm

in the Fellowship Hall

