



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!

May

2nd – Lunch & Learn

19th – Spring Music Recital

20th – Confirmation Sunday

June

7th – Congregation Summer
Music Begins

7th – Summer Choir Begins

8th – Community Summer
Music Begins

Every time we gather for Sunday worship in this place we are reminded that we are here for a purpose. In response to the question, "Why are we here?", we say "We are helping God make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

What a joy it is to share the journey with others like us who have made the decision to follow Jesus in this place. Our journey includes participating in the work of helping God make disciples for Jesus through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. (Notice this is the vow we make when we become members of this congregation).

Since helping each other become true disciples and inviting others to join us in this journey of discipleship is our purpose, it is important for us to understand what a disciple is.

In my experience, the most helpful definition of a disciple comes from the Rev. Dr. Phil Maynard, a United Methodist pastor from Florida:

Rev. Maynard describes a disciple as a person who makes and keeps 3 commitments:

1. To be part of the Body of Christ
2. To become more like Jesus
3. To follow Jesus out into the world in mission

Being part of the Body of Christ is not just about joining the church. Being part of the Body of Christ is about sharing ourselves, our resources (time, money, talents, etc) in the church and beyond for the glory of God. To be part of the Body of Christ



OUR PRAYER LIST

Herb Aiken
Michael Aiken
Dean Anderson
Anne
Baby Azemia
Mary Ann Berger
Vern Brenton
Caroline
Lynn & James Catto
Annie Cerny
Robert Chapman
Beverly Charles
Chase Cobb
Cody
Cookie Crandall
Sarah Crawford
Mike Cullin
Judge Lee Duggan
Andy Evans
Anna Ruth Evans
Judy Evans - Surgery
Daniel Fric
Charlene Gorrell
Bob & Fannie Griffith
Family of Maretta Grindeland
GG & family
Luke Haas
Family of Lisa Hastings
Rev. Dennis Herring
Logan Herrington
Gary Hester Family
Billy & Bobbie Hobbs
Lundy Hooten & Family
Barbra Horton
Sweet & Bill Hrcir
Jeanette Hunter
Jackie & young daughter
Kathy & Gary
Baby Leif Jacoby
Gary Janak
Jacob Janak & family
Jammie
John
Kathy
Phil & Brooke Klenne
Audrey Klmitchek
Michael Kopp & family
Callahan Lane-US Army
Tom M.
Marlene
Gok McConnell
Pastor Melanie & Family
Mendez Family
Jeanette Middleton
Grandmother of Heather Mears
Mike
Karen Myers
David Nitsch
Noah
Robbie Norris
Odefey Family in Wharton
Cole Ohrt
Nita & Garland Pakebusch
Bob Page
George Patterson
Fonis & Margaret Payne
Peg

is our acknowledgment of God's truth found in 1 Corinthians 12: 27 All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

Verses 7-11 say ⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

Whether you know it or not: Your gifts matter. Your gifts make a difference. That means your presence makes a difference too.

When we participate in the ministries of the church, we become part of something much bigger than we are. As we share the gifts God has given us, we become part of something bigger and more wonderful than we can imagine. We become part of the Body of Christ.

God makes it possible for us to grow in holiness – in other words, to become more like Jesus, when we follow those three rules of Holy Living we talk about around here.

1. First do no harm. 2. Do all the good we can. AND 3. do everything in your power to stay in love with God. (We stay in love with God through prayer (by ourselves and with others); study of scripture (by ourselves and with others); worship (in church and everywhere we go); and in fellowship with likeminded believers.

As we step out into our lives beyond this place – out into the world – holy living gives us new eyes - a new ability to see everything and everyone in new ways. AND as we step out into the world Jesus calls us to help him continue his earthly ministry doing what he did 2000 years ago in THIS time and in THIS place. He calls us to share the good news of the life God wants for each of his children, now and forever in heaven. He calls us to care for the sick and the hungry and to help sinners change their minds.

He calls us to BE disciples in everything we think and say and do - everywhere we go, with everyone we meet. Know that I count it the greatest privilege to be on this joyful journey with you. God bless you.

Pastor Melanie

Confirmation Sunday & Celebration Luncheon

On **Sunday, May 20**, during worship, we expect to confirm:

Taylor Kostelnik and Sophia Walker

Thanks be to God for these young people who are ready to make their own personal commitment as followers of Jesus Christ.

We will have a celebration lunch immediately following worship. Our faithful United Methodist Women will provide fried chicken, rolls, and drinks. You are invited to bring sides.

Come!

Invite your friends. Invite your family.

It will be a wonderful celebration!!

Joe P. Pelot
 Jackie Powell
 Renee
 Mary Ann Reyes
 Family of Mason Rother
 Amber Sanders
 Grady Sanders
 Sarah
 Frank & Sheila Saunders
 Geoffrey Seuser
 Karen Seuser
 Wilma Seuser
 John Shatt
 Sherry
 Sierra
 Family of Floyd Smith
 Dean Stewart
 Shirley Taylor
 Vic
 Victor
 Jessie Villareal
 Wehling Family in Houston
 Richard Wehling
 DeDe Barnes Welder
 Jeanne Wilson
 Lauren Wilson
 Wanda Wright
 Hubbard Wyatt
 Lyn Wyatt
 Joey Wysatta
 Our Nation
 The World
 Drs, Patients & Families
 at MD Anderson
 All affected by Hurricane Harvey

New Additions:
 Family of Clem Garcia
 Carol Aiken
 Billy Kubecka
 Sylvester Garza
 Sammie Patterson
 Colors of Hope Ministry



We welcome the following
 new members to our
 church!

Virginia & Pat Carr
 Mary Ann & Jason Cozza
 Elaine & Robert Pakebusch
 Betty Williams

We are glad you're here!

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.



Spring Music Class Recital

May 19, 2018 @ 11am
 First United Methodist Church Sanctuary
 206 S. Dowling

Lunch to follow.

Please RSVP for lunch by Monday, May 14 to 361.798.2650



On Thursday, May 3, the Hallettsville Ministerial Alliance observed National Day of Prayer at the Lavaca Courthouse gazebo. Area pastors led prayers for unity of the church, unity in

the midst of racial division, for our community, for government leaders, for national security, for families, for the workplace and opportunities for work, for humility, for spiritual awakening, and for national unity.

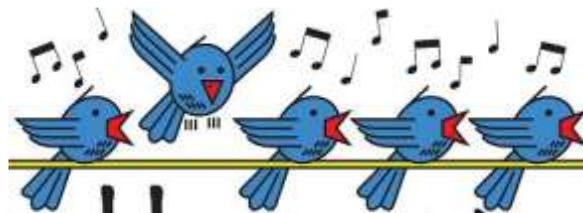
Many thanks to Denise Drozd for being our accompanist. Thanks to Ronnie Drozd for providing the sound system. Thanks to Bob Vickers and Kenneth Swope for bringing the chairs.



May God bless you, our community, our state, and our nation.

Worship Service Schedule				
May	Greeter	Liturgist	A/V System	Acolytes
6	Mary Jane Swope	Robert Lundy	Dawn Jansky	Lauren Lundy & Danna Jansky
13	Diane Repka	Jason Cozza	Kristin Marak	Rylan Marak & Kelly Catto
20	Betty Jean Metzler	Lori Dyer	Sitka Family	Grace & Lora Parvin
27	Nancy Hunter	Stephen Hunter	Tullos Family	Emma & Juliet Davenport
June				
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
July				
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

New Youth Ministry Opportunity!



Add your voice

We invite all our school age children and youth to participate in our new

Summer Choir Program

Beginner Level Class (age 4-8)

Intermediate Level Class (age 9-19)

Learn to sing in unison

Learn to sing in rounds

Learn to sing harmony

Classes will be held on Thursdays starting June 7 and held through August 2. Time to be announced. All students will perform in the Summer Music Recital on Friday, August 3. Students will also be required to sing during scheduled performances for Sunday Worship and other ministry/community events. There is no cost to participate in this program but students are required to make a time commitment to class attendance and practice. Please contact the church office by phone or email for Registration/Policy Forms. **Registration deadline is May 23th.**

NEW Congregation Summer Music Opportunity

Did you miss out on joining our music program last year?

Did you have to drop out of class due to schedule conflicts?

Have you or your child or grandchild been wanting to take lessons, but found yourself too busy during the school year?

Did you play way back when and want to get started again?

If you answered YES - to any of these questions, the Summer Music Program may be just right for you! Beginning lessons in Piano, Drums and Guitar will be offered.

Mission

To equip churches with musicians
who can serve their church and community.

Dates

Every Thursday or Friday starting 2nd week of June
(to be determined by class scheduling)
and ending with the Summer Music Recital on August 3rd.

Class Time

to be announced

Tuition/per month

1 student / 1 instrument - \$25

1 student / 2 instruments - \$40

Family of 3-4 / 1 instrument - \$55

Pre-registration is required to reserve a space in class. First months tuition is due as a deposit at time of registration and is non-refundable. Scholarships are available for those financially unable to pay tuition - must meet class attendance & practice requirements. Registration deadline is May 23, 2018

Please contact the church office by phone at 361-798-2650 or by e-mail at hfumc@sbcglobal.net for further information.



Crossroads District Celebration 2018

Our local United Methodist churches here in Hallettsville are a part of a larger group of United Methodist Churches called a district. Our district is called the Crossroads District.

Each year our District Superintendent, pastors and representatives elected by each congregation meet together for the District Conference to elect leadership and vote on a budget for the coming year. Following that business conference, our Bishop, Robert Schnase, our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Marcus Freeman, the pastors, representatives and other members of those churches get together for worship, a delicious meal, and a time of honoring those who serve.

FUMC Hallettsville was well represented at this year's District Celebration. Our Youth Worship Band performed 6 songs. They did a wonderful job. Everybody there was so proud of them!

In addition, each year our congregation recognizes one of our youth with the Young Disciples Award. We also recognize a Christian exemplar, one whose life is a strong example of Christian discipleship. We then nominate them to be honored at the district level.

This year we were delighted to recognize and honor Kylee Tullos as our Young Disciple. We were equally delighted to recognize an honor Ray Housley as Christian Exemplar.

Congratulations Kylee!

Congratulations Ray!

God bless you!



Youth Band Performance At The Crossroads District Celebration

First United Methodist Church of Hallettsville was blessed to start a music education ministry two years ago. Led by Mr. Aaron Boyd of Victoria School of Music, the mission of the program is "to equip churches with musicians who can serve their church and community". The ages of students in the program range from 4 to 78. For most of the students, this has been their very first time to take lessons. Part of the training is learning to play together as a band.

On Saturday, April 21, the music education ministry's Youth Band performed at the Crossroads District Celebration at the Bastrop Convention in their biggest public performance to date. The musicians included Wyatt Kram-age 10 on electric guitar, Dayton Jansky-age 14, on bass, Danna Jansky-age 11 on drums, Grace Parvin-age 13 on keyboard, and Lydia Kram-age 8, Josie Kram-age 5, and Lora Parvin-age 8 on vocals.

Thank you God for the joy we all shared as these young people gave, and continue to give, glory to God in their music.





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.

April Service Projects

Manna Food Pantry - On Wednesday, April 18, the High School youth along with their MYF Leaders made a trip to Walmart to buy juice and cereal for the Manna Food Pantry with part of the proceeds from the fundraiser Bake Sale held on Good Friday! Last Wednesday, we delivered 57 bottles of juice, 92 boxes of cereal and 56 other non-perishable canned goods to the Manna Food Pantry along with a check for \$998.40. Ray Housley, LAMB representative gave everyone a tour of the new facilities.



Care Package – On their shopping trip to Walmart, the youth also purchased items for a care package for Logan Herrington. Logan is a member of our church and is currently serving in the US Army Reserves in Northern Egypt. The MYF youth, mentors and volunteers all signed a huge card to send along in the care package. We keep Logan in our prayers and hope he enjoys the care package from his church family.

Watch your email for fun summer events!