



*Everyone must take time to sit
and watch the leaves turn.*

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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!

October

24th – MYF Fall Festival

28st – Youth Sunday

November

1st – Fall Coffee & Country
Store, 7-1pm

7th – Lunch & Learn
@ 11:30am

7th – MYF Veteran's
Appreciation @ 5:30pm

Is it just me or does it seem like 2018 has flown at nearly the speed of light? I cannot believe it is already October. Only 3 weeks till Halloween! On the first Sunday of November we will remember the saints of our lives, loved ones who have gone home to God. Just weeks later we will join in the community thanksgiving service (to be held at the Episcopal Church this year). Two days later Thanksgiving. That weekend our community as well as people from many other places will gather for the Annual Christmas Pageant on the courthouse square, a beautiful Passion Play. Then Advent will be upon us. St Nicholas Ministry will be in full gear. Our Music Ministry students will perform another outstanding Christmas recital. The kids will do a wonderful Christmas program the day after that. Then we will invite everyone we can to celebrate a beautiful Christmas Eve together. Then time for Christmas and another New Year! Whew!



A busy and wonderful season is ahead of us dear ones. In the middle of all of this, it is so important to remember to care for ourselves – to eat right – to drink plenty of water – to get enough rest. In addition to these very real, and very important basic human needs, remember that it is also important for each of us to care for our souls, to tend our relationship with the one who makes all of these blessings and more possible.

Interesting thought, isn't it? Even when life gets hectic, what a privilege it is to be alive! What a joy it is to breathe in and out – to laugh – to cry – to teach – to learn – to sleep – to wake up – to love and care for others – to receive love and care from others.

We are human. When life feels hectic, it can be easy to forget the truth that every moment of life is a blessing. To easily we forget God. To easily we to stop doing

OUR PRAYER LIST

Carol Aiken
Herb Aiken
Justin Aiken
Kathleen Aiken Cullen
Kay Aiken
Michael Aiken
Dean Anderson
Mary Ayraud
Baby Samuel Azemia
Eugenie Azemia
JoAnn & Eddie Baker & Family
John & Carol Beck
Mary Ann Berger
Peg Bigger
Dorothy Boggus
Anne Brenton
Vern Brenton
Eric Brookhouser
Family of James Catto
Ann Cerny
Colors of Hope Ministry
Family of Sarah Crawford
John Courtade
Tamara Davis
Carol Sue Dennis
Daniel Drozd
Johnny Durham
Esterlita Englis
Andy Evans
Anna Ruth Evans
Beth Foulds
Daniel Fric
Family of Wade Gawlik
Francis Glueck
Bob & Fannie Griffith
Family of Robert & Gloria Haas
Hamel Family
Hannah
Dorothy Harris
Justin Hastings & 3 daughters
Emma Henke
Dennis Herring
Logan Herrington-Army
Billy & Bobbie Hobbs
Lundy Hooten & Family
Karla Housley
Bill & Sweet Hrcir
Edward Garcia
Isaac
John
Sheldon Johnson & Family
Brooke & Phil Klemme
Peter Klemme
Charles Jahn
Gary Janak
Casey & Layna Jones
Cody Jones
Evelyn Lishinski
Renee Loden
Kathy
Marlene
Maryah
Pastor Melanie & Family
Grandmother of Heather Miears
Jonell Miears
Karen Myers
Tyler & Ashley Nelson

the work of caring for our souls before we realize what is happening. We forgo prayer. We stop picking up our Bibles. We forget how much better we feel when we do what we need to do to make it to worship on Sundays.

I haven't skipped worship since I became a pastor – but I confess to you that I am human – every once in awhile I wish I could skip. But, I tell you in all honesty, every single time I walk in the door on Sunday morning, something amazing happens to me. I immediately feel the joy. I see the beauty of our worship space. I see your faces. I find myself really looking forward to what God is going to do in our midst. And by the time we all go home, I have experienced the full presence of God. I feel renewed and refreshed and restored for the week to come. I need that and I know you do too.

In the wonderful, busy season ahead of us, I invite you and your family to challenge each other to make Sunday worship a priority. Try it and see what happens!

This beautiful Psalm reminds us of the joy of who God is and how wonderful it is to do our part to be in God's presence.

Psalm 29 (NLT)

- ¹ Honor the Lord, you heavenly beings; honor the Lord for his glory and strength.
- ² Honor the Lord for the glory of his name.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea. The God of glory thunders.
The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord splits the mighty cedars;
the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon's mountains skip like a calf;
he makes Mount Hermon leap like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes with bolts of lightning.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the barren wilderness quake;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord twists mighty oaks and strips the forests bare.
In his Temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord rules over the floodwaters. The Lord reigns as king forever.
- ¹¹ The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace.

May God give you all the strength you need in the busy season ahead. May the peace of Christ be with you. May you be richly blessed.

Pastor Melanie



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

Cory & Cindy Odefey & Family

Leslie Gene Parvin

Rudy Perez

Jackie Powell

David Rakes

Henry Joe Repka

Grady Sanders

Lucille Sanders

Sarah

Kay Seaff

Geoffrey Seuser

Karen Seuser & Family

Wilma Seuser

Sierra

Brandie Sorensen & Family

Lauren Smith

June Strickland

Leon Svetlik

Lawrence Teaff

Vic

Victor

Howard Wagner

DeDe Barnes Welder

Family of Joe Weir

Cynthia Werner

Lauren Wilson

Lyn Wyatt

Our Nation

The World

Drs, Patients & Families

at MD Anderson

All affected by Hurricane Harvey

New Additions:

James & Melissa Smith

Don & Claudia Williams

Cheryl Thacker

Russell & Cathy McGehee

Cate S. Family

Chesley Parvin

Diane Weise

Lori Ishell

Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – August 2018

-Damage caused by recent lightning storm was discussed: security system monitor and internet gateway modem in office and a/c control board and fuses in the Fellowship Hall were replaced.

-Dick Nance & Mary Jane Swope have agreed to serve on the District Mission Vitality Committee

-A motion was made to purchase 5 \$10 gift cards to be given to needy out of town travelers at the discretion of office staff. Seconded and passed.

-Trustees are in discussion with Easley Construction in Victoria regarding steeple leak.

- Building & Grounds suggested looking into a service contract for the air conditioners/furnaces – to check in spring/fall. Committee will get pricing.

-Misuse of supplies and equipment by building renters was discussed. Motion was made to secure as recommended by Building & Grounds Committee. Seconded and passed.

-Rental Guidelines will be reviewed at next meeting.



ASL BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to learn sign language? Would you like to brush up on a few sign skills you already have?

You are invited to participate in a Tuesday evening ASL (American Sign Language) Bible Study held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays from 5-6pm.

Charge Conference

Our 2019 Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 21, at FUMC Yoakum at 2pm. In the United Methodist Church, the charge conference is the official meeting where churches vote on matters such as pastor's compensation and the leaders who will serve in the coming year. Many thanks to the folks who are on the church's administrative board for representing you at the meeting. Many thanks also to each of you who took time for meetings and to prepare reports required for this meeting.

Mission Trip

Some of our MYF folks are exploring the possibility of a mission trip during the second full week of June 2019. Please be in prayer for these young people. We will share more details as concrete plans unfold.

Lay Ministry Training

Pastor Melanie will be leading the Crossroads District Basic UMC Lay Ministry Course at Cathedral Oaks on Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3. If you are interested in either the basic course or the advanced course, please contact the church office ASAP.

Cohort Consultation... Three members of this congregation, Mary Jane Swope, Dick Nance and Beverly Nance, are participating with Pastor Melanie in a special consultation opportunity with Rev. Karen Horan who works in the conference office.

This group will be meeting each month from now through May. Our first task is to read and study the revised version of a book written by our Bishop, Robert Schnase, 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Then we will be developing experiments our church can try to reach out to folks beyond the walls of our building.

This is a mission in progress. We will share details over the coming months. AND we will offer you all ways to participate. Please be in prayer for this wonderful ministry opportunity.

Worship Service Schedule

October	Greeter	Liturgist	A/V System	Acolytes
7	Betty Williams	Ray Housley	Sitka Family	C. Kostelnik & Rylan Marak
14	Cate Siragusa	Marvin Peterson	Tullos Family	Grace & Lora Parvin
21	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
28	Mary Ann Defibaugh	Stephen Hunter	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & Lauren Lundy
November				
4	Dick Nance	Beverly Nance	Kristin Marak	Emma & Juliet Davenport
11	Susan Housley	Ray Housley	Sitka Family	Sophia Walker & Kelly Catto
18	Mary Jane Swope	Jason Cozza	Tullos Family	Grace & Lora Parvin
25	Diane Repka	Lori Dyer	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & C. Kostelnik
December				
2	Betty Jean Metzler	Robert Lundy	Kristin Marak	Rylan Marak & Sophia Walker
9	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
18	Nancy Hunter	Stephen Hunter	Sitka Family	Grace & Lora Parvin
23	Betty Williams	Ray Housley	Tullos Family	Emma & Juliet Davenport
30	Cate Siragusa	Marvin Peterson	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & Lauren Lundy
January				
6	Bob & Elaine Pakebusch	Jason Cozza	Dick Nance	Kate & Ava Caldwell
13	Dent & Shirley Taylor	Lori Dyer	Kristin Marak	Lydia & Wyatt Kram
20	Helen Sadler	Robert Lundy	Sitka Family	Lauren Lundy & Sophia Walker
27	Mary Ann Defibaugh	Bev Nance	Tullos Family	Noah & Tyler Ploch

Hallettsville Lunch & Learn

“Comfort Care: When Is It The Best Option”

WEDNESDAY, November 7, 2018

First United Methodist Fellowship Hall
206 South Dowling Street | Hallettsville
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - **Doors open at 11:00am*

Speaker: Tyson Meyer, M.D.

Board Certified in Hospice & Palliative Care
With Supportive Care & Hospice of South Texas



Limited Seating Available

Please RSVP by:

MONDAY, November 5, 2018

to Hospice of South Texas
361-798-2077



The MYF group invites all veterans, spouses of veterans & their family to join them for a meal and special worship service on, **Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Please call the church office and let us know you will be attending.



Fundraiser Coffee & Country Store

**Thursday, November 1, 2018
7:00 – 1:00pm**

Drive-Thru Breakfast Tacos & Cinnamon Rolls: 7:00 - 9:30am
Lunch: 9:30 - 1pm

Breakfast tacos, sandwiches, salads, soups, desserts and chips will be available for purchase.

Drinks are complimentary!

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship!

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall, 206 S. Dowling, Hallettsville**



The Methodist Women ask everyone to bring sandwiches and baked goods - cakes, pies or cookies!

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall starting on Wednesday, October 31 from 1:30-4pm.

Sandwiches and baked goods can be dropped off on Thursday morning, November 1, starting at 7am. **If you are unable to make your sandwiches the morning of the sale - please bring sandwich filling and bread and we will be happy to make them for you!**

Popular fillings are:

chicken salad, tuna salad, pimento cheese, cooked cheese, egg salad, ham or turkey.

Members of the Methodist Women will also make sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts and will furnish chips, pickles, tea, coffee and water.

This year, we will also have a Country Store. Types of items needed include: home canned jellies, pickles, etc. (current year), homemade breads, cakes and noodles, farm fresh eggs, plants, crafts, fresh garden vegi's, new or like new decorative items, books, puzzles, toys, dishes, etc.

*Funds raised will be used to finance various projects for our church and community.
Let's all work together to make this annual event enjoyable and successful.*



Methodist Youth Fellowship

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) Wednesday evenings - 5:30-7pm

We begin each evening with a meal and some outdoor play (when possible).

All ages then gather in the sanctuary for music.

PreK (age 4) through 6th grades meet for interactive praise, worship, sermon, and learning.

Our 7th/8th grade youth and high school youth each gather in their own space for a lesson and fellowship time together.

September

Our Wednesday night MYF program kicked off on September 8 and we are happy to welcome several new families. This year we have started a separate class for our 7th/8th grade youth. Thank you to Dick Nance and Nancy Hunter for mentoring this age group.

October

Our October service project will be on Saturday, October 27. We will be manning a booth at the Lutheran Church Fall Carnival from 6-9pm. Jr. High & High School workers are needed!

October 28 is Youth Sunday and all ages of youth will be singing and leading various parts of worship. Parts will be assigned shortly. Please make plans for the whole family to attend!

The MYF Annual Fall Festival will be held on October 24. This is a family event for our MYF group and church congregation – please join us!

The MYF group will not meet on Wednesday, October 31 – Halloween!

November

Service Project – We will honor our veterans with an appreciation meal and special worship service on Wednesday, November 7, during our MYF time. More details to come soon – all youth will participate.



MYF Annual Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 24 - 5:30 - 7:00pm
(5:30pm - Worship, 6:00pm - Meal & Carnival)

Come and join in the fun!

Burgers ~ Fish Pond ~ Face Painting ~ Games

Wear Your Costume!

(appropriate costumes only)

MYF Parents & Family and HFUMC Congregation are all welcome!