



### 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!

##### September

5<sup>th</sup> – Back to School  
Service of Blessing  
7pm @ Stadium

12<sup>th</sup> – MYF Kick-off @  
5:30pm

##### October

24<sup>th</sup> – MYF Fall Festival

The other day I attended a regular meeting of pastors in the Hallettsville area. In addition to other business we had to take care of, we took time for some Bible Study. Here is the text we studied:

**Colossians 3:12-17** (NLT) <sup>12</sup> Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Though all of us who were there that day have done our share of studying Greek and Hebrew, and Church History and Christian Ethics and theology and more, it is always such a joy to realize that when you get down to it, God's Word is not just a writing of things that happened a long time ago. God's Word is alive. God's Word speaks to each of us in a very personal way right here, right now.

The pastors in the group agreed to try one of my very favorite forms of Bible Study. This ancient form of Bible Study helps participants hear God's Word in a very personal way.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Herb Aiken  
Kay Aiken  
Michael Aiken  
Dean Anderson  
Mary Ayraud  
Baby Samuel Azemia  
John & Carol Beck  
Terry Benavides  
Mary Ann Berger  
Peg Bigger  
Anne Brenton  
Vern Brenton  
Eric Brookhouser  
Joe & Phyllis Bush – fire at home  
Family of James Catto  
Ann Cerny  
Beverly Charles  
Colors of Hope Ministry  
Family of Sarah Crawford  
John Courtade  
Tamara Davis  
Daniel Drozd  
Johnny Durham  
Esterlita Englis  
Andy Evans  
Anna Ruth Evans  
Beth Foulds  
Daniel Fric  
Wade Gawlik  
Francis Glueck  
Bob & Fannie Griffith  
Family of Robert & Gloria Haas  
Hamel Family  
Hannah  
Justin Hastings & 3 daughters  
Emma Henke  
Logan Herrington-Army  
Billy & Bobbie Hobbs  
Bill & Sweet Hrcir  
Lundy Hooten & Family  
Edward Garcia  
Isaac  
Charles Jahn  
John  
Sheldon Johnson & Family  
Brooke & Phil Klemme  
Gary Janak  
Casey & Layna Jones  
Cody Jones  
Evelyn Lishinski  
Renee Loden  
Kathy  
Marlene  
Maryah  
Pastor Melanie & Family  
Grandmother of Heather Miears  
Jonell Miears  
Laurie Monical  
Karen Myers  
Tyler & Ashley Nelson  
Family of Nita Pakebusch  
Rudy Perez  
Jackie Powell  
David Rakes  
Henry Joe Repka  
Grady Sanders  
Sarah

**This form of Bible begins with one person reading the scripture out loud 2 or 3 times.** Then there are three questions.

The 1<sup>st</sup> question is: **What word or phrase or idea caught your attention as you listened to this scripture?** Sometimes a word or phrase or idea catches your attention because it is so interesting. Sometimes it catches your attention because it is confusing. And more.

After each person has had a turn to answer, here is the 2<sup>nd</sup> question: **Why do you think that word or phrase or verse caught your attention today?** Each person is invited to share their answer. There is often a good deal of discussion among the group with this question.

And then comes the 3<sup>rd</sup> question: **What do you think God is asking you to do differently because of what you have heard here today? In other words: What is God saying to you through this scripture?**

You may have heard me describe this method of Bible Study before. If you happen to attend our "All Ages informal Bible Study" on Sunday mornings at 9:45, you are very familiar with this format.

I continue to talk about this because you do not have to be a Biblical scholar to get something out of studying God's Word. And even pastors who are Biblical scholars (in progress) find this form of study meaningful, inspiring, and truly helpful.

At the beginning of a new school year, I invite and encourage you to make a commitment to making Bible Study part of your daily routine. Try this 3-question format with family or friends once or twice a week. God truly has a good word for you.

BLESSINGS to YOU and YOURS!

*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.**



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

### **Administrative Board Meeting Highlights – July 2018**

- Motion made and passed to purchase new computer for the office.
- Second signer is needed on church budget account. Motion made and passed to add Brenda Hull to the account.
- Discussion was held about adding sound absorption panels in the Annex to help with noise level. More research will take place on what can be done to address this issue.

Geoffrey Seuser  
 Karen Seuser & Family  
 Wilma Seuser  
 Sierra  
 Brandie Sorensen  
 Dorothyanne Spangberg  
 June Strickland  
 Leon Svetlik  
 Kay Teaff  
 Lawrence Teaff  
 Vic  
 Victor  
 Howard Wagner  
 DeDe Barnes Welder  
 Cynthia Werner  
 Cheryl Whitley  
 Lauren Wilson  
 Lyn Wyatt  
 Our Nation  
 The World  
 Drs, Patients & Families  
 at MD Anderson  
 All affected by Hurricane Harvey



### 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 beginning September 11, 2018 from 5-6pm.

### Welcome to our family!



Grady Reed Repka, son of Dennis and Sara and brother of Parker, was baptized on August 19.

### Worship Service Schedule

September	Greeter	Liturgist	A/V System	Acolytes
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
<b>October</b>				
7	Betty Williams	Ray Housley	Sitka Family	Christopher Kostelnik & Rylan Marak
14	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
21	Cate Siragusa	Marvin Peterson	Tullos Family	Grace & Lora Parvin
28	Mary Ann Defibaugh	Stephen Hunter	Dawn Jansky	Danna Jansky & Lauren Lundy
<b>November</b>				
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 & Christopher Kostelnik
<b>December</b>				
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



**JOIN THE  
CHOIR**

**All Age Choir starting Saturday, September 8  
 led by our music program instructor, Aaron Boyd.  
 Time to be announced.**

**If you would like “to add your voice”,  
 please contact the church office.  
 Registration deadline is September 3.**

## Methodist Women's Back to School Drive is a HUGE SUCCESS!



A BIG THANKS from the Methodist Women. Thanks to our wonderful congregation for your generous support for the School Supply Drive. Thanks to you it was a success. We collected almost \$400 and two bins of supplies and backpacks. Our morning in front of Walmart helped, but it was mainly your loving attention that made this possible. The supplies and monies were taken to the elementary and junior high the week before school started. We were greeted by some teachers and administrators at both schools who took our donations with enthusiastic appreciation. We know the students' school year started better because of you!

## Blessing of Backpacks & Annual Hamburger Lunch

What a wonderful time we shared in worship on Sunday, August 19. Our youth band performed two wonderful songs "Waves of Mercy" and "Ever Be". We rejoiced in the baptism of our newest little brother in Christ Grady Reed Repka. AND 35 kids and youth stood in front of the congregation as we prayed this prayer of blessing:



**Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.**

**Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be**

**reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.**

**We pray as well for the teachers and administrators and others who work in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to service and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. We pray in the name of Jesus whom we seek to follow day by day. Amen.**

Following the prayer of blessing, each child and young person received a backpack tag with a reminder of this congregation's love and prayers for them. Special thanks to Christie Wheelock and to Dawn Jansky for your creative efforts and planning to make this time special for everyone.

Following a joyful worship service, the congregation gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious Back to School Hamburger Luncheon. Hamburgers with all the trimmings, chips, and delicious desserts provided by congregation members were enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Head Chef Kenneth Swope and his fearless band of Sous Chefs: David Aiken, Bob Packebush, and Nancy Furhken for this fine meal!

**KRISTIN MARAK**

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

**RYLAN MARAK – FIDDLE**

"FADED LOVE"

**HFUMC ADULT WORSHIP BAND**

**MARVIN PETERSON, MELANIE MONROE &**

**RAY HOUSLEY – GUITAR**

**KRISTIN MARAK – VOCALS**

**BOB VICKERS – BASS GUITAR & VOCALS**

**DAWN JANSKY – DRUMS**

**CHRISTIE WHEELOCK – PIANO**

"SWING LOW SWEET CHARIOT"

**BOB VICKERS – BASS GUITAR**

"THE GIRL FROM IPANEMA"

**DAYTON JANSKY – BASS GUITAR**

"ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST"

**DANNA JANSKY – GUITAR**

"RING OF FIRE"

**HFUMC YOUTH BAND**

**DAYTON JANSKY – BASS GUITAR**

**DANNA JANSKY – DRUMS**

**RYLAN MARAK – FIDDLE**

**GRACE PARVIN – PIANO & VOCALS**

**LORA PARVIN – VOCALS**

"WAVES OF MERCY" FEATURING **BROOKLYN MICHNA**

"EVER BE"

"YAKETY YAK"

"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"

**BEGINNER GUITAR CLASS**

**MACAYLE CAMARILLO, CLAYTON DAMBORSKY, LANIE**

**HAAS, MADELYN KURTZ, DARBY PHILLIPS,**

**MICHAEL SCHERER & RYLEE SMOLIK**

"FEELING ALRIGHT"

"JAMBALAYA ON THE BAYOU"

"DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY"

**HFUMC ADULT WORSHIP BAND**

**MARVIN PETERSON, MELANIE MONROE**

**& RAY HOUSLEY – GUITAR**

**DAWN JANSKY – DRUMS**

**BOB VICKERS – BASS GUITAR**

**CHRISTIE WHEELOCK – PIANO**

"PUFF THE MAGIC DRAGON"

"OH, PRETTY WOMAN"

SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY"

"WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD"

"CALIFORNIA GIRLS"

"SPIRIT IN THE SKY"

"I'M A BELIEVER"

**DIRECTED BY  
AARON PAUL BOYD**

# Summer Music Recital

For the second summer in a row, all of our Hallettsville FUMC Music School students presented their summer recital out on the front lawn of the church. More than 100 people sat on chairs and laid on blankets to enjoy the concert.

Students of all ages (4 through 70plus) worked hard all summer long. On Thursdays, classes were held for church members. On Fridays, classes were held for folks from the community. Here is the program listing all of our wonderful students and the music they performed:

**BEGINNER PIANO**

**SCOTT STRODE**

"TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR"

**MADILYN CAMARILLO**

"ODE TO JOY"

"TUCKER'S SECRET LIFE"

"RUSSIAN FOLK DANCE"

"GALLOP PONY"

**GRACE PARVIN – PIANO**

"THE GREAT CLOCK"

"SPANISH CABALLERO"

**LORA PARVIN – PIANO**

"DINOSAUR STOMP"

**JAKE DAVENPORT – GUITAR**

"MY OLD MAN"

**HFUMC BEGINNER CHOIR**

**DAYTON JANSKY, DANNA JANSKY, RYLAN MARAK,**

**BROOKLYN MICHNA, GRACE PARVIN,**

**LORA PARVIN & KYLEE TULLOS**

"HEY, HO! NO BODY HOME"

"AH POOR BIRD"

"BECAUSE HE LIVES"

**BEGINNER DRUM CLASS**

**MACIE HAAS, LANIE HAAS, MADELYN KURTZ**

**& TREVOR PHILLIPS**

"BOOM TAP ROLL

"JUNGLE SOUNDS"

SWEET BEATS"

"WE WILL ROCK YOU"

Thank you God for this wonderful music of ministry that blesses our church family AND blesses our community. Thank you to all of our students for your hard work and for your willingness to share your gifts and talents with others.

Thank you parents and family members who support and encourage these students. Thank you to Christie Wheelock for constant organization, communication, and coordination of this ministry and all of our ministries with children and youth. Thank you to Dawn Jansky and

family for everything you did to make this recital/concert a success. Thank you to all who helped in the selection and the success of our portable sound system.

**What a joy to live the truth of this beautiful Psalm: Psalm 98: 4-9a (NLT)** <sup>4</sup> Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! <sup>5</sup> Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, <sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King! <sup>7</sup> Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in. <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy <sup>9</sup> before the LORD.



Hallettsville Ministerial Alliance invites you to attend  
A Community-Wide Service

### **BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE OF BLESSING**

**WHO IS INVITED:**

- ALL students
- school administrators
- teachers
- classroom workers
- other school employees
- family
- friends
- neighbors
- all folks from our public schools, our parochial schools, other private schools, and home schoolers

**LEADERS:**

ALL of the pastors in the community, Catholic, Protestant, and non-denominational have been invited to participate.

**OUR PREACHER:**

Rev. Nick Ferguson

**WHERE:**

Hallettsville Football Stadium

**WHEN:**

WEDNESDAY, September 5, 2018, at 7pm.

**OUR PURPOSE:**

It is our joy to give every child in our community the opportunity to know and understand that God cares for them and we care for them and that all of us want the very best for each of them.

*Please put this event on your calendars.  
Make plans to attend.  
You will be blessed.*



**Back to School**



## **Methodist Youth Fellowship**

### **MYF Kick-Off**

**Wednesday, September 12 - 5:30-7pm**

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

All ages will then gather in the sanctuary for music.

PreK (age 4) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet for interactive praise, worship, sermon, and learning.

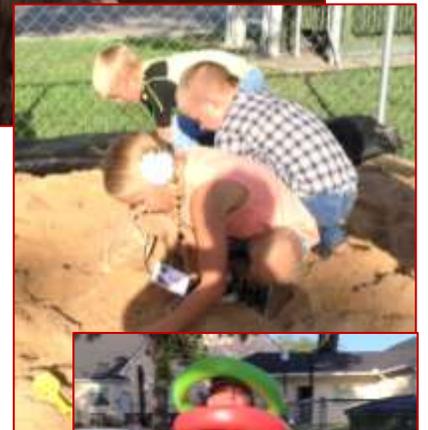
Our high school youth will gather in their own space for a lesson and fellowship time together.

## Summer was a busy time with many events sponsored by our Methodist Youth Fellowship group.

We began the summer with our Congregation and Community Music Programs. These classes started the first week of June and continued every Thursday and Friday through the end of July and finished with a bang at the Summer Music Recital on August 3.



On July 16, 17 and 18 we held "Shipwrecked-Rescued By Jesus" Vacation Bible School. Each evening approximately 27 children joined together for a meal, worship, songs, crafts and outdoor fun. Thank you to all our youth leaders and certified mentors and volunteers for making this happen.





The Jr. High youth got a little artsy with a fun night "Painting & Pizza" on July 31. Paula Patterson shared her talents with us and helped everyone create their own "work of art"!



**American Red Cross**

An American Red Cross "Babysitting Training" class was held on August 6 in the Fellowship Hall.

Twelve (12) participants attended the 6 ½ hour class. This training 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. We received a tremendous interest from the community for this class. There were several names on a waiting list – however, we were unable to secure another instructor. We hope to offer this again next summer. Special thanks to Dick & Beverly Nance and Brenda Hull for volunteering their time to be present as safety policy certified adults at this day long training.

