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# FIRST NEWS

## *Equipping* PEOPLE TO THRIVE IN CHRIST

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## Exciting News!

### Newsletter news, that is!

We will begin publishing our church newsletter every other week. We have so much to share with everyone!

In addition to email, we will have hard copies available at the Sanctuary doors and at the church office.

## Discipleship

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

LUKE 9:1-2

Jesus was an exceptional leader. He recruited people to join his ministry, trained and equipped them to do their job, then sent them out into the world to spread the Good News. Here at First UMC, we are renewing our Discipleship Process to more faithfully follow Jesus' model.

You all know that our Discipleship Process has five areas of ministry: Reach, Nurture, Connect, Form and Send. (It's those five words that surround our church logo.)

Over the summer, the staff and I took a fresh look at those ministry areas and considered how the ministries and activities offered at First UMC fall under each of those areas. If you haven't noticed all the little white cards stuck on the glass window of the church office, I highly recommend taking a look! It's amazing how many ministries happen here!

We then considered who in our congregation would have the gifts and calling to lead in each of those areas.

By the grace of God's leading through prayer and discernment, we now have a Discipleship Leader Team. The leaders of each team are:

Reach Ministries – Karl Shelton

Nurture Ministries – Veronica Puckett

Connect Ministries – Stella Martinez and Paula Cooper

Form Ministries – Mike Puckett

Send Ministries – Kelly Cockrell

These five ministry area leaders, along with Kara Heimark representing youth, Kara and Stella representing administration, and myself representing all pastoral duties as well as worship, have begun meeting to consider how to better implement our Discipleship Process in a way that helps us make disciples of Jesus Christ. Being a Discipleship Leader does NOT mean that these people will do all the stuff that falls under each category! Their focus is two-fold:

1. Identify and implement ways for us to reach unchurched and under church people for Jesus and walk with them through the Discipleship Process
2. Find ways for each person at First UMC to identify and use their gifts as we grow in faith through the Discipleship Process.

In the coming weeks you will hear more and more about what our Discipleship Leaders are planning. As we sat at our first meeting together and looked at all the little cards on the glass wall of the office, we agreed that the task at hand feels a bit overwhelming! We also recognized that Jesus has called us to lead people into his love and grow them as disciples in ways that are relevant and impactful to a broad range of generations! We know that God will show us the way forward.

This is an exciting time for First UMC. I'm so glad that you are part of this family of faith, and can't wait to see how we grow into the future.

Be Here. Bring Someone!  
Pastor Tina

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## Our Ministries

**Pastor's Food Pantry**



**Ramp Builds for the Disabled**

**Stamps for the Wounded**

**Roswell Homeless Coalition  
Seats & Feets**

**Lion's Club Glasses**

**Ronald McDonald House Soda  
Pop Tabs**

**Bible Give & Take**

## Need Prayer?

Our staff is here to help you with any prayer requests you may have. Contact our office by phone or email and will be happy to help you.

[Contact Us →](#)

## Memorials

### A message from the Cowboy Bell Scholarship Committee

The Cowboy Bell Scholarship Committee, an outreach program of the First United Methodist Church, is pleased to announce the scholarship awards for the school year 2025-2026.

We awarded 112 students totaling \$650 each (\$325 for the fall semester and \$325 for the spring semester). This is a grand total of \$72,800 for the year. The Cowboy Bell Committee



## Mark Your Calendars



sincerely appreciates the support given for these qualified students. You are invited to participate in this worthy cause.

Cowboy Bell Scholarship Fund

First United Methodist Church

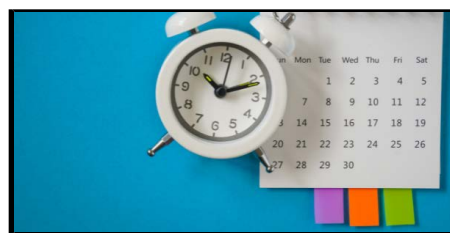
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Steve Henderson, Chair

Grace Hervey, Secretary

David Gray, Treasurer



September 21 - Church Charge Conference

September 24 - See You At the Pole Youth Event

October - Messy Harvest & Trunk or Treat

## Happenings At First Church

We will see you during the week at our various Ministries & Classes for all ages. You can also visit our website for more details.

[Website →](#)

### -SUNDAY -

9:15AM - Sunday School

10AM - Coffee & Fellowship

10:30AM - Worship Service

1st Sunday of the Month -

Homebound Communion

### -MONDAY-

8AM - Men's Coffee & Prayer

10AM - Zumba

Sponsored by Tabosa

### -3RD TUESDAY-

### -WEDNESDAY-

9AM - Men's Bible Study

10AM-12PM Bill Motto Community Assistance

5PM - Fellowship Meal

6PM - Kaler Handbell Choir, Youth Fellowship, Young Adults, & Children's Activities

7PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### -THURSDAY-

10AM - Women's Disciple Bible Study

6:30PM Disciple Bible Study

Home Fellowship

## Ways To Give

In addition to these options, we also offer automatic pay through Electronic Funds Transfer.



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