

The Trumpet

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The Pastor's Corner

Thank you again! Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and for your faithful commitment to our Lord and His church! It is an honor for us to be here!

I am so thankful that we have been studying the Lord's Prayer together over the last few weeks. I have enjoyed learning new insights into this sacred practice and finding out some of the reasons that Jesus taught us to pray in this way. It is my hope and prayer that we will all learn better how to pray and that God will help our congregation develop into a deeply prayerful community. There is absolutely nothing like the power of prayer. And our community and world needs as much prayer as we can get! So, thank you for those of you who have faithfully attended – your presence means more than you know.

I am also very excited that the season of Lent is coming! Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. So, I would invite you to prayerfully consider what steps you can take during Lent that will help you draw closer to God – will you

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give something up or perhaps take on a spiritual practice? Please let me know if you decide to do something special for Lent!

In worship during Lent, we will be examining some of our attitudes and asking God to change some of the ways that we live our lives. So, please make plans to be in worship EVERY SUNDAY leading up to Easter as we ask, **Lord, Please Change Our Attitude!**

January Birthdays

Sincere apologies to the following people who were not recognized last month. Please help wish them a belated January 2018 birthday.

4th Karen Zickler
4th Linda Hunter
4th Lee Haile
4th Bob Kyle
6th Catherine Ringel
6th Cole Warren
9th Donna Sheeds
9th Scott Harrison
13th Mark Wright
13th Myha Knowles
15th Bob Major
15th Madelynn Laine
16th Brylie Anne Baker

17th Cade Koenig
18th Susan Barden
19th Sally Sheeds
20th Shawn Morrison
21st Leslie Rector
21st Linda Bausch
22nd Guy Wolf
25th Maryjane Linson
26th Cathy McRorey
27th Sheila Antenen
28th Jackie Rigsby
28th Susan Hollingsworth
28th John Pearce
29th Alyssa Cothran
31st John Whitacre

February Birthdays

2nd Edith Applegate	15th Theresa Espinosa
3rd Alice Koenig	16th Austin Wilson
4th Kylee Henderson	18th Larry Scott
6th Louise Henson	19th Lisa White
7th Sharon Anderwald	20th Mason Walls
7th Lincoln Wood	20th Kristin Montague
9th Lynn Post	21st Tanner Gooding
9th Lilly Putney	21st Connie Young
9th Ginger Goode	22nd Bart Byerley
10th Sharon Cameron	22nd Sissie Sandidge
10th Mary Freeman	23rd Diane Conoly
10th Roger Gomez	23rd Christina Freeman
11th Judith Meade	24th Alice Anne Nix
12th Shelby Colsten	28th Loren Putney
14th Gloria Robbins	28th Carol Wolf
14th Bill Pearce	



Helping Hand

Helping Hand had a very busy 2017. I am sorry I do not have facts and figures for 2017 as they are not available at newsletter deadline, but will be in the next newsletter. We were very busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas

food dinner baskets, helping with Spirits of Christmas, and ringing the Red Kettle bell. Thank you to all who helped with these projects.

For the month of February our food special request will be canned meats. However, our Food Pantry is always in need and appreciative of any food item. Monetary donations help us purchase food needs for 15 cents a pound from the Food Bank.

Don't forget we always need clothes, household items, furniture, and toiletries. Our UMW made toiletry bags, and they were certainly helpful for the needy.

Thank you again for supporting Helping Hand as we continue helping those in need in Bandera County. Let's have a wonderful 2018 as we serve those needing our help.

Stephen Ministry

Our communion table is extended to those unable to get to church by the Stephen Ministers. A group of members, led by the Stephen Ministers are delivering communion monthly to those wanting communion delivered to them. Call the church office to be put on the delivery list. It can be a one-time event (recovering from surgery) or normally a monthly request. The Stephen Ministers are happy and privileged to extend our communion table to you.

Our Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time. They are not counselors and their role is to listen, care and pray. They have engaged in 50 hours of training centered around learning how to give care that is compassionate, full of faith, skilled and trustworthy. If you feel you could benefit as a care receiver, contact either Pastor Kyle or Roberta Himebrook.

We currently have 4 Stephen Ministers and as of March will have 4 more commissioned who will complete their training.

LARK (Loving Acts of Random Kindness)

Let's begin the new year strong. I would like to have at least a monthly contact with the Bandera Community in the name of LARK and our church. To accomplish this I need at least 12 volunteers to make those random loving contacts. One or more for each month. What I've done this past year is to make a treat, brownies, fudge, cupcakes, etc. and chose a business. I would introduce myself and the reason I was there. I also had a card explaining the same with the church's contact info, phone, address, website, and prayer cards with a stamped return envelope addressed to the church, in case someone requested prayer from our congregation. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact me by phone or email. Leslie Rector - 830-460-159 or jeddielynn@aol.com

Proverbs 22:17
*"A merry heart does
good like medicine"*

Messages

A message from Karen Hoskelis

I want to begin by thanking each and every one of you for allowing me the privlidge of serving as Financial Secretary for the past 25 years - yes I know 25 years. You have made the responsibility an easy one and I thank you. Without cooperation from everyone I could not have made it happen. I am having to concentrate on getting my health back on track so have handed the baton to John Pearce and Lloyd Norris. I know you will

make this transition as smooth as possible. Again thank you for all the love and support I have experienced from this Body of Christ.

Karen Hoskelis

Adelante

Adelante, the longest continuously meeting Sunday school class at BUMC, is taking a break in their current journey through the Bible. This "young" at heart group finds God speaks to them differently each time they take the journey. A discussion format leads them to explore the unexpected some Sundays ! Come and visit them any Sunday or join them for the break in between testaments for a short Adam Hamilton study.

Before starting the New testament they will begin Adam Hamilton's study: *Creed, What Christians Believe and Why* on December 10. Hamilton, using the Apostles's Creed, explains belief with clarity and also engages contemporary questions to explain why belief matters in today's world.

If you'd like to join them for this study please call the church office to obtain a study book.

Kindergarten-Grade Two Prayer Chain

Our Kindergarten – Grade Two Sunday School class is making their own "Prayer Chain" . Each week the chain is growing as each child writes their prayer on a link. The children show a good understanding of needs vs. wants. Prayers include those for moms, dads, grandparents, safe travels, friends and classmates who need help in a variety of ways, flood victims, as well as many concerns regarding pets. It has been very special to see how knowledgeable, empathetic and faith-filled our little children are.



"Allow the children to come to me." Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of Heaven belongs to people like these children." Matthew 19:14

United Methodist Women

UMW will meet Thursday February 8th at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.

They will watch the last half of the movie *The Shack*. They viewed the first half at last month's meeting. Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, *The Shack* takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey after suffering a family tragedy.

Come join them for a time of Christian fellowship, refreshments and a classic film. All women are welcome and invited to bring a friend.