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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BANDERA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy Fall!

How are we doing financially?

Financial Report

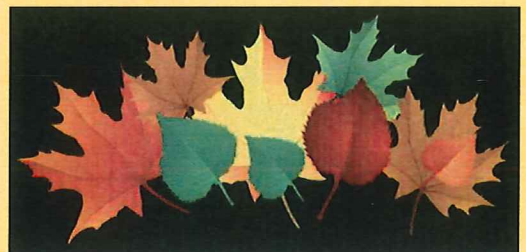
Bandera United Methodist Church is having a very fruitful year in many ways.

On the financial front, we've been challenged with extraordinary facility repairs, maintenance, and replacement of two of the air conditioners for our Fellowship Hall. The good news is our church members' tithes, gifts, and offerings have been ample to meet our needs, handle our usual mission efforts, and help those affected by the recent hurricanes. Our income through September was \$344,721 while our expenses were \$317,664 which left us with \$27,057 as we head into our holy season.

Blessings to all,
Wayne Antenen & Your 2017 Finance Team

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United Methodist Women

Last month 15 ladies packed baggies with soap and wash cloths (235) for Helping Hands. We were honored that our oldest member could attend. Hope you come back soon Mildred .

The ladies will gather again Thursday November 9, at 9:30 in the fellowship for the World Thank offering program and a guest speaker coming all the way from Florida.

All women are welcome and invited to bring a friend to enjoy a time of fellowship, learning and serving.

For more information call Carol Wolf (210-381-3002)

The Pastor's Pen

Church Conference

Sunday, November 12th, is a big day in the life of our church. We will have a presentation from the Finance Committee in BOTH worship services where they will detail for us the proposed budget for the coming year. This will give us all a picture of the missions and ministries that our church hopes to support as we strive to be the church God is calling us to be for our community and world. Immediately following each service, we will have a brief meeting to discuss and vote on the budget and the other items necessary for us to fulfill our mission. I really hope that you will make plans to join us in worship and at one of the meetings. The only way our church can continue to become the church God calls us to be is if we all prayerfully involve ourselves in discerning God's desired next steps for us.

And then at 2:00pm that afternoon, we will have our annual Church Conference. This year, we will be joined by both Medina UMC and Lakehills UMC for a joint Church Conference where we will get to hear of the many ways that God is moving in and through the people called Methodist in Bandera County. This will be a great time of celebration and enlightenment as we ask God to reveal ways that we can better serve the people in our mission field. So, please plan on returning to church at 2:00pm to join us for this every important meeting.

I am so thankful and honored to be your pastor and I am greatly looking forward to all the ways we will be God's church in our world.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Kyle

Walk to Emmaus update

Walk to Emmaus reunion meetings are happening every Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall! Men's group meets in the Cut-Ups' room, and women's group meets right across the hall. Most of us try to attend the monthly Hill Country Emmaus Community gatherings the first Monday every month, at Kerrville First Methodist. Dinner is at 6 in the Fellowship Hall. They usually provide the meet and all who attend are requested to bring a side dish or dessert. But like us here in Bandera, that's qualified with the statement that there's always plenty so join us even if you didn't bring anything. Dinner is followed by meeting in the Sanctuary at 7, and it's always very inspirational.



Last month our newest "walkers" attended with us. These ladies are Suzette Bellows, Lisa Warden, and Lacey Whitaker. Welcome ladies, and iDe Colores! The next community gathering will be December 4. If you've ever been on an Emmaus Walk ANYWHERE, not just here, you are warmly invited to join us. We always carpool from the church parking lot, leaving about 5:15.

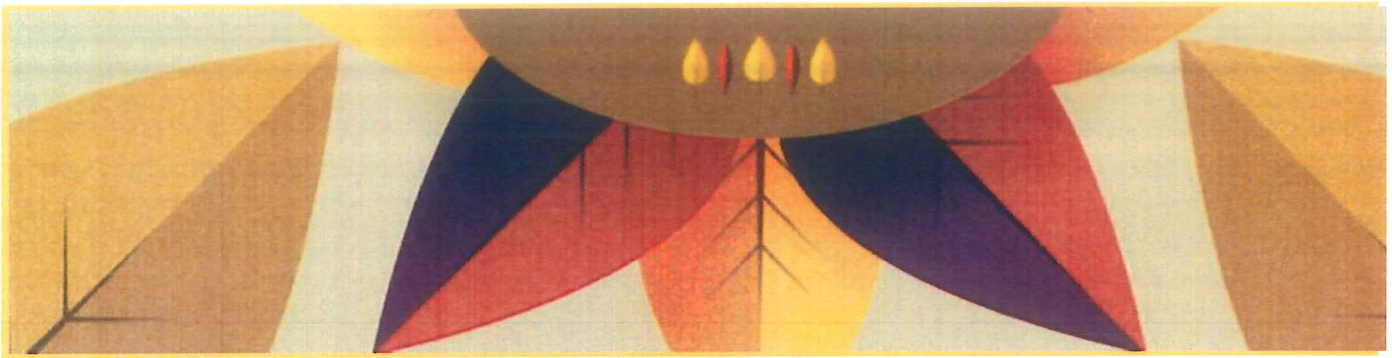
The next Walk for Hill Country is scheduled for the last weekend in April, 2018. It is a Men's Walk, and will be at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville. I have not heard a date for the next Women's Walk, but they have been the last weekend in September for the last couple of years. If you are interested in going on a Walk please let Pastor Kyle know, or call the office and leave your name with Cheryl. Bonnie Bevers and Sharon Anderwald will also add your name to the waiting list. Scholarships are available! There are Emmaus Communities in neighboring cities as well: Boerne, Hondo, San Antonio, Leakey, San Angelo, and so on. If neither April nor September works out for you, we can shop around!

Sadly, we have recently lost one of our dedicated members. Arlan (Ed) Habenicht passed away on Sunday, October 22. Arlan faithfully attended both the Men's reunion group in Bandera and the Hill Country Community Gathering in Kerrville. He was well-loved and will be sorely missed.

Till next time,
iDe Colores!
Sharon Anderwald

Birthdays for November

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS		
2nd Genie Wright	16th Amie Gray	22nd Alec Conoly
2nd Lindsey Lewis	17th Heather Grant	23rd Travis Chastain
3rd Shandra Zickler-Sanders	17th Belva Richardson	24th Cody Woodland
4th Elizabeth Scott	18th Jessica Tyra	24th Suzette Bellows
5th Richard Treece	18th Betty Haynes	24th Wade Brosz
6th Ken Dahlberg	18th Carilee Robbins	25th Pat Stokes
7th Wes Capes	18th Dan Sandidge	26th Jean Heep
8th Turner Warren	18th Sandra Ingram	27th Jean Darling
10th Barbara Brightwell	20th Sandi Johnston	27th Peggy Ashmore
12th Mitch Freeman	21st Susan D'Spain Cammack	28th Betty Wayne
13th Jamie Ward	21st Megan Locker	28th Ginny Brient
14th Marianne Sandidge	22nd Debbie Chastain	28th Rob Sandidge
14th Sully Woodland	22nd Roger Bellows	29th Michelle Kassai
15th Lyndsey DuBose		30th Ernest Schladoer



Stephen Ministry

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry that uses the Christian community to reach out to and comfort those who are hurting, lonely, or just need friendly ear. We've devoted 50 hours or more to our training and acquiring skills that will help us to better serve those in need. Confidentiality is as important as the compassion with which we serve. By utilizing Stephen Ministers, our Church is able to extend the amount of care and support the pastor can offer our congregation. We're caregivers who are willing and able to listen and walk alongside our care receivers through grief, crisis or other stresses in life.

Pastor Kyle has also trained us in giving Communion to those who are shut in, hospital or nursing home bound, whether long or short term. If you know someone who would like to receive Communion, but can't make it to Church or if you or someone you know would benefit from a Stephen Minister; you can call the Church office and speak with Pastor Kyle or ask that Roberta Himebrook give you a call.

Helping Hand

Helping Hand is truly blessed! Without the giving we receive from local churches, individuals, and groups we could not help those in need in Bandera County. In September alone, we helped 341 individuals, 158 families, and 10 new families. Monetary value we have given away this year through September is \$195,620.

Helping Hand thanks our local United Methodist Women for their generous soap and washcloth packets. These are used by the homeless when they use the shower facilities.

Sign-up time is now through November 16 to qualify for a Thanksgiving food basket. Stop by Helping Hand to apply. If you know of someone who may qualify, send them to Helping Hand.

Any Thanksgiving dinner food item is our special food request for November--stuffing, canned vegetables and fruits, canned soups. Drop boxes are in the Fellowship Hall and Church Office.

Now-How Can You Help? Helping Hand and Salvation Army once again will be "Ringing The Bell". Our church will be ringing the bell on Monday and Tuesday, December 11 and 12 from 9 a.m to dark. So, please check your calendar and more info to follow next month.

Thanks again for your loyal support of Helping Hand as we help those in need.

Marianne Sandidge
Helping Hand Representative

Bonnie's Beat

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. To honor our fearless leader, the youth decided to “decorate” his office last Wednesday. High School C.R.E.W. shoe polished, “wrapped”, and ballooned Pastor Kyle’s office to let him know how much we appreciate all his hard work and continued support of our program. Middle School C.R.E.W. wrote Pastor Kyle signs and letters, showing their gratitude for him and all that he does.

Bandera UMC is incredibly blessed to call Pastor Kyle our own. And CREW is especially appreciative of our Pastor and his good-naturedness, and his willingness to laugh at and participate in our antics.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

On October 31st, we will hold our Annual Trunk-or-Treat. We will “open” at 5:30 and hand out goodies until the candy is gone. We will have hot dogs, games, prizes, inflatables, and many other fun surprises! The parking lot across 11th Street will be blocked off and ready for you to decorate your trunk starting at 4:00pm. We will have a costume contest as well as a trunk design contest at 6:00, so bring your A-Game! This is a fun evening for all of our church families as well as a great outreach to our community.



C.R.E.W. Fall Retreat is coming up November 11-12, 2017. We will leave BUMC around 8:00 am Saturday morning and head to Knott Creek Falls in Harper, where we will meet up with the youth groups from Fredericksburg UMC and Johnson City UMC for a fun-filled weekend of rest, relaxation, food, and fellowship. We will hike and explore the area, play games, fellowship,

worship together, and, as always, EAT! The trip is open to all students in grades 6-12. The fee is \$50 and registration is due November 1st. We only have about 20 spots left open, so sign up ASAP to guarantee your spot!



Bandera United Methodist Church

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