



September, 2019

# Methogram

“The mission of First United Methodist Church of Silsbee is to glorify God, make disciples, and transform lives in Christ”

## The View From Downtown

Well my Friends, it has begun! And it is the regular routine of school attendance, sporting events, the various festivals, and hunting season. Each of these activities will require energy, time, money, sacrifice, commitment, and practice. I know these events are important and sometimes necessary for our personal and community identity. However, as a disciple of Jesus the Christ and a Minister in His service, my mind naturally leans toward the time, commitment, sacrifice, energy, money, and practice required to be a part of a church home and have a living relationship with Him. The difference between the fall season activities and the Christian life is that one is seasonal and one is never ending. Now, it is up to each of us as individuals to determine which one is which. And, please know, I too struggle with these things as you do. So, how do we choose the eternal over the temporary.

The Apostle Paul says the following in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4: 14-18 – “We know that the same God who raised our Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself along with you. All of these things are for your benefit. And as God’s grace brings more and more people to Christ, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don’t look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.”

May we all choose wisely and with compassion for ourselves and others!

Pastor David

### Fall Bible Study - Starts October 6th

Starting on October 6th at 6:30 pm in Cravens Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> UMC will offer a Bible Study named “Called-Hearing and Responding to God’s Voice” by Susan Robb. This 6 week study will examine the lives of 6 of the Bible’s most iconic character calls. Each session will have a 10 to 12 minute DVD presentation with discussion questions from the student book. Student books will be \$15 each and will be available to be picked up in the worship services on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see as many as possible on October 6<sup>th</sup>!

### 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Remembers the Following Families in Their Time of Grief

The Family of Kenneth and Joe Emma Christopher from Buna, Texas

The Family of Joyce Birdwell from Oklahoma

The Family of Jay Collier V from Silsbee, Texas

The Family of Elizabeth Auer from Silsbee, Texas

The Family of Don Ward from Beaumont, Texas

The Family of Carl Littlepage from Silsbee, Texas

The Family of John Owens of Silsbee, Texas

# CHURCH COUNCIL



The next scheduled meeting of the church council is set for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM in Cravens Hall. All persons are welcome to attend and see what is happening with our church and many ministries. Copies of the minutes can be picked up in the church office.

## Financial News: July 2019

2019 Church Income Budget	\$379,883.00
2019 Church Expenses Budget	\$367,860.00
Received Income YTD 07/2019	\$237,033.07
Expenses YTD 07/2019	\$241,161.06
Total Income received 07/2019	\$33,620.50
Total Expenses spent 07/2019	\$46,524.93
Differences (+/-)	-\$12,904.43

### Memorials

Undesignated	\$260.00
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### Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Camp Scholarship	\$0.00
Children Ministry	\$0.00
Choir	\$0.00
Christian Care Center	\$0.00
Disaster Help (Franklin)	\$0.00
Church Dinners	\$0.00
Feed My Sheep (Local Help)	\$120.00
Piano/Music Equipment	\$0.00
Pumpkin Patch	\$1,379.00
Shoe Box Ministry	\$0.00
Small Repair Project	\$0.00
Samaritan's Purse	\$0.00
Special Contributions	\$0.00
UMCOR	\$0.00
VBS	\$0.00
Wish List	\$50.00
Youth	\$85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,616.00</b>

## Fall Sermon Series

The Fall 2019 sermon series will examine the "Fruits of the Spirit" covered in Galatians 5:22-23. Come to worship and let's dive into God's Word on September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20 and 27.

### Memorials

#### Kenneth & Joe Emma

##### Christopher

Janette Van Winkle

##### John Owens

Willa Dean Hill

Dana Bradshaw

##### Joyce Birdwell

Kassie Adams Moye

Allan & Dagma Murphy

Marianne Deadmon

Dana Bradshaw

#### Jay Collier V

First Presbyterian-WOC

Willa Dean Hill

Allan & Dagma Murphy

Jerry, Marilyn & Keith Cox

Kassie Adams Moye

Marianne Deadmon

Dana Bradshaw

#### Judge Billy Caraway

Allan & Dagma Murphy

Dana Bradshaw

#### Elizabeth Auer

Cheryl Owens

Gary & Shannon Strahan

Cindy West

James & Tonya Hawkins

Carol McWhorter

Reid & Sharon Dickard

Dana Bradshaw

### Worship

08/04 - 109

08/11 - 90

08/18 - 113

08/25 - 155

### Sunday School

08/04 - 64

08/11 - 69

08/18 - 65

08/25 - 62

### Gifts

08/04 - \$6,336.00

08/11 - \$5,975.00

08/18 - \$6,456.00

08/25 - \$6,108.00



We are kicking off our Shoebox Ministry on Sunday, September 8, 2019. This is our third year to be a part of this global ministry. Our goal this year is 225 shoeboxes. I'm confident God will provide exceedingly and abundantly all that we need to meet our goal.

As with so many things in our lives the more we do something the better we get and I'm certainly getting valuable information from our local Operation Christmas Child team. Below is a list of specific items we will be collecting between September 8th and November 3rd.

- \* Money to cover shipping - \$9 per box X 225 boxes = \$2,025
- \* WOW item - Soccer ball (deflated) and pump (1 per box)
  - \* Pencils and manual pencil sharpeners
  - \* Toothbrushes (No toothpaste)
    - \* Bars of soap
    - \* Washcloths (1 per box)
- \* Small pads of paper or coloring books (must fit in box)
  - \* Crayons or markers

Each of our boxes will contain one of these items. Please feel free to collect other items you think would be fun to give. Remember our receivers are boys or girls, ages 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, and 10-14 years old.

Contact Cheryl Owens, if you have any questions.

## **Holy Communion - Sunday, September 8th in both services**

Invite your friends to worship with you on this day.

Communion Rail Offering for September will be for the Shoebox Ministry of our church.

### **Contest Time!**

Time is running out to get your entries in to rename the Methogram! Entries are due to the church office by Sunday, September 8th. We will announce the winner on Sunday, September 15th. The new name will be used on our January 2020 newsletter. Get your entries in today!

### **HELP WANTED**

Our children's department is in need of Sunday School teachers. We are currently operating with two classes but we need to expand that to four classes. Prayerfully consider serving in this ministry. Contact Cheryl for additional information or to sign up.

### **UMYF News**

UMYF completed their summer study "Run the Race." I pray they are more confident in who they are in Christ Jesus. We will continue to meet on Sundays at 4pm in Cravens Hall for a time of food, fellowship, and fun. Our next Big Event is "See You at the Pole" on Wednesday, September 25th.

## **Generosity Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Rev. Mark Woodard with the Texas Methodist Foundation will be here to speak about Generosity during both services.

Rev. Woodard is an Area Representative serving the Texas Conference. With his experience, Mark brings a wealth of knowledge about churches, finances, and mission strategy to this position. He also brings a love for visiting with clergy and laity as they dream about the future.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us on Sunday, September 22nd.



Volunteers are needed at the Pumpkin Patch throughout the month of October. Information on sign ups have been sent out through email. If you need help signing up, please contact Trina in the church office.



We need cases of bottled water and homemade cookies to pass out to Pumpkin Patch visitors on Saturday, October 5th.



If you want to set up a vendor booth for Saturday, October 5th, please contact Cheryl Owens.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

