

2021 Charge Conference Items

Executive Team 2021

Denise McCollough – Finance Chair
Kerwin Overby – Staff Parish Relations Committee
George Hager – Trustee Chair
Other members:
David Gregory
Courtney Compton
John Carlson
*E'Von Owen
*Jessica Triola
*Jared Banks
*New for 2021
(Rotating Off – Andy Magee, Jesse Brown)

Annual Conference Delegates for 2021

Monica O'Donnell
Kerwin Overby
Spencer Thomas
Tina Box
John Carlson
Sara Lohmeyer
Alternate Representatives: Kendra Thomas, Lori Payne

Pastor Salary Approval – at same level as last year

Donna Magee - \$53,300 Base Salary, housing allowance - \$8,462
David Payne - \$114,000 Base Salary, housing allowance - \$30,000

Continuing of Certified Candidates in Ministry

Monica O'Donnell – intern at KFUMC, enrolled in seminary
Matt Ratliff – student pastor in Austin District, enrolled in seminary

Approval of Certified Candidate for Ministry

Spencer Thomas

Lay Servant Certification

Raymond Hardee

Boy Scouts of America – Relationship with United Methodist Congregations

We the Kerrville First United Methodist Church give authority to the Executive Team to review the recommendation. Of the United Methodist legal counsel in conjunction with annual conference leadership and the Council of Bishops as to whether or not to approve the BSA plan of reorganization, and to vote on the plan on behalf of the church. The chair of the Board of Trustees is further empowered to execute the plan ballot document.

**Baptized Membership Received,
11.16.20 to Present**

McMinn, Otto
Hunter, Brook
Lehmann, Cali

Lehmann, Reagan
Tognietti, Jackson
Tognietti, Niley

Lewis, William Townes
Montoya, Elias
Schulse, Asher

**Professing Membership Received,
11.16.20 to Present**

Profession of Faith - Confirmands

Land, Brandon
McCullough, Clive

Simpson, Raleygh

Werlein, Kendra

Profession of Faith

Jakaboski, David
Luck, Charlie
Rossman, Stephen
Ullrich, Robert
Lang, Raymond
Johnson, Gail

Lehmann, Corey
Beasley, Dan
Wells-Beasley, Deborah
Wilson, Toni
Lewis, Danielle
Lewis, Stephen Blake

Black, Benjamin
Black, Ciara
Schulse, Cory
Schulse, Rachel

Restored Membership

Certificate of Transfer from other United Methodist churches

Jakaboski, Larque
Morrison, Mark S
Burke, Vicki
Moree, Peggy

Nicholson, Darla
Atwell, David C
Childs-Atwell, Stephanie A
Ellebracht, Ben

Ellebracht, Katherine
Faight, Janet S
Faight, Robert B
Fowler, Bruce

Certificate of Transfer from other non-United Methodist churches

Siemens, William
Stephens, Linda G
Howard, Cynthia

Lehmann, Brady
Groves, Jacob
Groves, Marisol

Salinas, Sarah
Salinas, Victor

**Professing Members Removed,
11.16.20 to Present**

By Action of Charge Conference

By Withdrawal

Conley, Kelly	Edgington, Austin	Stuart, Nancy E
Conley, Richard	Edgington, Donn	Loop, Mark S
King, Tom M	Edgington, Shawn	Loop, Rebecca S
Edgington, Ashton		

By Transfer to other United Methodist Churches

Black, Elizabeth	Knapp, Lois
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By Transfer to other non-United Methodist Churches

Wilems, Donna	Howard, Diana M	Pope, Kelby
Wilems, P. Jon	Pratt, Deborah D	Rees, Betty
Pelton, Roger J	Pratt, Steven W.	Rees, Hugh
Howard, Allan C	Anthony, Barbara	

By Death

Klinge, Dorothy	Lehmann, G. Eugene	Brightwell, Charles R
De Vaney, George T	Strange, Carlene	Henley, Mildred
Stutts, Evelyn	Boman, James	Rothe, Robert
Ewing, Patricia	Collins, Margaret M	Lewis, William E
Newton, Barbara	Stuckey, Martin	Kendrick, Ruth DuBose
Hickey, Charles K	Nelson, Richard F	Rue, Melvin D
Wendel, Adele	Box, B. Jacob	Fox, Otis
Emmerson, Billie J	Spinks, Mildred	Ashmore, James D
Farris, W. Hilton	Clarke, Virginia R	Aspinall, Michael J
Smith, Samuel W.	Betterton, Melinda	Nelson, Phyllis
Williams Naredo, Janice	Brown, Frances	Culley, Charlene
Binnion, Doris	Rooke, Esthermae L	Taylor, Marcia "Jill"
Walters, Winnie	Crowton, David	
Young, E'Lisa S	Champion, Danna	

**List for First Reading
November 15, 2021**

1	Alexander, Alexis	56	Hanawalt, Julie	111	Nichols, Mary Liza
2	Amason, Allen	57	Hardee, Teresa	112	Nielsen Smith, Deborah
3	Anderson, M. Roger	58	Hardie, Russell	113	Nix, Joanne P
4	Anderson, Karen G	59	Hardie, Victoria	114	Oehler, Hayden
5	Atkins, Catherine F	60	Harmon, Cassidy	115	Olvera, Santos "Tito"
6	Banta, Donovan	61	Harmon, James F	116	Ortiz, Lauren
7	Bestone, Michael	62	Harmon, Tara	117	Owens, Sammy T
8	Black, Catherine Huff	63	Harmon, Colton	118	Paddock, Paula
9	Bollier, Caitlin	64	Harmon, Katie	119	Papesca, James T
10	Bollier, Chance B	65	Harris, Jessica	120	Papesca, Shelley L
11	Bomkamp, Brock	66	Hartl, Casey C	121	Parker, Stephanie
12	Brown, Parker	67	Hartl, Kayla B	122	Pearce, Peyton C
13	Brown, R. Timothy	68	Heckman-Sauer, Barbara	123	Perry, Allyson
14	Brown, Loraine E	69	Heflin, Miranda	124	Persyn, Ashley
15	Brown, Tanner	70	Henderson, Jesse E	125	Plugge, Caroline
16	Brynildsen-Holt, Kathleen	71	Henderson, Curtis L	126	Pruneda, Belinda B
17	Castleberry, Johnnie	72	Henry, Taylor	127	Pruneda, Maria
18	Chilian, Carol	73	Huckaby, Deen	128	Quinby, John S
19	Clack, Justin T	74	Hudnall, T. Dane	129	Quinby, Barbara
20	Clary, Steven D	75	Huey, Elton "Peter"	130	Ratliff, Jill
21	Clary, Caroline R	76	Hutte, Megan	131	Roden, Marium
22	Danford, Harold	77	Hyatt, Becky	132	Ruland, Adam J
23	Danford, Wendy	78	Janssen, Catherine	133	Sanchez, Lily
24	Dietz, Ainsley	79	Johnson, Rodney L	134	Santiago, Erving
25	Dodson, Kyla J	80	Johnson, Dorothy	135	Santiago, Courtney
26	Drake, Melissa	81	Johnson Jr., Gerald W	136	Saunier, Glennalise
27	Dwyer, Matthew	82	Keeble, Robert	137	Schumacher, Ingrid
28	Earnest, G Philip	83	Keeble, Stacie	138	Secketa, Mary L
29	Earney, Dana	84	Keen, A. Jay	139	Sheffield, Casey
30	Earney, Michael	85	Keen, Cassandra J	140	Sheffield, Tammy
31	East, Beverly	86	Keen, Robert Earl	141	Smith, Paige N
32	Eastland, George "Britt"	87	Keen, Kathleen	142	Smith, Arthur "Kent"
33	Elliott, Kevin	88	Keen, Chloe	143	Smith, Lisa
34	Elliott, Deena	89	Kelley, Laurel A	144	Smith, Benny
35	Ellis, L. Paige Collins	90	Knoulton, Jaycee K	145	Smith, Cherie A
36	Falkinburg, Kimber	91	Knoulton, Jules	146	Smith, Melanie
37	Fernandez, Claudia E	92	Lenard, Courtney	147	Smith, Laci
38	Fernandez Jr., John A	93	Lightfoot, Ronald J	148	Smith, Bayli
39	Fernandez Sr., John A	94	Lightfoot, Amy	149	Spinks, David W
40	Fica, Cheri	95	Lucio, Christian	150	Spinks, Vickie
41	Fine, S. Tyler	96	Martin, S. Caitlin	151	Stewart, Amanda Gleason
42	Fine, Austin	97	Martin, Katherine	152	Urie, Douglas
43	Fischrupp, Matthew	98	McAvoy, Preston "Alex"	153	Vasquez, Santiago "Jimmy"
44	Font, Joshua	99	McGinnis, Rhonda	154	Vasquez, Carryl
45	Garcia, Christopher B	100	McGinnis, W. Keith	155	Vela, Karenrose Honea
46	Garcia, Eunice	101	McKee, Sarah Simank	156	Walling, Sharon
47	Gehrts, Jeanette	102	Mercer, Johnny T	157	Walls, Marah
48	Gehrts, Natalie	103	Miller, Phillip G	158	Washburn, Shannon Coy
49	Gentry, Gerry	104	Miller, Lise Lieder	159	Whites, R. Sloan
50	Grayson, Stanley L	105	Miller, Diana R	160	Wiginton, Theresa
51	Grayson, Billie J	106	Moore, Alicia	161	Woods, Kimberly
52	Greenley, Tiffanee	107	Myers, Leah	162	Woods, Tianah
53	Groves, Nadejda Sautin	108	Nelson, Thomas F	163	Yates, Annie R
54	Hagy, Thomas F	109	Nelson, Kaitlin Mayne	164	Young, Kendall
55	Hagy, Deanna	110	Nichols, William "Rusty"	165	Young, Johnny L

**List for Second Reading
November 15, 2021**

1	Adams, David L	23	Harris, Dillon	45	Owen, Gretchen McClendon
2	Adams, Linda M	24	Houghton, William R	46	Parker, C. Lanette
3	Arnold Daoro, Caroline	25	Huddleston, John	47	Poppe, Tiffany
4	Avalos, Casaundra	26	Huddleston, Margaret	48	Prevost, Charles E
5	Becker, Lydia	27	Hui, Eric Chung-Kin	49	Ratliff, Joshua D
6	Betsill, Caroline	28	Hui, Kara Gleason	50	Roberts, Jason W
7	Bull, Nolan	29	Imel, Ronald	51	Roberts, Linda
8	Cammack, Kamryn	30	Imel, Linda	52	Rounsley, Jessie Lee
9	Carson, Jennifer	31	Jensen, Joel	53	Ruland, Amanda
10	Chew, Nicholas S	32	Kenalty, Joan	54	Sample, Darlene
11	Cline, Jonathan	33	Kirkland, Tina	55	Sample, Gracie
12	Cline, Angela	34	Koether, Kris	56	Smith, Brittany
13	Danford, Madison	35	Mantipty, Chandler Collins	57	Smith, Ally
14	Davis, Paul K	36	Martin, Carissa	58	Speckine, Suzanne
15	Davis, Jerri L.	37	Martin, Joshua	59	Sternberg, Amanda
16	Edds-Jansen, Sandra S	38	Martin, Ryan	60	Tatsch, Kaitlyn Cammack
17	Edwards, Linda McDaniel	39	Martin, Chelsea	61	Tatsch, Julie
18	Exum, Christina	40	McCarty, Kyle P	62	Walsleben, Donna L
19	Garcia, Chloe	41	Melcher, Paige	63	Whayne, Mary Ruth
20	Gomillion, Martha Cammack	42	Melcher, Cameron	64	Wilson, James E
21	Goodall, Billie	43	Miller, Jordan	65	Wilson, Carrie L.
22	Harrel, Robin Rector	44	Muse, Sean		

First United Methodist Church
Overview Summary

	Month to Date				Year to Date				
	Oct-21	Budget	Actual vs. Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget	Actual	Budget	2021
	Actual		Variance			Variance			Budget
2021 Comparison									
OPERATING FUND									
Pledged Income	106,277	112,938	-6,661	769,644	1,316,038	-546,394	1,738,576	1,738,576	
Faith Giving	77,681	64,354	13,327	910,803	615,961	294,842	747,026	747,026	
Open Plate	2,498	2,634	-136	14,887	44,592	-29,705	56,500	56,500	
Other Income	564	1,448	-884	7,269	11,916	-4,647	20,300	20,300	
MDO Income	7,178	11,121	-3,943	74,623	105,620	-30,997	126,000	126,000	
Children's Ark Income	53,339	51,561	1,778	555,257	523,191	32,066	638,709	638,709	
TOTAL Income	247,537	244,056	3,481	2,332,483	2,617,318	-284,835	3,327,111	3,327,111	
Share Christ with Our Neighbors	3,278	8,553	-5,275	28,178	81,486	-53,308	96,500	96,500	
Heighten our Worship of God	2,173	6,141	-3,968	23,089	42,963	-19,874	56,700	56,700	
Invite Others into a Deeper Relationship w/God	1,213	4,320	-3,107	15,385	17,846	-2,461	24,550	24,550	
Nurture Our Children & Youth	96,471	84,754	11,717	639,920	719,985	-80,065	853,689	853,689	
Excel in Loving One Another	2,560	21,228	-18,668	13,016	94,415	-81,399	125,800	125,800	
TOTAL Program Cost	105,695	124,996	-19,301	719,588	956,695	-237,107	1,157,239	1,157,239	
Administrative Overhead	211,596	216,216	-4,620	1,642,783	1,816,226	-173,443	2,169,872	2,169,872	
TOTAL Administrative Overhead Expense	317,291	341,212	-23,921	2,362,371	2,772,921	-410,550	3,327,111	3,327,111	
TOTAL ALL INCOME	247,537	244,056	3,481	2,332,483	2,617,318	-284,835	3,327,111	3,327,111	
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	317,291	341,212	-23,921	2,362,371	2,772,921	-410,550	3,327,111	3,327,111	
TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER/(UNDER)	-69,754	-97,156	27,402	-29,888	-155,603	125,715	0	0	
Last year:									
2020 comparison		(Previous year totals)							2020
TOTAL INCOME	212,315	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Budget
TOTAL EXPENSE	274,660	245,738	-33,423	2,369,678	2,628,001	-258,323	3,327,111	3,327,111	3,327,111
RECEIPTS OVER/(UNDER) EXP.	-62,345	341,023	-66,363	2,420,807	2,772,702	255,627	3,327,111	3,327,111	0
		-95,285	32,940	-51,129	-144,701	93,572	0	0	0
STEWARDSHIP STATUS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021	2021
TOTAL CARDS RECEIVED	379	545	448	347	318	329	191	191	191
TOTAL PLEDGED	1,523,967	2,033,083	1,830,301	1,677,068	1,558,872	1,731,676	988,951	988,951	988,951
APPROVED BUDGET	2,880,925	3,367,712	2,936,085	3,140,971	3,076,672	3,327,111	3,327,111	3,327,111	3,327,111
	53%	60%	62%	53%	51%	52%	30%	30%	30%

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	2021 YTD Beginning Balance	Income/Transfers	Expense/Transfers	August 2021 Ending Balance
				Total All Funds
OPERATING FUND				
Happy State Bank (formerly Centennial Bank)	\$ 145,133	\$ 2,049,481	(2,215,601)	(20,988)
Texas Partners Bank (formerly Texas Hill Country Bank)	\$ 226,243	\$ 3,925	(10)	230,158
TMF - Children's Ark #2569	\$ 39,247	\$ 183	\$ -	\$ 39,430
TMF Savings #1952	\$ 319,708	\$ 1,493	\$ -	\$ 321,201
TMF Operating Long Term #2308	\$ 314,832	\$ 1,470	\$ -	\$ 316,302
TOTAL Operating Fund	\$ 1,045,163	\$ 2,056,552	(2,215,611)	\$ 886,104
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Centennial Bank	\$ 396,479	\$ 783,392	(788,740)	\$ 391,131
Texas Partners Bank (Money Market)	\$ -	\$ 479,574	\$ -	\$ 479,574
TMF #7589	\$ 136,798	\$ 639	\$ -	\$ 137,437
TOTAL Restricted Funds	\$ 533,277	\$ 1,263,605	(788,740)	\$ 1,008,141
ASSET REPLACEMENT				
TMF Savings EP#1145	\$ 232,071	\$ 40,448	(11,859)	\$ 260,660
TMF Savings FIP#1151	\$ 187,013	\$ 7,036	(6,757)	\$ 187,292
TMF Savings #7432	\$ 179,282	\$ 837	\$ -	\$ 180,119
SUB-TOTAL TMF Savings - AR	\$ 598,366	\$ 48,321	(18,616)	\$ 628,071
*Due to/from HSB to Asset Replacement	\$ (38,988)	\$ 300	\$ -	(38,688)
SUB-TOTAL due to/from Operating Fund - Accts Rec	\$ (38,988)	\$ 300	\$ -	(38,688)
TOTAL Asset Fund	\$ 559,378	\$ 48,621	(18,616)	\$ 589,383
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	\$ 2,137,818	\$ 3,368,778	(3,022,967)	\$ 2,483,628
Ending balance in HSB Checking	\$ 315,548			
Outstanding items/deposit in transit	\$ 15,907			
General Ledger balance	\$ 331,455			
Texas Partners Bank (Money Market)	\$ 709,732			
Total in Local Banks	\$ 1,041,187			
Total in TMF Account	\$ 1,442,442			
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	\$ 2,483,628			
Operating fund target				
Operating fund EOM		769,043		
Operating fund over/under		-886,104		
		-117,061	Over	
Asset Rep Fund Target				
Asset Rep EOM		500,000		
AR fund over/under		-589,383		
		-89,383	Over	

**First United Methodist Church Kerrville
Comparison of Actual Budget Receipts**

Year 2021

Months	YR 2021	YR 2020	YR 2019	YR 2018	YR 2017	YR 2016	YR 2015
January	190,970	258,863	256,809	244,125	266,251	271,899	187,216
February	225,958	226,372	248,236	212,129	203,539	234,386	210,663
March	258,656	263,469	282,449	282,121	298,516	231,718	328,744
Quarter Total	675,584	748,704	787,494	738,375	768,306	738,003	726,623
April	245,973	254,836	305,074	273,224	237,780	275,789	286,741
May	243,596	174,645	211,335	223,300	195,557	241,536	243,636
June	238,616	275,599	229,130	209,647	203,205	218,474	203,649
Quarter Total	728,184	705,080	745,539	706,171	636,542	735,799	734,026
Acc Total	1,403,768	1,453,784	1,533,033	1,444,546	1,404,848	1,473,802	1,460,649
July	205,409	239,853	267,513	277,141	233,591	258,090	238,576
August	243,955	228,940	277,088	234,449	188,585	207,221	237,765
September	227,886	228,058	225,580	209,854	206,228	259,049	238,660
Quarter Total	677,250	696,851	770,181	721,444	628,404	724,360	715,001
Acc Total	2,081,018	2,150,635	2,303,214	2,166,990	2,033,252	2,198,162	2,175,650
October	247,537	219,042	237,788	266,255	290,283	278,752	198,051
November		226,372	308,794	196,592	184,079	237,142	245,587
December		385,959	226,372	320,328	407,790	334,971	321,319
Quarter Total	247,537	831,373	772,954	783,175	882,152	850,865	764,957
Acc Total	2,328,555	2,982,008	3,076,168	2,949,165	2,915,404	3,049,027	2,619,288
Year to Date	2,328,555	2,982,008	3,076,168	2,949,165	2,915,404	3,049,027	2,940,607

Bright Beginnings Preschool

Bright Beginnings Playschool (BBP formerly called Mother's Day Out) is a ministry of KFUMC that is working hard to help even the youngest children in our care grow their relationship with Christ.

Our 9-week summer program was full of kids aged 3 months to 9 years and this school year we are excited to once again have our classrooms full of children aged 3 months to 6 years. The demand for quality childcare is high and we have a waitlist for our classes.

Each classroom has a daily schedule that includes art, music, chapel, free play, and outside time. We also have a color, shape, number, and letter to study each week. It is exciting to see the growth and progress of our children over the course of the year. We look forward to seeing the seeds that are planted now grow as they age.

About half of the BBP teachers are part of our church family and we are lucky to have some of the most caring and Christ-filled teachers imaginable. Several parents have seen the movement of God in their own lives after their children started at BBP and they have sought out ways to grow their own faith at KFUMC and other local churches.

Over the next year we will continue to create a space where children can experience the love of Christ through play and age-appropriate activities. We will continue offering family fellowship opportunities so families can grow their faith as well as expand their circle of love and support.

Children's Ark Preschool

Guiding God's youngest, and their families, sowing His plan of love

"Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 22:6*

KFUMC has included the Children's Ark as an essential element in following the path of Christ to make disciples for the transformation of the world.



- **Share** the love of Jesus with our neighbors
Seventeen scholarships given by this congregation, continue the love of Jesus to struggling, working families. "Thank you for saving our family," mother of two. (In addition, scholarship funds are used to support our Wounded Warriors event, Child Care Services deficit, and Ark staff scholarships)

- **Heighten** the worship of God - heart, soul, mind, and strength

Children worship God best, with all their heart, soul, mind and strength! Chapel Time is each Wednesday at 10:00 am for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten children.

- **Invite** people into a deeper relationship with God

All children, their families, and the Ark staff are invited to all KFUMC events. Favorites included the Animal Blessing and Trunk or Treat.

- **Nurture** our children and youth

Currently serving 93 small souls and their families, the Children's Ark provides a full, happy and flexible experiences with love, care, and Christian guidance to develop self-confidence and independence in children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age, and their families. We are licensed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services and are open 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday-Friday, year round, providing 2 snacks and a hot lunch every day.

- **Excel** in loving one another - both inside and outside the church

Our clients, their care givers, and our staff are nurtured and loved on everyday. Mom of a 12 year old: "We know we have options. We choose the Ark because of the example of Christ they show."

The Ark anticipates continued steady enrollment, sufficient to meet the needs of our growing ministry as part of God's plan, and appreciates the love, prayers and support the congregation provides.

Children's Ministry

January - December 2021

January through February

Kids Connect met at LOTH during worship services

March

Sunday School classes resumed weekly at FUMC Midweek classes met through May

June

VBS held in new format: 3 days, Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ages K-4th grade

June to July

Summer activities held: Olympians for Christ (5 sessions) ; Swim lessons at LOTH (3 sessions), Music & Movement classes for under 4 years

August

Back to School Sunday during Sunday school (new format)

September to December

Children's Church – all new program offered from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Sunday. This is in addition to Kids Connect that is offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Spark kids midweek meets with new format of a fun theme every week.

October

3rd grade Bibles handed out at the Camp Mystic service

November

Advent boxes for families distributed

Goals for 2022

- Half day camps at LOTH/KFUMC during Spring Break and throughout the summer.
- Continue to look for ways to stay connected to kids (and families): currently sending birthday cards out to kids monthly;
- Send "miss you" postcards to kids who have missed a few Sundays or Wednesdays activities; etc.
- Look for opportunities to make church events fun for kids and have fun activities planned.

*Note: this report focused on kids Prek-4th grade (Spark Kids). There is a separate report for BLAZE (5th & 6th) and Little Stars (kids under 4).

Forge Youth Ministry

This year, in Forge Student Ministry, our middle school students have been meeting on Wednesday nights, and our high school students meet on Sunday nights. We have an active group of high school girls that meets each Saturday for small group.

Over the past year, we have enjoyed time at the pool at Mt. Wesley, playing pickleball, peach picking, hiking, a cooking competition, a float trip, a fall retreat, and opportunities to serve our church and community. Each of these has been an opportunity to grow in relationships with each other and in our relationships with the Lord. We're very thankful for the continuous support of our church family that enables us to do all of these things, and look forward to what God has for us in the next year!

In-Reach Ministry and Illuminate Women's Ministry

With the support of a special group of volunteers, KFUMC has continued to care for members of the congregation who are homebound or living in care facilities. Volunteers continue to send cards and letters of encouragement and love to our shut-ins. Hospital visits began once Peterson Regional Medical Center allowed visitors into the hospital, and Pastor Donna along with volunteers visit the hospital Monday through Friday to pray with our members. The bus ministry resumed providing transportation to worship services once it was deemed "safe" to do so. Two busses every Sunday pick up our members for worship and Sunday School. The prayer quilters have focused primarily on the walker bags that are given to those who have a joint replacement at Peterson Hospital. They continued to do this throughout the period of isolation as they could work on these projects in the safety of their homes. This is an incredible ministry that supports our local hospital and recognizes our church, as individuals receive these bags with a KFUMC label on them. Prayer quilts continue to be delivered to those dealing with serious illnesses or surgery complications. Contact has continued with persons when they've gone home from the hospital. Food deliveries have continued, particularly during the San Antonio Food Bank Mega-Food drives. Upper Rooms are delivered and/or mailed to our members unable to attend worship. Through the efforts of several persons, our flower ministry continued throughout the pandemic. We are excited to have more of our team who have resumed their participation in this ministry. Together they bring smiles with a bouquet of flowers to our shut-ins. Beautiful poinsettias will be delivered in December as an expression of our love. Homebound communion has also been shared with those homebound members wishing to participate. (Many have grown accustomed to having their own bread and juice as they watch the worship service either online or on television so do not feel the need for someone to bring them Holy Communion.) Lastly, our prayer list is distributed weekly to more than 100 members who pray for the needs that have been shared with us. It's a holy privilege to care for those within our congregation and work to ensure they know they are loved and not forgotten. Many thanks go to the volunteers who give of their time and talents to care for those within our congregation.

Our Illuminate Women's Ministry is excited to resume activities in this last quarter of the year and look forward to our Illuminate Advent gathering November 30.

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

--Galatians 6:9-10

Music Ministry

Haley Montoya / Director of Music and Worship Ministry
Highlight from August 1st, 2021 - November, 2021

Internal Ministry Groups:

KFUMC Choir. We have been growing the past few months. I held an inaugural Christmas Cantata Choir Retreat on KFUMC campus and we have added some community members to our Christmas Cantata group.

KFUMC Women's Choir. Also known as the Sassy Lassies. This group is in its first year and sings in services once a month.

KFUMC Ringers. The bell choir has a new structure this year and is held for two, 7 week sessions a year under the direction of an acting director until a long-term director is established. This session is under the directions of Susan Phillips. The ringers will play in two services each session and the services will land during Advent/Christmas and Lent/Holy Week.

Early Service Music. This is a new rotation of volunteer musicians who sing or play as soloists or small ensembles for the 8:30 service. There have been several different choir members who have been a part of this offering so far.

Jubilee Band. This group usually plays in service once a month and will play at special events such as the church picnic in collaboration with the contemporary service musicians and will play at LOTH for the LOTH Christmas.

External Ministry Groups:

Saints Alive. I advertised this group in the community to attract community members. We have a few non-KFUMC singers in this group this year. We have been meeting since mid-August to rehearse for several weeks and then go on tour to the 14 different care facilities in Kerville to perform uplifting concerts for residents.

Sing-A-Long. This group is a smaller group of volunteer KFUMC singers that go to 4 different facilities on a weekly rotation. We supply song books and communion materials for the residents of the facilities. We engage in a sing-a-long fellowship time while doing a brief devotional and communion together. This has been a very fun and popular group for some of our care facility KFUMC members.

Giving Voice. This is a memory care community choir ministry that has been on hold during Covid. We plan to resume a bi-weekly schedule in the spring. I also plan to advertise this group to the community to welcome people in the area to sing with the memory care folks.

Ignite Performing Arts for Kids. This is a new group has included 1st-5th grade students from all KISD elementary schools. It provides school pickups, snacks, physical activities and games, music, and movement, and other performing arts components. It is co-led with Sara Lohmeyer and 3 other KFUMC volunteers. Ignite had an all-day camp kick off in August and began weekly sessions since mid-September with a concluding performance in mid-November. Ignite has between 30-40 kids in attendance per week.

Actions:

*Several of the music ministry areas at KFUMC have grown and become consistent in participation over the past 3 months.

*Communication issues have been fixed and streamlined.

*Weekly organization and preparation of music and other related tasks has been implemented.

*Portable risers have been ordered to enhance worship space uses.

*New music has been, and will continue to be, updated to meet the needs of our current worship services and new or inquiring congregants.

Goals:

*To continue promoting KFUMC music ministry groups to church and community members in order to include any and all participants in the blessings of ministry inside and outside the walls of KFUMC.

*To assist in creating a Christ-centered, accessible, and relatable worship environment through repertoire selection, ensemble preparation, and joyful implementation during weekly services, weekly community engagement events, and other special events.

BLAZE PRETEEN MINISTRY

BLAZE Preteen Ministry is for our 5th & 6th graders. We recognize that 5th and 6th graders are often too old for the children's programs, but too young for the youth programs. That is why we have a preteen ministry at KFUMC! This is a time in a preteens life where they are leaving childhood and beginning to tread wide-eyed into the teenage years. They have tons of questions and our goal is to turn their awkward years into awesome years by helping them discover truth, search the Bible for answers and build a faith foundation that guides wise choices. We meet each week for bible study on Sunday mornings at 10:30am & Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. Our Wednesday evening program this fall also included fun theme nights. We had pumpkin decorating, duct tape night, a treasure hunt, neon night & campfire night just to name a few. Over the summer we went on monthly field trips that included a pool party at Light on the Hill, a trip to the Empty Cross and also some aerial yoga at Humbling Bloom. We also get together for service projects which have included collecting canned goods, helping out in mustard seed food pantry, clearing walking trails and cleaning up the grounds and flower beds at Light on the Hill. Our hope for this ministry is that we will continue to meet their spiritual needs, be more mission minded with our service projects fostering a desire to serve others and to plan special retreats for this group in order to promote spiritual growth.

NURSERY/LITTLE STARS MINISTRY

Our Nursery program at KFUMC is for Infants up to 3 years old. We provide care during all four services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for bible studies. The nursery is also available for other church functions during the week as needed. We want our families to have a wonderful nursery experience as we partner in their little one's faith development. Our nursery strives to be a place where each child feels safe and parents feel comfortable leaving their precious little one. The nursery is full of wonderful staff who love working with children. Our ratio of caring adults ensures each child's needs will be met. Our goal is to provide the best possible love and care while in our program.

Little Stars Ministry was recently started to further support our young parents. This ministry is for families with children 4 and under. We wanted to be able to help these families connect and build relationships with one another. Little Stars currently meets monthly for fun and fellowship. The whole family is invited to attend. Since beginning this summer, they have met for park playdates, splash pad fun, a family swim night, a dance party and pumpkin decorating. Our hope for this ministry is that parents can meet and get to know one another while their kids also build relationships and play. Once relationships are formed, our goal is that small groups and bible studies will begin to develop for these young adults. While they meet for those studies, we would provide care for their little ones.

Outreach Ministry

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

While 2021 continued to bring challenges, with the combination of prayer and action, Kerrville First United Methodist Church (KFUMC) and Light on the Hill (LOTH) at Mount Wesley were able to reach out and share the love of Christ in numerous tangible ways with our community. It is amazing to see all of the outreach ministries God allowed us the privilege of being a part of in 2021. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard and loved so well to make a difference in the lives of so many of our neighbors, both near and far!

- Mustard Seed Ministries continued to share hundreds of thousands of pounds of food with our neighbors through weekly drive-through pantries, monthly mega food distributions through our partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, weekly food deliveries to those that are homebound, and monthly Mobile Mustard Seed "popup pantries." The relationships built through this ministry have been a blessing to everyone involved!
- Hundreds of children in our community received new backpacks and grade appropriate school supplies for the start of the new school year, as well as every staff person on every campus in Kerrville ISD and Ingram ISD received a "blessing bag" to encourage them at the beginning of the school year!
- The revitalization efforts for the outdoor space at LOTH including improvements made to the hiking trails, low ropes course and labyrinth have provided a huge welcoming addition for our community!
- The addition of recreation ministry to KFUMC and LOTH has brought people together for fun, fellowship and the development of new friendships!
- Campus improvements at Light on the Hill have brought new spaces for ministry and refreshed old ones!
- We have continued our Food4Kids partnership with Nimitz Elementary School to provide food on the weekends and holidays for students experiencing food insecurity and hope for expansion of partnerships in 2022.
- Support continued for the children's home in Costa Rica so operations and construction at the orphanage could carry on and we are looking forward to our short term KFUMC Mission Team returning to Costa Rica in the summer of 2022!
- Support for the health equality initiatives in the Doyle Neighborhood have continued and are still ongoing as Light on the Hill partnered with the City of Kerrville, Peterson Regional Medical Center, New Hope Counseling, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Doyle Community Center, and Barnett Chapel to implement two national level grants in the Doyle Neighborhood.
- We walked alongside our neighbors to help establish the Doyle Food Pantry and establish their partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank and we provided scholarships for gardening beds for Glory Community Garden.
- We have continued our relationship with Habitat for Humanity by stocking the pantries for the families as they move into their new homes.
- We hosted numerous vaccine clinics for our community in partnership with Peterson Regional Medical Center.

- We provided a shelter during the winter storm in the KFUMC Gym and through the power of networking help was given throughout our community for those in need during the winter ice storm.
- Methodist Healthcare Ministries has supported and continues to support so many of our outreach endeavors with both grant funding and the collaboration with the Wesley Nurse Program. The Winter Storm Relief grant we received from MHM allowed us to help many in our community with home repairs and lost wages due to the ice storm.
- Our partnership with the Texas Diaper Bank enabled our Wesley Nurse to be able to provide thousands of diapers for infants and toddlers in our community.
- Our partnership with Texas Prevent Blindness has allowed our Wesley Nurse to be able to get free eye exams and new glasses for those in need of these services.
- Our new transitional housing initiative, New Dawn, launched and is already making a difference in our community!
- KFUMC hosted the Tivy High School Football Team weekly for devotionals and team dinners during their season.
- We hosted Trunk or Treat for our community and enjoyed a huge turnout.
- LOTH hosted a Harvest Festival with live music, food, bounce houses, a petting zoo, face painting, arts and crafts, games, and more. Hundreds of our neighbors in our community joined us for a great day!
- Our Angel Tree Party is next month and we will provide children who have an incarcerated parent with Christmas gifts and children's Bibles.

How blessed we have been by the support we have received to be able to not only continue our outreach endeavors but expand them! The collaboration of working together with our community partners, incredible unpaid servants, and tremendous staff, partnered with the prayers of so many has allowed us the privilege of being in relationship with our neighbors through the vehicle of outreach. God has provided everything needed to follow His lead and serve in new and amazing ways. We are grateful and full of hope! We are looking forward to 2022 and to where God will invite us next!

Recreation Ministry

CORE STRENGTH

“For when I am weak, I am strong in the Lord!” 2 Corinthians 12:10

Where do you get your strength?

- FALL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES at KFUMC and at Light on the Hill at Mount Wesley have brought people together and have built relationships. Fun and fellowship are wonderful relationship builders!
- We now have pickleball courts on both campuses and this new sport has been well received by both our church family and our community!
- Our new hiking trails and new, improved low ropes course and labyrinth at Light on the Hill are beautiful and being enjoyed by many!
- KFUMC Open Gym Nights have brought basketball players of all ages. Free throw and three point shooting contests have been a big hit!
- KFUMC Trivia Nights have been so much fun and have brought together trivia experts diverse in age and knowledge!
- We are looking forward to 2022 and all of the people that will experience the love of Christ through indoor and outdoor activities!!!

Look for weekly recreation schedule on KFUMC Website!

Contact Grant Palmer, Recreation Ministry Director, grant.palmer@kfumc.org for more information.

LIFE IS A GAME, PLAY IT! ... Mother Theresa

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

I would encourage anyone who is interested in the YAM program at our church to follow our Instagram account @YAM_KFUMC. This is the place you can be involved through praying over the people you see as well as a resource to young people you come into contact with who express interest in getting caught up in what God's doing in Kerrville and at KFUMC.

Things we've done as a fellowship group throughout 2021:

- Hung out with Bernie Sanders (this was a popular meme at the time, to photoshop Sanders into your friend group).
- We've had members of our church host us and cook dinner for us.
- Watched super hero movies on the new screen/sound system in the fellowship hall.
- BBQ taste test challenge (Bill's won).
- Chicken taste test challenge (Popeye's won).
- Pool parties.
- We've eaten A LOT of food together.

There is more, but David said keep this to one page....

You want a discipleship class?

We got it.

You want a service to worship Jesus as part of a community?

We got 4 of them. Hallelujah. I am so grateful. I love the times.

You want to serve your community?

Here is Beth Palmer's number (830-459-5847)

You desire to be a part of Sunday morning services?

Choir, Praise Band, Greeters, Prayer Team.....

You're 18-32ish and looking for a fellowship friend group?

YAM. Without YAM, there's not much....

- One of the most beautiful things I've seen over the last year is new believers becoming friends with Jesus and surrendering their lives to him. Over the last two years we've had young adults be baptized. This year was the same. Cody and Hailey joined our YAM fellowship group and were baptized in the river during our church picnic.
- Our church is now officially partnered with Schreiner Campus! Spencer Thomas is an official volunteer campus pastor on campus. AMEN! This has been a long time coming and it's a beautiful thing to be partnered with Schreiner University in service young adults in the hill country.
- Goals: Continue to reach young people in Kerrville. Go on an out of state trip.
- If interested in volunteering with YAM please email Spencer (spencer.thomas@kfumc.org)