

Prayer Requests:

*Paula Jackson	*Dorothy Hairell
*Charlotte Underwood	*Steven Lee
*Jane Moore & family	*Clifford Mahlow
*Allene Seale	*Dale Gray
*Carolyn Briggs	*Melissa Hill
*Dennis Ceder	*Terry Dyer
*Brad Chesser	*Beckermann Family
*Dennis Barnard	*Dillon Moore
*Harry Richardson	*Sue Jones
*Jamie Avery	*Joe Dana
*Mary Pearl Sutton	*Diana & Mike Abbott
*Cal Robbins	*Florence Finn
*Trisha Copeland	*Vera Schwartz
*Noble Atkins	*Merton Rose
*Burrow Family	

Assisted Living/Nursing Home/ Homebound/ Rehabilitation Center

Fred Switzer-home	Florence Finn-home
Edna Cowan-home	Paula Douglass-rehab
Corene Dodson-SPJST	Millie Whittington-home
Betty Ashworth-San Gabriel Rehab&Care Cetr RR	
Lynn Lankford-Falcon Ridge Rehab&Care Hutto	
Sarah Schwartz-nursing home	

BIBLE STUDY

Goal: 100% of Members Involved in Bible Sunday!
Sunday 9:45 am, Monday 9:15 am or Tuesday 6:30 pm
Scriptures we will study on Monday Morning, July 11

Book of Acts for the next several weeks

If you're interested in Tuesday night Glory Bound Bible Study, please contact
Jim Curik 512-352-6782

Starting the study Revelation – Meeting @ FUMC 7pm

Church Business

July 3, 2016

Worship Attendance: 114
Sunday School: 16

Counters

7-10 Jim/Charlene
7-17 Don/Bobby

Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818
2016 Income: \$75,792
2016 Expenses: \$76,918

Connexion Deadline

If you would like information added to the Connexion, please have it submitted to the church office by 3pm each Monday. This is to insure that your/group/committee news is shared on time.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Connexion 7-10-16

A Message from Pastor Sela Finau

Now that our first Sunday together is out of the way, and we celebrated with a big bang on Independence Day, we can continue to charge forward with the freedom from the past, present, and future. I hope your July 4th celebration was as meaningful and fun as you had hoped. May we continue with what the psalmist has proclaimed to invite others to join us in celebration and come and see what great things God has done and continues to do.

As I continue to settle in to my new surroundings and making the parsonage my home, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the Trustees and everyone at church for providing me a beautiful home to live in. Thank you so much for your hospitality in stopping in to welcome me, and for bringing food and drinks by the parsonage. My family and I truly appreciate it and we're blessed to receive such welcome and openness.

Certainly my family made the parsonage our home for a few days this past week. In our Tongan and Polynesian culture, we manage with whatever we are provided whether that's sleeping on the floor, on the couch, or sharing a bed. What is most important for us as a family is that we're together and we share laughter, make fun at each other, share stories, and just have a good time. A nuclear family in our Tongan culture extends far beyond parents and children, for immediate family includes aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandparents, cousins, etc. Considering I have 9 brothers and 8 living, 37 nieces/nephews, and 24 and growing great-nieces/nephews, you can see how my family can be rather large when we get together. Thank goodness only 5 of my brothers and their families live in the DFW metroplex! :)

Thank you also to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for blessing me with your gift of such gorgeous prayer shawl. I absolutely love the colors and material. Knowing that you made it just for me with love, care, and with prayers makes it more special. I am truly blessed by this wonderful church.

To help me get acquainted with each of you, please prayerfully consider hosting one of the Listening Tours. Just call or email me to setup a date. If you prefer that I meet with you individually, I'll be glad to do so. I am here for you and the church. If God is calling you to do something or if you have ideas you would like to share with me, I would love to hear them.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and getting to know you!

Grace and peace,
Sela

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For emergencies outside of office hours,
please contact Pastor Koch @ 817-657-9526

Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 and 10:30

Sunday School 9:30

Nursery is available from 8:30 - 11:30 am (Infant through Preschool)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July Events

July 11 Committee Meetings (Finance, Ad Council & Trustees)

July 14 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 2:30-3:30pm

July 20 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

July 24 Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service

August Events

Aug. 6 Church-wide Garage Sale

Aug. 8 Committee Meetings (Finance, Ad Council & Trustees)

Aug. 11 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 2:30-3:30pm

Aug. 17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Aug. 28 Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service

Children and Youth Corner

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22

Mother's Day Out

We will return for a second session of the summer July 12th and have many more fun activities planned for the children.

We have been trying to collect plastic parmesan shakers for a skill building activities for our kiddos. If you happen to have any at home, we would really appreciate it if you could send them our way when they are emptied.



Also, if you happen to have any colorful buttons, silk/plastic flowers, or bingo dotters laying around that you would like to get rid of, we'd love to have them.



WEEKLY & MONTHLY SCHEDULED

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School (all ages)	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Edu. Hall & FH
Monday Bible Study	Every Monday	9:15 am	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday Night Bible Study	Every Tuesday	7:00 pm	Call Jim Curik
Chancel Choir	Every Wed.	6:00 pm	Choir Room
Chime Choir	Resume Aug 31st	7:00 pm	Choir Room
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Every 2nd. Thurs.	2:30 pm	Room 2
Al-Anon	Every Thursday	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
A. A.	Every Thursday	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
UMW Women's Circle 1	Every 1st Sun.	9:30 am	Sept.- May
Family Game Night	Every 2nd Sunday	5-7 pm	Sept.-May
Men's Breakfast	Every 3rd Wed.	7:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Women's Circle 6	Every 4th Tues	3:00 pm	Sept.-May

Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us today!



VBS might be over, but we still have lots of exciting whole family events planned this summer!

Come join us!

These are open to any age and whole families.

We have Parent's Night Out on July 15th, August 12th and 20th.

A chance for you to get a date night, grocery shopping or a nap.

We also have game nights, painting as a family, off site adventures and more every Tuesday and Thursday starting July 19th.

Questions or to register call Blythe or Tylor Cavender at 432-770-9659 or 512-352-2593

We hope you join us for one or all of these exciting events!

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