

### Prayer Requests:

*Paula Jackson	*Dorothy Hairell
*Charlotte Underwood	*Steven Lee
*Jane Moore & family	*Clifford Mahlow
*Dale Gray	*Dillon Moore
*Carolyn Briggs	*Melissa Hill
*Dennis Ceder	*Terry Dyer
*Brad Chesser	*Cavender Family
*Family & friends of Dennis Barnard	
*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
*Lankford 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	
Sarah Schwartz-nursing home	

**Please notify the office of any changes or updates  
512-352-2593**

### Church Business

July 10, 2016

**Worship Attendance: 68**  
**Sunday School: 16**

### Counters

7-17 Don/Bobby  
7-24 Marsha/Brian

### Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818  
2016 Income: \$79,381  
2016 Expenses: \$78,686

### 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.

### 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 18

### 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**

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902 West Lake Drive  
Taylor TX 76574  
512-352-2593

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

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**The Connexion 7-10-16**

### A Message from Pastor Sela Finau

This past Sunday, we re-read and heard the story of the Good Samaritan parable. One of the questions asked in this text was, "Who is my neighbor?" If we're still asking that question today, perhaps we have not been actively listening. Everyone is our neighbor. Maybe we can rephrase our questions by asking, "Am I being intentional today in seeking out and noticing my neighbor?" "How can I be a neighbor to someone in need?" "How can I be a neighbor to someone that has fallen into a ditch?" The parable of the Good Samaritan offers a vision of life rather than death, and it challenges us to do the same. Compassion, as Jesus continuously reminds us, has no boundaries. We should never judge people on the basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, and so on. Rather, Jesus reminds us of the two greatest commandments: 1. Love God; 2. Love neighbor. We fulfill the first commandment by doing the second, and we practice the second commandment by showing compassion and mercy daily to our neighbors.

Speaking of neighbors, have you heard of the Pokémon Go app that has millions of people around the country in a frenzy? If you have not heard, surely you may have seen the young people (the same ones that we as a church are trying to reach) passing by the church or your neighborhood with their eyes fixated on their phones. Our church, FUMC Taylor, is a PokeStop, which means we are a prime location for gamers. This app is certainly helping us as a church with marketing. It's exactly the type of marketing that many of us have been wishing for, to bring young people right to our front doors. We still have a role, and that is to invite them inside whether on Sunday morning to worship and/or during the week for other activities. I invite you to help me with ideas and activities to welcome the Pokémon Go gamers to our church.

The listening tour is underway. We have a few dates scheduled. You may sign-up on Sunday or simply send an email or call me. If you would like to host a tour, please also let me know.

Thursday, July 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Belinda & Brad Moss' Home.	Open
Wednesday, July 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Maureen & Brian Gray's Home	Open
Thursday, July 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Suzie & Steve Barber's Home.	Full
Wednesday, August 10, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Charlene & Leroy Olbrich's Home	Open

### Questions to consider during listening tour:

1. What is the one thing that I, as your new pastor, need to know about this church?
2. What is one way that we are going to reach new people in this area?
3. What is one dream or vision you have for First UMC Taylor?

Our message for this Sunday will be from Luke 9:51-62: Following Jesus.

See you Sunday!

Sela

**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 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

FUMC would like to announce the opening of our  
Community Wayside Chapel.  
The chapel will be open for quiet prayer and reflection to all  
those in the community,  
Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. starting  
Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.



### 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

## Children and Youth Corner

*"He called a child, whom he put among them, and said,  
"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like  
children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.  
Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in  
the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child  
in my name welcomes me."*

*Matthew 18:2-5*

## Children's Summer Programs

This upcoming week starts our evening Children's Ministry programs.

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 will also be having adventure evenings, every Tuesday and Thursday, where we will host game nights, painting as a family, off site excursions and more; starting July 19th.

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

## Mother's Day Out

We began our second summer session this past week and had a fun time learning about the love of Jesus in our lives. We look forward to more laughter and smiles this week.

August is right around the corner and the MDO staff will begin preparing for a new 2016-2017 school year.

**What a wonderful opportunity our church has to reach out,  
share and demonstrate God's word to so many young hearts!**

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