

Prayer Requests:

- *Paula Jackson
- *Charlotte Underwood
- *Jane Moore & family
- *Dale Gray
- *Carolyn Briggs
- *Dennis Ceder
- *Brad Chesser
- *Family & friends of Dennis Barnard
- *Harry Richardson
- *Jamie Avery
- *Mary Pearl Sutton
- *Cal Robbins
- *Trisha Copeland
- *Lankford Family
- *Dorothy Hairell
- *Steven Lee
- *Clifford Mahlow
- *Dillon Moore
- *Melissa Hill
- *Terry Dyer
- *Cavender Family
- *Vera Schwartz
- *Joe Dana
- *Diana & Mike Abbott
- *Florence Finn
- *Atkins Family

Assisted Living/Nursing Home/ Homebound/
Rehabilitation Center

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

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

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 25

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

First United Methodist Church
902 West Lake Drive
Taylor TX 76574
512-352-2593

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

Church Business

July 17, 2016

Worship Attendance: 86
Sunday School: 21

Counters

7-24 Marsha/Brian
7-31 Shelli/Sandra

Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818
2016 Income: \$81,494
2016 Expenses: \$81,797

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 7-24-16

A Message from Pastor Sela Finau

This past week, my family was in town. This time, we had a flower bed project on hand (like literally). After a couple of days of endless jokes, laughter, sweat, dirty hands, and bags of trash, we have a few flowers and plants in the ground. If you want in on the next project, you'll have to be a willing recipient of jokes and want to be around a big family with lots of little ones. While most of my family returned home to the DFW area Saturday evening, a few were left and attended worship Sunday morning. They once again commented on how friendly the church and community have been, a consistent response since I/we've been here in Taylor. People just start talking to us in church, grocery stores and elsewhere, a somewhat of an anomaly from what we've been accustomed to. As one of my nieces had commented, it's weird (but in a good kind of way). However, it reminds me of my native country of Tonga, named the Friendly Islands by Captain James Cook in the 1700's. A year ago, a few American/Texan friends and I were in Tonga. My friends all commented on how friendly the people were. We have something in common, our welcoming attitude toward others, something that's not formally taught but learned from others. As a matter of fact, hospitality is a huge theme in the Bible, for it has something to do with loving our neighbors. We just need more and new ways of engaging our neighbors.

Speaking of new ways of engaging our neighbors, how about we host a Pokémon Go Night next Friday, July 29, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on our front lawn of the church. We will provide a light snack. All Pokémon gamers and trainers are invited. So invite the younger members of our families and community to join us for a fun evening. After all, we are a Poké Stop.

We held our first Listening Tour Wednesday night at Stephanie and John Ford's home. As a matter of fact, the Pokémon Go night is a direct result of our first gathering with the young families. Below you will find the upcoming tours. If you have not signed up, please do so on Sunday or email/call the office. You may also host a tour in your home if the times below do not accommodate your schedule.

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Stephanie Ford & John Kerwin's Home	Closed
Thursday, July 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Belinda & Brad Moss' Home.	Full
Saturday, July 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lisa & Mitch Drummond's Home	Full
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?

Have you noticed the beautiful Chapel banner? The Wayside Chapel is now open Monday to Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special thanks to the Prayer Ministry Team for making this happen.

This past Sunday's passage, Jesus spoke of how we need to practice mercy, let go of the past, stop making excuses, commit to following Jesus, and allow God to work in our lives.

This coming Sunday, 7/24, our passage will be from Acts 16:9-15: "When Your Plans Need To Align with God's Vision"

See you Sunday!

Sela

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July Events

July 24 Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service
 July 27 MDO Meeting 6:30

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 20th 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

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight."

Proverbs 3:5

Children's Summer Programs

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

Parent's Night Out on 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

Our preschool is in need of several items to stock their supplies for the new school year. If you would like to donate any of these items, the kiddos it would be greatly appreciated.

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| Bag of Cotton Balls | Old Cameras |
| Paper Plates (large & small) | Rocking Chair |
| Brown or White paper lunch bags | Magnetic Letters & Numbers |
| Foam Paint Brushes | Flavored Chapsticks |
| Liquid Starch | Egg Beaters |
| Bags of Red and Black Beans | Colored Sand |
| Plastic Shoe Boxes | Stamp Pads |
| Paint Brushes | Wide Cloth Ribbons |
| Gallon of Elmers Glue | Zipper |
| Corn Starch | PomPoms |
| Plastic Fly Swatters | Lg. Colorful Buttons |
| Jack in a Box | Silk Scarves |
| Children's Bibles/Bible Stories | Kiddie Swimming Pools |

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

Church Wide Garage Sale/Bake Sale

The annual church-wide garage sale and bake sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, from 8:00am-2:00pm. We welcome donations of items, such as furniture, household décor, toys, clothing, etc. The Fellowship Hall will be open daily, July 1 through August 5, from 4:00pm-6:00pm to receive your donations. Bake Sale items may be dripped off on Friday, August 5. If you are unable to deliver your items, pickup can be arranged by contacting the church office, 512-352-2593, or Shirley Ball at 512-751-2178. All who wish to help are welcome.

