

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Connexion 7-31-16

Prayer Requests:

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

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 24, 2016

Worship Attendance: 68

Sunday School: 26

Counters

7-31 Shelli/Sandra

8-7 Shirley/Sandra

Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818

2016 Income: \$83,624

2016 Expenses: \$81,864

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, Aug. 1

Book of Acts for the next several weeks

Tuesday night **Glory Bound Bible Study** will be taking the month of
August Off

Jim Curik 512-352-6782

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

A Message from Pastor Sela Finau

For a couple of nights this week, I sat on my couch watching the evening news. The local station meteorologist (whom I assumed was broadcasting from Austin) was enthusiastically talking about the rain. Every time s/he mentioned rain, I peeked outside only to find it either cloudy, sunny, but no rain. The meteorologist went on to talk about a storm making its way through towns unfamiliar to me. I kept waiting for the rain but it never came. Apparently, here in Taylor we did receive a little bit of rain overnight, but not enough to make the evening news. Life is such that we sometimes receive rain, and other times it's just cloudy and sunshine all around. Our turn will come but we must wait. And then suddenly when we least expect it, when we're ready to give up, a little bit of rain drops from the sky. I believe that's how it is at times with God's blessings, we witness others getting blessed all the time, and we wonder when will it be our turn. But the truth is, we're being blessed daily and we don't even recognize it. We're blessed with the sunshine and clouds, and sometimes with little bit of rain drops. So instead of wishing for what another town or people or individual are being blessed with, we should look around us and notice God's blessings within our midst. This morning I went outside to water my flower bed, only to find the ground very moist. Ahhh, the rain did come, God's been here and I didn't even know it. God is here today if only we take notice.

This past week, our message was about aligning our plans with God's vision. While we should plan and dream about the future, always ask if it aligns with God's vision.

Join us this Sunday as our message will come from Acts 16:16-34: Praising God in Spite of.

See you Sunday!
Sela

FUMC will host a Pokemon Go Night on Friday, July 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on our front lawn of the church. All Pokemon gamers and trainers are invited. A light snack will be provided. Please join us for an evening of fun and community fellowship!

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

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. 15-19 MDO Classroom Prep
- Aug. 17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Aug. 28 Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service

September Events

- Sep. 6 Mother's Day Out Begins 2016-2017 School Year
- Sep. 12 Committee Meetings (Finance, Ad Council & Trustees)
- Sep. 21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Sep. 25 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

Summer 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.

