

Prayer Requests:

*Paula Jackson	*Terry Dyer
*Charlotte Underwood	*Steven Lee
*Trisha Copeland	*Florence Finn
*Carolyn Briggs	*Melissa Hill
*Donna Saylor	*Charles Chenault
*Harry Richardson	*Vera Schwartz
*Jamie Avery	*Cal Robbins
*Mary Pearl Sutton	*Jamison Family
*Elissa Ray	*Donna & Bob Keller
*Suzie Barber	*Crawford Daniel

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
Vera Schwartz-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

September 4, 2016

Worship Attendance: 79

Sunday School: 28

Counters

9-11 Sandra/Don

9-18 Bobby/Marsha

Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818

2016 Income: \$102,319

2016 Expenses: \$106,062

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 9-11-16

From the Pastor's Desk

This past week in church, you picked up a card or two of person(s) or ministry that you are asked to pray for during the month of September. If you were not in worship this past Sunday, don't worry, the remaining prayer cards will be in a basket in the narthex. Please make it a point to pick up a card or two. We will have new cards for the month of October. It will be up to you to contact the person you are praying for. The point of these prayer cards are threefold: 1. To better connect with one another and with God; 2. Prayer should be a part of our daily life individually and collectively as a church; 3. We all need prayer; thereby we all need to pray for each other.

It is one thing to pray for ourselves and our needs, but quite something else to have another person pray for us. In the Old Testament, prayer was a big part of the Israelite religion and it was usually spontaneous and direct. Prayer was usually a direct conversation or encounter between the person and God. In the New Testament, Jesus added a more personal approach that was family oriented, relational, and intimate through the Lord's Prayer. This prayer includes several petitions including one for God's forgiveness which is conditional upon the petitioner's own willingness to forgive. The New Testament assumes that Christians will pray without ceasing, and will pray for others rather than for ourselves. Naturally, however, our own concerns, griefs, and problems are part of our prayers. Although prayer is also about praise, thanksgiving, and confession, petitioning God for something or someone is a big part of it. May you be a faithful petitioner for the person(s) and/or ministry you are praying for.

This past week, we launched a "Care Team." This group of people will help me with member visitation to persons who are homebound and are in the hospital. Part of our goal is to visit homebound members at least once a month. If you're interested in being part of the team, just let me know.

This past Sunday, September 4, our message was from 1 Corinthians 12. We are all valuable parts of the body. We each have a role to play and fulfill. When we are disconnected from the whole body, we lose connection to our life source. Christianity is never meant to be lived out in isolation, it is always meant to be lived and practiced in community. The body of Christ at First UMC Taylor isn't just a bunch of random body parts placed together; rather, in our different and imperfect shapes, sizes, colors, and everything else we are united by the Holy Spirit. If we were perfect, we may not have a need for a church. Rather it is through our imperfections that Christ came to save us and the church was established. This coming Sunday, September 11, our message will be from Mark 8:27-38 "Who Are You Following?"

See you Sunday!
Sela

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, Sep. 12

Book of Acts for the next several weeks

Tuesday night **Glory Bound Bible Study**

Jim Curik 512-352-6782

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For emergencies outside of office hours,
please contact Pastor Finau @ 817-874-3533

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September Events

- Sep. 11 Family Game Night 5-7pm
- Sep. 12 Committee Meetings (Finance, Ad Council & Trustees)
- Sep. 21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Sep. 25 United Methodist Women's Sunday Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service
Pumpkin Patch Set-up
- Sep. 27 Circle 6 Meeting- making poppers @ 3pm in Fellowship Hall
- Sep 29 Financial Peace University class preview 6:30pm

October Events

- Oct. 2 Pumpkin Delivery
- Oct. 4 National Night Out
- Oct. 8 Harvest Blessing 9am-3pm
- Oct. 9 Family Game Night 5-7pm
- Oct. 10 Committee Meetings (Finance, Ad Council & Trustees)
- Oct. 19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Oct. 23 Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service

November Events

- Nov. 7 Charge Conference at FUMC 6pm
- Nov. 12 Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 13 Fellowship Luncheon & Silent Auction
Family Game Night 5-7pm
- Nov. 14 Committee Meetings (Finance, Ad Council & Trustees)
- Nov. 16 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

WEEKLY & MONTHLY SCHEDULED

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Activity	Frequency	Time	Location
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	Every Wed.	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

"You bestow on him blessings forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence."

Psalm 21:6

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School classes include Nursery (ages 0-2), Preschool (ages 3-5), Elementary (ages K-5th), Middle School and High School.

Exciting News! Blythe will be starting a Children's Church during the 10:30am service starting September 4th.

Mother's Day Out

We're back! Everyone was eager and excited to be back at school. There were a few tears shed; we gave the moms and dads a tissue, a pat on their back and then they were able to drive off to work/run errands for the day. 🙌😊

Next week we will be "Making New Friends".

We will read The Best Book-The Bible.

Sep. 15 we will honor our grandparents for Grandparents Day from 8:45am-9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.



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



Mark Your Calendars

FUMC's October Pumpkin Patch is a Taylor community tradition that is loved by residents and schools in the area. This is also a huge fundraising opportunity for the church! Everyone's help is needed to make this event successful.

There are multiple ways you can help, so plan ahead:

Pumpkin Patch Decoration September 25th

Pumpkins are scheduled to arrive Sunday, October 2 @ 12:30pm. *Help will be needed to unload and arrange pumpkins on display.*

Volunteer as a children's story time reader and/or patch worker. *We will have signup sheets located in the church office starting in September.*

Provide homemade baked goods for the bake sale or crafts to be sold.

Please contact Maureen Gray or Shirley Ball for details.

Member Spotlight Description

Beginning this week, you will notice a new feature in the Connexion: Member Spotlight. To facilitate new members getting to know the congregation, and maybe even long-time members learning something new about each other, every week or so we will feature one of our members with a spotlight article. We will begin our members who have joined this summer, and continue by randomly choosing a member from our list of members. Husbands and wives will have individual turns. Robin McKinley will contact you when your name is chosen, and arrange for an interview to gather the information for the spotlight. Stay tuned for the fun!

Lynn Bedard

If you haven't had the chance to meet Lynn Bedard, be sure to give her a hearty welcome. We are so glad to hear from Lynn that on her very first visit at an 8:30 service, she received a warm welcome at Taylor FUMC. She says that members scooped her up and invited her to sit with them, and she immediately knew that this church was a good fit for her. She particularly remembers the warm welcome from Vesta Ryan and Betty Brown, who immediately invited her to choir.



Formerly a Catholic, Lynn was drawn to the United Methodist Church because of its doctrines and the practice of good works. And speaking of good works, she has already volunteered to help with UMCOR's projects of rebuilding the homes damaged by last year's floods.

Lynn grew up in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, which is in the western part of Massachusetts. While she loves Texas, she does miss the snow. She has 2 boys, Matthew, 28, and Jonathan, 24, both of whom work in computer science. Matthew is married to Laura, and they live in Belton, while Jonathan lives in Georgetown. Lynn is very proud of her boys, and considers them to be her biggest success in life.

Lynn worked for many years as a computer systems manager for companies such as ITT. Out of 1500 engineers and professionals, there were only two women, including Lynn. Later, Lynn became a math teacher and worked for many years in Austin. Four years ago, Lynn transferred to the Taylor ISD. Now, she teaches math to secondary students at the Taylor Opportunity Center. Even while teaching in mainstream classes, Lynn gravitated to helping students who were a little more in need of assistance than other students. Now, she relishes those experiences when students go from being in trouble to being actively engaged in school and even sports. "I love my job," she says.

Lynn's friends describe her as a little crazy and you can see why when you hear the story of how she came to be called "Math Goddess". She got that name when students were calling her "Miss", which she didn't particularly like, and so she told them to call her Ms. Bedard, or it was okay to call her Math Goddess. The name stuck.

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Lynn Bedard Cont.

Her talents include singing which she did quite regularly, often as a soloist, and for "by audition only" choirs. She used to roller skate competitively, and learned Tae Kwon Do along with her boys. She also sews, knits and crochets. She also is quite handy with a saw and hammer, and knows how to lay floor tile, which she offered to do for UMCOR. She once said she was going to build some shelves, and her ex-husband said, "You can't do that." To which she replied, "Watch me." And she did.

When asked what she would do if money were no object, Lynn immediately said "Draw house plans." She originally wanted to be an architect. And she would spend her time traveling all over the US. She once spent 30 days traveling up the eastern coast of the United States, camping the entire way. All her camping gear was fit into the trunk of her tiny Miata, and she would love to do that again.

Welcome to Taylor FUMC, Lynn, the Math Goddess! It is going to be such fun having you with us.



Taylor Football Meals

FUMC will be hosting two meals for the Taylor High School football team on 9/15 & 10/20. Meals will be prepared by our church and taken to the players prior to games on these game nights. If you would like to help, please contact Courtney Eubanks or the church office for more information.



Circle 6 Meeting

Circle 6 will be meeting September 27 at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall to make poppers for the Pumpkin Patch booth. Please join us for this craft making event!



Financial Peace University

Do you find yourself living paycheck to paycheck? Do you wonder if you have enough savings for retirement? Starting this October FUMC would like to help our community get "gazelle intense" and become debt free. We will begin a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class, Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to 8:00, starting with a free preview September 20th at 6:30. The class will run for 9 weeks starting on October 4th. The price is \$93 + shipping per family and they will need to purchase through the web site www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1027407 otherwise it will be more expensive. If you have any questions, please contact Mitch Drummond.



Cleaning Buckets for LA

Attached you will also find a list of needed items to create Cleaning Buckets for the Louisiana Flood victims. If you are interested in donating a bucket, please bring them to church by Sunday, September 11th. They will be picked up and shipped to those in charge of helping in Louisiana. You may also donate some of the items listed and they will be paired with others to make a bucket, or you might consider partnering with other families to create a bucket.



Family Game Night

Our first Family Game Night for the 2016-2017 year will be September 11th, 5-7pm. We will be selling baked goods and a "Methodist Hot Plate." during this fun event, to raise money for the Louisiana Flood victims. Please join us for a fun night of games and snacks and help support a good cause.



2016 Evangelism Summit

The summit will be September 19th at White's Chapel UMC, Southlake from 9am-4pm. If any Lay Leaders are interested in attending with Pastor Finau please contact her for more information, registration is required.



Upcoming Classes

Do you have questions about your faith? Do you wonder what it means to be a Christian? What and why we believe? This fall, Pastor Sela Finau would like to offer a class for those new to the Christian faith. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 512-352-2593 or email her at sela@fumctaylor.org.



10th Street UMC Bible Study

The 10th Street Bible Study on Wednesday evenings will be October 5- November 2, at 7:00 pm in the church's fellowship hall. Each session will last an hour. They will be studying Adam Hamilton's "Half-Truths." Travis says they would love to have any of FUMC church members who wish to join them.



Charge Conference

FUMC will be having an individual Charge Conference on Monday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Any church member that would like to attend is welcome to do so.

Cleaning Bucket Materials



- **5-gallon bucket with resealable lid**
 - Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned;
 - Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner;
 - Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.
- **Liquid laundry detergent**
 - One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only.
- **Liquid household cleaner**
 - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water;
 - No spray cleaners.
- **Dish soap**
 - 16-28 oz. bottle any brand.
- **1 can air freshener**
 - Aerosol or pump.
- **1 insect repellent spray**
 - 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover.
- **1 scrub brush**
 - Plastic or wooden handle.
- **18 cleaning wipes**
 - Handi Wipes or reusable wipes;
 - No terry cleaning towels;
 - Remove from packaging.
- **7 sponges**
 - No cellulose sponges due to mold issues;
 - Remove from wrapper.
- **5 scouring pads**
 - Remove from wrapper;
 - No stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in).
- **50 clothespins**
- **Clothesline**
 - One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines;
 - Cotton or plastic.
- **24-roll heavy-duty trash bags**
 - 33- to 45-gallon sizes;
 - Remove from the box.
- **5 dust masks**
- **2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves**
 - Should be durable enough for multiple uses;
 - Remove from packaging.
- **1 pair work gloves**
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather.

Assembly Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket, fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins, and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States. They are not opened to verify the contents unless there is indication that some items have been omitted.

Packing & Shipping Instructions

- **Box Weight:** Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.
- **Complete 2 packing lists:** one for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
- Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
- **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need. For Cleaning Buckets, please enclose \$1.50.