

### 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	*Joe Dana
*Mary Pearl Sutton	*Cal Robbins
*Elissa Ray	

### Church Business

August 7, 2016

**Worship Attendance: 103**

**Sunday School: 26**

**Attendance correction for  
Sunday July 31: 86**

### Counters

8-14 Don/Brian

8-21 Marsha/Charlene

### Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818

2016 Income: \$91,188

2016 Expenses: \$89,993

### 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.

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**

### 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. 8

### 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 Finau @ 817-874-3533

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**The Connexion 8-14-16**

### From the Pastor's Desk

As the summer Olympics get underway in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, many countries around the globe are represented. Every Olympian has a goal of getting a gold medal. Every Olympian is proud to be representing their country. While many countries around the world are displaying their best athletes, many more countries are either partially or not represented at all. They simply do not have the financial resources to adequately train and provide the necessities for their athletes. By the way, did you see that guy shining in coconut oil at the opening ceremony? I believe he was from Tonga, the same country where I am from. LOL. Though the athlete, Pita Taufatofua, has been made into a symbol, his entire outfit including the abundance of oil on his body is part of our Tongan culture.

Every community and people has a culture and I am always grateful and excited to learn about another people's way of doing things. I have especially enjoyed getting to know more about you, the church, and the many cultures in the area. While cultures and traditions will change over time with new generations of people, it gives us identity of who we are.

This past week, I announced that we will be collecting school supplies for students in need. If you forgot to pick up a school supply list, I have plenty in the office. You can also go to the Taylor ISD website, pick a school or grade and print out a supply list. Since school begins on August 22, bring them to church this Sunday, August 14, and we will bless these backpacks and school supplies. We will distribute these supplies at Robinson Park on Thursday, August 18, beginning at 9 a.m. until they are all distributed. Anyone who is able to join us can either meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. or at the park at 9:00 a.m.

This past Sunday, our message was from John 13, continuing with Jesus' commandment of loving one another, especially the ones we have difficulty loving. This coming Sunday, August 14, our message will come from 2nd Corinthians, "Christ Ambassadors."

See you Sunday!  
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**School supply distribution will be  
on Thursday, August 18, at 9:00  
a.m. Come join us as we take the  
church into the community.**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## August Events

Aug. 11 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 2:30-3:30pm  
 Aug. 15-19 MDO Classroom Prep  
 Aug. 14 Blessing of the Backpacks  
 Aug. 17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7am  
 Aug. 18 School Supply Distribution 9 am  
 Aug. 21 Back to School Sunday  
 Aug. 28 Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service

## September Events

Sep. 6 Mother's Day Out Begins 2016-2017 School Year  
 Sep. 11 Family Game Night 5-7pm  
 Sep. 12 Committee Meetings (Finance, Ad Council & Trustees)  
 Sep. 18 United Methodist Women's Sunday  
 Sep. 21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
 Sep. 25 Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service  
 Pumpkin Patch Set-up

## October Events

Oct. 2 Pumpkin Delivery  
 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

### 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

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."*

*Psalm 51:10*

## 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.

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	Zipppers
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!*

Meet our newest member, Carmen Tucker. She joined our church July 24, 2016. Welcome Carmen to First United Methodist Church!



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### **Blessing of the Backpacks Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>**

FUMC will bless the backpacks and school supply donations that we will be handing out Thursday Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9am.

### **Back to School Sunday Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>**

We will be saying special blessings all of the teachers and children returning to school this week for the 2016-2017 school year.



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### **Garage Sale/Bake Sale Success!**

A BIG thank you goes out to all who helped to make the sale last Saturday a success. We raised a total of \$2,139.50 which will be used to benefit UMCOR, Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry and our church apportionments. There were so many who donated in so many ways that individual thanks are difficult-you know who you are! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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### **New Sunday School Class**

There will be a new Sunday School class starting August 28<sup>th</sup>. Courtney Eubanks will be leading the study "When Christians Get it Wrong" by Adam Hamilton.



### **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 25<sup>th</sup>

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.*