

### 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

Please pray for all students, teachers and families returning to school/college this week.

### 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. 29

### 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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512-352-2593

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

### Church Business

August 21, 2016

**Worship Attendance: 87**

**Sunday School: 31**

### Counters

8-28 Jim/Shelli

9-4 Shirley/Brian

### Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818

2016 Income: \$94,828

2016 Expenses: \$95,737

### 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 8-28-16**

### From the Pastor's Desk

This week, I had the privilege of sitting down with a couple of different area pastors to discuss ministry. We spoke of not only about the church, but also about family and community. This evening, I will have more of these kinds of conversations as we gather with many of my colleagues at First UMC Temple for a Welcome Dinner for all new clergy to the district.

Somehow, no matter how busy our day and life may get, we need a healthy dose and balance of spiritual growth, family time, and community. We need folks who hold us accountable, challenge us, keep us in check, keep us thinking, and keep us close to God. Many times, these things come from different sources. Thereby, surrounding ourselves with different people is crucial for gaining different perspectives. Remaining objective on situations are necessary and many times life giving.

Speaking of life giving, some of you have asked what we can do to help with the flooding in Louisiana. Rev. Laraine Waughtal, our Central Texas Conference Coordinator of Disaster Response, said we need Flood Cleaning Buckets. If you would like to help with this effort, please go online to the following link <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning> and assemble a bucket. You may bring it to church this Sunday or next week. Rev. Waughtal will also be in church this Sunday to give us an update on the Taylor and surrounding communities flood recovery work through UMCOR. Please help us welcome our partner in ministry and mission.

This past Sunday, our message was from the letter of Paul to the church in Philippi. Despite his life circumstances, Paul continued to offer encouragement, and reminded the church not to get caught up with stumbling blocks and temporary setbacks. Keep your eyes on the goal and keep pressing forward. This week, our message will come from one of Jesus' parable as written by Matthew, commonly known as the Parable Of The Sower.

See you Sunday!  
Sela

### Quarterly Contribution Statements

Starting in October, FUMC, will begin sending out quarterly contribution statements for you record keeping convenience. Please notify the office by email if you would like to receive your statement in your email inbox as opposed to your mailbox.

The church's email to contact is [fumctaylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumctaylor@sbcglobal.net)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## August Events

Aug. 28 Representative from UMCOR and/or Conference office  
Fellowship Luncheon following 10:30 service

## September Events

Sep. 5 Office Closed for Labor Day  
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. 21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
Sep. 25 United Methodist Women's Sunday  
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

*"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."*  
1 Timothy 4:12

### Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School will be starting August 21st. Classes will include Nursery (ages 0-2), Preschool (ages 3-5), Elementary (ages K-5<sup>th</sup>), Middle School and High School.

Exciting News! Blythe will be starting a Children's Church during the 10:30am service starting September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 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!*

## Fellowship Luncheon

Now that our routines are slowly getting back to normal after our vacations, please join us for a Fellowship Luncheon following the 10:30 Worship Service this Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dish, share the friendship and laughter.



## Guest Speaker August 28th

Please join us on August 28<sup>th</sup> to hear from Rev. Laraine Waughtal; sharing updates on work being done in our community to rebuild after damages done by flooding this past spring.

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 this Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> or next Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## New Sunday School Class

There will be a new Sunday School class starting August 28<sup>th</sup>. Courtney and Sean Eubanks will be leading the study.

## 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](mailto:sela@fumctaylor.org).

Do you find yourself living paycheck to paycheck? Do you wonder if you have enough savings for retirement? Starting this January FUMC would like to help our community get "gazelle intense" and become debt free. We will be starting a 9 week, Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class. More information coming soon!

## 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.



## 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.*

## 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