

### 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	*Donna Saylor
*Harry Richardson	*Vera Schwartz
*Jamie Avery	*Joe Dana
*Mary Pearl Sutton	*Diana & Mike Abbott
*Cal Robbins	*Florence Finn
*Trisha Copeland	*Elissa Ray
*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 31, 2016

**Worship Attendance: 68**  
**Sunday School: 26**

### Counters

8-7 Shirley/Sandra  
7-14 Don/Brian

### Finance to Date

2016 Budget \$166,818  
2016 Income: \$85,329  
2016 Expenses: \$89,021

### 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 8-7-16**

### From the Pastor's Desk

Have you checked out our new website? Our web address is still the same, fumctaylor.org, but we have changed web host and now have a new look. You can say that we've had a makeover. Our new features allow you to submit prayer requests on-line, check-out a live feed of our social media pages, send e-mails directly to any staff member (with profiles in the works), and much more. If you have any updates to add to the website, please send them to sela@fumctaylor.org or office@fumctaylor.org.

Can you believe it; we're already in the month of August. This means that I have been in Taylor for a whole month and a lifetime to go. This means that summer will soon come to an end and school will be back in session in a few weeks. This means that some of you are wrapping up your family vacations and will soon be heading back home. This also means that our triple digit and hot temperature days will slowly begin to decline. In the meantime, come join us in worship Sunday mornings and get your summer blessings in an air conditioned sanctuary.

So far, we've held 5 Listening Tours. We have one more scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, at 3 p.m. at Charlene & Leroy Olbrich's home. If you have not participated with any of the scheduled tours, you can either join us next Wednesday at the Olbrich's or you can host one in your home. Just let me know. Otherwise, if you would like to respond to the questions that were circulated, you may also send me an email with your response. Special thanks to everyone who have graciously hosted a Listening Tour in your home and to everyone who participated. Special thanks also to everyone who took notes for me. If you want to make sure your voice was heard, please send me an email. As I continue to listen to you and process your concerns, excitements, and visions for our church, I ask that you pray for each other and for the church. Together, we will work towards realizing our common mission of transforming the world one disciple at a time. And it begins with us!

### Tour Questions

What is the one thing that I, as your new pastor, need to know about this church?  
What is one way that we are going to reach new people in this area?  
What is one dream or vision you have for First UMC Taylor?

On Sunday, August 28th, we will introduce a new Sunday School. This class will be led by Courtney Eubanks. Occasionally, I will be part of this class to help facilitate conversation. We want people to have an open mind and heart, and be able to listen and share various perspectives on life issues. Our 1st study will be "When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton.

This past Sunday, our message was from Acts 16, finding ways to praise God in spite of our brokenness, hurt, anger, illness, and life circumstances. How can our praise be a blessing to others? This coming Sunday, our message will come from John 13, and it has something to do with Love!

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, 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 Koch @ 817-657-9526

# 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 7am  
 Choir Party 6:30pm  
 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

*"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from  
 God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."  
 1 John 4:7*

## 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!*

## 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.



## CHOIR PARTY!

August 17 at 6:30 P.M.

Where: Home of Christy Ballard

Address: 1311 T.H. Johnson Drive

For all who are interested in singing and praising the Lord  
We will be going over fall music and introducing our Christmas  
Cantata...

**You do not need to sing well or even read music, you just  
need to have a heart for the Lord and want to serve.**

*Choir is a time of fellowship with music and encouraging, edifying and  
uplifting one another.*

Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful group of  
individuals who want to serve the Lord.



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

FUMC will be collecting back to school supplies for those youngsters in need at Taylor ISD. Please bring your donations to church August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ideas are: with Notebook Paper, Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Crayons, Scissors, Construction Paper, Glue, Kleenex, etc. You may contact the church office for a complete list.

## Thank You

The family of Joanne McDaniel would like to thank all of FUMC for your kind words, many prayers, and beautiful flower arrangement sent in honor of Jeanette Sturdivant, Joanne's mother-in-law. Your thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

