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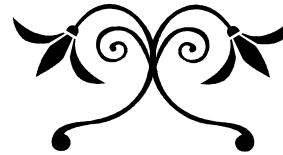


3rd grade BIBLE PRESENTATION

**Pentecost Sunday
June 9 at 10:50 a.m. service**

Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God. We will present personal Bibles to each third grade student as a gift from the congregation and the church. It is our prayer that this gift will be a beginning for a deeper relationship with God, strengthened through the study of God's word.

Bibles will be presented to:
Breezlyn Barton
Brianna Bourcy
Brit Smith
Sophie Thrift



The SPRC Committee

Invites you to a

Celebration Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, June 30

in honor of

Pastor Brian

Immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service

In the Family Ministries Center

Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.

CONFIRMATION IS COMING

Confirmation is an exciting moment in a child's faith journey! As they're getting ready to make the transition into middle school and experiencing a little more independence and taking on a little more responsibility, they get the amazing opportunity to make their own decision to "live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ." Leading up to a celebratory worship service, those who participate in confirmation will be able to spend time with Pastor Sam and other adult leaders talking about deep questions like: Who is God? How are we saved by grace? What do Baptism and Holy Communion mean to us? How is the United Methodist Church different from other churches? And, perhaps most importantly, how do I live a Christian life?



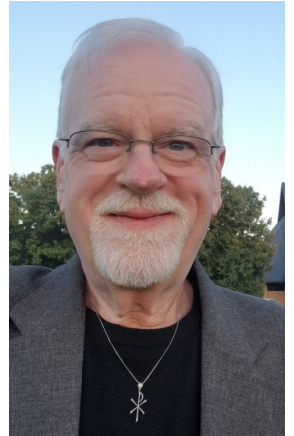
In the fall, we will be forming our next Confirmation class made up of students who will be in sixth grade or older for the 2019-2020 school year. More details will be coming soon, and you can talk to Pastor Sam or Nevin if you have questions or would like to be involved. In the meantime, let us as a church begin praying now for the special group of young people preparing to take the next step in their faith journey.

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Hummingbird Come Home

Hummingbirds migrate to Mexico or even South America and follow the same paths. Though they may travel together, each individual knows where he has come from and where he is going. And they come back to the same place. A few years ago in Cedar Hill, TX, before I put the feeders out, the hummingbirds came looking for them! I was out doing yardwork and saw the whole scene. One bird came to the exact spot where a feeder had been the previous summer. He halted there and flitted around, examined the empty spot from several angles. Then he flew in an instant to the post where our other feeder had been and hovered there, examining that empty spot as well.



I went to get the feeders from the garage and began to stir up some sugar water. As I thought about what I had just witnessed, my interest and amazement increased. To imagine that tiny fragile creature migrating hundreds, if not a thousand or more miles safely was hard to believe. And then his little navigation system led him back to North America, North Texas, Dallas County, Cedar Hill, High Point, Chapman Street, to my back yard, and to the two exact posts on my patio where our feeders had hung half a year before.

We too are vulnerable creatures in a big world. Our life paths and our spiritual journeys take us far along paths toward God. Sometimes our distractions and even our searchings take us the opposite direction. Perhaps we can learn a lesson from the hummingbirds in finding our way back home to God, the Source of Life.

The part of this story that does not suit me is that hummers are very territorial and defensive of their bounty. I want all of us, God's creatures, to share in what we have found. The worship and fellowship of the church has sometimes been described as "**one beggar telling another beggar where to find food**". I like that because I am one of the beggars. Whose GPS do you follow when you are needing to find some grace? Or share some grace?

Let's hum together!

Sam Caldwell

Congratulations to our 2019 Scholarship Recipients!

***Jakob Scarcelli was awarded the
Weldon & Annie Reese Kibler Scholarship.***

***Grace Bailey was awarded the
Leland & Mary Casey Scholarship.***





Our Year of Jubilee:
Re-Member the Future

A call to serve as we celebrate 50 years at this location.

Volunteers are needed for fundraising, publicity, history, special events, worship, and communications!

How do you want to help?

Contact Pat Skauge @ 903-259-9875 or pats61@icloud.com

Upcoming
Worship

Sunday, June 2

Sunday, June 9
Day of Pentecost

Sunday, June 16
Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 23

Sunday, June 30

8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary



Men's Breakfast

Monday, June 24

@ 7am

at Omega's Restaurant!

Come and have breakfast with

*Pastor Sam, talk about "stuff" and enjoy
fellowship and good food together!*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ad Council Chair:

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Amy Stark (903) 246-1487

Lay Member:

Gene Lockhart (903) 886-3498



**Potluck
Luncheon**

June 6 @ 12pm



connect grow

Connect Grow

Monday, June 10

@ 6pm

The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the end of the month. Inputs may be submitted to the Church office to Bonnie Smith, Communications Specialist, at communications@fumccommerce.org, or call the office at 903-886-3220. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

****The next deadline is Tuesday, June 18 by 9:00am****



VBS 2019: To Mars and Beyond

Wednesdays @ 5pm-8pm

July 17 ~ July 24 ~ July 31 ~ August 7

Vacation Bible School is coming up quickly! This year's VBS has a space theme of To Mars and Beyond!! We are doing things a little differently this year. We will have VBS once a week for a month from 5-8 each evening with a light supper served.

We need volunteers for stations, as shepherds, and groups to provide meals and drinks for each evening.

For more information, please contact Amy Stark at 903-246-1487.



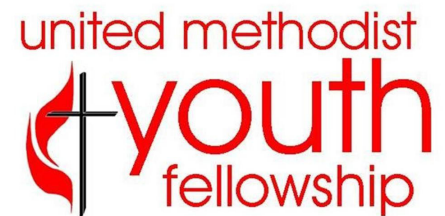
Little Ark May Events



Muffins for Mom on May 10



Pre-K graduation on May 16



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER...

...and now it's time for some FUN! Youth ministry keeps going during the summer, and we have some exciting things planned. We will be going to Bridgeport Camp June 17-21 and helping with Vacation Bible School on Wednesday evenings in late July and August. In between, there will be plenty of special opportunities for swimming, food, fun, and fellowship. And if that wasn't enough, we will continue to have UMYF on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 through June, July, and August. Look for the full summer calendar in the Youth Facebook group, and invite the youth you know to come be part of a great time at FUMC Commerce!



**WESLEYAN CAMPUS MINISTRY
TEXAS A&M COMMERCE**

Summer @ The Wesleyan

5/27: Memorial Day Cookout @ 4:30p-7p
7/27: Host Eco-friendly Health Fair @ 11a-1p
8/24: Wesleyan Work Day @ 10a

Wesleyan Wednesdays 5/29-8/7:

5p @ Mugs- Coffee and Contemplation
6:15p @ WCM- Marvel Movie Night

Our Wesleyan Campus Ministry was celebrated at the East District Conference, Sunday 5/19 at FUMC Sulphur Springs. District Superintendent Rev. Vic Casad shared the good news during his report on new growth developments in the District; "this appointment has always been combined with being Associate at FUMC Commerce. That is changing. It is a historic change for our Annual Conference that the Wesleyan is becoming an autonomous church with a full-time pastor and that will be Rev. Brian Dierolf." This announcement was warmly received with applause and big smiles from the clergy and lay delegates of

the District. Rev. Casad encouraged churches to provide a Wednesday free lunch and all were asked to invite me to guest preach over the summer.

Support of our ministry continues to grow in the East District. We recently were given a generous donation from the UMW of McKenzie UMC, (as of 5/20) I already have three Sundays in July that I will be guest preaching, and both Mikey Elwell and David Kemp will also be guest preaching!

In this time of transition and growth, everyone's support is more important than ever! Please prayerfully consider how you can start supporting, or grow in your support of, our fruitful campus ministry. Some ways of supporting the Wesleyan include: a monthly contribution, joining the 12:15 campaign, you and/or your small group/Sunday School class sponsoring a free lunch Wednesdays during the school year, volunteering at the Work Day Saturday 8/24, participating in the Kin-dom Dinner and Light Worship Sundays at 6p resuming 9/8, advocate for our ministry by encouraging others to support us.

And (in case you haven't heard) David Kemp, currently my Assistant Minister, will be attending Perkins Seminary in the Fall! Please congratulate David on this amazing accomplishment and bless him in his journey to obtain a Masters of Divinity as he discerns how he will serve in ordained ministry! David's calling to go to seminary and pursue ministry is both the fruit of our ministry and the results of your support!! In the last four years, David Kemp is the second student whose experiences at the Wesleyan inspired him to enter seminary and live out a calling from God to seek ordination. Together we are not only providing an inclusive and welcoming "home away from home," we are not only attracting young adults who have been hurt by the church, we are not only deepening discipleship, and feeding hungry bellies, we are raising up the next generation of gifted United Methodist leaders/pastors!!!

May the Holy Spirit continue to do marvelous works through our ministry together!
Pastor Brian

MISSION *of the* MONTH

S.C.R.P.T.
by Judy Rudoff



S.C.R.P.T.—Senior Center Resources and Public Transportation—is a county agency that provides important services to Hunt County citizens.

Many of you have seen the big white buses with blue puzzle pieces, with the telephone number 903-454-1444 known as the Connection. However, you may not be aware of the services it can provide or how to avail yourself of them.

The Connection is a bus service that travels throughout Hunt County and even provides a Park and Ride option.

To ride the Connection one needs to make a reservation 24 hours in advance at 903-454-1444 and follow the prompts (although reservations must be made before 3pm; confirmation might be as late as 7pm.) People of all ages may use the Connection; however, for those over 60 years old, rides to the grocery store, pharmacy, hospital, or doctor's office are free. For other destinations like the post office, library, bank, or beauty shop, the charge is \$2 each way in town and \$3 each way in the county. For those under 60, the \$2 and \$3 fees apply for every trip. Same day reservations—if there is space available—can be made at a cost of \$4 each way. To take advantage of the Park and Ride option, reservations must also be made 24 hours in advance by calling Logistics Care at 855-687-3255. The Connection will pick you up and take you to Rowlett where DART buses will take you to Dallas destinations. For those who qualify for Medicare or Medicaid, there is no charge. For those without those insurances, the fee is \$5 each way. All Connection buses have mechanisms so that people using walkers or wheelchairs can easily and safely board.



Another S.C.R.P.T. program less well-known where unencumbered funds can really make a difference is the nutrition program. Each day approximately 350 meals are cooked to be delivered between 11:30am and 12:30pm. That's over 60,000 meals a month! Deliveries are made five days a week, including two frozen meals for the weekend. Deliveries are also made to two community sites: Hunt Regional Emergency Medical Center at Commerce and S.C.R.P.T. headquarters in Greenville, so people can enjoy company, play Bingo, and other games and have health screenings. Because most of the funding comes from the Texas Department of Agriculture, strict guidelines for calories and portion size must be followed. A S.C.R.P.T. dietician designs the menu and assures the requirements are met. Unencumbered funds allow the agency to add extras:

a quart of real milk each week instead of powdered milk or providing five meals a week to someone who may only qualify for three.

Funding for S.C.R.P.T. comes from several major sources: Hunt County grants, T-DOT, and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

What can I do to help?

1. Spread the word about what S.C.R.P.T. has to offer.
2. Put a dollar or designated gift in the offering plate in June, since S.C.R.P.T. is the June Mission of the Month.



In memory of...

Allen Martin

By: Bob & Sally Grove
 Bobby & Kathy Hill
 Michael & Belinda Benson
 David & Nelda Reid
 Greenville ISD, WMAB Employees
 Mike & Deanna Bar Ker

Fred Blohm

By: Jim & Janet Latham
 Jim & Claire Reynolds

MEMORIALS



Reading the Bible Daily



As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: What does this text say about who God is?" "What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

- Saturday, June 1 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- Sunday, June 2 John 17:20-26
- Monday, June 3 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Tuesday, June 4 John 14:8-17
- Wednesday, June 5 Romans 8:14-17
- Thursday, June 6 Romans 8:14-17
- Friday, June 7 John 14:25-27
- Saturday, June 8 Acts 2:1-4
- Sunday, June 9 Acts 2:5-21
- Monday, June 10 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Tuesday, June 11 Proverbs 8:1
- Wednesday, June 12 Psalm 8
- Thursday, June 13 Romans 5:1-2
- Friday, June 14 Romans 5:3-5
- Saturday, June 15 John 16:12-15
- Sunday, June 16 John 16:12-15
- Monday, June 17 1 Kings 19:1-9a
- Tuesday, June 18 Psalm 42:1-5
- Wednesday, June 19 1 Kings 19:9b-15a
- Thursday, June 20 Luke 8:26-36
- Friday, June 21 Psalm 42:6-11
- Saturday, June 22 Luke 8:37-39
- Sunday, June 23 Galatians 3:23-29
- Monday, June 24 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
- Tuesday, June 25 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
- Wednesday, June 26 Psalm 16
- Thursday, June 27 Psalm 16:8-11
- Friday, June 28 Galatians 5:1, 13-15
- Saturday, June 29 Galatians 5:1, 16-25
- Sunday, June 30 Luke 9:51-62

e-GIVING Online

Remember, you can always give your monthly contributions securely online. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at www.fumccommerce.org, and click on "Ways to Give" and create a profile if you haven't already.

By the Numbers

	Attendance		
	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>SS</u>
May 5	34	79	40
May 12	43	65	33
May 19	35	66	36
May 26	41	60	33



Prayer Lists

Recent Concerns

Family of Tom Collier
 Family of Alexander Heath
 Family of Doris Kerbow
 Jimmy Cameron
 Ashly Marshall
 David Sundeen
 Michelle Sundeen
 Wyman Williams

Continued Prayers (long term)

Our world and country and our leaders, Kenneth & Carol Cline (Tammy Naizer's parents), Harold Coker, Garrett Cramer, Sue Davis, Rev. Tom Dudley, Bill Ray Ellis (Luanne Huffman's cousin), Jack & Gladys Gray, Sally Grove, Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother), Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson), Danny House, Kaylee Jensen, Zachary Madden, Waylon McDaniel (Jessica King's son), Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents), Alfredo Muniz, Richard Norton, Mary Ogletree (Mimi Dobbs' mother), Billie Patterson, Schelly Porter, Robert Seay

Oak Manor: Helen Cole, Barbara Gish, Euple Walker

Briarcliff: Charles Ranly

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Joe & Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn, and Gayle Shumate

Christian Care Center (Mesquite): Roger & Jean Arnold, Virginia Collier

Austin: Ruby Vander Velde



Remembering those serving in our military...

Lt. Dan Barton
 Daniel Chamberlain
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 IT2 Patrick Stogner (Janelle Stogner's grandson in Japan)
 Col. Keith Williams
 Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
 James 5:16*

Help us hold each other in prayer by contacting the church office with new prayer concerns and updates on existing prayer requests.

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
 NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
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