



San Saba First United Methodist Church January 2014 Newsletter

San Saba
First United Methodist Church
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Rev. Dan Harrington, Pastor

We bid you welcome
In the name of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Pray with us,
Sing with us, rejoice
with us

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.



Ministers:
Entire Congregation
Worship Leader:
Tracey Thomas
Accompanist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secr
Karen Alexander
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Several years ago a friend and colleague introduced me to Ted Loder's book of prayers called, Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle. It has been a source of inspiration for me time and time again. The last part of the prayer "I Hold My Life Up To You Now" is my prayer for the new year.

*Patient God,
in this teetering time,
this time in the balance,
this time of waiting,
make me aware of moments,
moments of song,
moments of bread and friends,
moments of jokes (some of them on me)
Which, for a moment, deflate my pomposities;
moments of sleep and warm beds,
moments of children laughing and parents bending,
moments of sunsets and sparrows outspunking winter,
Moments when broken things get mended
with glue or guts or mercy or imagination;
moments when splinters shine and rocks shrink,
moments when I know myself blest,
Not because I am so awfully important,
but because you are so awesomely God,
no less of the year to come as of all the years past;
no less of this moment then all my moments;
no less of those who forget you as those who remember,
as I do now, in this teetering time.
Oh patient God, make something new in me, in this year,
for you.*

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Peter would love to hear from You. His address is:

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Meals on Wheels
December 23 thru
Friday January 3

Thanks to Everyone
Who is Helping!!!!

**Fellowship
Of Christian
Women
January 23rd
At FUMC**

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This January many of us will make resolutions (again). Among the most popular resolutions are loose weight, eat healthy foods, exercise more, spend more time with family and friends, etc. Did you know that resolutions have religious origins? The ancient Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. The Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. In the Medieval era, the knights took the "peacock vow" at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry.

Traditionally at watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making resolutions.

Here's something that I hope you consider this New Years: find ways to love more. Paul writes in Colossians Colossians 3: 13-14 to "Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." What ways will you find ways to love more in 2014? It can be as simple as a smile and a hug, an invitation to lunch or a visit. In 2014 may we be Christians who are known by one thing... our love.

May God Bless you and keep you in 2014 and always,

Pastor Dan

Prayer Concerns

James & Pat Reavis
Raymond Barrier
Ronnie Schmidt
Pat Belk's sister
Peter Hald
Suzanne Walters
Carol Littlefield
Sue Moody
Church, town & nation
Military Men, Women & Families



Our Church Family

It has been a busy month for our church family with lots of activities. It was a great Sunday service when Braylee Reeves, daughter of Brad & Jennifer Reeves, was baptized. She certainly brought lots of family with her. Jennifer Reeves, Mike & Tracey Thomas and Pastor Dan sang a special song that was wonderful. It was a great service. Suzanne Walters fell at her assisted living in Arlington. The good news is that there were no broken bones but she was bruised. Debbie Pullen is at home now recovering from her surgery. It is certainly good to see Pat Belk back in the choir. Stephen & Karen Alexander have had a daughter come and visit. Then it was a son and his family that came. They are headed to Austin on Christmas Day to see more family and then on the last week-end of the month they will be in West Texas. George Kidd and his brother made their annual trip to New Mexico for some hunting. Guess what!! They both got an elk. Bruce Schanhals reports that he sold the hardware store. Selfishly we hope that means they will be spending more time in San Saba County. Lee & Kelly Murray were out of town for the week-end. Guess who was babysitting their son, Wiley? None other than grandparents, Sam & Laina Murray. They looked like they were having a grand time. Lesa Schulze was beaming from ear to ear when she announced at church that daughter & son-in-law Corey & Shane Dyson are expecting another child. A group of about 35 from our church made 10 stops caroling church members before heading back to FUMC for some of David Gilger's chili. Other food donations were made by Christie Thornton, Cherry Kay Lange and Linda Parks. What a joy the Christmas Cantata was!!! The music was great and then what a great time of fellowship when everyone moved downstairs for some wonderful food!!! Then it was such a treat to have the children be involved in a Christmas Program acting out the Christmas Story. They did a great job with Pastor Dan as the narrator. This edition of the church newsletter is coming out early as Mike, Carolyn & Jess McDowell are headed to Ruidoso New Mexico on December 26th for a little vacation. Thanks for your understanding. The Bell & Schulze families have celebrated Christmas with a waffle supper ever since they have been neighbors on Commerce Street. It has been a tradition for over 20 years. Jantzen Bell will play some basketball over the Christmas holidays and is going to visit Bud's family in Chillicothe. Ted & Klela have enjoyed having Klela's son, daughter-in-law and family for a Christmas celebration at their house.



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL
2014**

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| Church Council, Chair | Owen Parks | Lay Leader: | Cindy Hawkins |
| Lay Member: | Mike Thomas | Alternate: | Tracey Thomas |
| Recording Secretary: | Kathy Gage | Membership: | Millie Burnham |
| Financial Secretary: | Karen Alexander | Treasurer: | Millie Burnham |
| Pastor Parish Relations: | Kevin Shahan | Finance: | Lee Murray |
| Board of Trustees: | Travis Gage | Endowment: | Owen Parks |
| Nominations: | Pastor Dan | Worship: | Jennifer Reeves |
| Member Care Nurture: | Linda Parks | Church Life: | Linda Parks |
| Children and Youth Ministries: Cindy Hawkins | | | |
| UMM | Mike McDowell | Technology: | Mike Thomas |
| Historian: | Nelda Weatherby | | |
| Boy Scout Liaison: | Joe Pete Smith | | |
| Member-at-Large 2014 | Melanie Mathis, Kelly Murray, Laina Murray | | |
| Member-at-Large 2015 | Scott Mathis | | |
| Member-at-Large 2016 | Nettie Oma Carpenter, Kathy McEwin | | |

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chair: Lee Murray | Pastor: Dan Harrington |
| Church Council Chair: Owen Parks | Lay Leader: Cindy Hawkins |
| Trustee Representative: Travis Gage | Lay Delegate: Mike Thomas |
| Financial Secretary: Karen Alexander | Treasurer: Millie Burnham |

Members:

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|--------------------------|------|------------|------|--------------|------|
| Ken Prater | 2014 | Lee Murray | 2015 | Kathy Gage | 2016 |
| Wahnee Stallings | 2014 | Grant Mays | 2015 | Katie McEwin | 2016 |
| Nettie O. Carpenter 2014 | | | | | |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Travis Gage

Pastor: Dan Harrington

Members:

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|----------------|------|--------------|------|----------------|------|
| Roland Hawkins | 2014 | Don McElroy | 2015 | Mark McEwin | 2016 |
| Henry Warren | 2014 | Al Allison | 2015 | Joe Pete Smith | 2016 |
| Travis Gage | 2014 | Scott Mathis | 2015 | Mark Wise | 2016 |

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Kevin Shahan

Pastor: Dan Harrington

Lay Leader: Cindy Hawkins

Lay Delegate: Mike Thomas

Members:

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|------------------|------|---------------|------|-------------|------|
| Sam Murray | 2014 | Ron Schulze | 2015 | Mike Thomas | 2016 |
| Kevin Shahan | 2014 | Misty Everett | 2015 | Brad Reeves | 2016 |
| Cherry Kay Lange | 2014 | | | | |

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Chair Pastor Dan Harrington

Lay Leader: Cindy Hawkins

Members:

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|---------------|------|-----------------|------|---------------|------|
| Misty Everett | 2014 | Brad Everett | 2015 | Mike McDowell | 2016 |
| Tracey Thomas | 2014 | Debbie Millican | 2015 | Lesa Schulze | 2016 |

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Chair: Owen Parks

Pastor: (No vote) Dan Harrington

Lay Leader: (No vote) Cindy Hawkins

Church Council Chair (Vote) Owen Parks

Trustee Chair (Vote) Travis Gage

Finance Chair (Vote) Lee Murray

Members:

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|----------------|------|-----------------|------|----------------|------|
| Bob Millican | 2014 | Raymond Barrier | 2015 | Randy Robinson | 2016 |
| C.K. Stevenson | 2014 | Dell Sears | 2015 | | |

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chair: Jennifer Reeves
Music: Tracy Thomas
Communion Stewards: C. K. and Vickie Stevenson
Members: Melanie Mathis Trish Warren Mike Thomas
Christi Mays Mark McEwin

Pastor: Dan Harrington
Lay Leader: Cindy Hawkins

CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair: Linda Parks
Members:
Barbara Gilger Mike McDowell Kathy Gage Amy Shaw
Klela Waldie Carolyn McDowell Cherry Kay Lange Danny Shaw
Lesa Schulze Owen Parks Andrea Robinson

Pastor: Dan Harrington

Purpose: To plan and coordinate the fellowship activities for the church family.

MEMBER CARE AND NURTURE COMMITTEE

Chair: Linda Parks
Members:
Nancy Bannister Carol Littlefield Wahnee Stallings Pat Reavis
Mike McDowell Nettie Oma Carpenter Debbie Pullen Shannon Hampu

Pastor: Dan Harrington

Purpose: To plan and coordinate the activities which provide nurture and care to the church family including bereavement meals, food during illness, phone calls and visits.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

COORDINATORS: Cindy Hawkins Pastor: Dan Harrington

Members
Monica Shahan Kathy Gage Kim Kirk Christy Thornton
Misty Everett Cindy Prater Celia Bell Lesa Schulze
Barbara Gilger Melanie Mathis Stacy Wise Maria Harrington

Purpose: To initiate, plan and implement activities for the development and religious education of the children and youth of the church and community.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Mike Thomas Mike McDowell Melanie Mathis Mark McEwin